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# DIXON LEGION DIGEST

## DECEMBER 2004

			1 Post 208 Regular meeting 7PM	2 Dixon Tree Lighting Ceremony	3	4
5	6 BINGO	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9 Operation Restore Hope-Somalia(1992)	10 Human Rights Day	11
12 Auxiliary's Yountville Party 1PM	13 BINGO	14	15 National Commanders visit @ Santa Rosa Post 21 Bill of Rights Day	16 VFW Post 8151 Regular Meeting 7:30PM Battle of the Bulge Began (1944)	17	18
19	20 BINGO Operation Just Cause (1989)	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 USAF Began Strikes on Laos (1964)	25 Christmas
26	27 BINGO	28	29	30	31 Official End of WWII(1956)	

### Dates to Remember:

December 12<sup>th</sup>- Auxiliary's "Yountville Party" for residents of the Veterans Home - 1PM

December 15<sup>th</sup>- National Commander Thomas Cadmus's visit to Northern California, sponsored by Santa Rosa Post 21. Dinner at 6 PM. Tickets \$15.00. See Kevin Kilkenny for tickets.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Auxiliary Hobo Dinner

*Have a Merry Christmas*

## **POST 208 OFFICERS**

<b>Commander</b>	<b>William Allard</b>	<b>447-9607</b>	<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Ray Lein</b>	<b>693-0437</b>
<b>1st Vice</b>	<b>Tony Chavez</b>	<b>678-2152</b>	<b>Sgt-at-Arms</b>	<b>Mike Brown</b>	<b>678-0718</b>
<b>2nd Vice</b>	<b>Tammy Cueva</b>	<b>678-9527</b>	<b>Service Officer</b>	<b>Jim Harris</b>	<b>678-6905</b>
<b>3rd Vice</b>	<b>Ted Hickman</b>	<b>678-2203</b>	<b>Judge Advocate</b>	<b>Kevin Kilkenny</b>	<b>693-0933</b>
<b>Adjutant</b>	<b>Kevin Kilkenny</b>	<b>693-0933</b>	<b>Finance Officer</b>	<b>Kevin Kilkenny</b>	<b>693-0933</b>

## **UNIT 208 OFFICERS**

<b>President</b>	<b>Doris Kilkenny</b>	<b>693-0933</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Erin Gruben</b>	<b>530-662-3663</b>
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### **Commanders Corner**

Dear comrades,

The veteran's dinner was a success! I would like to thank all that helped to make this dinner so great. On a sad note it has been brought to my attention that some members are unhappy with how the Legion is being run. Lets remember that our power is derived from our unity. One of my goals as commander is to bring unity to this post. Accomplishment of this goal cannot be reached with comrades speaking poorly of the Legion and its volunteers to other members, and more importantly, the public at local establishments. Bring your concerns/comments to the meetings and become involved in the decision making process.

Commander Allard

### **Message from the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**

Starting at our December meeting we will have two drawings in an attempt to generate interest in attendance. Every Legion member in the Post will have his name put in a for the drawing. We will start with \$20 and will increase it by \$10 every meeting until the name of a person in attendance is drawn. The 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing will be a 50/50 drawing with tickets available the night of the meeting. Come see if you can get lucky.

Tony Chavez, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

### **Membership Committee Comments**

A reminder to all members, check your membership card, if it does not say 2005, it is time to renew. Mail your \$25.00 check to Dixon Post 208 at P.O. Box 55, Dixon CA 95620. We are trying to reach 100% Membership by December 31, 2004 Thank you.

Commander Allard, Adjutant Kevin Kilkenny, Assistant Adjutant Robert Fletcher.

### **Greetings from The Land Down Under**

*Best Holiday wishes from Yarra Glen, Australia*

I am writing this after having attended the local Remembrance Day (November 11<sup>th</sup>) ceremonies here in Yarra Glen. Australia is a country with strong pride and respect for their Service men and women – especially those who have paid the ultimate price. The local chapter of the Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) (<http://www.rslvic.com.au/>) held a memorial service at their hall and war memorial. After a welcome tribute and silent remembrance (including playing the “Final Post” trumpet piece – similar in meaning to “Taps”), all attending proceeded to the memorial and laid a red poppy at the base of the obelisk. It was moving to see the feelings behind this gesture. A social gathering afterwards gave me a chance to meet some of these “allied” vets, and I was warmly greeted and welcomed.

*Remembrance Day:* On May 8, 1919, a letter in the 'London Evening News', under the pen-name 'Warren Foster' appealed for silence in memory of the war dead on the next anniversary of the Armistice. The letter was written by Edward George Honey. Some months later, the suggestion was transmitted to His Majesty King George V by Lord Milner at the instance of Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, a South African Member of Parliament and author. It was adopted and has been observed ever since on the anniversary of the Armistice, or Remembrance Day as it is known now, and by Service Organisations throughout the world when remembering departed comrades.

It is so fitting that we share experiences here which were repeated some 14 hours later half-way around the world in our home country. Prior to this day, the RSL also held a “Poppy Sale” for their veterans’ projects.

Thank you for making me a part of your experiences while we lived in Dixon.

### **Ladies Auxiliary**

A big thank you to all the ladies that baked pies and donated them to the Post for their Veterans Dinner on November 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a huge success and all help by the auxiliary was much appreciated.

Those who took the names and wish lists of the residents from Yountville for our holiday gifts need to bring them to the auxiliary luncheon on December 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be having our luncheon at Mary's Pizza Shack at noon. All gifts will be taken up to the holiday party at Yountville on Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of December.

District 5 meeting was held in Yountville on November 21<sup>st</sup> – we took 1<sup>st</sup> place for our poppy hat. Yeah – it will now go to the Mid Year DEC meeting in January.

The HOBO dinner has been set for Saturday January 22, 2005. More details to come!

We are still hosting Bingo on the fourth Monday of the month. Come join us – we have a lot of fun.

Our membership is still going strong – we have 87.8% - we didn't make our early bird goal but we have already made the Target #3 goal of 75% due on December 17<sup>th</sup> and the Target #4 goal of 85% due on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Let's keep up the good work.

**Don't forget our next meeting on Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7 pm.**

Doris Kilkenny  
Unit #208 President

### **VFW News (Special for the Internet Edition)**

Dixon VFW Post 8151 received \$1,300.50 in donations from the Veterans Day weekend Poppy distribution at Safeway. All proceeds go directly to veterans programs, families in need, the disabled, the elderly, and for community support programs.

Samuel E. Delwiche, 8th grader at C.A. Jacobs Middle School was the Dixon VFW Post 8151 first place winner in the Patriot's Pen competition and went on to be a runner-up in the VFW District 16 competition.

Dixon VFW Post 8151 has taken over hosting Bingo on the second Monday of every month. Let's have some support for our combined veterans efforts.

Brock McMahan  
Post 8151 Commander