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News and Notes

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EDITORIAL COMMENT— CHRISTMAS (CHRIST-MAS) IS NORMALLY THOUGHT OF AS A TIME OF HAPPINESS AND JOY AND GOODWILL. WHILE TRUE — IT ACTUALLY IS IN HONOR OF THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST-CHILD OVER 2,000 YEARS AGO!!

READ THE CHRISTMAS STORY — LUKE 2, CHAPTERS 1-20.



FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

FROM THE COMMANDER:

Our November meeting was attended by 25 members who had the pleasure of eating my home made chili and the corn bread that my wife Georgia made. Don Kershner commented about taking some BENO prior to coming to the meeting, whatever that is!!!

We had a very busy November as in the past with our school visits during the week of Veterans Day, as well as our poppy drives in downtown Columbus and Sam's club. The Canal Winchester Veterans Day celebration went well with our own member, Dr. Dana Robinson-Street, giving a very appropriate speech for and about veterans.

December is another busy time not only for the post but for everyone trying to prepare for Christmas. We have our annual visit to the Chillicothe VA Hospital and our own post Christmas party. These two events take up a lot of time with the planning and execution to make them happen as smooth as possible and our members work together making it look easy.

As you know the December meeting is held prior to the Christmas party and is short in nature. Our January meeting will be in more detail. I and my fellow officers hope to see many of you at the Christmas party since this is one time of the year we get a chance to get together with our families in attendance and helps us to get to know each other better.

I hope to see you all at our January 9th meeting and as always I, and my wife Georgia, want to wish all of our membership and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2020 new year.

"Veterans in Action - Because we Care."

J. Rick Williams, Commander VFW Post 10523



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas Soon the bells will start And the thing that will make them ring Is the carol that you sing Right within your heart

THIS EVER-POPULAR PRE-CHRISTMAS CAROL WAS COMPOSED BY AMERICAN COMPOSER MEREDITH WILSON IN 1951. IT HAS SURVIVED THE YEARS AS A NEAR-PERFECT INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON EACH YEAR!! THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER—"KICKED-OFF" WITH THE ANNUAL VFW FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12.

CHRISTMAS TIME WILL BE A JOYOUS SEASON—A TIME OF GOODWILL TOWARD ALL — FAMILY TIME, GIFT —GIVING AND RECEIVING AND OF COURSE... A BOUNTIFUL CHRISTMAS DINNER!! CHRISTMAS IS A TRULY WONDROUS SEASON!! LET'S ALL ENJOY!!

Merry Christmas, Everyone!!



VFW ²⁰¹⁹ CHRISTMAS PARTY



PLAN TO JOIN US ...
OUR POPULAR VFW CHRISTMAS PARTY,
FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

6:00 PM — ARRIVAL, HORS D'OEUVRES 6:30 PM — FINE CHRISTMAS DINNER DAVID LUTHERAN CHURCH PARTY-ROOM 300 GROVEPORT PIKE, CANAL WINCHESTER

DEC 12 DON'T MISS IT!







AN INSPIRING 1ST HALF YEAR VFW POST 10523

- CARING — INSPIRING — PATRIOTIC -

THE FIRST-HALF OF OUR CURRENT VFW
YEAR HAS BEN A TRULY OUTSTANDING 1ST
HALF FOR OUR POST!! OUR LEADERSHIP
(OFFICERS) HAS BEEN FANTASTIC AS HAS
BEEN OUR MEMBERSHIP!! GREAT GOING —
EVERYONE!!

IT WOULD BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO STEP BACK AND REVIEW THE ENTIRE FIRST- HALF YEAR — <u>BUT SPACE WILL JUST NOT PERMIT.</u> SEVERAL EXAMPLES INCLUDE:



GREAT 1ST HALF — ONTO 2ND!!



COMING UP ... IN 10523



It's the holiday season!! Let's enjoy!!

Dec 9 ... Officers Planning Meeting

Dec 12... Annual Family Christmas Party

Dec 7... December 7...Never forget Pearl Harbor!!

Dec TBD ... Christmas-Cheer visit, Chillicothe VA Hospital

Dec 31 .. End, 1st half VFW fiscal Year

OW HEAR THIS...

SUMMARY OF **NOVEMBER** POST MEETING



(MINUTES COURTESY OF TOM RICHARDS)

- 7:25pm Mike Osborne awarded Honor Quilt
- 7:30 pm Commander Williams opened the meeting
- Opening ceremonies, Post 10523
- Bob Vance gave financial report
- Members in (health) distress —
 Dennis Cassidy— George Lybarger Jerry Garbe
- VOD Program discussed
- Veterans week Show 'N Tell School Programs
 5 Schools Nearly 5,000 students!!
- 10523 donated \$500 to VFW Children's Home
- Donated \$500 to Tuskegee Museum
- Donated "Brick" to Mott's Museum in honor of local military hero Harold R. Ray
- Dec 11 ... Christmas Visit to VA Home, Chillicothe
- Dec 12 ... Annual VFW Christmas Party
- 8:30 pm Meeting adjournment
 - 50/50 winner Tom Richards
 - Refreshment/ Fellowship Hour Commander Rick
 Meeting Attendance 25

NEXT VFW POST 10523 MEETING



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

DAVID LUTHERAN CHURCH 300 GROVEPORT RD. CANAL WINCHESTER, OH 43110

DATE: Thursday, December 12

TIME: 6:00 - 8:30 P.M.

For: Family Christmas Party