

## JANUARY BULLETIN

Here We Go... Another start to another year just got loaded into the chamber and is getting fired down range!!! So strap in and I'll try and start at an idle... Great Job once again on the Santa at the Ship!!! Everyone enjoyed themselves, volunteers did GREAT!!! & Vince (Our Santa) was SPECTACULAR!!!! Wonderful job for a good cause.

Mark it on your calendar, Trish's Super Bowl Sunday Party will be on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Canteen opens at noon with the game starting at 3:30pm. Food, drink specials and a 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter surprise raffle!!! As you may or may not notice, (since it is such a relatively insignificant amount) we had to raise prices on most drinks and groceries which most people will probably not even recognize the difference in their bill, I will be available for any explanations that someone may feel they need to discuss, for those 2 or 3 people who think they are tossing there brilliant pearls of wisdom around in response to this necessary step... please save your energy, your not funny, you are being ridiculous. Businesses need to adjust to price increases that are put on them in order to keep their doors open. I know this is only 2 or 3 people and I almost started a pool for who would be the first one to chime off but decided not to... Although several members started drawing up squares & pulling out money to wager on such a scenario. lol!!! {Glad to see there is no gambling problem here at your Veterans Club}... I appreciate the support we receive day in and day out here at your Veterans Club, Visitors always comment on all the organizations doing what seemed to be the impossible, and we are into year nine already!!! I would like to thank the bartenders who without them these doors do not open up. It isn't enough to find people who pour a drink, they need to be honest, dependable and have all around unquestionable integrity!!! There have been MANY posts go under do to bartenders not being stand-up, loyal, honest people... we have been exceptionally lucky in that regard, so to my bartenders that I have the pleasure of knowing and working with, on behalf of a grateful post, I would like to tell you something that is not told to you near enough... Thank You!!! Please show them the appreciation they deserve, most members are generous and tip appropriately, and then...well..... all I can ask of anyone is to tip like you do when you are at other places, don't develop a case of "Alligator Arms" when you are tipping out your own fellow volunteer members. It is just something I wanted to put out there for the new year.

And now it is time to give that afghan a tug and check out some movie suggestions for the New Year... "Vice" a modified documentary focusing on Dick Cheney, but lets you know how power hungry Washington D.C. is... It's Very interesting and will hold your attention for the most part. Then there is "Mary Poppins" nothing will replace the original, or Julie Andrews, although Emily Blunt does a very good job. With even a surprise scene with Dick Van Dyke (formerly known as Burt from the original) this is a well done film that will lower your blood pressure and have you feeling a little bit better then when you went in, give it a 118 minutes, you won't regret it, & then there is Clint Eastwood's "The Mule" this movie broke my heart!!! I never thought Clint would ever get old, I always picture him as Dirty Harry or the gunslinger with no name, not a man who stumbles with words and looks like he has difficulty even moving around but as usual he delivers an excellent performance. As for our movie ratings "Vice" slides in with 2 ½ popcorns, Mary Poppins tips the kettle at 3 ½ popcorns & "The Mule" hits 3 popcorns unless you are a Clint Eastwood fan, as I am, then it upsells from a medium to a large with 4 popcorns!!! Check out next months bulletin when we will feature our Oscar winning pics and a trick to help upgrade your movie experience and save you money on your snacks and treats.

Now as I slide my soapbox/movie seat back into the closet/upright position till next month, don't forget to take your vitamins, say your prayers and I'll see you around the corner and in the isles.