

# Henry J. Thomas Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 845 NEWSLETTER

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## *POST Officers*

- Commander: Paul Dougherty
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- Quartermaster: Robert Broody
- Chaplain: Marvin Walton
- Adjutant: Tom Hrynkow
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- 3 Year Trustee: Carol Gill

## *Home Association Officers*

- President: Paul Dougherty
- Treasurer: Robert Broody
- Board of Directors:  
• Tom Ames, Tom Wise, Miguel Hernandez,  
• Jerry Banks, Barry Molyneaux

## Meeting Schedules

- **Post Meeting:** First Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 PM
- **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting:** 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM
- **Home Association Meetings:** Bi-Weekly at 7:15 PM



## From The Post Commander

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Post members, to include the social members who generously gave their time, for participating in the many Veteran's Day events that we contributed to in the community. I know that this was the first opportunity I have had to contribute to a Veteran's Day assembly at the school in which I teach.

It was a wonderful experience for the students. It was a thrill to be involved in an event that I hope becomes an annual tradition at my school. I would like to encourage everyone to participate in a community event when ever possible. I'm sure you will find it to be a rewarding experience. I did!

### Items of Interest:

The PA Department's 2009 Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled for Jan. 23-25 at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center.

Department Veterans Service Committee Chairman Carmen De-Santi reports that for the first time in the Pennsylvania VFW's history staff at State Headquarters now includes a service officer ready to help connect veterans with the benefits and services they have earned. On July 7, Service Officer John Chiodi officially started his duties in HQ after training for the position in the Department's Wilkes-Barre Service Office. He will staff his HQ office several days each week while also traveling to other sites around the Capitol area.

As our year comes to a close, I wish to each and every member of our Post a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Paul Dougherty Commander

**CHAPLAINS CORNER:**

Greetings from the Post  
Chaplain

The Holidays are here and we have a lot of events coming up that we will need help with please check this newsletter for dates and times. Remember to keep our Veterans in your prayers. The Ladies Auxiliary is collecting money for phone cards to be sent to our troops overseas. It would make a wonderful gift if they could call home over the Holidays. Poppy Sales are not off to a good start and we need your help! Some of the cans that were placed in various locations are missing and others are empty. When you see a can in a location please make sure you let the store owner know that he is helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Marvin Walton Chaplain

**HOURS OF OPERATION****BAR**

Monday through Friday 9:30 Am till 12:00 AM  
Saturday & Sunday 11:00 Am till 12:00 AM

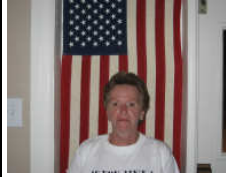
**KITCHEN HOURS**

Open Sundays for Football 1 pm till 6 pm  
See the Calendar for special events Pancake  
Breakfasts, Spaghetti Dinners and Dinner  
Specials

**The Post is offering a 20% Discount for any  
Member wishing to become a Life Member.  
This applies to Ladies Auxiliary members**

**IT'S NOT WHAT YOU PAID TO JOIN!  
IT'S WHAT YOU PAID TO BE ELIGIBLE!!!**

*In Remembrance*

**AUXILIARY CORNER**

Hello Everyone,  
The HOLIDAYS ARE HERE !!  
The Events are many !

**December 5th:** Deadline for Christmas Cookies for the VA patients to be at the Post for packaging.

**December 13th** Kids Christmas party for members children, and grandchildren only. 1 pm till 3 pm Newborn to 12 years of age. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. **Deadline for sign up is December 5th.**

**December 13th** Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party covered dish cocktail hour 5 pm till 6 pm

**December 14th, 2008 at noon**

We will be serving a Turkey Dinner for 50 or more VA Patients from the Homeless ward. Turkey donations, and fixings are being accepted now.

We are also running a **clothing drive** for these Veterans, anyone who wishes to donate new or very clean used items may do so by contacting any of our Auxiliary members. Socks, T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, sweatpants, coats, hats, etc. Sizes Medium to XX Large.

Once again we are collecting donations for phone cards these phone cards will be ear marked for our adopted unit Bravo Company. They will be able to keep in touch with their families and loved ones at home and wish their sons or daughters a Merry Christmas!! If any of you know of an Auxiliary Member that may be ill please contact Jeanette Beam so that a card can be sent.

Have a safe and happy Holiday!! Thank all of you for all your help this year. And God Bless All!

Debbie Albright

Ladies Auxiliary President



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**We Would like to get input from our members. New Births, Grandkids, Married the longest, etc. etc. If you have something you would like to see in here please contact Mike Wealer at the Post or Miguel Hernandez via our website.**

Martin T. Brittingham and his wife Bessie have been married for 61 years!!

**60 Sensations coming in December** (This is the band that played for the Bravo Company picnic)

First **Annual Chili Cook off** January 18th 12 till 4 pm. Contact Miguel Hernandez for more information. Prizes will be awarded for Best Chili, Best Decorations, Best presentation. We will invite other Posts to join in the competition as well as any member. Dig out your recipes!

The Veterans Breakfast brought out many old members who have not been here in years. It also brought Veterans from other Posts and other clubs. This poem was handed to me by an American Legion Member, Both Debbie & I were very busy that morning and I did not have time to read it until that evening. Once I read it, I again read it out loud to Debbie, it brought tears to my eyes as well as to hers and I decided I had to find room for it in this news letter. The paragraphing was changed to make it fit. But it still gets its point across!!

**I AM A VETERAN**

*By Andrea C. Brett*

You may not know me the first time we meet  
I'm just another you see on the street But I  
am the reason you walk and breathe free I am  
the reason for your liberty.

**I am a veteran**

I work in the local factory all day  
I own the restaurant just down the way  
I sell you insurance, I start your IV  
I got the best-looking grandkids you'll ever  
see.

I am your grocer, your banker  
Your child's schoolteacher  
I'm your plumber, your barber  
Your family's preacher [  
But there's a part of me you don't know  
very well

Just listen a moment, I've a story to tell.

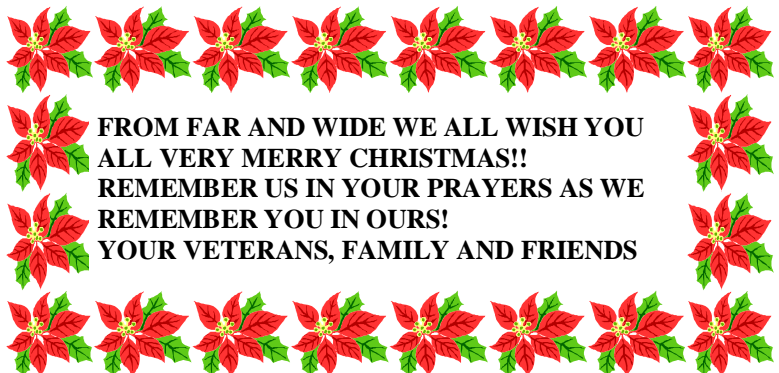
**I am a veteran**

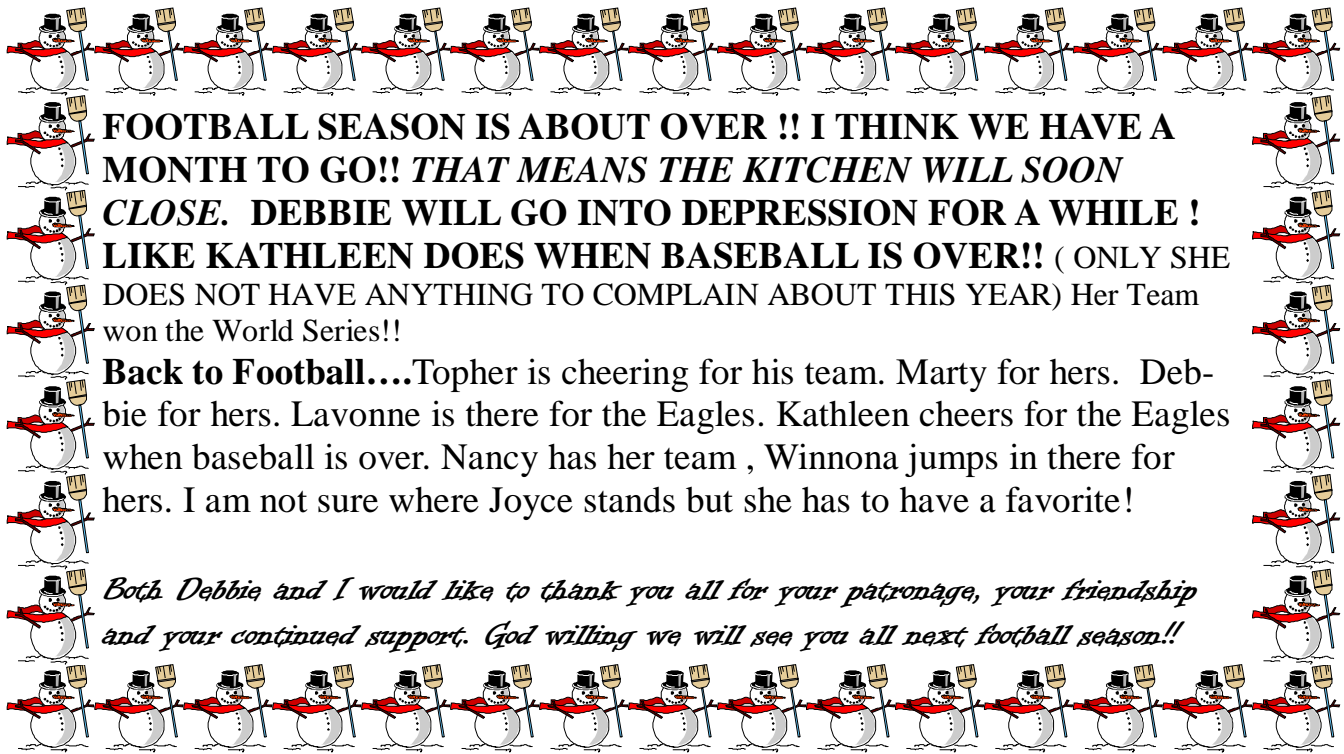
I joined the service while still in my teens I  
traded my prom tux for camouflage greens  
I'm the first in my family to do something  
like this, I followed my father, like he fol-  
lowed his

Defying my fears and hiding my doubt  
I married my sweetheart before I shipped out  
I missed Christmas, then Easter, the birth of  
my son  
But I knew I was doing what had to be done

I served on the battlefield, I served on the base  
I bound up the wounded, and begged for God's grace  
I gave orders to fire, I followed commands  
I marched into conflict in far distant lands  
In the jungle, the desert, on mountains and shores  
`In bunkers, in tents, on dank earthen floors. While I fought on the ground,  
in the air, on the sea my family and friends were home praying for me.  
For the land of the free and the home of the brave I faced demons on fox-  
holes and caves. Then one dreaded day, without drummer or fife I lost an  
arm, my buddy lost his life  
I came home and moved on, but forever was changed. The perils of war in  
my memory remained. I don't really say much, I don't feel like I can. But  
I left home a child and came home a man  
There are thousands like me, thousands more are gone. But their legacy  
lives on as time marches on.,  
White crosses in rows, and names carved in queue Remind us of what  
these brave souls had to do. I am part of a fellowship, a strong mighty  
band.  
Of each man and each woman who has Served this great land  
And when Old Glory waves, I stand proud, I stand tall  
I helped keep her flying over you, over all

**I AM A VETERAN**





**FOOTBALL SEASON IS ABOUT OVER !! I THINK WE HAVE A MONTH TO GO!! THAT MEANS THE KITCHEN WILL SOON CLOSE. DEBBIE WILL GO INTO DEPRESSION FOR A WHILE ! LIKE KATHLEEN DOES WHEN BASEBALL IS OVER!! ( ONLY SHE DOES NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THIS YEAR) Her Team won the World Series!!**

**Back to Football....**Topher is cheering for his team. Marty for hers. Debbie for hers. Lavonne is there for the Eagles. Kathleen cheers for the Eagles when baseball is over. Nancy has her team , Winnona jumps in there for hers. I am not sure where Joyce stands but she has to have a favorite!

*Both Debbie and I would like to thank you all for your patronage, your friendship and your continued support. God willing we will see you all next football season!!*

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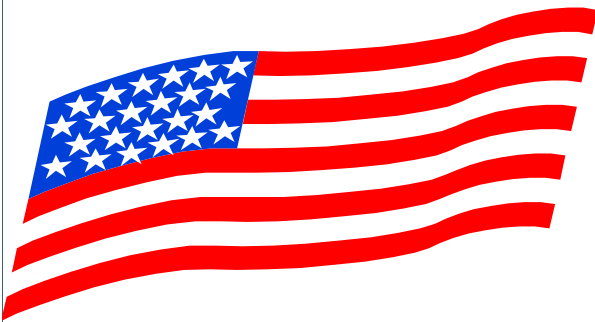


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**HOLIDAY EVENTS...**

**DECEMBER 14TH TURKEY DINNER FOR THE VA PATIENTS WE NEED CLOTHING DONATIONS, FOOD DONATIONS AND A LOT OF HELP !!**

**Kids Christmas Party December 13th 1 to 3 pm**

**Ladies Auxiliary Christmas covered dish December 13th 6 pm**

**Band Night. Entertainment by the 60's Sensation (this is the Band that donated their time for the Bravo Company picnic)**

**NEW YEARS EVE DINNER AND DANCE \$40.00 PER PERSON**

**APPETIZERS, THREE COURSE DINNER BUFFET, ... BT & THE CRUISERS FULL SHOW!! TICKETS ARE LIMITED AND AVAILABLE NOW !!**

**CHILI COOK OFF COMING JANUARY 18TH !! DO YOU HAVE A WINNING RECIPE??? SEE THE NEWS LETTER FOR MORE INFO!**