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News and Notes

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MERRY CHRISTMAS – OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY IS WHERE WE ALL HAVE THE CHANCE TO SIT WITH OUR FAMILIES AND CELEBRATE THIS BLESSED TIME OF THE YEAR TOGETHER — AND TO REFLECT HOW VERY FORTUNATE, WE ARE AS AMERICANS TO LIVE IN A COUNTRY WHERE WE HAVE THE FREEDOM TO CELEBRATE ANY WAY WE DESIRE.



FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

FROM THE COMMANDER:

Our last official post meeting of 2021 (December meeting is an abbreviated meeting held prior to our Christmas Party) was November 11th with 16 members in attendance. There were discussions on many important items that you can see in detail when the minutes are published. I provided the snacks with my usual November chili, and my wife, Georgia, provided her homemade cornbread for the delight of those that like cornbread! We did drape our charter for 2 comrades who passed away, Earl Richardson, U.S. Navy and our own Earl Kantner, U.S. Army, WWII and the charter will be draped for 30 days in their honor. Sadly, we lost our singer for various activities we put on, Don Barrett. Don was not a veteran, but many in his family were and he was a true patriot and a friend of all veterans. We will miss him. Don is the husband of Joyce who comes to our meetings to pass out homemade quilts from the Quilters on the Canal. I will keep this short so I can get to the newsletter. Still looking for an editor!

My wife Georgia and I want to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy, and safe 2022 New Year. **"Veterans in Action - Because we Care."**

J. Rick Williams, Commander
VFW Post 10523

Post 10523 CHRISTMAS PARTY



OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY IS DECEMBER 9TH, AND AS OF THIS WRITING WE ONLY HAVE 18 MEMBERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP. WITH THOSE MEMBERS AND WITH SPOUSES, VOD WINNERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, PLUS SOME OTHER GUESTS OF THE POST—OUR TOTAL IS 56. SANTA CLAUS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND TO PASS OUT SOME TREATS TO THE FIVE CHILDREN THAT WILL BE ATTENDING. THE FEAR OF COVID-19 MAY BE KEEPING SOME MEMBERS AWAY SINCE THE NEW OMICRON VARIANT EFFECTS ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME, PLUS THE DELTA VARIANT IS STILL KICKING BUTT. WE'RE SAD TO REPORT THAT OUR USUAL SINGER AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY (AS WELL AS WHEN WE VISIT NURSING HOMES), DON BARRETT, SADLY PASSED AWAY NOVEMBER 11TH AND HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. HIS WIFE, JOYCE, WILL BE ATTENDING TO PASS OUT ANOTHER OF THE QUILTS THE "QUILTERS ON THE CANAL" HAVE MADE FOR OUR MEMBERS SINCE 2013.

COMING UP ... IN THE POST



- Dec 6th... Post Officers meeting
- Dec 7th... Trip to Chillicothe VA Hospital
- Dec 9th... Christmas Party, Post 10523
- Jan 10th... Post Officers meeting
- Jan 13th... VFW Meeting, Post 10523

VFW...REMEMBERING, CARRYING ON

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CHILLICOTHE VA HOSPITAL VISIT



WE WILL BE MAKING OUR TRIP TO THE CHILLICOTHE VA HOSPITAL ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH. IN YEARS PAST, WE WOULD HAVE HAD A NICE PARTY. DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS FOR THE SECOND YEAR, THE POST WILL BE DROPPING OFF ITEMS FOR THE STAFF TO HAND OUT TO THE 160 RESIDENTS. MEIJER CAME THROUGH AGAIN WITH A SIZEABLE DONATION THAT THAT WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE FRESH FRUIT TO BE PASSED OUT. CHRISTMAS CARDS FROM THE POST WILL ALSO BE PASSED OUT, AS WELL AS THE 60 QUILTS FROM THE DAVID LUTHERAN CHURCH QUILTERS. AS IN YEARS PAST, THE POST WILL ALSO PROVIDE A \$5.00 CANTEEN COUPON TO EACH PATIENT.

AS MUCH AS THESE VISITS MEAN TO THE PATIENTS, AS VETERANS IT MEANS THE WORLD TO US TO BE ABLE TO BRING SOME JOY TO THE LIVES OF THE PATIENTS SINCE MOST DON'T HAVE MANY (IF ANY) VISITORS. THIS IS SAD NOT ONLY DURING THE HOLIDAYS, BUT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THE VISIT AND GIFTS FROM THE POST ARE TRULY APPRECIATED!

NATIONAL VFW REMEMBERS BOB DOLE



Retired U.S. Sen. and WWII Veteran Robert J. Dole passed away December 5, 2021. Following Dole's military service, he was elected to political office, where he served for many years. The senator was also a 55-year Life member of VFW Post 6240 in Russell, Kansas. To read the National VFW's tribute to the senator, visit <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/latest-releases/>.



SAVE THE DATE



**JANUARY VFW MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13**

NOW HEAR THIS...



SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER POST MEETING



- Meeting called to order by Commander Williams
- Discussed the Canal Winchester Veterans Day Ceremony on November 6th and the visits to local schools.
- Talked about the VOD team that did the judging of the 61 applicants and the fact that we forgot to mention that Andy Minette was part of that team. Thanks to all.
- Discussion of annual visit to the VA hospital in Chillicothe. Like last year, we can only deliver the items to be passed out and no party at VA Hosp. due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Made another donation to Motts Military Museum.
- We draped our Post charter in memory of Earl Richardson and Earl Kantner.
- Voted to once again support Canal Winchester's food pantry's Adopt-A-Family for Christmas with a donation for them to pick a family and buy the items on the family's wish list.
- Upon Rich Holter motion to move money from the golf outing to the Pierce Brothers Life Membership fund, the motion was unanimously voted on and approved.
- Three members voted by membership committee for award of Life Membership.
- Snacks provided by Commander Williams.
- Meeting adjourned 8:30pm
- Next meeting will be Dec 9th at our Christmas Party.

NEXT VFW POST 10523 MEETING



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

DAVID LUTHERAN CHURCH

DATE: Thursday, December 9, 2021

TIME: 6:00 PM

*CHRISTMAS PARTY AFTERWARDS