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“VOLUNTEERISM - THE KEY TO SUCCESS”

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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I would like to welcome all our new members as we have broken the 2000 mark already. Our Adjutant, Pete, is working hard on getting Post 400 members to transfer in. Anyone who has yet to renew, it is very easy to do on line or stop in the office. We are up and running on electronic transmittal which saves us money on mailing.

We have a new roof and are still working on some issues with the building. Thanks to the members volunteering for the building committee, as Richard Lemm is backing off this year.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armistice/Veterans Day was a great success. As always, the Honor Guard and Color Squad did a super job. This couldn't have been done without the help of our Auxiliary and Sons.

We now have entertainment on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with Karaoke on Sunday. Please pre-order your meal on Friday, this helps keep costs down and service up. The menu is usually up on the website and Facebook by Wednesday. We have game night Monday and Bar-Go on Tuesday at 4PM. Remember to have your current membership card ready to show bartenders when asked and if you have a guest, they must sign in on the sheet in the lobby.

Watch the web page calendar for any changes; it always has the most up-to-date information. Please plan ahead as we welcome our snowbirds back. Thanksgiving is filling up fast and we're taking reservations now for New Years.

Anyone wanting to place items in the living display cases can bring them in. Items can stay monthly or until we need room for others. As we approach January and our annual USO Party, please email an electronic picture of you in your service attire in jpeg format to [adjutant@novelpost159.org](mailto:adjutant@novelpost159.org). Be sure to include your name, branch of service and when you served. We will have it running during the USO party. The deadline to get pictures is January 10, 2019.

Don't Forget **R.E.D Shirt Fridays!** Remember Everyone Deployed “till our troops come home”. This is a great time to kick back and enjoy your Legion.

Please try to attend meetings so you can keep up to date with your legion.

Again thank you for your support.

For God and Country, Howard Van Nostrand, Commander

### CHAPLAIN

Christmas Eve, 1914, WW1 had begun earlier. British and German troops were stationed on opposing sides along the Western Front. Between the two sides was a ‘no man's land’. The system included trenches lined by wooden posts with barbed wire and stretched from the North Sea Coast to the Swiss border. Soldiers were mostly separated by about 70 yards of no man's land. This was close enough to hear enemy voices. The weather was brutal, freezing rain turned the trenches into rivers of near frozen slush containing limbs, dead bodies from both sides, and assorted waste. Pope Benedict XV pleaded with political leaders for a Christmas truce. The British leaders were unwilling to stop, the fighting continued. After all, a truce might be considered fraternizing with the enemy. Despite this, something happened along the Western front that Christmas Eve.

The German Army gave their troops pipes, cigars and small Tannenbaum trees. British troops had received chocolates, smokes, and a picture card of Princess Mary (wow- was it autographed too)!! That evening, Germans were decorating their trees with candles on the parapets by lighting the candles. The Brits were intrigued by the lights and a few started singing Christmas Carols. The Germans began singing them back. Soon both sides were together exchanging “gifts”. This continued Christmas day where shared recovery and burial of fallen comrades took place followed by moving to flat ground to play soccer. The “Great Christmas Truce” lasted past New Year's Day, then war resumed. Christmas brings out and grows our desire for peace. It is a process involving the heart and mind that was acted upon that Christmas in 1914. That Christmas night and the first Christmas night became the same. To paraphrase a hymn, “yet in the dark forest shineth thy everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight”!

This example of Peace on earth to those of goodwill is many times lacking in our everyday lives and the “battles” we find within ourselves. As we turn our wills and lives over to Supreme Commander, eventually we will be given own “truce”, the Shalom (peace that surpasses all misunderstanding). And as those soldiers’ example taught us, life is not a do it yourself kit, we need others. We can carry forward as individuals and Legionnaires in “making right the master of might”. From this perspective, we are drawn into next year where we will be celebrating the American Legion’s 100th birthday. Merry Christmas and Peace on Earth in your lives! Thanks for bringing me on board – Rod Dimon, Chaplain

### ADJUTANT

I would like to thank everyone who made our 20th Annual Veterans Golf Tournament (VGO) a great success. It was a great day and without the help of our volunteers, Larry & Jean Kalb, Gary & Donna Ley, John & Marlene Hammond, Marlene Law, Tommy, Sherry Buffington, Rusty & Dolly Weatherhead, Marie Brugnola, Al Roth, Howard Van Nostrand, Bill Graydon, Nicholas Bitler, Jeffery Guilbault, Bob Dido, Steve Doughty, Elizabeth Molloy and Lynn Muller, we do not succeed . Again Thank You to All.

Membership, Believe it !!!! We are growing! As of this date there are 90 new members for the months of October and November, you will notice the Adjutants Corner is blank, too many to fill. NO-VEL Post Membership has gone from 1,866 to over 2,000! This is a reflection on our Post commander, the SAL commander, the Riders director and the Auxiliary president. For God and Country, Pete Muller, Adjutant

### SONS MESSAGE, POST 159

During the Month of November we celebrated a very important date in American History. It was the 100 anniversary of the end of the 1st World War. Also, we celebrated our past and living veterans on this same day. Never forget who served so we can all be free. The Sons want to extend a great big "THANK YOU" for all who helped with the Halloween party. Wow, what a great event! Our entire Legion family was involved including the Legion members, the Auxiliary and the Sons, in making the event a great success. It sure is nice when we all work together to make events happen. A special thanks to our Legion commander, Howard Van Nostrand, who has made great strides in bringing our Post Legion family closer together for the good of the post.

This also includes the Legions golf outing! Another great event that included our entire legion family! The Golf Committee was made up of the Auxiliary, the Sons and the Legion and chaired by Pete Muller, the Legion Adjutant for our Post. We had fun! We made a lot of money for our Vets returning to school but mostly had fun as a functioning working together family. Thanks to all!

Lastly, don't forget Dec. 1st "Rock the Night Away" with Bandana. This is open to the public so invite your friends. For God and Country, Gary Ley, SAL Commander

### AMERICANISM

I would like to thank Lance Rose, Richard Lemm and Howard Van Nostrand, past Commanders and present Commander, for giving me the opportunity to serve as Membership Chair for the Americanism Program. I will continue to distribute any Legion publications I have and also Conduct Americanism presentations whenever and wherever asked to do so. I will not, however, continue writing an article in the Legion Newsletter. Newsletter readership is low, feedback in the form of comments, criticism, or suggestions is negligible and in my opinion, people are only interested in the calendar section of the newsletter. Let us be grateful for what we have in this wonderful country, our 5 Freedoms which many countries around the world do not have. Freedom of speech—freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, and the one freedom most forgotten—freedom of movement. Many countries in Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and South and Central America have none of these freedoms. I have a friend who travels to central and Eastern Europe and when he comes home his first words are “God Bless America.”

Let us never forget the first pillar our organization stands on, "Veterans Services and Veterans Rehabilitations. “ Above all other programs the Legion founders adopted 100 yrs. ago, this Pillar was the most important. Let us help those who need our help the most. To those who took the time to read my articles and offer comments on them, thank you. Enjoy the up-coming holidays---have a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year. John Farrow

“Freedom is never more the one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it along to our children in our bloodstream. It must be fought for, Protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will Spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children What it was once like in the United States where men lived free.” - Ronald Reagan

### AUXILIARY

I am starting my fifth month as President and the women of the ALA Unit 159 continue to inspire me every day. We plan charitable events and feel our calendar is full, and then one or two of our members suggest we take on another, and she acts as chair and takes off running with this new endeavor. There is no stopping this wonderful group of women. They make the job of the President so much easier. Christmas Season is so busy for us. We are providing 60 gifts to Big Brothers, Big Sisters. We are assisting in distributing 100 Shoe Boxes to homebound veterans in the area.

We are helping the Center of Hope financially to aid the less fortunate. We will be working with the DAV and VFW to purchase Christmas gifts for Veterans. We are, with the help of the Legion, the SAL'S and the Riders, providing "Red Shirts" to every resident at the Douglas Jacobson Veterans Home.

We want to thank our Commander, Howard Van Nostrand. Your support of our Unit is so appreciated. Your eagerness to assist us in every endeavor will not be forgotten. We are proud to have you as our Commander. I would like to extend my personal thanks to our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Marlene Hammond. Marlene consistently goes over and above to serve our Unit. "Marlene, Thank You for all You Do".

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Christmas Dinner Dance. January 19<sup>th</sup> is the USO Dinner Dance and Show.

In the Spirit of Service, Donna Ley, President

**HEAR YE HEAR YE POST 159**

Ralph "RED" Hynch, Mona Hynch and Rod Dimon are starting a Cruiser Group! You must be a Post Member (Legion, Sal, Riders, Auxiliary) and your Cruiser must at least 20yrs Old to join. Watch our web page, Facebook and future newsletter as more information comes!



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Thank you for your military service to our Country and for having the courage to defend our freedoms.

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Rest in Peace Comrades, may God be with you, look out for Us.

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| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                      | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                                 | TUESDAY                                                                                                            | WEDNESDAY                                                                                 | THURSDAY                                                                                     | FRIDAY                                                                                                                          | SATURDAY                                                                                                                         |
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| 2                                                                                                                                           | 3                                                                                                                                                                                      | 4                                                                                                                  | 5                                                                                         | 6                                                                                            | 7 <b>Pearl Harbor Day</b>                                                                                                       | 8                                                                                                                                |
| <p>Happy Hanukkah</p>  <p>Dinner 5 - 7</p> <p>Karaoke 6</p> | <p>~ Dollar Day ~<br/>\$1 Drafts &amp; Wells</p> <p>Hot Dogs 10 - 4</p> <p>Game Night 430</p> <p>Dinner 5 - 7</p> <p>SAL Meeting 6</p>                                                 | <p>VSO by Appt Only</p> <p>Bar-Go 4</p>                                                                            | <p>Kiwanis 1130</p> <p>Amphib Sailors<br/>Noon</p> <p>Dinner 4 - 6</p> <p>BINGO 6 - 8</p> | <p>VSO by Appt Only</p> <p>Carrier Sailors 1130</p> <p>Dinner 5 - 8<br/>David Daviski 6</p>  |  <p>Dinner 5 - 8</p> <p>Fire &amp; Ice 6</p> | <p>Hot Dogs 10 - 2</p> <p>Christmas Dinner<br/>Dance<br/>Ladies Aux<br/>Rock &amp; Rhythm 6</p> <p>Merry Christmas</p>           |
| 9                                                                                                                                           | 10                                                                                                                                                                                     | 11                                                                                                                 | 12                                                                                        | 13                                                                                           | 14                                                                                                                              | 15                                                                                                                               |
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**Chaplain** ..... Tim Sharkey  
**Sgt-at-Arms** ..... Terry Duffey

**Riders Officers**

**Director** ..... Howard C Hone Jr  
**Asst. Dir./Rd. Capt.** ..... Ron Felicita  
**Treasurer** ..... Jeff Cupano  
**Secretary** ..... Craig Whitehead  
**Sgt-at-Arms** ..... Mike Finneran  
**Chaplain** ..... Rob Breeden  
**Historian** ..... Open  
**Advisor** ..... None Assigned

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