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DIXON LEGION DIGEST

NOVEMBER 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Bingo	4	5 Post 208 Regular meeting 7 PM	6	7	8 Veterans Turkey Dinner Bar 6 PM Dinner 7 PM
9	10 United States Marine Corps Established (1775)	11 Veterans Day Signing of WW I Armistice(1918)	12	13 DHS 30 YR. Reunion	14	15
16	17	18	19 Post 208 Executive Board Meeting 7 PM	20 VFW Meeting 7:30 PM	21	22
23	24	25 Blood Drive 1-7 PM 40 & 8 Meeting Suisun 7 PM	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
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Commanders Corner

DEAR COMRADES:

THIS MONTH IS OUR ANNUAL VETERANS DINNER AND THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR POST. I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE DINNER! IF YOU NEED TICKETS FOR THE DINNER, JUST CALL BILL ALLARD, JIM BAEHR, KEVIN KILKENNY, OR ME. YOU CAN ALSO SEND A REQUEST TO Post208@DixonVeterans.org AND LEAVE YOUR ORDER.

WE WILL BE HAVING A BLOOD DRIVE ON 48TH (**rescheduled for Nov 25th -Ed**) AND CAN USE ALL THE DONORS WE CAN GET. I'M SORRY OKTOBERFEST FELL THROUGH, BUT WE'LL TRY AGAIN NEXT YEAR. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT ON SOME NEW GET TOGETHER IDEAS, COME TO THE NEXT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5TH . WE ALWAYS HAVE AN ATTENDANCE PRIZE JUST FOR COMING OUT. AND ALL NEW MEMBERS ARE BROUGHT INTO IN AMERICAN LEGION WITH INITIATION AND A FLAG.

OUR MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING, AND WE HAVE FUN TURNOUTS FOR MEETINGS. BUT STILL LOOKING FOR MORE OF OUR VIETNAM VETS TO SHOW UP AT MEETINGS AND GET INVOLVED. YOU GUYS ARE THE LARGEST PORTION OF OUR MEMBERSHIP. ALSO WE NEED TO FIND YOUNG MEN AND WOMAN TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR ORATORICAL AND YOUTH ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY ELIGIBLE KIDS IN HIGH SCHOOL, GET IN TOUCH WITH TONY CHAVEZ.

Bob Havlin
Commander

From the Chaplain

Wishing everyone a special thanksgiving filled with great joy, special friends and loved ones as we move forward to a brighter tomorrow, carrying with us the best of yesterday and the promise of today-

Chaplain Ray

From the Adjutant

Thanks to those of you who rushed to pay your dues. We are at 64% paid for 2004. I did some further research and discovered that I had put wrong information in a past newsletter. Our Legion fiscal year is July through June, but the membership year is the same as the calendar year. Those who have paid for 2004 already are paid for all of 2004 for their Legion benefits (like the life insurance). The American Legion urges members to renew early to avoid any lapse of benefits. We've put your dues status on the address label next to your name (in parentheses). If it shows 2003 or 2002, we do not yet have your dues for the coming year. Also, if you have paid, but continue to receive a renewal notice from Indianapolis, please disregard it or contact me to verify our records.

Ed Bartosh
Asst. Adjutant

From the Auxiliary President:

Hi Ladies - It's that time of year again, weather is changing, leaves are turning, daylight savings time has come - lo and behold the holidays are fast approaching. Saturday November 8th is the Post's annual Veteran's Day dinner. Please contact one of the post members for tickets, join the community in honoring our veterans and enjoy the great meal. The auxiliary will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers on the evening of the annual Chamber Tree Lighting Festivities - Wednesday December 3rd. This will take the place of our regular meeting in December. The next 5th district meeting will be on the following Sunday, December 7th in Cloverdale. On Sunday, December 14th we will be helping with the annual Holiday Party at the Yountville Veteran's home. Times and details will be available at our next meeting on Wednesday November 5th. Don't forget to think about our unit holiday luncheon, we will discuss the date, time and place at our next meeting as well. Let us not forget our veterans, at home and away - and keep them in our prayers.

Thanksgiving wishes to you and your families.

**Doris Kilkenny
President, Unit #208**

District Commanders Comments

The Department target for membership is 65% by November 10, 2003. Post 208 has just barely exceeded that goal with 67.12% as of 23 November. The 5th District has a slightly higher 69.33% as of the same date. Congratulations on meeting our first goal ... keep up the good work in helping your District make progress towards 100%.

We have the honor in the 5th District of having Fred Walton, a member of Santa Rosa Post 21, running for Department Commander for 2004-05. We wish Fred the best of luck in his endeavor.

Our next Area One meeting will be held November 22/23, 2003 at Linda Post 807, Marysville, Ca., followed by the 5th District meeting December 7, 2003 at the William Russell Ledford Post 293, Cloverdale CA.

**Kevin Kilkenny
Commander, Mighty 5th District**

Vet News

Don't forget to observe Veterans Day this November 11th. The VFW will be holding their Buddy Poppy Sale at the Safeway entrances this weekend (Nov 8-9) and Veterans Day. Jim Harris, VFW Post 8151 Commander would like to thank those members who helped with the "Make a Difference Day" project. We really fixed up the De Leon home on "B" Street and did a nice thing for the community.

**Ed Bartosh
Historian**