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COMMANDERS REPORT

Hello Everyone,

As most of you know Post #84 is now mortgage free as we burned the mortgage on November 5, 2016. The Mortgage Party was well attended and I've heard only positive remarks on the evening's festivities. This culminates a tremendous amount of work completed by the volunteers and staff that continue to book the events for the rental of the facility, provide the manpower to conduct the Chicken and Fish Feeds throughout the year, clean up the sometimes large mess following some of the rental events and arranging the Event Rooms for the next party or business meeting. It was great to see some of the Post members attend the event and meet some of our members that I had not had the privilege to meet but for this occasion.

By the time you receive this edition of the Bugle, we will have celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. May we always be vigilant in the future to the security of our Great Nation to prevent any such reoccurrence. We also need to make sure that the younger generations recognize the importance of the sacrifices made by our Veterans on that fateful day as well as in the days that followed. It is a sad note that the number of Veterans that served in this conflict are fast dwindling as aging takes its final toll on them.

Christmas has also passed by now but I would extend a belated Christmas Greeting to all of You. "Merry Christmas"....(Note: did not say Happy Holidays) It's sad as we continue to see our national politicians fold into having to be Politically Correct in their misguided efforts to please those that threaten our nation. May you all have a Happy New Year also. I'd like to remind any of you that have not paid your Legion dues to please do so ASAP. These membership dues are what allows the American Legion to continue to work at serving you and your fellow veterans.

To help keep all of us abreast of what is happening at Post #84, we have created a new Web Site that can be accessed at www.columbusamericanlegion.org Give it a try as we'll be keeping it updated in the future.

Ken Christensen
Commander

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BINGO

Come and enjoy a game of Bingo

Every Wednesday Night

Bonanza starts at 6:00

Regular games start at 7:00 pm

LEGION CHORUS

On Monday 12-12-2016 the Legion Chorus made our annual tour to the Norfolk Vets Home, to entertain them with Christmas Carols. Those in attendance were Luther Bakenhus, Ron Cattau, Ed Cerny, Stan Custor, Ralph Gors, Ron Graus, Gene Hegemann, Doug Johnson, Warren Korte, Rich Nosal, Ted Otte and our much appreciated Accompanist Darlene Ernesti. We were well received and a good time was had by all.

Ed Cerney

VETERANS DAY

Dave Oppliger our 2nd Vice Commander was in charge of organizing Veterans Day again this Year. It was held at Lakeview with Post #84 Honor Guard presenting the colors and the Legion Chorus singing. The speaker was Jeff Fortenberry. Ag Park was open at 11:00 am for the free Veterans Day meal. To support this program a total of 4900 one dollar tickets were To be sold. 1700 tickets were assigned to the Legion & VFW. The AmVets and DAV had 750 Tickets. Dave reported at the Dec 1st Ex meeting that it looks like we may have a profit or Carry over for next year of about \$1000. He thanked everyone for selling tickets and working on the chow line and helping with the raffle.

Chris Dixon, Adjutant

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Legion invited all children that are in the 1st to 5th grade to a Christmas party on Saturday the 17th of December. One of the activities at the party was to shell popcorn off the cob, then pop it and then pour marshmallows mixed with green jello over it to make green popcorn balls. The children could also talk to Santa along with other activities.

The sad news is that the weather did not cooperate and the event had to be cancelled.

ADJUTANT CORNER

Looking at paid members for November post meeting, I see 473 members have paid their dues for 2017. Looking at the number of members that attended the Post meeting I see 16. The Post needs 15 members to make a quorum. At the October Post meeting we had 424 Paid members but only 12 members in attendance so no quorum and no business could be conducted. We need a lot more new faces at our meetings if this Post is going to function as viable Post. The Post meeting is the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00. Put it on your calendar.

Chris Dixon, Adjutant

MORTGAGE BURNING CELEBRATION

A Mortgage Burning Celebration was held on Saturday the 5th of November at the American Legion Club. Free beer, well drinks and pop were served from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A free dinner was served at 5:00 p.m. Following the dinner the program started with the advancement of colors by the Honor Guard. Invocation was given by Chaplain Pastor Smith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Hartman Post Chorus sang the National Anthem. A welcome and introduction of Guests was given by Post #84 Commander Ken Christensen. The Highlight of the evening was the History of Hartman Post #84 and the burning of the mortgage by Club Manager Owen Lloyd. The program concluded with the Chorus singing God Bless America and the Benediction given by Pastor Smith. The Honor Guard then retired the colors.

There were approximately 275 Legion Members and wives attending the burning of the mortgage. Door prizes were given throughout the evening. Many members stayed to watch the Nebraska at Ohio State football game.

CLUB REPORT

Fish feeds will start February 24th and continue weekly through April 14th. Chicken feeds are held the last Tuesday of the month. We are always in need of volunteers to make these events a success. By volunteering you are not committed to work every feed. If you would like to join in on the fun and fellowship associated with these events please contact the Office 402-562-8484 or Owen at 402-563-4883. 2017 bookings for the Event Room are on the rise. The summer months are almost completely booked. We have several spring and fall dates available. Post #84 members receive a discount on event room bookings. Stop in the lounge for some friendly conversation and your favorite beverage. The lounge is open Monday through Saturday, 3pm to 9pm. Try your luck at keno or get a card game going. We would love to see you.

Owen Lloyd
Club Manager

VETERANS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The 6th annual Veterans Bowling Tournament will be held at Westbrook Lanes on March 11th & 12th, 19th & 20th, 25th & 26th. The tournament is open to the current members of the VFW, American Legion and Sons of the American Legion.

Entries close March 25th, 2017 and entries will be scheduled in order received. To make reservations call Westbrook Lanes. (402-563-3000). You can also pick up a bowling form at the bowling alley. For questions call Chris Dixon 402-564-5627 or e-mail

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Chris Dixon

