# HAMBURG TOWNSHIP POST 1419

# POST SENTINEL

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# COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

The holiday season is upon us and the end of the year...what a quick year it was. We will close out the year with a couple of events at the Post.

Wreaths Across America was on Saturday, 14 th of December. The event was held at Lakeside Cemetery Field of Valor and our Honor Guard performed a brief ceremony before assisting with laying the wreaths.

Stop on in on 31 December to ring in 2025. We will have our New Year's Eve party from 9:00 p.m.-? . There will be Karaoke and bring a dish to pass. There will be a champagne toast at midnight.

On Friday, 10 th of January, all are welcome to listen to Major Thirds band from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Stop by prior for a Fish Fry and stay and listen to a great band.

Welcome to our newest Post member, David Sargeant who retired from the United States Air Force, serving both in Iraq and Afghanistan.

May all who celebrate feel the warmth of Christmas and have a Happy and safe New Year!

In Comradeship,

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NEXT BAR TENDER MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM ON:

February 8th May 10th August 9th



# **VFW AUXILIARY**

I really don't have a lot to share this month. With the Holidays upon us and some remodeling in our home, I've been distracted at best.

If you have not paid your dues, and they are not paid by the end of the year, you will be dropped from our Membership Roll.

I wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I have nothing else except WEAR RED ON FRIDAYS!!!

Katy Blaszkiewicz-President

Although it's been said many times, many ways, Merry Christmas to you.

# **HONOR GUARD**

December 18....Where did the year go? Hope everyone is well and getting ready for the holiday season.

Just a couple of things to cover this month so I'll get right to it. This past Saturday the 14th of December we assisted at Lakeside cemetery, the Field Of Valor, in wreaths across America. The ceremony kicked off at 12:00 PM. Everyone was welcome and some of us were also allowed to participate in laying the wreaths of our deceased members. I was told each year it gets bigger which is awesome that people would give their time to come and help out. Hope to see you next year.

Well to end my letter I would like to thank everyone for your support this year to our group. As always we are here for each and everyone of you when needed. I'm sure we will have another get together this year so keep an eye out for the announcement.

That's all I have for now so I'll be signing off. God Bless America, our Troops who are now serving and to those who have served. Let us not forget those who can't be with their loved ones.

Yours in Comradeship,

Don Hancock Honor Guard Captain

## **SERVICE OFFICER CORNER**

Starting on Jan. 1, 2025, TriWest Healthcare Alliance will take over as the new regional contractor for the TRICARE West Region. Payments currently made through military allotments will be automatically transferred to TriWest, but it's crucial for affected veterans to set up their recurring monthly payments directly with TriWest before the new year. Failing to do so may result in disenrollment from their TRICARE health plan. Notably, the TRICARE West Region will now encompass 26 states, an increase of six from the previous coverage. Be sure to check your state's status and find out more details.

Due to circumstances way beyond my control, the Newsletter was not able to be completed earlier than today. Even as of this writing, I'm not sure it's going to work properly. Somehow my email distribution list got whittled down from nearly 400 members to less than 250 and with the Web Sites being updated by National and other personal issues, I was unable to access their lists of our members. I have fingers crossed that we've managed to recreate the list of members properly.

Merry Christmas to one and all and a Safe and Happy New Year to each of you and your families and friends.

### POST SENTINEL INFORMATION

The Deadline for article submission is the FRIDAY AFTER THE POST MEETING. It is very important that all articles are submitted by the due date.

The Deadline for next month is

January 3rd

All submissions should be sent via email

to

postsentinel1419@gmail.com



This newsletter is only as good and informative as the information provided to me for printing. Things have been happening and changing but I'm not told the particulars so it never makes the Newsletter. I refuse to apologize to anyone for this because as I've said NUMEROUS times, If I'm not told it doesn't go into print.

However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

### CRIBBAGE ANYONE????

There is a Cribbage Club that meets at our Post the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday each month from September through May. If anyone is interested in joining in, contact Robyn Boldt at 716-648-1830 for more details.



# **SICK CALL**

If you know of any member of the Post or the Auxiliary, who is sick, in the hospital, or has died, please let someone know.

Post Chaplain Brent Doyle 716-649-3019
Auxiliary Chaplain Terry Walker 716-912-6849
Commander Amy Owczarczak 716-432-0829
Aux. President Katy Blaszkiewicz 716-253-4681
Honor Guard Don Hancock 716-830-4237
You can also call the Post and tell whoever answers the phone. 716-648-2618

If we aren't told we don't know.

