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Dec 2023 NEWSLETTER

Commander's Comments:

Commander: *Burt Quintanilla*



Our next meeting will be **Saturday, Dec 2nd, 0900**, at **Lupe Tortilla Mexican Restaurant** located in Stone Ridge Market at 21003 US 281 North, San Antonio, TX 78258. The restaurant opens at 0900, and meal and drink orders are taken at that time, before the membership meeting begins. **Dress: Saturday casual. Legion cap. Menu:** Order breakfast from group menu. Receive military discount at the register. **Masks are recommended, however, not mandatory.**

Commander's Column

Post 10 Legionnaires,

Caren and I hope that you have had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends as we are nearing the close of another fruitful year! As you do appreciate, there are a great many things to be thankful for in our lives in these United States and in the continuing prosperity of this great nation of ours.

I have had the distinct honor and privilege of completing quite a bit of family related travel and other activities in the past 6 weeks. My driving travels have taken me across the United States recently to places like Gold Canyon, Arizona to deliver a presentation to the Mountain Brook HOA on behalf of my Uncle Ted Giannone (World War II Navy survivor of the Battle of Leyte Gulf – the Battle Off Samar onboard the USS Kitkun Bay CVE-71). The presentation was delivered on 28 October in celebration of the 2023 “Navy Day” and given in his honor. The presentation was entitled: “Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Unmanned Autonomous Vehicles (UAV’s) at the invasion of Leyte Gulf, in the Battle off Samar - 25 October 1944 - what would that have been like?” I have assisted the University of the Incarnate Word Electrical Engineering Department and their ambitious program to get high school level STEM students with Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. I was also lucky enough to visit Window Rock, Arizona to reacquire myself with the story of the USMC Navajo Code Talkers in their tribal lands. My travels have taken me to Evansville, Indiana to reacquire with the Ohio River Valley (mid-America) Landing Ship Tank (LST) construction program that was so vital to the triumphant amphibious assault strategies of World War II. Lastly, I have visited and examined the Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site (years of operation 1834 to 1854) and the monumental efforts that were invested in taking canal barges thirty-six miles up, over, and down the Alleghany Mountain range near Altoona and Johnstown, Pennsylvania. I am now reporting an assessment of Americanism to you.

The America we know, love, and work hard to preserve is still a country of problem solvers and people of goal-oriented vision and purpose. However, the country seems to be stumbling and unsure footed in a low light environment. The oriented visions of future prosperity and the understandable guiding light purposes of a democratic republic of yesteryear have been under attack as the unfair and systematic machinations and gains of swindlers and racists. I cannot say that the past was always rosy, or fair to those who did the work, or that all wrongs were not righted fast enough in the lifetimes of those most affected. But I will say that we are going to triumphantly emerge from our socio-economic challenges of today with a renewed vigor, a vigor and sagacity brought about from the turmoil and collective lessons learned. Our learning curve is now 247 years in the making. As Americans, we have consistently espoused a philosophy that an ancient warrior (Hannibal Barca) is credited with codifying: “If we cannot find a way, we will make one.” As a nation, we will make our way through our stumbling and unsure footing in a low light environment. As Americans, we have always responded to adversity with the necessary resolve to move forward toward a prosperous and brighter new day.

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It is incumbent upon our members to remain engaged in our communities as individual and collective guiding lights to be followed, while others are stumbling and unsure footed in a low light environment. Our nation still depends on us, she relies on us, and she needs us more than ever with the necessary resolve to move toward a prosperous and brighter new day. It is a matter of Providential faith and revelation.

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Thank you all for the magnificent work that you are doing.

Take care.

Humberto L. Quintanilla II (Burt)

Commander, American Legion Post 10



DECEMBER DAILY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

- Dec 5 Somalia Campaign Began (1992)
- Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Dec 7 Hanukkah Begins (at sundown)
- Dec 8 War Declared on Japan (1941)
- Dec 10 Human Rights Day
- Dec 11 Germany & Italy Declare War on U.S. (1941)
- Dec 15 Iraq War Ended (2011)
- Dec 15 Bill of Rights Day
- Dec 16 Battle of the Bulge (1944)
- Dec 16 Wreaths Across America
- Dec 20 Panama Campaign Began (1989)
- Dec 20 U.S. Space Force Established (2019)
- Dec 21 First Day of Winter
- Dec 25 Christmas Day
- Dec 26 Kwanzaa Begins
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve
- Dec 31 Official End of WWII (1946)
- Dec 31 Kosovo Campaign Ended (2013)

The 2023 Veterans Day Parade





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