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DIXON LEGION DIGEST

January 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  NEW YEARS DAY	2	3
4	5 BINGO	6	7 Dixon Post 208 Regular Meeting	8	9	10 Auxiliary Hobo Dinner 6 PM Bar 7 PM Dinner
11	12 BINGO	13	14	15 VFW Meeting 7:30 PM	16	17 Operation Desert Storm Began (1991)
18 Post 208 Amer. Legion Oratorical Contest 1 PM	19 BINGO Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 (blood drive changed)	21	22	23	24
25 Amer. Legion District Oratorical Contest	26 BINGO	27 Blood Drive at the Vet Hall <u>1-7PM</u> 40 & 8 Meeting Suisun Vets Hall Signing Of Vietnam Peace Accords (1973)	28 Dixon Post 208 Executive Board Meets 7PM	29	30	31

UPCOMING EVENTS: VALENTINES DAY SWEETHEARTS DINNER/DANCE FEBRUARY 14, 2004
Starting January 2004 - BINGO EVERY MONDAY NIGHT - 7 P.M.

	<i>POST 208</i>	<i>OFFICERS</i>		
Commander	Bob Havlin	450-0125	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		

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

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Second Vice Commander

Happy New Year Comrades! Bingo is in full swing now – every Monday night! There is still room (and a need) for volunteers! If you can commit to a specific Monday – great. If not, please call to place your name on a fill-in roster. Don't be left out of the fun. There is also room to play, so either way, come on down!

Tammy Cueva

Third Vice Commander

Due to a scheduling conflict with District, the Dixon Post 208 Oratorical Contest will be held Sunday, January 18th 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. 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.

If you would like to help, contact me at 678-2152.

Tony Chavez

Adjutant

PUFL Rate Comparison Chart. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the American Legion "Paid up for Life" rates are increasing by some 15% for anyone who submits their application after December 31, 2003. PUFL is not a "discount" dues, but it allows your Legion and Post to count on a steady dues flow while allowing you to avoid the renewal trouble and possible (and probable) future dues increases. If you are already paid for dues year 2004, that \$25 will be refunded or deducted from the cost - if you apply before December 31st. There is also a Time Payment Plan available which requires 10% payment with the application - you will be billed by National for the balance over a year. Three Post 208 members have already taken advantage of this plan – don't miss out. Any delinquent dues (if not current) must be paid before participating in this program.

PUFL Cost	AGE GROUP (last birthday)													
	<24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	>84
until 12/31/03	\$785	\$755	\$626	\$592	\$553	\$510	\$463	\$413	\$359	\$304	\$251	\$202	\$160	\$147
after 1/1/04	\$871	\$829	\$782	\$731	\$676	\$616	\$552	\$485	\$418	\$352	\$290	\$232	\$181	\$147

Post Finance Officer needed. Ed Collins is moving from the area this spring and has submitted his resignation, effective in March. We need a volunteer to run for that position. Nominations were opened at the last meeting and will be closed for voting at the January 7th meeting. Please contact Commander Havlin or me or be at that meeting for nominations if you will heed the call. The duties are:

The **Finance Officer** must be a person of proven integrity and experience in handling financial affairs. The Post is dependent on finance, just as any other organization, and will do well to accept expert advice in formulating and administering its financial policy. The Finance Officer usually serves as the chair of the finance committee and is in charge of all receiving and disbursing of Post funds. The Post Adjutant, in all matters relating to finance, should carry on the work in close correlation with the Finance Officer. Both officers must be covered by adequate bond. Post accounting forms have been designed to meet the requirements of Legion Posts in maintaining a correct and permanent membership and finance record. Because of their simplicity, they require no special knowledge of bookkeeping or accounting. The Finance Officer must be prompt in remitting National and Department dues, along with the Department Record Card, to Department Headquarters. He/She should note all payments and other transactions on the Post Membership Register.

I wish you all a safe, prosperous, and happy New Year.

**Ed Bartosh
Asst. Adjutant**

Chaplain

I hope and pray that each one is blessed with a peaceful and healthy new year in 2004.

May we all pray and work harder for peace in the world in the coming year. That people who are in conflict will learn to encourage each other to seek peace.

Also, please remember the Blood Drive scheduled for Tuesday January 27th (changed).

Chaplain Ray

From the Auxiliary President

The holiday party @ Yountville Veterans Home on December 14th was a huge success. The remodeled recreation hall in Yountville looks terrific and the veterans were quite happy with the festivities. Thanks to all of you who participated in buying gifts for the wish lists (late as they were getting to us) and also to those of you who sent baked goods. The veterans loved the party and the company.

December 25th – Merry Christmas to you and your families and let us not forget our veterans at home and away.

January 1st – Have a safe and Happy New Year.

January 10th is the HOBBO DINNER – I have tickets available and if you need any or know of someone who needs them, please contact me.

Happy holidays from:

**Doris Kilkenny
President, Unit #208 Auxiliary**

Historian – Dates to remember:

December 31, 1946	Official end of World War II
January 17, 1991	Operation Desert Storm Began (http://www.desert-storm.com/)
January 27, 1973	Signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord (http://vietnam.vassar.edu/doc16.html)

**Ed Bartosh
Post Historian**