American Legion Post 735 Newsletter

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Thanksgiving

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Commander's Message

Commander Dan Lagoda reports:

Hard to believe it's November already, where did the year go? As we wind 2026 down, Post 735 continues to be busy with fun and exciting events.

On 11/7 the Sons of the Legion will be hosting their annual steak roast from 3-6 PM. Tickets are $20 each and available behind the bar.

On Monday 11/9 at 10 AM we will be visiting the Veterans at the Seneca Manor Nursing Home, 2987 Seneca St. All are welcome to join us.

On Tuesday 11/10 at 7:45 AM the Post will be at West Seneca West Senior High School, 3330 Seneca St, for the annual Veterans Day ceremony. Everyone is invited.

On 11/11 at 11 AM the Veterans Day ceremony will be held at the Walkway of Freedom.

The Post will be **CLOSED** on Thanksgiving Day.

The back hall now has 12 brand new tables. The Auxiliary purchased 8 tables and the Sons of the Legion purchased 4 tables. A huge thank you to them!

The monthly family dinners will be on pause until after the holidays. They will resume in early 2027.

The West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee will once again offer the Honor a Veteran - Buy a Brick Program for 2026-27. Brick orders will be accepted until January 15, 2027 and the bricks will be placed in the Walkway of Freedom complex in May 2027. Applications are found on their website, www.wsvets.org or on the podium near the bar.

The work detail was well attended once again. We were able to complete many projects and did a lot of cleaning. The Post is looking great! The next work detail will be November 17th, coffee/donuts 8:30 with the work starting at 9 AM.

Upcoming Dates:

November 3rd	Color Guard	7:35PM
November 4th	Auxiliary	7:00PM
November 7th	Steak Roast	3:00-6:00PM
November 9th	Shuffleboard	7:00PM
November 10th	General Meeting	7:35PM
November 11th	Veterans Day Ceremony	11:00AM
November 15th	Post Soup Cook-Off	NOON
November 16th	SAL Meeting	7:35PM
November 16th	BOD Meeting	6:30PM
November 17th	Work Detail	8:30AM
November 22nd	Thanksgiving Dinner	4:30PM
November 23rd	Shuffleboard	7:00PM
November 26th	THANKSGIVING – **Post Closed**	

The Soup Cook Off (SOUP er Bowl) is November 15th starting at Noon. The Buffalo Bills are also playing that day at 1:00 PM so make some soup and watch the game at the Post. Two ways to participate: bring in a crockpot of your homemade soup or pay $5 to taste all the soups and vote on your favorite. Winners will be announced at halftime. There are prizes for participants and a 50/50 raffle. Sign-up sheet is behind the bar.

The Post Thanksgiving Dinner is on Sunday 11/22 at 4:30 PM. Bring a dish to pass. Sign-up sheet is behind the bar and sign up by 11/15.

The children's Christmas Party will be held on December 6th, NOON-2:00PM. The event is limited to 25 kids with the max age of 10 years old. You must bring in a wrapped gift for each child you are bringing with the gift valued at no more than $25. Sign-up sheet is behind the bar and sign up by December 2nd.

Watch the Buffalo Bills games at the Post and enjoy the drink specials. Bring your friends, food and enthusiasm to cheer on your home team. Don't forget to ask for the bucket of beer special.

Shuffleboard is back! Monday, November 9th and 23rd starting at 7:00PM. Bring your snacks and have some friendly fun competition. December dates are 12/14 and 12/28.

Remember to ask about the drink specials. Bucket of domestic beers 6/$16.50, Bucket of vodka drink cans 5/$21.

Save the dates. There are many future events planned so mark these on your calendar. More events may be added so check your emails and attend the meetings to get the most up to date information.

December 6th	Kids Christmas Party
December 7th	Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony
December 31st	New Year's Eve Dinner/NYE Party (tentative)
January 10th	Chili Cook Off (tentative)
February 21st	NASCAR Daytona Party

Tony's Catering continues to serve food on Fridays, so stop in for a great dinner and good times. Dinners will be served from 4:00PM-7:00PM with the last order taken at 6:45PM.

Remember to wear your **R.E.D.** shirt on Fridays to support everyone who is deployed.

The Post offers live music every Saturday from 7PM-10PM. The band listings are found in the newsletter under the 2nd Vice report.

Come in and support your Post. Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Have a great month and stay safe. GOD bless our troops and GOD bless America.

Sick Call & Relief

Chaplain Tom Potoczak reports:

God bless our veterans and active military, especially those involved in the Middle East.

1st Vice Commander PC

Lou Pawlowski reports:

As of now, we have 220 Legion Members, 9 new members, 5 transfers, and 1 active duty. There are 101 members from last year that have NOT paid their dues. They must be paid by December 31st to keep your membership active. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Go **Bills**!

2nd Vice-Commander PC

Jerry Johnson reports:

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November 11th	DJ Don	8:00pm – 11:00pm
November 14th	Bottle Rockets	7:00pm – 10:00pm
November 21st	GD Rose	7:00pm – 10:00pm

Auxiliary President

President Liz Kuciel reports:

No Report This Month

S.A.L.

Commander Bob Saar reports:

We have 142 of 274 paid-up members. Please get your dues in. Our annual Steak Roast is November 7, 2026 and is $20 per dinner. Shuffle board has started again November dates are 11/9 & 11/23. Come out and have some fun with us. We going to Seneca Nursing Facility on November 9th at 10:00am to meet with the veterans there and to talk with them, Anyone interested can join us.

Veterans Activities Chairman
Jerry Johnson reports

No Report This Month

Color Guard Captain
Mark McMahon reports:

Color Guard Meeting – Tuesday, October 6th – 7:35PM

Board of Directors
Dennis Kessler Reports:

The **Early Bird** party was a huge success and the Bills won the game. Everybody had a good time. There was enough food and enough drink. It was great to see everyone there and hopefully we'll see you there again next year.

The military theme tables in the bar area will be installed soon. The company had a hard time getting the stock to complete the designs of all the military insignias to be installed on the tables. So, within the next 3 weeks or so we should see some progress with that.

New banquet tables were purchased for the back hall and the old ones were discarded. They were broken and falling apart. Thanks to the Auxiliary for purchasing eight of the tables, the SONS purchased the last four for a total of 12 new tables at no cost to the Legion.

Back Hall Rentals: The back hall is filling up quickly so if you're going to have holiday party or an event, please get to the post. Fill out a contract so that you are guaranteed that date. If it's open, check with Steve Blake and he will walk you through the contract. You can check availability on the post website and to make sure that date is open. You must do a contract to secure any dates.

The Board of Directors meeting will be changed to the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. until further notice. The Son's meeting will be at 7:35 following that meeting and then the Queen of Hearts at 8:00. Please make sure you mark your calendars accordingly.

The work details are up and running. Anybody wanting to attend is welcome and is open to all Legion members. It is always the third Tuesday of the month. We're there at 8:00 in the morning and coffees on. We start working at 9:00 until noon. We have a quick meeting after and then some camaraderie.

Please check the post website and the bulletin boards and the board in the bar area for upcoming events so you don't miss any events.

GOD Bless Our Troops!
GOD Bless America!

Important November Dates:

3rd - Color Guard Meeting
4th - Auxiliary Meeting
10th - General Meeting
16th - SONs Meeting
16th - BOD Meeting