



# Ron Asby Post 304 News

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*“There is always one more thing we can do to make a difference!”*

## COMMANDER'S NOTES

COMMANDER BOB KOZORA



**Serving our  
Armed Forces Members**



Just where did this year go to? Here it is December and as we all prepare to celebrate Christmas, let's not forget to include in our prayers our members who will not be happily celebrating this year. First our prayers go out to John Dowdy on the loss of his wife, and then to Ed Jackson, whose wife is certainly in need of prayers. There are, unfortunately others, like Jim Smith who needs to be kept in our prayers as well. May our Almighty God bless and protect each of you and grant you peace!

November proved to be successful for the post and special thanks goes out to all of our volunteer members that worked hard to make the BBQ a success. Your efforts have not gone by without notice and because of those extra hours of service, we managed to see a \$1300.00 net income for the post.

As the year comes to a close, please consider renewing your memberships for the various families in our group. We certainly do not want to see you on the expired list. It is simple enough to do, you can stop by the post and renew at the bar, send your renewal in by mail or go to <https://www.legion.org/membershipmanagement> to renew on line. We need to bring our membership numbers up so please make that extra effort and get this little detail out of the way. To those who have already renewed, Thank You!

The Post will be closed on the 24th and 25th, allowing our volunteers to spend family time, as well as the 31st of December and the 1st of the New year. Take time to cherish those days with your loved ones and remember to thank all of those members who dedicate their time to make your post the home that it is.

Don't forget to check the calendar on the last page for meeting schedules and other events.

Thanks and God Bless!



## **BITS AND PIECES**

Auxiliary President Lynda Asby



November was a time to give thanks. To be thankful for all the family and friends that fill our lives. To give thanks to our veterans for serving our country and for all the things they continue to do to for other veterans, military and their families. The Auxiliary gives thanks to those who have sacrificed for our country by assisting in several ways with the Post and community.

I especially want to say thank you to the Auxiliary members who stepped up in a couple of ways. The Auxiliary greeted veterans and helped with name tags at the Veterans Day Lunch sponsored by the City of Kennesaw and the Post. The following weekend, the Auxiliary worked the serving line for the annual Post BBQ. It was a great time for socializing while serving and the food was delicious!

Now, it is December, and what is in store for this month? Many Auxiliary members and Legion members have already come out to help decorate the Post for Christmas. We are also in the process of sponsoring a veteran/military family for Christmas—stay tuned for further information! December 15<sup>th</sup> is Wreaths Across America. Several members of the Legion Family are participating either at Marietta National Cemetery or Georgia National Cemetery. If you would like to donate on behalf of the Auxiliary, go to <http://wreathscrossamerica.org/GA024>. You can support the Post with your presence throughout the holidays. Whether it is stopping by for a quick drink and chat with the wonderful bartenders and other Legion Family members or to come by for a quick bite to eat. Remember, the food is delicious and so reasonable!

We will not be meeting in December (watch for an announcement about the Post Christmas Party) but, be ready for January. Our first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Mark your calendar with the meeting and plan to attend. We would like your input and ideas for the Auxiliary for the 2019 year. We also will be discussing the Post Oratorical Contest and what we will be doing for it, which will be held on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Remember: If you have not paid your dues for 2019, please do so at the bar or at the meeting. Always keep up to date by checking out the website [post304.org](http://post304.org) and/or the Facebook page Members of LZ304. Plan to start the year out right by being involved with the Auxiliary!

Together we will continue in service, not self. Merry Christmas,  
Lynda

# The Adjutants Additions



Our paid-up membership for this Legion year stands at **339** at the end of November. If you have not already done so, we need you to complete your renewal as soon as possible. Remember there are 3 convenient ways to complete your renewal; online, US Mail, and in person at the Post.

## **The American Legion Preamble (Part 2)**

This month I am finishing the 2 part series on the meaning of the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution. Part 1 was in last month's newsletter. I hope you find these articles informative.

**"For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:**

**To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order;**

**to foster and perpetuate a 100-percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."**

Each of the 10 clauses of the Preamble, though brief, has a world of meaning. We will examine the last 3 this month, along with some additional information.

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER...**This is the introduction. It declares that The American Legion recognizes the influence of Almighty God in all worthwhile endeavors-and declares the allegiance of Legionnaires to both God and Nation. First things have been put first. All that follows is in conformity.

**TO PROMOTE PEACE AND GOOD WILL ON EARTH...**Until all the world becomes a good neighborhood, Legionnaires must continue the effort to promote peace and good will on earth. It is in pursuance of this founding ideal that The American Legion has supported from the beginning and seek to strengthen the United Nations organization. Obliquely, The American Legion also contributes to this ideal by firmly supporting a strong national defense to discourage breaking of the peace by aggressor.

**TO SAFEGUARD AND TRANSMIT TO POSTERITY THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY...**On this ideal of safeguarding and transmitting to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, all of the youth-training programs of The American Legion are built. All Americans can be proud that in our international relations we have tried to live by the golden rule, the mark of justice. We have granted to others, as we prize it ourselves, the great boon of freedom. Through the Monroe Doctrine, we call a halt to foreign imperialism in the Western Hemisphere. We gave freedom to the Philippines. These principles are part of the American heritage. Legionnaires are pledged to protect and preserve that heritage.

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**TO CONSECRATE AND SANCTIFY OUR COMRADESHIP BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS...**The last or 10th clause of our Preamble is the most important ideal expressed in our Preamble.

It marked a new concept in America—a concept that made The American Legion the greatest force for social betterment in all the history of the United States. Let us be factual and examine this.

At the close of World War I, America was just emerging from its lusty era of rugged individualism. It was an era when the individual hammered out his own destiny and progress with little or no help from the government. An honest facing of the facts brings out that American society was then a cold society insofar as any organized public hands of helpfulness were concerned. The individual who fell upon evil times was left to private charity which meant mostly the churches and the Salvation Army. There were no public resources or services to help the unfortunates.

When the veterans of World War I came marching home, they found the nation utterly unprepared to care for the combat casualties of the war. The wounded, the shell-shocked and the sick were lodged in poor houses, jails, asylums or what-have-you.

Veterans of World War I were much more closely knit than those of World War II. They trained in the same camps, fought on the one great front. Those who came home unscarred were appalled by the plight of their less fortunate comrades. They felt a concern for them and their dependents which was a new and dramatic action aspect to what the country had known as friendship. This concern formed the bond among the charter members of The American Legion and gave them a great and noble cause to fight for—the adequate care and protection of their disabled comrades and dependents, the war widows and orphans.

They faced a monumental task. Laws had to be drafted and enacted by the Congress to provide compensation for the war-handicapped, to build hospitals and to get protection for the widows and orphans upon whom the war had laid its heaviest and cruelest hand.

The American Legion wrote such laws, had them introduced in the Congress, went out over the land to arouse the conscience of the people of America and mobilize support for its legislative aims. It did both with a sacrificial fervor that overcame all obstacles.

The Congress enacted the laws, it provided the administrative machinery, it appropriated the funds, it built hospitals. Then to bring about a single responsibility for the carrying out of all veteran laws and to achieve a unification of these government services, The American Legion put through Congress the legislation to create the Veterans Bureau which has become the Veterans Administration of today. Over the years, a great network of government hospitals was built and a great structure of veteran legislation enacted which made the American veterans the best cared for on earth. The rehabilitation program of The American Legion for the World War I veteran brought about in its successful development a great awakening of social responsibility in America.

When the New Deal Program was being developed, the government planners took a look at what The American Legion, through its vast rehabilitation program, had done for the veteran of World War I and they decided to do the same thing for all American people.

So out of the rehabilitation brain child of The American Legion, there came the Social Security System with its retirement benefits and old age assistance programs for all the people. The planners took a look at The American Legion program of temporary emergency aid to needy children of veterans and there was born—with the support of Legionnaires—the state and federal program of aid to dependent children—all children.

This is how we can hail The American Legion today as an unparalleled force in these United States for social betterment. American Legion concepts and its ideal of devotion to mutual helpfulness warmed up the whole social climate of America. Today, America is extending its helpful hands all over the world through our assistance programs of foreign aid.

It all came about because the veterans of World War I came home enriched with wonderful ties of friendship and gave those ties a meaning by consecrating them to the ideal of mutual helpfulness.

The American Legion Preamble has been the beacon light of The American Legion for more than 90 years. It has been amended only once in all that time. That amendment consisted of adding the letter "S" to the word "war." It makes the Preamble read today "Great Wars," so as to embrace all wars.

## Notes from our Jr. Vice Commander of Programs



Hello to All. Well, another successful barbeque is in the books, with net revenue of \$1300.00. Many thanks to Dave Sibley and his band of merry men for all their hard work. By all accounts, probably the best tasting “Q” to date (and Henry’s Peach Cobbler wasn’t bad either.....)

Wreaths Across America is still up and running and the last unofficial tally I have (to date) is just a bit north of \$2,000. We’ll be placing all of the wreaths at the Marietta Cemetery this year so volunteers will be appreciated. More details will follow.

The first organizational meeting for the upcoming Casino Night was held this past week. We’ve decided to begin selling tickets December 15<sup>th</sup>. We expect to sell out and sell out quickly based on the feedback we got from last year’s attendees. As always, we can use volunteers to help solicit raffle prizes, silent auction items, and donors. You can contact me at [jkimmich@aol.com](mailto:jkimmich@aol.com) or 770-337-0723 if you want to help.

I hope everyone has a safe, blessed, and very Merry Christmas.

For the good of the Post,

Jack Kimmich

Jr. Vice-Commander, Programs



"This guy  
plays some  
great Blues!"  
— Les Paul —

# ROGER HURRICANE WILSON

APPEARING LIVE!

*American Legion #304*

**Friday—December 7th & 21st—6 to 9 PM**

*Our foodbank donations are back. At the end of each month we will be taking our donations to a local food bank. Please give what you can ... stop by and drop off your donations.... to each monthly meeting make it a priority to bring non-perishable items ... each time you come bring a can of food so that others may eat.*



*For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore, I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'*

[Deuteronomy 15:11](#)

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## **December Birthday's**

Make sure you wish them the best!

- 1—Robert Barbin Sr
- 2—George Pasino
- 4—Thomas Downey Jr
- 5—Charles Hyndman and Michael Lefevre
- 6—Edward Steudel
- 8—Donald Reynolds
- 10—Keith Jackson
- 11—Jerry Brown and Glen Lyons
- 12—Todd Wilson
- 13—George Conrad
- 15—Robert Bozich
- 17—John Finch
- 18—Ezra Brown Jr and Shawn Emery
- 19—Laird Davis and Preston Rainey
- 20—Charles Polk III
- 21—Thomas Hanson and Buddy Inlow
- 22—Richard Grove
- 24—Donald Densmore and Rodney Kresge
- 25—Vito Demalteris
- 29—Richard Utstein and Bruce Simmers
- 30—Peter Allor

*If we missed your Birthday, please let us know so we can update our list.*



Kiwanis Club Meeting is every Wednesday at 11 AM

ABA Morning Jolt Every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 AM

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Lions Club Meeting		ALR Meeting	Roger "Hurricane" Wilson 6 PM	SAL Blood Drive
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		SAL Meeting				Malt Tasting
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Lions Club Meeting	Auxiliary Meeting	E-Board Meeting	General Meeting	Roger "Hurricane" Wilson 6 PM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Christmas				
	POST CLOSED	POST CLOSED				
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		New Year's Day				
	POST CLOSED					