

NEWSLETTER

"One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one Nation, evermore!" —
Oliver Wendell Holmes

Commander's column

We are entering everyone's favorite time of the year, the Holiday Season. I wish Peace, Joy and Success to all of our Legion Family members. But first, let's recap some of what happened in November.

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Unit 160 members, assisted by AL Post 160 members, distributed the Poppy Flower for several weeks leading up to Veterans Day. And also at the Veterans Day Ceremony. This is a major fundraiser event for the ALA and all monies raised go to support efforts in Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

We owe everyone who participated in distributing the Poppy Flower a big "Thank You" for their efforts to help our Veterans!

Veterans Day was another big success for the Post this year. The Smyrna Veterans Committee (SVC), led by AL member Chuck Dunlop, put on another fantastic program to celebrate and honor our Veterans.

Keynote Speaker USAF Major General (Ret.) George Harrison presented clear thoughts that connected with the audience. For the first time, Cadets from the Osborne High School Army JROTC Program joined with Cadets from the Campbell High School Army JROTC Program to help with the event. It is wonderful to have these kids participate in their uniforms. It is equally wonderful for them to meet and hear from the many different Veterans in attendance.

The Whitefield Academy Band played before, during and after the Ceremony and they did a great job. It is so nice to have a local school band help with our event.

The Smyrna Veterans Committee (SVC) is always looking for members to help plan, organize and conduct the programs for Memorial Day and Veterans Day each year. If you are interested in helping the SVC, please let me know.

Commander's Column Cont'd

The Post also participated in the Home Depot Store Support Center's Veterans Day Fair on 12 November. Thanks are due to the following AL Officers who represented the Post and The American Legion:

- Senior Vice Commander Maher Abed
- Executive Committee Member Rhoda Basey
- Executive Committee Member Chantay Jones
- Food Pantry Chair Eustacia McCloud Carter

We had a great turnout for our Thanksgiving Day lunch meal. Around 70 people showed up. Among them were members of our Legion Family (mostly AL), local citizens and families, other citizens from farther away, and one local homeless man.

This is by far our biggest turnout for the meal, maybe double what we've had in the past. Everyone was very happy and pleased. Most might not have had a nice Thanksgiving meal with great camaraderie if we had not done this.

I want to thank the following AL and ALA Officers for attending. They did a lot to help out, and their presence ensured that things ran very smoothly.

- Rhoda Basy, her spouse Sylvester, and 3 of her children;
- Camille Caldwell;
- Michael Cameron and his spouse Arnetta;
- Robin Lnenicka, my spouse;
- Paul Peceros, his spouse Claudia, and their 2 sons;
- (Past SAA) Gary Williams and his spouse Nancy.

Rodney Turner and Brandi Lancaster did a great job behind the bar. Chef David Shoffner did a great job cooking the meal. Chef was in the Post very early to prepare and cook the meal. Please thank the Staff for their hard work and great effort that day.

Camille Caldwell brought a Veteran friend (Michelle Charles) from Fayetteville, GA for the dinner. Michelle applied for membership at our Post. (Camille paid her dues. Thank you, Camille, for that kindness!) We will vote on Michelle's membership at the December meeting.

We spoke with several Veterans about AL membership, as well as to several people eligible for ALA or SAL membership. We'll see if they join, either here or at another Post.

The Post received \$337 in cash donations, which is outstanding. One AL member donated \$100. The donations covered our direct costs in providing the free meal.

We also received a credit card donation the night before of \$1,000 to the Post from an AL member! This was very kind of him to do.

Commander's Column Cont'd

Many thanks to SAL Squadron 160 for the donation of 3 smoked turkeys to the Post for our Thanksgiving meal.

Thanks also to the many volunteers from our Legion Family, led by SAL Commander Ryan Marschark, for getting the turkeys on Saturday, for prepping the turkeys on Monday, and smoking the turkeys on Wednesday. Great leadership Ryan!

We had 4 volunteer ladies from near and far who came today just to help. They served food and cleaned up afterwards. They were a huge help! Rodney was so relieved and happy when everything was over and done to not be facing a long solo effort to put the food away and clean up.

So, to sum up, teamwork makes the dream work. Thanksgiving week and Holiday demonstrated the great teamwork our Post is capable of doing. "Many hands make light work" remains true. We should all be proud of the Post and what we did that week to support our members and the community.

Please remember that our 17 December General Membership Meeting will be a joint dinner meeting with the entire Legion Family. The dinner is no-cost, and donations will be accepted. We want to celebrate another great year for our Post, and share camaraderie and fellowship. All members (AL, SAL and ALA) are encouraged to attend.

The Post will be closed from 22 - 30 December for the Holidays. We will reopen for NYE, then close again on 1 and 2 January. The Post reopens for its normal schedule on Friday 3 January.

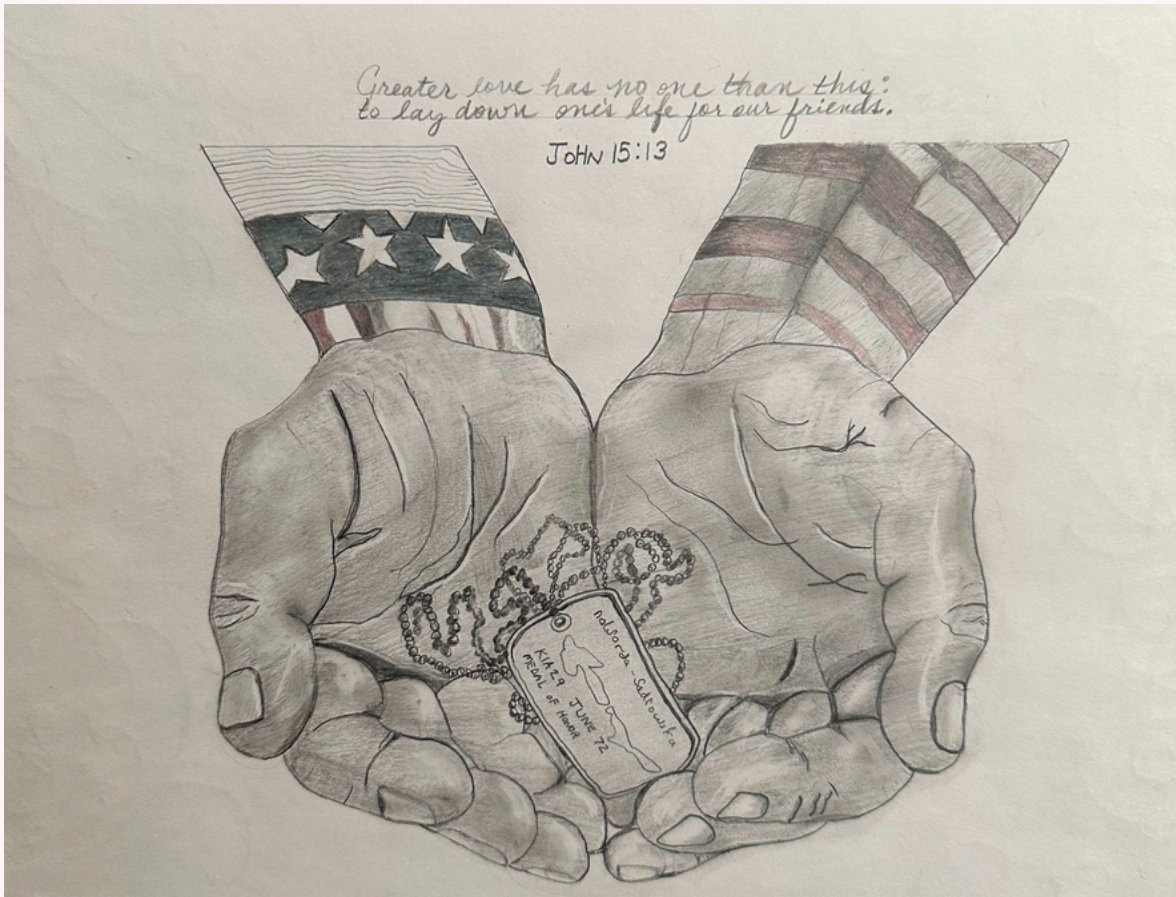
Get your tickets now for the New Year's Eve dinner and celebration at the Post. Information can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. You must buy tickets in advance! The cost is \$35 per person. Come ring in the New Year at Post 160!

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy Holiday Season. Best wishes for the New Year!

For God and Country,

Wade S. Lnenicka
Post Commander

PRESENTATION OF ARTWORK TO POST 160



Post Commander Wade Lnenicka accepted the presentation of a framed drawing honoring Veterans.

The drawing was created by the Umberger Family (father Keith, mother Debra, and daughter Leah). Keith works for MetLife and this is one of the ways the company supports their local community. Leah is a 9th grade student at Stonehaven School, a Classical Christian Academy in Cobb County.

The presentation was made to the Post on Saturday, 30 November. Commander Lnenicka expressed his thanks to the family for their kindness and generosity.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry would like to thank all for participating in this year's Thanksgiving Food Giveaway. Many people were responsible for its success. Due to me being ill, Executive Officer Chantay Jones stepped in over the course of two days. She ensured bags and boxes were packed and handed out to those with reservations. The walk-ins were provided for as well.

Thank you to the Sons of American Legion Squadron 160 Commander Marschark for the turkey donations. He has set us up for our next holiday event. I tip my hat to Bob and Chef David for unloading the large donation of food the pantry received. I was told it wasn't a small task.

More importantly, thank you members of Post 160 for always answering the call with all your donation. It's proof we're family at Post 160. Everyone chipping in where needed to ensure the success of all our endeavors. Kudos to all!

Eustacia McCloud Carter
Food Pantry Chair

Happy
Holidays



Home Depot Veteran's Day Celebration



Executive Board member Chantay Jones
Food Pantry Chairperson Eustacia McCloud-Carter
Vice Commander Maher Abed
Executive Board member Rhoda Basey

Thanksgiving Luncheon at Post 160



Georgia Festival of Trees American Legion Day



Left to right: Eustacia McCloud-Carter, Post 160 Food Pantry Chairperson
Cheryl Waybright, Department of Georgia American Legion Auxiliary President
Rhoda Basey, Department of Georgia American Legion POW/MIA Chairperson
Sylvester Basey and Douglas Gullino, Georgia Festival of Trees representative

American Legion Post 160 Christmas Food Giveaway

Date: Saturday, 12/21/2024

Time: 9 am - 3 pm

Location: 160 Legion Dr, Smyrna, GA 30080



The Food Pantry is sponsoring a Christmas Food Giveaway for our Veterans and their families, to include our surrounding community experiencing food insecurity. We know our present economy hasn't been kind and recognize the need is great. No one will be turned away. Please contact us to reserve a time at:

post160foodpantry@gmail.com.

Sip & Paint Party



Join us for
a fun
painting of
“Snowy
Night”

12/04/2024

6:30 - 9:00

\$48 per person

All supplies included

Tickets available at:

www.BrushStrokesWithBritt.com

Check the calendar for the date



American Legion Post 160

160 Legion Dr., Smyrna, Ga 30080

Call for information: 850-559-1548

THIS EVENT IS A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT OUR VETERAN AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening is renting the Post Ballroom for a public screening event{”

Thursday 12 December

9 AM - 4 PM

Screenings are by appointment only.

They have given the Post several complimentary (or discounted) passes that are available to members of the Post 160 Legion Family.

Here are a few details:

COMPLIMENTARY SCREENING

Valued at USD 85.00

Good for 1 Individual Screening (worth \$85) or \$55 may be applied toward any vascular package valued at \$159 or more

Carotid Artery Screening

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

Atrial Fibrillation Screening.

(Please Note - This certificate is good for a one time use only and cannot be reproduced for others to use.)

You must pre-register for the screening and provide the number for your complimentary pass. The sooner an appointment is made, the better your chance of getting your desired time.

As always, please speak with your physician about your health. The Post makes no warranties about the screenings and is not responsible in any way for the screenings or the results from them.

If you are interested in obtaining one of the complimentary or discounted certificates please contact the Post Commander. Thank you.

You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!



Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings.**

Trusted by over 10 million customers.

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

Who should attend: Anyone over the **age of 40**

Special Pricing for \$159

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- Plus a FREE Hypertension Screening

4 ways to book your appointment...

Scan here:



Call 888-814-0466
and use promo
code: HSCA001

Visit
[LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA](https://llsa.social/hscatext)

Text the word
"circle" to
216-279-1607

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.



American Legion

Post 160

New Year

Eve Dinner Celebration

**Join Us For An Early
Celebration**

Dinner - Music - Celebrate

Tickets:

**\$35 per person
prepaid**

**\$45 per person
at the door**

December 31, 2024

Dinner starts at 7:00

Doors open at 5:00

**Dinner: Prime Rib, Scalloped Potatoes, Creamed Spinach
Salad, Dessert, Iced Tea and Champagne Toast**

Tickets are available at Post 160 or on Eventbrite :
<https://New-Years-Eve-Early-Dinner.eventbrite.com>

Please RSVP to 770-436-2501

Before 23 December 2024

160 Legion Dr., Smyrna, Ga 30080



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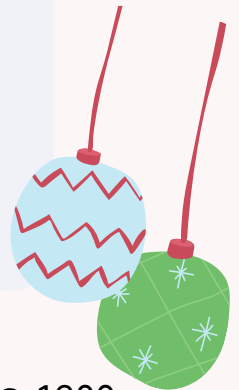


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2024

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Wednesday, December 11 @ 1800
Executive Board meeting

Tuesday, December 17 @ 1900
General Membership meeting



Hours of Operation: Wednesday - Saturday 4:00PM - 12:00AM

Every Thursday Night - 6:30 Trivia

Every Friday Night - 7PM Karaoke

Every Saturday - 6PM Music Bingo

Every Saturday - 7:30PM Queen of Hearts drawing

