

Our Lady of Peace Post 1947
Las Vegas, NV



Newsletter
January, February, March
2017

Thomas Mullaney,
Commander

Commander's Corner

Now let's see if we can all come together healthy, wealthy and wise. So far, I have struck out on all counts. We were off to a shaky start having several officers under the weather, others moving out of state, others have resigned and one or two have stepped up. I hope and pray we can move forward and accomplish our mission helping veterans and others in our community in every way possible, especially those veterans at risk.

Our food bank is running smoothly and more efficiently under the direction of our Welfare Officer, Jack Stevens. We lost our long-time Officer of the Day, Bill Zinnel who moved to Massachusetts to help his ailing adult daughter and his grandchild. Dan Ayala has stepped up to assume the duties of OD. Our Judge Advocate had to submit his resignation due to conflict in scheduling.

As we move into the New Year, let us give thanks for all that we have and how fortunate we are to have each other and this great legacy given to us by the founder of Our Lady of Peace Post 1947.

God bless,
Tom

President's Ponderings

Happy New Year to you all! With the excitement of the holidays becoming a memory, we can begin the New Year focusing on our favorite projects and make 2017 a great year.

Coupons are appreciated by our overseas members and we can use all manufacturers' coupons you bring to our meetings. Also, those cancelled stamps neatly trimmed help wounded veterans, any you have ready will be sent to the project for them. Box tops for education and soda can tabs are also collected at any of our meetings meeting. Lastly I want to mention used cards (from Christmas or birthdays or just greetings) are taken to St. Jude's Children's home for them to re-purpose. The one exception is Hallmark or other name brand, cannot be reused by the Home.

May we thank our Lord for the blessings of 2016, and look forward to the adventures of 2017, always knowing God is surrounding and protecting us through each day.

May God bless you,

Denise

Making a Difference!!

This is my first column as Adjutant. I hope that all of you had a Safe and Blessed Christmas and the New Year brings you much happiness.

During the past years since our founding, we have earned the reputation for providing a variety of services to our veterans and their families. We have many success stories where through our programs we have been able to get people off the streets and back into society. There are many others that we prevented from becoming homeless. This was accomplished through our Welfare Program which provided financial assistance and food and continues to do so. During November and December the Welfare Program has assisted over 150 individuals and families with food and other financial assistance.

We received many a 'Thank You' and people thanking God for our help. I have covered this many times in the past, however, there is one area I failed to talk about. I have received numerous comments from our membership on how our Post and Auxiliary has changed their lives and that it has opened up friendships and many positive experiences.

My wife and I received many comments about our retiring. We plan to continue to be active in our Church and will continue to participate in CWV activities in the future. We get energy from those we work with and those we provide assistance to.

There is so much negative in this world and we have found through our local organization many, many life changing experiences for our clients and members. My hope is that for the New Year you grasp on the positive and eliminate the negative.

God bless. Hope to see you in January.

Jim

Post Adjutant

2016 - 2017 Officers of Post 1947 and Auxiliary

Tom Mullalley	-	Commander	Denise Myatt	-	President
Dennis DeGree	-	1 st Vice Commander	Victoria Gardner	-	1 st Vice President
Joe Hardin	-	2 nd Vice Commander	Merly Malimban	-	2 nd Vice President
John Falzarano	-	3 rd Vice Commander	Judy Pugmire	-	3 rd Vice President
Jim McCawley	-	Adjutant	Marce Sheets	-	Treasurer
Stephen Haupt	-	Judge Advocate	Jean Lacy	-	Ritual Officer
Thomas Moran	-	Treasurer	Mary Ann Brennan	-	1 yr. Trustee
Jack Stevens	-	Welfare Officer	Dolores Robles	-	2 yr. Trustee
William Zinnel	-	Officer of the Day	Madeline Reed	-	3 yr. Trustee
Ernest Robles	-	1 yr. Trustee	Sandy Lucchesi	-	Secretary
Paul Brenner	-	2 yr. Trustee			
Doug Lau	-	3 yr. Trustee			
Tony Lucchesi	-	Quartermaster			
Doug Lau	-	Honor Guard Commander			

To the Members of the Catholic War Veterans and Women's Auxiliary, Post 1947

A blessed Christmas and Epiphany Season and a prayer for God's continued blessings upon members of the CWV in Las Vegas and Nationwide. I have always been proud of all the work you and auxiliary has done with faith and humility. Working with the virtues of faith and humility is truly walking in the footsteps of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It's the presence of these two virtues integrated into your labors of love that truly separate God and Countries real heroes from the want-to-be's. You continue the tradition of God and Country, of keeping your torches high above your heads, of casting forth the light of hope upon the wounded, the widowed, and the orphans. The recent commendations at Pearl Harbor on the 75th anniversary of the attack and the beginning of our direct involvement in WWII, brings back to someone like myself a great rush of pain and pride over the deaths of thousands of sailors, soldiers, marines, airmen, and civilians: the one thousand something on the Battleship Arizona alone, and the countless wounded. The beginning of the millions of men and women entering into the titanic struggle in saving the very foundations of our Democracy. All accomplished by the men and women who for the most part served with integrity, courage, faith, and humility. They stand in silent witness to the aforementioned virtues from the day they died until the final judgment day. Known for whom they really are only by their families, the buddies and names inscribed in marble, bronze, concrete, or wood for the mourner or passerby to read and observe. For the most part they are anonymous and known only to God. They stand in silent tribute to the ideals put by pen onto paper that offered a new and better form of government in comparison to any form of government that existed prior to 1776. Any form ever to come from the heart and minds of men and women who dream and bring those dreams to fruition. A form of government espousing such ideals as free speech, free exercise of religion, private property and voting by secret ballot. Before the foundation of our United States of America, this form of self-determination was unheard of and an affront to those bearing titles of entitlement demanding servitude of the poor and/or less educated. And up to a point in our own country, the right of some to own others. It was up to the common man who dared dream these dreams to stand tall, bear arms and be ready and willing to die for what they espoused in thought and action, from the time they were ratified to the day Gabriel blows his horn.

2017 will bring renewed hope, but that will be continually challenged by the selfish either in groups or acting alone, to the detriment of all. In my opinion we will seldom enjoy a time without war somewhere in the world. And as a world power the US will be somehow asked for counsel, manpower, weapons or all of the above. And so as a New Year's plea, I pray for myself to remain a man of God and prayer, and I pray that you will likewise make being a woman or man of God a priority. Not something to be parked in the closet from Sunday to Saturday: but for you to have a faith system totally integrated into the fibers of your being. Such a person, I pray, you will be, believing that everything we have in terms of intelligence, health, and the good fortunes of this life, are ALL GIFTS from God. And like the gospel story of the servants given money (talents) while the King went to a far country, upon his return will show an accounting of the money, that tells the king, he was a wise and prudent servant.

Live a faith life and humility! Live a life of gratitude and sing with me: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him you heavenly host. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. God bless you and yours and God bless America. I am leaving the active roster of Clergy at SJHOM beginning 1 January 2017. But I will be around to assist. And I will assist you until you find a new Chaplain. Thank you for the beautiful pen in the rosewood box with the personalized name plate. It's been a rare privilege to serve you as a chaplain. I will consider myself an active member always.

Vaya con Dios,

Fr. Tom G.

On the 17th of December 2017, Tom Mullalley, Tom Moran, Judy Pugmire and our driver, Liz Bamberg, left for the Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Boulder City to place wreaths on the graves of our veterans.

We attended the ceremony in the chapel prior to laying wreaths on the graves. The chapel was packed with standing room only, the estimated crowd was between 400 and 500 people. They did announce that attendance had increased tremendously over the past few years.

Dispensing of the wreaths was very organized, many people were available to help place the wreaths on the graves. It was a beautiful and memorable day!

A big thank you to Jimmy Lavery who helped raise over \$500.00 from the patrons of the Tap House for wreaths. He also arranged transportation and bought us breakfast on our return. Also, a big than you to Liz Bamberg, our driver, and Kate Timmers who helped in placing the wreaths.

If you like good food, especially Italian, patronize the Tap House at 5589 Charleston Blvd.

Judy Pugmire
3rd Vice President



On October 29, 2016, the Post and Auxiliary attended the All Saints Halloween Celebration from 10 AM to 3 PM, at St. Joseph Husband of Mary Catholic Church Hall. John Falzarano, 3rd Vice Commander of the Post and Judy Pugmire, 3rd Vice President of the Auxiliary attended with two great assistants: Jean Lacy and Merly Malimban.

Children purchased tickets at the door to play various table games. The games were named after Saints. Our Saint was St. Sebastian. Our table game was a bow, arrows and target game. After the children finished the game they chose a gift. There were many gifts to choose from including rosaries, bookmarks, pencils, and coloring books. This year attendance was down. Only 35 children visited our table. Last year we had over 100 visit our area. There was also a magic show and gentleman there with his two birds of prey, a condor and an eagle. Both birds were from South America. A very interesting program.

We had a few inquiries about the Catholic War Veterans and the work that we do within the community. Our table was very visible with the flags and bright table cloth.



Respectfully submitted,

Judy Pugmire

Third Vice President

COME JOIN US

January 10

February 14

March 14

Business Meeting @ 5:30 PM

Refreshments @ 6:15 PM

General Meeting at 7:00 PM

Location:

Our Lady of Wisdom Byzantine Catholic
Church
2120 Lindell

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1 – New Year's Day

March 16 – MLK holiday

February 2 – Groundhog Day

February 12 – A. Lincoln Birthday

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 20 – President's Day

February 22 – G. Washington Birthday

March 1 – Ash Wednesday

March 12 – Daylight Savings Time begins

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

March 20 – Spring Begins

Happy Birthday!!

POST

January

Stephen Haupt 1/1
 Leonard Balceerzek 1/5
 Charles Carman III 1/11
 Ronald Wiedmyer 1/13
 Thomas Coloma Jr. 1/16

February

Rev. Joseph Anthony 2/2
 Joe Tasby 2/3
 Billie Wilson 2/6
 Robert Garcia 2/8
 Sue Lowden 2/8
 John Falzarano 2/9
 Edgar Smith 2/9
 Michael Clemenson 2/10
 William Olds 2/13
 John Rinker 2/14
 Fr. Stephen Casmus 2/22

March

Michael Stevenson Jr. 3/1
 Rev. Gerard McNulty 3/4
 Thomas Moran 3/4
 William Allen 3/5
 Gary Hosea 3/15
 Ernest Robles 3/5
 Gerald Mackin 3/7
 Adrian Clyne 3/11
 John Franzson 3/16
 Joseph Cunningham 3/21
 Ken Mack 3/29
 Joe Hardin 3/30

AUXILIARY

January

Sallie Quinn 1/18
 Patricia Graham 1/29
 Agnes Roybal 1/31

February

Patricia Hardin 2/2
 Victoria Gardner 2/23

March

Sandra Lucchesi 3/13
 Pamela Perrella 3/16
 Elizabeth Grillo 3/24
 Grace C.E. Moran 3/25
 Maria H.G. Moran 3/25
 Angela Murphy 3/25
 Pearl Chesnaky 3/29
 Camille Mason 3/30