



## **Post Talk**

North Branch Post #85

***December 2023***

Membership Meeting: Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

Auxiliary Meeting: Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

SAL Meeting: Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

Legion Riders Meeting: Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

Coffee Talk with the CVSO: Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM

### ***Michelle Still, Auxiliary President:***

Any time in December is a special time to remember our veterans at Christmas time.

The unit will be hosting Christmas parties for our veterans and the residents at Ecumen and Encore. The party for Ecumen is December 8 at 1:00 and the party at Encore is December 15 at 2:00. All are encouraged to attend these special events for the residents and help is needed to serve treats and pass out gifts to our veterans. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

**Louis James, Post Chaplain:**

War the Morning Sun

By: Louis W James

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In the trenches of life, a Marine I stand,  
Dressed in combat boots, on foreign land. With grit in my teeth and  
mud on my face,  
Gratitude blooms in this chaotic space. Bullets whiz by, but I laugh in  
the storm,  
A combat Marine, a humor-filled form.  
In the face of danger, I find my grace,  
A grateful heart in this rugged place. From boot camp to battles, a  
journey profound,  
In the Corps, where chaos and camaraderie abound. Humility wears  
camouflage, a humble attire,  
In the mud and the mire, I find my fire. Through the laughter and tears  
of this gritty parade,  
Gratitude marches, never to fade. For the brothers beside me, in  
trenches we roam,  
In the Marine Corps, we've found our home. But amidst the humor, a  
lesson rings true,  
In battles we fight, in all that we do. Gratitude is armor, in war and in  
peace,  
A shield that brings strength, a fortress to cease. So, let's raise a toast  
to the combat Marine,  
With laughter and gratitude, a victory unseen.  
In the chaos of life, where battles are won,  
Humility shines brightly, like the morning sun.

**Camille Wentz, Legion Riders Director:**

The Riders will be providing our Christmas dinner to our sponsored families tomorrow and traveling to Ecumen and Encore to give gifts

and greetings to those veterans. This is a time of the year where friends and family are most important.

Reach out to a veteran this Christmas season to show them you care. This month is the culmination of our year of hard work. Next month we start planning next year's activities. Merry Christmas!!

### **Ron Rollins, Adjutant:**

I first want to send our deepest sympathies to long time member and Navy veteran Steven Shodahl and significant other, Jerilyn Shodahl on the loss of their adult daughter, Erin as she gave birth to her second child. Their grandson, a boy is the miracle in this tragedy, is doing great. Many of us know the pain and agony of losing a child. Please hold the Shodahl and the Kurtz families up in prayer as the funeral approaches today, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Upcoming events:**

- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> District Christmas Rally (Ugly sweater theme)- Hopkins 11am social hour, Noon- lunch/program
- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – Legion Riders Christmas in July Party
- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – North Branch Legion to Ecumen.
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> – Santa Day 1-4pm North Branch Legion
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Rally- Paynesville Post 271- Social hour 11am, meal 12pm, Program 1pm.
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup>- **Pearl Harbor Day**
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> – Pearl Harbor Rally- Sponsored by Dept. ALR- Paynesville
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve- Legion is closing early.
- Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day- Legion is CLOSED.
- Dec 31<sup>st</sup>- New Year's Eve.
- **2024**
- Jan 13<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> District Midwinter Conference- Anoka Post 102
- Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> -Department Sweetheart Rally- Forest Lake Post 225
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> District Sweetheart Rally (SAL Sponsored)- Princeton Post.
- April 6<sup>th</sup> -Membership Rally (ALR Sponsored)- TBD

- June 1<sup>st</sup>-10 District Convention-TBD  
Please let me know if I missed anything.

***“Remember,  
YOU Are the Legion”***

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