

DECEMBER BULLETIN

What a great time at the Annual Golf Tournament!!! We made some money the weather was great, the food was tasty and the golf was..... well, golf is always golf. Thanks to everyone who participated and donated to the cause, it is GREATLY appreciated!!!!

Don't forget it is not too late to make an American Legion tax deductible donation for your 2016 tax return, please see me for a tax ID number receipt, every little bit helps keep our Veteran Organizations doors open and doing good for our members and the community. Santa at the Ship is being held on the 10th of December, for those of you that don't quite remember it is our way of giving a little Christmas to the children of our lower enlisted active duty members that have at least one parent, sometimes both, deployed overseas during the holidays. We have better than 200 kids and they get personally wrapped and tagged presents for the individual child so they feel special, given to them by Petee "They call me Santa" Moreno and his trusted Elf "Taco Eva" as they continue their on going mission to bring joy into the lives of children one bow at a time.

Jerri Thomason could use some volunteers to help her sort, wrap and tag presents for the event. She will be starting sometime December 5th, leave your name and number with the bartender and we will see she gets it.

We will be closed on Christmas and working holiday hours on Christmas Eve from 10:00AM till about 6:00PM so our volunteers are able to spend time with their families as well as get ready for their Christmas, otherwise the rest of the year is our regular schedule. We will be having our New Years Eve Karaoke Night in the Canteen with snacks and treats, hats and tiaras, along with bells and whistles being put out starting around 6:00pm and keeping them rolling as long as I can. We don't charge for people to come here on New Years Eve, I ask people for money and donations all year long so this is one of those days I try and say thank you for your help and support throughout the year. Someone asked why I don't have a New Years Eve Party upstairs, all I can say is for the meal people would want, and the decorations, along with the price of entertainment on that day I would have to charge \$30.00 or better per person and for that kind of money I would need a staff of people to give you what you deserve and I don't have that to offer, I wish I did, but after Christmas and the expense of living through the holidays now days, maybe a night to get out and have a few drinks without spending \$60.00 before your first beer isn't so bad.

Just so everyone is aware we are open on New Years Day to see the Bowl Games @ 10:00AM.

The VFW/MC Breakfast will be December 4th this month due to a club Christmas party the following week. Come enjoy some wonderful groceries as well as football in the Canteen. Now as I slide my soapbox back into the closet till next month, don't forget to take your vitamins, say your prayers and I'll see you around the corner.

Lenny