

AMERICAN LEGION
 Dixon Post 208
 231 North First Street
 P.O. Box 55
 Dixon, CA 95620

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
 U.S. Postage
 PAID
 Permit No. 12

<http://www.dixonveterans.org/Legion>
 email: post208@dixonveterans.org

DIXON LEGION DIGEST

DECEMBER 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 BINGO	2	3 <i>Post 208 Regular Meeting 7PM</i>	4 Dixon Xmas Tree Lighting	5	6
7 5 th Dist. Meeting Cloverdale, CA <i>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (Half Staff Until Sunset)</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13 Auxiliary Holiday Luncheon
14 Yountville Holiday Party	15 BINGO Bill of Rights Day	16 40 & 8 Xmas Party Vallejo Post 550 6:30 PM Battle of the Bulge Began(1944)	17 <i>Post 208 Executive Board Meeting 7 PM</i> Operation Just Cause(1989)	18 VFW Meeting and Xmas Social 7:30 PM	19	20 Hanakkah
21	22	23	24 USAF Begin Strikes on Laos (1964)	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 <i>New Years Eve</i> Official End of WWII 1946)			

Commander	Bob Havlin	450-0125	OFFICERS	Chaplain	Ray Lein	693-0437
1st Vice	William Allard	447-9607	Sgt-at-Arms	Mike Brown	678-0718	
2nd Vice	Tammy Cueva	678-9527	Service Officer	Jim Harris	678-6905	
3rd Vice	Tony Chavez	678-2152	Judge Advocate	Kevin Kilkenny	693-0933	
Adjutant	Jim Baehr	678-1576	Historian	Ed Bartosh	678-8636	
Finance Officer	Ed Collins	678-2475				

Receive your Newsletter by e-mail without waiting for the mail carrier. Give us your e-mail address and check your street address and phone number in our records at <http://www.dixonveterans.org/Legion/members.asp>

UNIT 208 OFFICERS

President	Doris Kilkenny	693-0933	Secretary	Pam Cozzoli	678-9137
1st Vice Pres.	Bev Schillinger	693-0693	Treasurer	Marv Havlin	450-0125
2nd Vice Pres.	Freda Minderman	447-7781	Chaplain	Roxie Sanders	678-4395

Second Vice

Hello Vets and Families! I hope everyone has a healthy, happy and safe Holiday season! The post voted to do Bingo again on every Monday night. I really need support from ALL. If a chairperson would sign up for a specific Monday of each month then we all would only have one per month to run and work. I will chair the 1st Monday of each month, anyone interested in working the 1st Monday of each month please call me. Also, PLEASE step forward to chair a Monday (2nd, 3rd, and 4th are ALL OPEN). We would like to see some improvements to the inside of the building and aren't getting much support from the county. This money would go for the good of the Legion; if a non-profit group approaches us and wants the night then the Executive board will be notified. I know this was done before and with a little help from all can be done again.

"I would rather have 1% from 100 men than 100% from 1 man!" - J Paul Getty.

God Bless!

Tammy Cueva

Third Vice

The Dixon Post 208 Oratorical Contest will be held Sunday, January 25th at 1:00 PM at the Veteran's Hall. The purpose of the American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest is to develop a better understanding and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship. The Department of California awards \$4,600 annually for Oratorical Scholarships to the six finalists in the Department Finals. National scholarships awarded to the three finalists in the Final Round total \$48,000. For more information, see the Department web page at <http://www.calegion.org/programs/oratorical/oratorical.html>. For local information, contact me at 678-2152.

Tony Chavez

Adjutant

Thanks to those of you who have recently paid their dues. We are currently at 79% paid for 2004.

Members interested in becoming a Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) member should contact Jim or me as soon as possible to apply before the fee increase takes place! PUFL costs will increase about 15% after January 1st. If you are already paid for 2004, this amount will be refunded/credited for the PUFL if you apply before December 31st.

Ed Bartosh
Asst. Adjutant

Chaplain

Merry Christmas family, neighbors, and friends
A hardy season toast to you I send
May you be blessed with lots of good cheer
And help spread Christmas far and near

Merry Christmas family, neighbors, and friends
May there be joy awaiting you round every bend
May you be granted your every Christmas wish
And may God's Angels bless you with a kiss.

We also ask that you remember Franklin Green and his wife in your prayers. Franklin recently had a stroke and is home after recovering in rehab.

Chaplain Ray

From the Auxiliary President

The date for the Dixon Tree Lighting Ceremony was incorrect in last month's newsletter. It will be on Thursday, December 4th. We will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the ceremony and anyone who would like to help is more than welcome. Just let me know. This will take the place of our regular meeting in December. I also have the wish lists from Yountville, several have already taken some but I have a few left. If you would like one please call me at 693-0933.

The next 5th District meeting will be on Sunday, December 7th in Cloverdale. Our holiday luncheon will be on Saturday, December 13th at Mary's Pizza – time 11:30 a.m. We will have a \$10 gift exchange. On Sunday, December 14th, we will be helping with the annual Holiday Party at the Yountville Veteran's home. Don't forget the Hobo Dinner scheduled for January 10th – I will be setting up committees later. At this time of Thanksgiving as we join our families and loved ones, let us not forget our veterans who gave their time and their lives so that we may enjoy this freedom.

Happy Holidays

Doris Kilkenny
President, Unit #208



TAPS

This past month saw the passing of comrade Marvin Reichstein. Marvin was Post Commander in 1977-79 and helped maintain the Hall for many years. He was a WW II Navy Veteran and had been an American Legion member for over 30 years.

Paul Gibbs, retired Naval reserves CWO4 WW II vet and member of our post, passed away November 20th at David Grant Medical Center. There will be a memorial for him at 11:00 on December 3rd at the Mason Lodge in Davis. Paul had been an American Legion member for 48 years.

