

NEWSLETTER

There are far better things ahead than we ever leave behind

C.S. Lewis

Commander's column

Post 160 ended the year strong, and I am proud of our Legion Family members.

December was a great month for the Post. Rental revenue was high, as were sales of food and beverages. These revenues help us pay our operating expenses and stay in business.

We have some really great news to share about Chef David Shoffner.

Chef David went back to the City of Hope in early December. His doctor asked to meet with him. His doctor told him his Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer (that he has been fighting for 5 years!) is in remission! It was no longer visible in any scans.

So, Chef "rang the bell" and went home. He has no further treatments scheduled.

Of course, the doctor will continue to monitor his situation with periodic tests.

I asked Chef directly what this news meant for his announced plans that he would retire at the end of the year. Chef wants to continue working and helping the Post.

Your good thoughts and prayers worked in putting his very serious cancer into remission. This news is another great reason for us to celebrate during this Holiday Season.

I know Chef David would appreciate hearing your congratulations and best wishes when you see him.

The Post hosted several Holiday parties for people and groups and a great time was had by everyone. Our Staff worked hard to take care of their needs and they deserve great credit for ensuring guest satisfaction.

Commander's Column Cont'd

The Post was honored to again host the annual US Air Force Academy Orientation Program for prospective Cadets and their families. This program is put on by the US Air Force Academy Georgia Parents Club. It is a state-wide program, and families come from all over Georgia to our Post.

I was out of town over New Year's Eve but I am confident that everyone who came to the Post enjoyed a delicious meal and great fellowship. Thank you for supporting the Post in this event.

Remember please that the Post is closed Wednesday January 1st and Thursday January 2nd. The Post reopens for its normal operating schedule on Friday January 3rd.

Our Social Quarters programs continue to be very popular. Thursday night is "Team Trivia" night. Friday night is for Karaoke hosted by DJ Kim. Saturday night is "Music Bingo" night. All of these are fun things to do. Of course, Chef David is providing wonderful dinner specials and food each night, and Club Manager Rodney Turner and the Staff are serving tasty beverages.

We are working on some new ideas for Wednesday night fun. Stay tuned, but the Post is open on Wednesdays starting at the usual 4 PM time. A limited food menu is available.

As our members know, the Post takes up a collection every year to pay our great Staff a Holiday Bonus. We rely upon generous donations from our members, guests and friends to allow us to do this. Last month the donations reached an all-time high, and this allowed us to thank our Staff with a great Holiday Bonus.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the bonus pool. Whether it was large or small, we know it was from the heart and was what each person could afford. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!! Our Staff work very hard, and they appreciate the kindness that you showed them.

I also want to thank our American Legion Officers and Committee Chairs. Without them and their selfless service, nothing we do would be possible. Each one is a true Blessing to the Post. Members don't always see the great work they do. But I promise you they work hard and represent the American Legion and Post 160 incredibly well.

Likewise, we are blessed with an outstanding Legion Family. The Officers and Committee Chairs for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 160 and the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 160 do a lot to help and support the Post. Whether it is obtaining, preparing and smoking turkeys in November, or visiting Veterans in December at the Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville, they work hard every month.

It is important that we remain a united American Legion Family. Together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

Commander's Column Cont'd

The Post has a hugely important event coming up in January 2025. We have the honor to host James A. LaCoursiere Jr., the National Commander of the American Legion, for lunch on 18 January. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend if you are able.

Legion Family Officers, this event is "All Hands On Deck" please. We began the detailed planning several weeks ago, and there is much to do. We could end up feeding several hundred members and guests. The entire Post is dedicated to supporting this event.

Legion Family Members, it is rare that you get to meet a National Commander. It is even more rare for a Post to host the National Commander for a meal. Chef David will prepare a simple lunch for everyone at no cost. Donations will be accepted.

I have also invited several local VIPs to join us. We will see if they can attend. Please make any VIP guests feel welcome.

It is important that we show the National Commander why Post 160 is "special."

Whenever we get tired or down, let's always remember why we are here. What is the reason we are here? The answer is simple. We help Veterans, support the active military, and help our community. Let's endeavor to ensure that nothing ever gets in the way of us working together to accomplish our missions.

So, as we enter the New Year, let us remember our missions and rededicate ourselves to focus on doing these things very well.

I wish everyone a safe, prosperous and healthy New Year! Thank you all for everything you do for the Post and for the American Legion Family!

For God and Country,

Wade S. Lnenicka
Post Commander

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! I would like to wish all of you a prosperous and happy one. In my brief comments here, I would like to address our membership status for Post 160. From our last report, our membership percentage is around 53% which equates to 302 out of 570. This of course is not where we want to be. Thanks to our members, we have conducted a member outreach to try to encourage them to renew their individual membership before it expires. There are good signs that we are attracting new members from folks coming to the post or hearing about us from others on our network.

For those legionnaires who have not yet renew their yearly memberships, please do so soon. The deadline of February 1, 2025, is a firm one when afterwards, you will be starting a new application to rejoin our organization. In the process, you would lose seniority and more importantly any insurance coverage that you have obtained through the American Legion. So please do not wait and renew soon.

Finally, lets dedicate us in the spirit of the new year to continue to do better for our post and join with others in our team to make Post 160 a showcase for the rest of Georgia posts. Take care and enjoy ringing in the new year!

Maher Abed
Senior Vice Commander
American Legion Post 160

Food Pantry

Hello Post 160 Family

December 2024 was another great month for the Food Pantry. We received an abundance in donations and are so grateful. It'll go a long way in serving our Veteran Community. We held our Annual Christmas Food Giveaway and once again, it was a great success! We gave away turkeys! The price of turkeys were up and we were able to provide them.

American Legion Post 160 also participated in the Atlanta Veterans Administration's Christmas Stocking Stuffer program. We donated ten stockings filled with an assortment of goodies, such as socks, toothbrush kits, sewing kits, and more. In addition to the stockings, we donated numerous high tech sweatpants and shirts to be given to the men at the Domiciliary located at Ft McPherson.

I represented American Legion Post 160 at the Atlanta VA's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, hosted by the Community Development & Community Engagement Department. Our Post is a recognized Veteran Service Organization, working with the VA when called upon.

Overall, we assisted approximately 250 families in 2024. Each year, I'd like to do more. Please continue to refer Veterans and their families experiencing food insecurities. Remember our neighbors in the surrounding community. We don't turn anyone away. I'd be remiss in not thanking everyone that make it possible for me to oversee the food pantry. SAL Commander Ryan Marschark, Chantay Jones, Chef David Shoffner, Rodney Turner, Bob Kingdon, and Greg Gamble. If I didn't mention your name, please forgive me. Charge it to my head and not my heart.

I appreciate your donations and support of the food pantry. It's volunteers and contributors like yourselves that enable us to continue this work! One thing to keep in mind, when donating food. Our patrons don't check the FDA website for true expiration dates. Please be considerate and donate only unexpired food, unopened/not used food, and trash (we've gotten that too). Even though our fellow friends have fallen on hard times, it doesn't mean we give them junk.

As always, we accept food and monetary donations. We host three major food giveaways a year. We've added Popup Food Giveaways too - once a month.

So thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve. There's no higher calling than a Servant's heart!

Eustacia McCloud Carter
Food Pantry Chair

ABOUT SERVICE ANIMALS

Service animals are:

Dogs

Any breed and any size of dog

Trained to perform a task directly related to a person's disability

Service animals are not:

Required to be certified or go through a professional training program

Required to wear a vest or other ID that indicates they're a service dog

Emotional support or comfort dogs, because providing emotional support or comfort is not a task related to a person's disability

Examples of Service Animal Tasks

A person who uses a wheelchair may have a dog that is trained to retrieve objects for them.

A person with depression may have a dog that is trained to perform a task to remind them to take their medication.

A person with PTSD may have a dog that is trained to lick their hand to alert them to an oncoming panic attack.

A person who has epilepsy may have a dog that is trained to detect the onset of a seizure and then help the person remain safe during the seizure.

Where Service Animals Can Go

Generally, service animals are allowed to be with their person, even in places that don't allow pets. For example, service dogs can go into:

Restaurants

Shops

Hospitals

Schools

Hotels

Asking if a Dog is a Service Animal

If you are working at a business or state/local government facility and it is unclear to you whether someone's dog is a service dog, you may ask for certain information using two questions.

You may ask:

Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability?

What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?

ABOUT SERVICE ANIMALS Cont'd

You are not allowed to:

Request any documentation that the dog is registered, licensed, or certified as a service animal

Require that the dog demonstrate its task, or inquire about the nature of the person's disability

Because service animals are not required to wear vests, a dog that is wearing a vest is not necessarily a service animal. The dog still needs to be trained to perform a task for a person with a disability to be a service animal.

When a Service Animal Can Be Kept Out

A business does not need to allow a service animal if the dog's presence would fundamentally alter the nature of the goods, services, programs, or activities provided to the public.

Asking Someone to Remove Their Service Animal

A business or state/local government can ask someone to remove their service animal if:

The dog is not housebroken.

The dog is out of control, and the person cannot get the dog under control.

Learn More About the ADA and Service Animals

<https://www.ada.gov/topics/service-animals/>





2025



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Wednesday, January 8 @ 1800
Executive Board meeting

Tuesday, January 14 @ 1900
General Membership meeting

hello
WINTER



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

