



American Legion Post 735 Newsletter

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**National Vietnam
War Veterans Day**

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Commander's Message

Commander Puckett reports:

We start to say goodbye to winter as the snow slowly fades away. Don't forget to set your clocks back on Sunday, March 10, 2024 as we start Daylight Saving Time (DST). Another sign that Spring is on its way! Be sure to stop in to the Post Home on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th for some Corned Beef dinners and sandwiches. March 3rd marks the Navy Reserve Birthday and March 5th is the Navy Seabees Birthday. Don't forget man's best friend as March 14th marks K-9 Veterans Day. On March 29th, we celebrate National Vietnam War Veterans Day. This marks the day in 1973 when all American ground troops departed South Vietnam. The next General Meeting is Tuesday, March 12th at 7:35PM. Be sure to attend to find out what is happening at your Post Home! Remember to keep our military men and women who are serving around the world in your thoughts and prayers.

Sick Call & Relief

Chaplain Ken Herkey reports:

Say a prayer for our troops!

1st. Vice Commander PC

Dan Lagoda reports:

Post 735 currently stands at 327 paid members for the 2024 year. Our post goal for this year is 412 members so we are almost there! Have a great month.

2nd Vice-Commander PC

Jerry Johnson reports:

The Bunny Roll is back! 5 rolls for \$1.00

Auxiliary President

Liz Kuciel reports:

No Report This Month

S.A.L.

Commander Bob Saar reports:

The Son's have 270 paid members with 50 outstanding. Thank you to all that showed up for our annual dance at Vigilant Fire Hall for our scholarship fund. Officer nominations are starting next month. If you are interested in running for an office, our meeting is the third Monday of the month (March 18). Also, we are having our annual corn beef dinners and Rubens on March 17th.

Veterans Activities Chairman

Jerry Johnson reports

Each year, West Seneca American Legion Post 735 offers scholarships to deserving High School students. Eligible students are required to complete an application and mail it to the American Legion. The Scholarship Committee will read each application and determine the winning students for the scholarship. Applications must be received by March 27, 2024. The application is available at: **www.americanlegionpost735.org/alscholar.html**

Color Guard Captain

Mark McMahon reports:

No Report This Month

Board of Directors

Dennis Kessler Reports:

The kitchen work is finally done! Thanks to Roy & Jim for all the tile work, trim, painting and work on the swing Kitchen doors.

Thanks to Chris & Mike from WNY Alarm & Surveillance for the installation of our new camera system. It took a while, due to the weather, to climb and install the outside system, but it's up and running.

The February work detail cleaned out the ice machine, painted all the white trim, washed all the beer buckets and dried them, cleaned the rest rooms walls, steel and glass, liquid gold the ice room walls, bar half walls, the front & rear bars, and tossed some old ceiling tiles that were unusable. The next Post Wide Work Detail is March 19th 2024. Coffee 0830 hrs.; work 0900 hrs. - 1200 hrs. Quick meeting to pick the next date and then some Post Camaraderie. Hope to see you at the next work detail.

We just put our new cash register into service to replace our old one and we had a week to train on the new system. The new bell jar register system will be installed on Monday 26th, replacing the old one that was unserviceable. Both systems will make it easier for reports for both the money and ticket counters daily.

The Daytona Party was a success even though the Race was postponed till the next day due to rain. The committee raised \$1,190.00 and the Sons rounded it off to \$1,500.00.

Dispersed to the Following:

Trunnel's To Towers Fund-\$500.00

Valor Of WNY - \$500.00

Post Building Fund -\$500.00

Thank You to the Post Membership, all the Businesses and members that donated to make this happen. Thank You to the Committee that send's donation letters, stop at businesses to pick up the donations, set up and tear down after the party. With out them, this would not happen. Thank You All for your Help & Support to make this event a great start to the Racing Season.

Rear fence was damaged during the snowstorm from snow removal from the apartments. The Owner of the Property will reimburse the post for the damages. Quiet Creek Fence came back to repair the damage, steel pipes, 20 feet of new fence, ties, privacy slats and labor.

The Post Picnic will be held on August 4, 2024 at the Post Home (We will be closed for business that day). The Picnic will run from 1:00PM till 6:00PM and will be a ticketed event, Rain or Shine. More to follow next month after all the details are worked out with the Caterer, Music, and any events. Please check the board for upcoming events at the Post.

Happy Hours Is back! Daily from 5:00PM to 7:00PM and includes Domestic bottle beer, Blue & Coors Light Draft and well drinks This may expand in the future. NO CHIPS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AND THE DRINK WILL BE SERVED WHEN PURCHASED - NO EXCEPTIONS

God Bless America & God Bless our Troops!!!!!!

Important **March** Dates:

- 6th - Auxiliary Meeting
- 12th - General Meeting
- 18th - S.A.L. Meeting