



THE POST TIMES

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Jan – Feb. 2009

FROM THE COMMANDER – David Yawnick

Here it is almost the end of a very productive year at the Post. Lots of great activities. The Halloween Party that was held in the lounge on Oct. 31, and it was a huge success. See photos on the picture board in the lounge.

November 1st. saw the return of the ever popular L.R.C. as usual it was a good time.

Nov. 10th. was the annual Veterans day celebration at the newly redone Whittemore School, the students and teachers once again did a rememberable job, The attendance of all branches of the Post was nice to see.

On November 11. the annual Veterans day was held at the Circle of Remembrance. As usual the Post was well represented. The coalition after the ceremony was once again very well done. Thanks to everyone who participated in the preparation and serving of the meal

The Commanders Banquet was held in Boxboro in honor of Commander Gonsalves was attended by Senior Vice Trudell, Jr. Vice Reid, Adj. Bernhardt and myself.

Boxes of toys and school supplies went out to Capt William Murphy stationed in Baghdad Iraq. The following is a copy of the e-mail sent to me.

If you are a **current** member in good standing of the American Legion.(dues paid up) and have a child or grandchild that is planning to attend a school of higher learning. There is scholarship money available. You need to fill out an application and go through the application process. See the bulletin board for particulars. Forms will be made available to interested parties. In the lounge.

Hello David.

I received the packages from our American Legion post earlier this week. **Wow!**

I did not expect that many. Please, please, please pass on my gratitude to our post members. The other company of Soldiers here on my small outpost were jealous when they saw all the koosh balls, beanie babies and crayons that you all sent. It proved to them that my American Legion post is the best!

I have some photos of us passing out some of the items but due to some computer viruses going around, we are not able to download them to our govt computer. And of course, our govt computers are the only ones with Internet....I am sure you remember the good ol' military catch 22. :)

Do you have Google earth? If so, the town I am out of is Adhamiyah, Iraq. It is a section of Eastern Baghdad along the Tigris river. We have both Sunnis and Shiites in our area so that makes for some eventful patrols.

Life here in Baghdad is good Yes, some days are more eventful than others, but I would not trade my job for

anything in the world! On February 19th, I will reach my 22nd year in the Army. I love it.

Again, please pass on my thanks to our members. I am walking with my chest out even farther around here knowing that I am a part of Post # 156.

Respectfully,
William R. Murphy
CPT / MP
Civil Affairs Team Chief
COP APACHE IRAQ

FROM THE ADJUTANT/NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Dennis Bernhardt

We are have almost made the 85% mark for the year's dues. Thanks to everyone who has paid their dues thus far. Keep them coming!!!

The newsletter is now posted on the website, so it can be viewed at your convenience. The Post is trying to reduce mailing expenses by allowing it to be viewed there. If you have e-mail, please drop me a note at dpernhardt@comcast.net and let me know if you would prefer to get the Post Times by email or via the website. If you so, we will remove your name from the **regular** mailings.

Dennis

FROM THE CHAPLAIN – William Chemelli

Comrades that are ill: None

The Post officers would like to be made aware of any ill member, so that proper recognition can be made in this newsletter and the lounge.

Comrades transferred to Post Everlasting:

Charles Ryberg, John Messina, William 'Willie' Signorili
Robert Hoffses (all were WWII Veterans)

If the family of a member that has passed away would like the Post to perform a ritual at the viewing, they need to request it through the Post. Please notify the Post office as soon as possible if so interested.

Bill

SAL Squadron 156

FROM THE SQUADRON COMMANDER: – Paul Nichols

I hope everyone is had a happy and safe holiday season. We now have SAL hats available for sale the cost is only \$15.00, also it's that time of year again to renew. If you haven't done so yet, please do so soon. Lastly if you now someone who could or would like to be an SAL member, bring them to a meeting so we can sign them up. Hope to see you at our next meeting on January 20, 2009.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY.

Paul

Auxiliary Unit 156

FROM THE PRESIDENT – Jackie Thomas

Watch the lounge bulletin board for upcoming events.

Jackie

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Post 156 3rd Tuesday @ 5:00 PM
Auxiliary Unit 156 2nd Monday @ 6:00 PM
SAL Squadron 156 3rd Tuesday @ 5:30 PM

Upcoming Meetings

Jan. 20 Feb. 17
Jan. 12 Feb. 9
Jan. 20 Feb.17

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