

Commanders Corner Greetings Members

Thank you to all that helped with all the events this past month. This month's calendar is now available, so I would encourage you to look at it and make plans for you and your friends to join us for great food and fun events! If you are interested in volunteering please contact me @ (608)769-1045 or leave your name at the Legion.

I would like to thank everyone that supported our Veterans Day Turkey Dinner, especially those that prepared and served the meals to our Veterans. Our Feather Party extremely successful also, thanks to all the volunteers that helped.

My condolences go out to the family of John H. Holt who passed away Oct. 20, 2019.

A wreath-laying ceremony will be held at Fort Riley Post Cemetery on Dec.14th at 11 a.m. as part of a national effort from the Wreaths Across America organization to remember fallen soldiers, honor soldiers currently serving and to educate children about freedom.

"We will place ceremonial wreaths for all of the military services in our country: Army, Navy, Merchant Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force and also we do the POW/MIA and the Gold Star Mothers

"Wishing Merry Christmas to all the soldiers who have been guarding the borders of our country, for our safety away from their family. Thank you so much for protecting us all and giving us a chance to have a safe and Happy Christmas with our families."

Please check out our website [HYPERLINK](http://www.westsalempost51.org)

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Also, if you know someone who doesn't belong to the American Legion and is eligible to join, encourage them to join. Just a reminder that if you need to renew your own membership and prefer to do it from home you can log in to [HYPERLINK "http://www.wilegion.org"](http://www.wilegion.org) www.wilegion.org to renew online or get in touch with me Thank You.

Presidents Corner Hello Auxiliary Members!

It seems that Winter is in full swing! Here's hoping you are all finding ways to keep warm! Thank you to everyone that has been supporting the Legion Family all year. As we look ahead to the future of our Unit/Post we must start thinking and acting as a Legion Family and work as a cohesive unit for the betterment of our Veterans, Community and Members. As we grow and start trying new things we must do so by honoring the past and devote ourselves to mutual helpfulness – together we will move into 2020 with a renewed sense of "Service not Self" and spend our time together productively and for the benefit of the Legion Family.

December is another busy month here at the post and many hands make for light work, so if you have a few hours to spare we would love some help on December 15th packaging and delivering our food trays to those in need. If you like to bake, we could really use baked goods to include with the trays (no nuts or peanut butter please). Don't forget we have our Christmas Party in place of our regular meeting on December 10th, please join us if you can.

If you haven't paid your 2020 membership yet, please do so before the end of December – Our membership goal is 172 and as I write this we have 153 of you paid – so thank you to all that have taken care of this already.

I truly appreciate each and every one of you and your support thus far and I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and Happy New year!

God Bless,

Nikke Vidal,
Unit #51 President

Post Commander
Vern Tranberg

Building Update

As we celebrate our first Christmas and look forward to celebrating the new year in our beautifully remodeled Post, The Building Fund Committee would like to thank everyone that has helped make this renovation possible. Because of everyone's generosity – whether it was through a financial donation, by volunteering your time and talent or by coming in and enjoying the facility, we couldn't have done this without YOU! The Building Fund Committee committed to the membership that we would keep raising the funds necessary to pay-off the loan needed to do the renovations, so we have a lot of fundraising activities in the works for the upcoming year and we hope you will join us!

December events for the building fund are: Bingo on December 2nd, Bake Sale on the 14th, Pizza & Packer Night on the 23rd and Fish & Shrimp on the 27th. We hope to see you here!

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Nikki Vidal

January Event

- 3 Fish & Shrimp Plus 5:30
- 6 Bingo 6:30
- 7 Sal meeting 7:00
- 8 Joint EX meeting 6:30
- 11 DeLong Retirement
- 12 Aux Breakfast Buffet 8:00-11:00
- 14 Aux meeting
- 15 Building meeting 6:30
- 17 Fish & Shrimp Plus 5:30
- 18 Wedding
- 20 SAL Tips & Noodles 5:30
- 22 VA Bingo
- 25 Chili Cook Off Tasting 3:00-6:00
Proceeds to Freedom Honor Flight
- Craft Beer & Wine Tasting 3:00-7:00 Building Remodel Fundraise
- 29 Noon Lunch
Fish & Shrimp 5:30

Calling all Bakers -

The building fund needs you! Do you love to make all the Holiday treats but don't want to do them all yourself? The building fund committee will be holding its 3rd Annual Bake Sale on Saturday December 14th and could use baked goods. Sign-up sheet is at the Legion.

Holiday Treat lovers – Sandbakkels, Cashew Crunch and Rosettes, Oh My! (and so much more) The building fund will hold its Annual Bake Sale from 8-Noon on Saturday December 14th. Stop down and stock up on your favorite