



NO

pancake
breakfast



OR



**until
January!**

Happy Holidays!

Commander's Message



On behalf of Post 52's officers and committee chairs, I'd like to wish all of our Legion Family members a very happy holiday season. Please feel free to contact one of us if there is anything going on in your life that you need help with — that's what we're here for.

There are lots of Veterans Day events going on in November -- see inside and make plans to participate! Join us for Thanksgiving dinner and our annual Christmas party if you can -- details below -- and remember the reason for the season. Support local charities if you have the means to do so, and keep praying for our troops.

For God & Country,

Jerry Landreth, Post 52 Commander
870-321-7368



IN REMEMBRANCE

Unit 52's first "In Remembrance" ceremony will take place on Sunday, November 10, at 1:00 pm at Post 52 in Mountain Home.

Join us to honor the memory of Veterans who have passed away, either during or after their years of service. Guest speaker will be Dan Hall, Marine Corps Veteran and current commander of DAV Chapter 30 in Mountain Home. He is also a long-time member of Post 52.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Nov 28

1 pm - ?



THANKSGIVING DINNER AT POST 52

FOR MEMBERS, VETERANS WITHOUT FAMILY IN THE AREA, & GUESTS

UNIT 52 WILL PROVIDE THE TURKEY, SIDE DISHES & DESSERTS WELCOME

NO CHARGE

RSVP ASAP TO 704-495-1449 OR
ALAUNIT52AR@GMAIL.COM



Saturday, December 7, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
Jamie's, 1502 Hwy 62 East, MH

NOVEMBER 4 is LAST DAY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Discreet BYOB / Gift from Post 52 for those in attendance
"White Elephant" exchange (\$25 max., participation voluntary)

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families

Dear Unit 52 Members:

I hope everyone has made some plans for the holidays. However, if you find yourself not having plans, please join us for a Thanksgiving dinner at the Post on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th at 1:00. We will provide the turkey and if you feel like bringing a side dish or dessert, that would be welcomed. Please R.S.V.P. as soon as you decide (including number of people attending) to any member of the E-Board so we can be sure to have enough for everyone.

I made my promised calls to local Auxiliary members. I had to leave a message for many of you to please give a call back. Your opinions, questions, and input are very important to me. Please take a few minutes to call me at 870 707-0111 if you haven't already. I plan to present a list of what was told to me to the E-Board so we can move forward in improving our Unit. Please remember, your name will remain confidential.

Our Unit depends on communication; however, the only way we can do that is by you as a member, keeping us up to date on your phone number, email and home address, as well as letting us know what we can do to help. There are currently 58 paid members and at some point, we all will need help. Let's make communication a priority for Unit 52. If you haven't seen or heard from a member, please give them a call or check on them. I personally do not know all the members; however, you are important to me. We are a Unit family and as such, we need to watch out for each other.

I would love to see you and meet you at our next and last general meeting of the year, November 4th at 6:30 PM. Come get reacquainted with Alley-White American Legion Auxiliary Unit 52.

Have a safe and happy holidays to all of you.

Karen Mikulewicz, President Alley-White American Legion Auxiliary Unit 52
870-707-0111 / daycaremom_1@hotmail.com

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

The latest round of renewal notices from National HQ has been mailed out, and so far we've received dues from 58 members! Our goal for 2024 was 86, and we ended the year with 87, or 101.16%! Assuming that our 2025 goal is 1 or 2 more than last year, we are sitting at approximately 65% already! Thank you all for becoming members of the Early Bird Club!

EVERYONE who pays their dues by October 31 gets to join the club, too! One lucky member's name will be drawn at this year's Christmas party. The winner receives next year's dues paid for by the Unit (currently a \$40 value)! You can renew by check via snail-mail, with check or cash in person, or by credit/debit card through the national ALA website: alaforveterans.org (click on the "Renew" link and follow instructions).

Suzan Kaye, 1st Vice President / Membership Chair
870-321-0520 / alaunit52ar@gmail.com



As Sgt-at-Arms for the Auxiliary, I'd like to invite you to come out on November 11 to the Veteran's Day celebration at the Plaza 2000 (aka Veteran's Plaza) on the square in downtown Mountain Home. The Auxiliary's flags will be presented this year by Karen Mikulewicz and myself, Jamie Barreda. Hope to see you there.

Good day everyone. With the year winding down, or speeding up, whichever it is for you, it's time to close our kitchen for our Monday Night Dinners until January 2025. It has been a fun-filled year, and a lot of work, but well worth it.



This year we have been able to add just over \$6,000 in sales proceeds to our Girls State Fund. These earnings came from the Auxiliary's portion of the Legion's pancake breakfasts and our Monday Night dinners. This will enable us to send as many as 20(!!!) girls to Girls State next spring.

I want to thank each one of you who helped us have a successful year. We could not have done it without you.

If you have any ideas that you would like us to include in our dinner selections for the new year, please let me know. We will start planning our menus in the next month or so, and all suggestions will be taken into consideration.

Thank you again and have a great Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Hope to see you all at the Christmas party on December 7.

Debbye Barreda, 2nd Vice President
debbye_barreda@yahoo.com / 704-495-1449

4th Annual Veterans' Christmas Store

Setup: December 9 & 10
Open: December 11 thru 14
Hours: 10 am until 2 pm
Volunteers welcome!



NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF
new and like-new gift items of all kinds for all ages, infant through adult (i.e., toys & games, books, puzzles, seasonal clothing & décor, jewelry, handmade afghans, etc.)



PANTRY AT THE POST

Open Saturday mornings
From 9:00-11:00

For Veterans and Military
Families in need of food

Donations of nonperishable food
always welcome!



Happy holidays!

It is that time of year again when we plan gifts for our families and charitable donations. As Chairperson for the Auxiliary's Children & Youth committee, I would like to invite you to think about making hats, toys, and small blankets for infants and children so we can donate them in January to various organizations, including the hospital and police stations.

I have a great book for knitting animals and we also have great resources for making various items. If you are not creative or no longer able to do crafting, we are always looking for donations of yarn and fabric (especially children's and patriotic prints).

If you would like to learn a simple way to make hats, join us at the Crafting Club on Tuesdays 10-3 and we can show you as well as provide you with the necessary materials.

Have a great holiday season and hope to see you soon.

Karen Mikulewicz, Chairman
870-707-0111 / daycaremom_1@hotmail.com

BEST CHOICE BARCODES ARE DUE!

If you've been saving Best Choice barcodes for us, now is the time to turn them in! We redeem them for cash every December, and use these funds to help work our Auxiliary programs.

Please take a few minutes to gather your barcodes and bring them in anytime the building is open. Deadline is December 15.

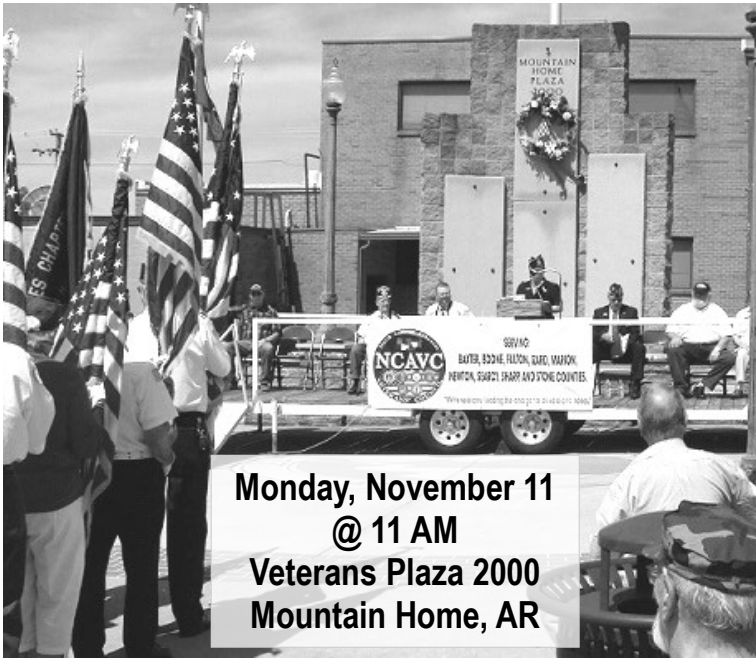
MaryAnn Sladek, Community Service Chairman



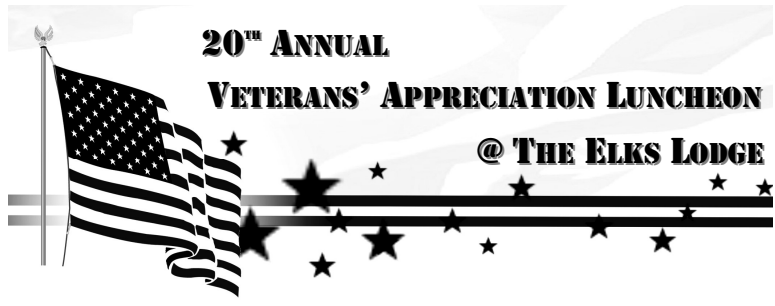
**CARE PACKAGE BOX-
UP 1ST SATURDAY OF
THE MONTH, 9 AM**



**Please save your
Town & Country
receipts for us
thru March 1**



Monday, November 11
@ 11 AM
Veterans Plaza 2000
Mountain Home, AR



**20th ANNUAL
VETERANS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
@ THE ELKS LODGE**

Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 11 am till 2 pm
at The Elks Lodge, Highway 62 East at Club Boulevard

Free to all Veterans & their spouses, all others \$5.

BRATS ☆ BEER ☆ CHILI ☆ MUSIC



**FREEDOM
IS NOT
FREE**

The annual "Freedom is Not Free" program presented by the Mountain Home Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) is scheduled for 0800 on Monday, November 11, 2024. The event will take place at Dunbar Auditorium on the campus of Mountain Home High School, 500 Bomber Blvd., Mountain Home. All Veterans and patriotic citizens are invited!



**Veteran's Day
Celebration**

Saturday, November 16th
11:00 to 2:00

At The Baxter County Fairground

Hackler 4th and 5th Grade EAST Students would like to invite our Veterans and their families to join us. There will be food, entertainment and fellowship partnered with area organizations that offers Veterans support.

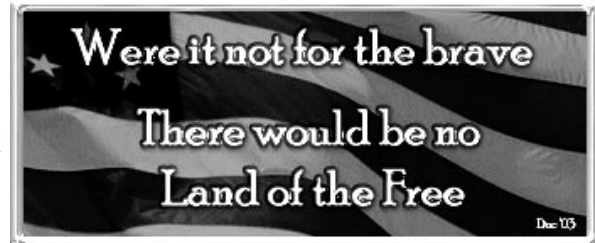
The first 300 Veteran's will receive a small appreciation gift.



**VETERANS
DAY**

Honoring All Who Served

THANK YOU
SERVING OUR COUNTRY
PROTECTING OUR FREEDOMS



VETERANS DAY





HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

For years, the city of Branson, Missouri, has dedicated an entire week to the celebration of Veterans Day — from special musical tributes at local theaters to reunions to remembrance ceremonies, to a grand parade, and more! See the two websites below for more information about this year's Branson's Veterans Week (November 5-11).

www.branson.com/branson-holidays/veterans/

www.explorebranson.com/veterans

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1ST SATURDAYS CARE PACKAGE BOX-UP 9:00 AM	HALL RENTALS (870)424-6277 LEAVE MESSAGE IF NO ANSWER				1	2 <u>Public</u> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
3 <u>Leg / Aux</u> Dist 2 Mtg, 2 PM Diamond City	4 <u>Leg / Aux</u> Potluck 5:00 pm Meetings 6:30 pm	5 <u>Public</u> Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm	6	7	8	9 <u>Public</u> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
10 <u>Public</u> In Remembrance 1:00 pm		12 <u>Public</u> Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm	13	14	15	16 <u>Public</u> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
17	18	19 <u>Public</u> Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm	20	21 <u>Legion</u> Board meeting 9:00 am	22 <u>Service Sisters</u> Back 40 - 12 noon	23 <u>Public</u> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
24	25	26 <u>Public</u> Craft Time 10a-3p Aux Board Mtg 1p	27		29	30 <u>Public</u> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry Closed

SEE PAGE 4 FOR VETERANS DAY EVENTS!

On Thanksgiving—and every day—there is always, always, always something to be grateful for!

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <u>Public</u> Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm	4	5	6	7 <u>Public</u> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
8	9	10 <u>Public</u> Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm	11	12 <u>Service Sisters</u> Christmas Party Rabbit Hole - 6 pm	13	14 <u>Public</u> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
15	16	17 <u>Public</u> Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm	18 <u>Public</u> Red Cross Blood Drive, 10a-2p	19 <u>Legion</u> Board meeting 9:00 am	20 <u>Service Sisters</u> Big Creek - 12 noon	21 <u>Public</u> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
22	23	24 <u>Public</u> Craft Time 10a-3p Aux Board Mtg 1p		26	27	28 <u>Public</u> Breakfast 7:30-11 Vets Pantry 9-11
29	30	31 <u>Public</u> Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm			1ST SATURDAYS CARE PACKAGE BOX-UP 9:00 AM	HALL RENTALS (870)424-6277 LEAVE MESSAGE IF NO ANSWER



Veterans Christmas Store

*Setup December 9 & 10
Open December 11-14*

**Saturday, December 7 @ Jamie's
Deadline to sign up - NOVEMBER 4**

CHRISTMAS PARTY



The American Legion Family



REMINDER TO ALL POST/UNIT MEMBERS:

YOUR 2025 DUES ARE DUE!

Every one of us is expected to pay dues in advance ... if you wait until "next year," you're already delinquent. The sooner you renew, the sooner the notices will stop showing up in your mailbox.

Legion dues are \$50. Auxiliary dues are now \$40 for ages 18+ and \$10 for ages 17 and under.

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

WARNING ~ WARNING ~ WARNING

For members who still owe for 2025, PLEASE PAY by December 31, 2024, to avoid the following: (1) becoming DELINQUENT on January 1, 2025; (2) losing CONTINUOUS YEARS and restarting on Year 1 on the 2026 cards; or (3) receiving another RENEWAL NOTICE for 2025.

AVOID the Christmas mail snafu! Please DO NOT wait until the very last minute!

Thanks to the 183 members who paid their 2025 dues so far (as of 10/17)! Anyone paying close to deadline on a renewal notice or missed the deadline will perhaps see another renewal notice.

There are several ways to pay dues: ONLINE (make sure it's POST 52 & not POST 1000), BY MAIL, IN PERSON, DROP-OFF BOX at our front door or by calling National.

EACH MEMBER (no matter what their level of participation) lets THIS POST continue to help Veterans and their families. Our membership numbers nationwide make an impact when The American Legion speaks before Congress!

Please check the back of your renewal notice. Fill out any blank information, provide corrections to addresses, telephone #s, email addresses, etc. Email is needed because Post minutes are sent out before every general meeting thus shortening the meeting time of being read out loud. A few paper copies will be available at the monthly meeting for those who do not have an email account.

PLEASE inform me of ADDRESS CHANGES to prevent return postage fee of "THE BUGLE" and make sure your family and caregivers know how to contact us. I can update various areas of your membership profile online.

Contact me about your membership status, or with questions. Any non-membership questions, I will do my best to answer or direct you to the right person! Cell: (870) 405-0047 anytime (leave a message, if no answer), or email alleywhitepost52@yahoo.com or bair.vicky77@yahoo.com

Post 52 Adjutant, Vicky Bair



Children & Youth

Post 52

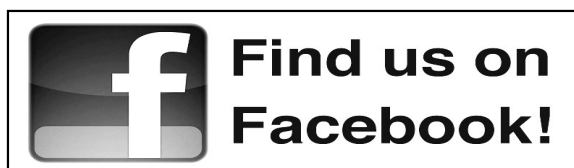


For the last several years, guidance counselors at the various Mountain Home schools have maintained a program where children in need can participate in a Christmas gift program. Members of the community who ask to participate will receive a note with the gender and age of the student, as well as some gift suggestions. The unwrapped gifts are turned in to the school guidance offices by a certain date, and then are wrapped and distributed to the child in time for Christmas. For some students, this may be the first Christmas gift they have received in literally years.

Organizing, wrapping, and passing out the gifts is an "all hands" exercise, surely well beyond what the guidance counselors thought they were signing up for when they accepted a job in the guidance office. And so, this year we have begun exploring how Legion and Auxiliary volunteers might best support this program.

The counselors tell me that they would rather keep the donated items on school grounds, but they love the idea of having community assistance to wrap and sort the gifts. The program is just getting started for Christmas 2024, but they will be contacting us with ideas for how we can help (once they have the basics of this year's program sorted out.) And so, it may be too early to say much yet, but please stay tuned for updates!

Jami Huisjen Scott, Post 52 Children and Youth Chairman / 920-980-8054



Honor Guard Report

The Post 52 Honor Guard has conducted seven honor ceremonies since the last report. There are currently 19 active volunteers on the roster, but due to work schedules, health issues or other restrictions it is difficult to muster even three rifles, a chaplain and a bugle-player for each detail. We have plenty of uniforms available if you would like to join us in this very worthwhile endeavor. No previous experience is necessary – we will train you! Please contact me if you are interested.

Frank Kaye / 870-404-5462 / fkaye53@live.com

VSO REPORT

I'd like to wish the following Legion Family members a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** in the month of November: Legion members DORCE BARNES, GORDON BARTON, EUGENE BILL, WILLIAM BLAYLOCK, DALE BOYD, JERRY BROWN, AMY COOPER, JACKIE EDMONDS, MICHEAL JENSEN, GARRY KINGSLAND, WILLIAM MACKAY, JIM MANDOCK, SAMUEL MCMASTER, FREDERICK MILLER, JERRY MORGAN, BRENDA POTTS, ROBERT RENFORTH, EZRA ROBERTS, DAVID ROTTMAYER, RICHARD SARTO, DAVID SATTERWHITE, and DANA WATTERSON! Also Auxiliary members DORCE BARNES (DUAL MEMBER), ZOEY KAYE, BRENDA POTTS (DUAL MEMBER) and SARA SKOOT!

AND in the month of December, Legion members ROBERT DEANGELIS, OSCAR LARSON, MICHAEL LISLE, DOUG MACPHERSON, JOHN MEDLEY, EDITH MITCHELL, ROBERTA SCHAPER, KENNETH URBAN, THOMAS WHEELER, MICHAEL WILCOX, TERRY WILSON, and JOE YOUNG! Also Auxiliary members DEBRA BARREDA, DOLORES CRAWFORD, PAMELA FRANKLIN, JOYCE GRAHAM, and KEVIN JOHNSON (DUAL MEMBER)!

Frank Kaye, Veteran Service Officer
870-404-5462 / fkaye53@live.com

For those members who attend various functions at the Post, you're aware of the two large historical/military memorabilia donations we received earlier this year. Currently, we are at the point where we cannot accept any more donations at this time. This is due to lack of space in the Legion Hall.

At the last E-board meeting I made a motion to research purchasing a shipping container to be placed on our grounds to alleviate this situation. The motion passed unanimously. Now comes the fun part, dealing with city ordinances and the funding for said unit.

Historically Speaking



AMERICANISM REPORT

It is time again to encourage YOUNG students (9th thru 12th grade) to participate in the 2025 Oratorical Speech Contest, starting with the Post contest in January (date to be determined). If you know of any local student who might be interested, please contact me at the number listed below.

Frank Kaye, Americanism Chairman
870-404-5462 / fkaye53@live.com

Chaplain's Corner

Some quotes for this special time of year:

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." – Aesop

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." – Mark Twain

"The greatest gift you can give someone is your time because when you give your time, you are giving a portion of your life that you will never get back." – Unknown

"No one has ever become poor by giving." – Anne Frank

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." – Ronald Reagan



Michael Nighbert, Post 52 Chaplain

The purchase can only be made if we meet the city's requirements for a storage building. More to come on this matter.

Meanwhile, enjoy the upcoming holiday season. Possibly reach out to your fellow vets to see if they are in need. You'll both be glad you did!

Alley-White American Legion Post #52 –
Making history one function at a time!

Bob Renforth / Post 52 Historian
Ren4th57@gmail.com





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COMING UP IN NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2024

★ GENERAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 4 @ 6:30 PM, POTLUCK @ 5:00

FRIED CHICKEN — BRING SIDES OR DESSERTS & YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE

★ NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER

★ CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 (SEE PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS)

★ SATURDAYS: COFFEE SOCIALS FROM 9-10:30 AM / PANTRY AT THE POST 9-11 AM

★ TUESDAYS: CRAFT TIME FROM 10 AM - 3 PM (EVERYONE WELCOME!)

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	Robert Renforth	623-451-2160
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(appointed)		
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