



# The American Legion

Walter H. Burt Post 30



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AMERICAN LEGION HOME

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**DECEMBER 2023**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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COMMANDER'S OFFICE: (229) 881-9426

## IMPORTANT DATES (DECEMBER 2023)

- Dec 2 (Sat)-Day Lily, 10:30 am
- Dec 6 (Wed)-Monthly breakfast, 9 am
- Dec 6 (Wed)-Decorate Legion, 10:30 am
- Dec 7 (Wed)-Executive Board, 6:30 pm
- Dec 7 (Thur)-Auxiliary Board meeting, 6:30 pm
- Dec 8 (Fri)-Adams Christmas party, 6:00 pm
- Dec 12 (Tue)-Bassin Buddies Christmas party, 5 p
- Dec 13 (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9 am
- Dec 13 (Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
- Dec 14 (Thur)-Post 30 Christmas dinner, 6:30 p
- Dec 17 (Sun)-Young Marines graduation, 1 pm
- Dec 20 (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9 am
- Dec 21 (Thur)-PTSD Christmas luncheon, 12
- Dec 21 (Thur)-40&8, no meeting
- Dec 23 - Jan 2 Legion closed for Holidays
- Dec 25 (Mon)-Christmas (Holiday)
- Dec 31 (Sun)-New Years Eve

## POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had no membership deaths in the month of November. Praise the Lord.

## ADJUTANT'S COMMENTS (Gary Fowler, Post 30 Adjutant)

Join the fun with the 40&8 Train Saturday morning December 9 and ride in the Lee County Christmas Parade; and then again that evening at the Albany Christmas Parade. Call the Adjutant at the post or Nick Nicholson for details.

Breakfast will be served at 9:00 am on Wednesday, December 6, where we will have bacon, sausage, grits, biscuits, sausage gravy, coffee, and juice; and it is free. We will need you to let us know how many to prepare for, by calling the post at 229-435-5450, or emailing the legion at [legiongtfowler@yahoo.com](mailto:legiongtfowler@yahoo.com)

At our monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, December 14, starting at 6:30 pm, we will have our **Christmas dinner**. Our menu will consist of turkey and dressing, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, salad, and for dessert; "Double Chocolate" layered cake and "Sea Salted Caramel" cheesecake. Please make reservations with the Adjutant or call the Post. You get all this wonderful food for just \$10.00.

On December 13 and 20, we will have our donuts and coffee at 9 am, along with some outstanding fellowship. Please come and enjoy your Post. Our Post will be closed from **December 23** thru **January 2**. And remember our "**BE THE ONE**" campaign. Contact the post if you need more information.

Have a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY New Year!**

*For GOD and Country.*

## **Important dates in December:**

**Dec 7, 1941:** The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour and left nearly 3,000 Americans dead.

**Dec 16, 1944:** During WW II in Europe, the Battle of the Bulge began as the Germans launched a big counter-offensive in the Ardennes Forest along a 75-mile front, taking American troops by surprise. Aided by foggy, snowy weather, the Germans penetrated 65 miles into Allied lines by the end of December. As weather cleared, the German advance was eventually halted by Montgomery on the Meuse and Patton at Bastogne.

**Dec 21, 1945:** At the conclusion of World War II, 60-year-old General George S. Patton, Commander of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army, died in a freak car accident, after sustaining a broken neck in Manheim, Germany.

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE (Dr. Doc Williams, Post 30 Chaplain)

### **Christmas Season**

*"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*  
**Matthew 1:21 (NKJV)**

The child Jesus born to the virgin Mary is a miracle. It was all God's idea to rescue humanity from the penalty of their sin. Mary would have no male intervention in the birth of Jesus. A holy God fathered Jesus as the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary to conceive the Son of God (Luke 1:35). He would be wholly God and altogether human as the Godman.

Notice the angelic announcement concerning Jesus, *"He will save His people from their sins."* Salvation through Mary's Son is a mystery. What 'salvation' will this be? How will Jesus save His people, the Jewish people, from their sins? This salvation will also include the Gentiles or people other than Jews. He will give His life as a sacrifice for sin to save, or free people, from sins committed against God. Again, a mystery.

The Jewish people will call this sacrificial action an act of mercy by God, resulting in the salvation of humanity. According to Acts 4:12, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Jesus is God's only designated sacrifice for human sin. So, friends, Jesus is the reason for us celebrating the Christmas Season, for God has done it all for us. Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ is a free gift from God our Father in heaven. Amen. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**AUXILIARY UNIT 30 (Marilyn Fowler,  
Auxiliary President)**

November was a very busy month. Special “Thank You” to the members attending the Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Leadership Training. It was a great day of learning and fellowship with members from other districts. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> were busy, of course, filled with patriotic events. The Post breakfast with the K9 For Warriors presentation was wonderful. Special thanks to the Auxiliary members that came and helped hand out poppies.

I have set up a Facebook page for Unit 30 members only. I sent out invitations to join the page to all that I had an email or Facebook contact. If you have not joined the group, please search Facebook for American Legion Auxiliary Albany Unit 30 and request to join. And please use this page for American Legion Auxiliary business only.

The Past President Parley fundraiser was to be a Silent Auction held on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> but plans have changed. We will now do a “Bakeless Bake Sale” instead. Proceeds will benefit ALA Unit 30 programs and services, which includes the Past President’s Parley donation for the Nursing Scholarship.

We will be sending out invitations. Please look for yours in the mail and plan to participate by mailing your donation in or by dropping it by the Post. Thanks in advance for your support. We really need your help getting our membership in. If you have not done so, please send in your 2024 dues as soon as possible. We really need to get membership up. With the time change, we will start meeting again at **5:30 pm**...still on the first Thursday of the month. December 7<sup>th</sup> will be our next meeting. We will use this time to sign Christmas cards to be sent to the VA hospital for veterans that will be in the hospital over Christmas. Please come join us for a little fellowship time and to help brighten a veteran’s Christmas.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. The Post will provide a light meal at no cost.

The Post Christmas dinner will be Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there. Thank you to Post 30 for the new floor in the Auxiliary room. It really makes the room look nice.

Please remember to keep our members that can’t be with us at the Post because of health issues in your prayers. Have a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope to see you at the Post and bring in a new member for the New Year! *For God and Country*,

**COMMANDER’S MESSAGE (Dr. Daniel R. Brewer,  
Post 30 Commander)**

The post is looking nicer; we put down new floors in the Adjutant’s office, Auxiliary room, dining room and lounge. We also have fresh pine straw out in front. On December 6, after the December monthly breakfast (which is free), we will be putting up the Christmas decorations. As already mentioned in the Adjutant’s corner, our Christmas dinner will be on Thursday, December 14, with a very good meal. I promise you it will be good. And our own Chaplain, Dr. Doc Williams, will give us a Christmas message. Afterwards, we will have a drawing for Walmart gift cards (but you have to be present to win one).

Several organizations will be hosting their annual Christmas party at the legion, including Day Lily (12/2 luncheon), Adams Exterminators (12/8), Bassin Buddies (12/12), NARFE federal workers (12/13 luncheon), PTSD group (12/21 luncheon).

The Young Marines will host a graduation ceremony at the legion on Sunday, December 17, beginning at 1 pm.

And finally, the post will be closed for the holidays, beginning on Saturday, December 23. It will reopen on Wednesday, January 3.

May this holiday season fill your heart with love, fill your home with joy, and your life with laughter. **Happy Holidays to You and Yours.**

**Officers**

Gary Fowler, *Adjutant*  
Dan Brewer, *Service Officer*  
Dan Brewer, *Historian*  
Ben Adler, *Insurance, Building*  
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Nick Nicholson, *Judge Advocate*  
Dr, Doc Williams, *Chaplain*  
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**Auxiliary**

Ms. Marilyn Fowler, *President*  
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**Executive Committee**

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Jerry Garrett  
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