

TEMPLE POST 133
NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2026

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Commander John Potts
White Polo Shirt

For the ones that missed the Veterans Day program, you missed a good one. We were honored to have our 102 year old veteran, James Abbott and Mrs. Smith, 101 years, present. The guest speaker, Bill Hecke, did a great job.

December is right around the corner and it is a busy month. Important

December dates are:
Dec 1st – Monthly Meeting night
Dec 7th – National Pearl Harbor Rememberance Day
Dec 8th – Special Kids Party
Dec 12th – Monthly Breakfast
Dec 15th – Membership Party
Dec 25th – Christmas Day

I would like to take this time to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** from the Potts Family
God Bless the USA
God Bless the Legion Family

Richard Hester
Chaplain

December is upon us. Christmas, the New Year, and all of the celebrations that come with these events sometimes seem overwhelming. With all the parties we are invited to, we may lose sight of why we celebrate so much. The overwhelming realization that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ's birth is why we celebrate. GOD's gift to us by this birth is such an amazing gift that we sometimes do not realize the significance of it. Think on that fact as you go about your gift buying and make your choices with care. It you can, give a gift that reflects your belief in the reason for the season.

I pray you have a great holiday season, are safe and find enjoyment with your family and friends. This is the season for giving to others and I hope your joy fills many hearts, including your own.

Stephen McQueen
1st Vice

December will be a very busy month at our Post so be mindful of the dates stated in the Commander's article. Please pause on December 7th to remember our Veterans who were lost during that time and those brave men and women who defended our country at a very grave time.

*** Please remember** that you will be required to show your 2027 membership card for admission at the January meeting. If you do not have a 2027 card, a renewal will need to be processed at that time to gain admission. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of your Post Officers for assistance.

Please continue to keep our service members in your prayers during the Christmas Season.

Fly your Flag, and plan to attended the above stated events.

Next Meeting Night:
Tues, DEC 1st
Doors open at 5:00pm
Legion meeting starts at 6:00pm, then a meal.

If you haven't renewed for 2027 yet, its time Now!
Renewal Fees:
Legion Dues = $50.00
S.A.L. Dues = $10.00
Auxiliary Dues = $40.00

Merry Christmas
M E N U
Provided by
Wings N Things
Ham & Green Beans
Sweet Potato Casserole
Roll, Dessert and Tea

Gary Ivy, Adjutant
txalpost133@yahoo.com

Hello, If you need to contact me, I can be reached at Phone: 254-624-9642 or email: txalpost133@yahoo.com. The new renewal for year 2027 is available online or at the legion. I will be doing renewals at the December meeting. We are also doing renewals for Sons of the American Legion as well as Legion renewals. Visit the post on Mon, Wed, or Friday when we have coffee and doughnuts, or renew online at Mylegion.org. **Reminder–the next meeting will be December 1st.**

Amateur Radio Club Interest: we are looking to see how many current members have an Amateur Radio License and are interested be members of the radio club here at the Post 133. If you are interested, please contact Walt Mezynski at 254-718-6593

Service Officer, John Fisher:
If you have any questions about healthcare or any VA Benefits please contact me at txalpost133@yahoo.com or you can call 254-341-0048. Please leave a message and I will return your call.

Christmas Float or Car Show Enthusiast
contact Gary Dahl
at 206-601-9167
If you can participate or help in any way with either event, please contact Gary.

Post 133 Breakfast
A monthly breakfast is held at our post the second Saturday of the month. **Dec 12th** will be our next. Come join us.
7:30- 9:30am

Carrie Gagne, Auxiliary President

Hello Members,

Let me begin by saying **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with our annual Sock Drive for the clothing closet at Love of Christ Food Pantry. We collected around **2,000 pairs of socks!** That should help keep some feet warm this winter. What a wonderful way to show our community some love!

I hope everyone enjoyed their November and had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

We are busy getting ready for our **Holiday Artisan Market on November 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** It looks like we will have quite a few vendors, so be sure to come out and see what everyone has to offer. You just might find that perfect Christmas gift!

In addition to the dates on the front page, our additional Auxiliary activities are **Dec 5th** – District Meeting; **Dec 7th -** PTSD breakfast; and **Dec 17th** – Christmas Shop at the VA, opens at 9:00am.

We hope you will come celebrate the holidays with us! If you are available on December 17th, please consider coming out to help with the Christmas Shop at the VA. It is always wonderful to see everyone come together to make the holidays a little brighter for others. Please see Nora if you are available.

And, of course, Christmas Day is right around the corner! Let's get started celebrating, enjoy this special time of year, and always remember the **Reason for the Season!**

Wishing everyone a very **Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy holiday season!**

Temple Post #133 Officers
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Commander/Past Cmdr	John Potts
Vice Commander	Stephen McQueen
Adjutant	Gary Ivy
Chaplain	Richard Hester
Finance Officer	Paul Sarle
Service Officer	John Fisher
Historian	John Fisher
Sgt-At-Arms	Jeff Bolton
Judge Advocate	Walter Mezynski

Executive Board
Rodolfo Gonzalez / Gary Dahl / Dale Duke

(SAL) Sons of American Legion
2026–2027

SAL Squad Commander	Gary Dahl
Interim Vice Commander	Andy Fowler
Adjutant	Gary Ivy
Chaplain	Gabriel Phipps
Finance Officer	Paul Sarle
Historian	Ethan Lowhon
Sgt-At-Arms	Brady Freeman

Auxiliary Unit #133 Officers
2026 – 2027

President	Carrie Gagne
Vice President	Nora Dahl
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Treasurer	Alicia McQueen
Chaplain	Veronica Marfil-Keyes
Historian	Karen Stewart
Sgt-At-Arms	Genie Owens

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Betty Johnson
Pat Vanicek