



## **Roger B. Chaffee Post 154**

### **January 2024 Newsletter**

### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Greetings,

Happy New Year! 2024 is upon us and a whole new year is ahead for our Legion Post. The last few years have been challenging ones for Post 154, but things are definitely on the upswing. The Clubroom has been busy. Our halls are being rented. Dinners are being served and our members and guests are finding that Post 154 is a place where they want to be.

As a result of the improving business climate and our improving financials, we are planning to tackle some major projects at the Post over the next year. The American Legion, the Auxiliary, and the SAL agree that there are three major projects that need to be addressed as soon as funds are available. The projects are:

- A. Repairing/replacing the American Legion exterior lighted sign
- B. Patching, repairing, and painting the parking lot
- C. Repairing/remodeling the Clubroom bar

All three projects will be expensive. A new sign costs approximately \$22,000. Estimates for the parking lot are \$30-\$50,000 (depending on how much we repair/replace), and the Clubroom bar could be around \$30,000.

Needless to say, we cannot do all three projects at once, so we prioritized the projects. The Governing Board feels the most important of the three planned projects is a new sign. Our exterior sign is the place where we advertise events at the Post. It also shows the community where we are. The old analog sign fell victim to high winds in November of '22. We have hired a sign contractor and have paid the initial deposit. The sign has been ordered. The installation plans have been approved by the City of Wyoming. Estimated delivery and installation of the sign should be in 6-8 weeks.

The new sign will be digital, multi-colored, and programmable remotely. It will be a great addition to our Post.

Our next project will be the parking lot in the spring. Hopefully, the repair/remodel of the bar will be done after that.

Thanks to all our patrons. Without your support, nothing can happen.

Happy New Year and Semper Paratus,

Keith M. Wakefield  
Cdr

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 154 AUXILIARY



A quick peek back at some of the things the Auxiliary has done in 2023.

The Auxiliary provided Funeral lunches for Veterans, Auxiliary members, the SAL and their families. We have donated to our adopted school (Parkview Elementary), to Community Rebuilders (CORT) for beds for Veterans, to the Wyoming Veterans Memorial Garden, to Friends of Rolling Rock Ranch and to the Children's Christmas party. I'm sure I missed a few things. However, you can see we are an active unit.

We're still selling 1 lb. bags of nuts for \$15.00. Get them before they're gone! Also, we are still taking orders for the R.E.D. (Remember Everyone Deployed) T-shirts to wear every Friday. Our school donations are running a little low. We are still looking for sweatpants, gloves and even good used coats.

A big thank you goes out to all our bartenders who not only make our drinks, but help facilitate our fundraisers, and to the Legion and S.A.L. for their support. Our first meeting of 2024 will be Wednesday January 3rd. at 7 p.m.

Patty Coykendall  
Auxiliary President

The Entertainment Committee welcomes one and all to our next meeting, Tuesday January 9th at 7:00 pm in the Auxiliary Meeting Room. It's a new year, and we need new ideas for entertainment at our Post. Questions? Contact Tracy Taylor Wakefield at (616) 970-8920.

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



From the SAL,

Hi all! I hope everyone had a great Christmas. The Kids Christmas Party turned out good for them. We had fun with the White Elephant party and Ugly Sweater contest, everyone enjoyed it.

Not too much is going on in January, but watch for coming events in February and March.

Make sure to get your renewals in.

Happy New Year to all, may it be a good year!

Hope to see you at the Legion soon,

Denny Rose, Commander

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Governing Board of Post 154 has determined that members and guests requiring service dogs are welcome at the Post. However, all other dogs, including those small enough to fit in a purse or pocket, are not allowed. Please leave your non-service pets at home. Thank you.

## **NEWS FROM THE CLUBROOM**

Happy New Year To All!

Hope everyone enjoyed the White Elephant / Ugly Sweater Contest last month. We had a big turnout and fun was had by all. We missed a few of our regulars like Keith and Tracy but they had visitors from out of town and could not attend. The Ugly Sweater contest was a lot of fun and our dear friend Mary Marchwinski won 1st place with her unique homemade design.

Not much is happening in January (other than cold weather).

Get ready for our Souper Saturday on February 10th and bring in one of your soups to share with our members at 4:00 PM.

Sunday February 11th is our Super Bowl Party. Meat will be provided, but please bring a dish to pass. Kickoff time is usually 6:15/6:20 PM,

Please give our cook Sue some ideas on what you would like her to make for future dinners. Here's the Thursday Dinner Menu for January:

### **THURSDAY DINNER MENU**

Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie & Dessert \$9.00

Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> - Beef Stew, Rolls, & Dessert \$9.00

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> - Lasagna, Salad, Rolls, & Dessert \$9.00

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> - Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, & Dessert \$9.00

Thanks to all of you who continue to make our Clubroom so great.

Butch Hogan  
Club Room Manager / Finance Officer

### ***FREE TICKETS FOR ACTIVE MILITARY AND VETERANS***

Vet Tix\* provides tickets to events which reduce stress, strengthen family bonds, build life-long memories and encourage service members and veterans to stay engaged with local communities and American life. We support our troops by honoring their service and providing positive family and life experiences, during and after their years of service to our country.

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**1 POUND BAGS OF NUTS**



**GIANT CASHEWS**

**DELUXE MIX**

**MILK CHOCOLATE CASHEWS**

**MILK CHOCOLATE BRIDGE MIX**

**MILK CHOCOLATE ALMONDS**

**DARK CHOCOLATE ALMONDS**

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