



The LZ 639 Newsletter

Vietnam War Memorial Post 639



January 2019

Commander's Message:

Happy New Year! 2019 is going to be a great year, and it's already off to a good start.

I want to thank everyone that pulled together to help with the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Marsha volunteered to be in charge of the Christmas dinner, and she did a great job, but as we all know, it's always a team effort.

If you haven't been in lately, you should come look at the clubroom. Bob Machala volunteered his labor and donated the paint, and it looks great. If you run into him, tell him thanks.

We also have gutters on the pavilion, thanks to Paul Black. That should make our spring and summer events less soggy.

Nolan Moody has volunteered to lead a post service project on the third Sunday of each month. The plan is to do something to improve the post property each month. The more people who show up, the more we can accomplish. I'll be there, and I hope to see many of you also.

Nolan is also heading up our 2020 return of the traveling Vietnam wall. We've committed to bring it here the week of 4 July 2020. Anyone that would like to get involved in that project should let Nolan or I know ASAP. It was a big deal last time,

and it probably will be this time as well.

Personally, I want to thank everyone who has stepped up during my recent absences. The post is only as strong as our members, and we have proven over the last few months that we are, in fact, a strong post.

Thank you for continuing your service to your country and your community.

Commander Darin Hargis



The year has come to an end, and the post has lived another day.

We have lost some and gained a few members.

Master Chief is holding his own, Gary Bockman is on the road to recovery.

The Post has had the Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas dinners and if you missed any one of these events you missed the great food.

Thanks to all that helped.

The New Year is on the way so welcome it in with joy and thanks.

All for now if you need your Chaplain give me a shout.

As always the post and it's members are in my Prayers.

Your Chaplain Rex Krasche

Finance



As some of you know, the Finance Officer spent the first 13 days of December at home and in Mercy Hospital battling Pancreatitis and Gall Stones. Being tied to IV injections in each arm prevented appearance at LZ639.

During the time, Larry Tuck and Nathan Carlson stepped in to conduct day to day finance activities. A big "THANK YOU" to them for their support.

As is common, LZ639 activity slows during the holiday season and this year is no different. In addition to the normal slowdown in activity, there have been a few days when LZ639 was repainted and may have contributed to the slowdown.

LSZ639 looks much better and when all wall hangings are replaced should be a pleasant place to be. To all who helped remove items from the walls and with replacement of the items, a big "THANK YOU".

A big "THANK YOU" to Paul Black who donated the gutters and downspouts on the pavilion. At a later date, underground drainage items will be added to keep water away from the dance floor.

As we work together, we can do good things for LZ639 and veterans in general.

We did receive several recent cash donations related to the Toys for Tots activity, USO show and generous members. These contributions have been a welcomed offset to the winter slowdown.

Come on out, have some food, beverages and good conversations with other veterans.

Gary Bockman Finance Officer

Ladies Auxillary

Season Greetings to All! I hope everyone is remembering to take a few moments for themselves during the busy holiday season. We have all been very busy this month and the Ladies are no exception.

What a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner the Post hosted this year and thank you Ladies for the desserts that you provided.

December has been non-stop, full speed ahead for us. Our Children's Christmas party was a huge success with lots of kids, games and gifts. The day was completed with a visit from Santa Claus and his Reindeer Riders. The kids LOVED it! Special thank you to Santa and his Riders as well as to our Ladies that helped this year.

The All Post Christmas and USO Show party was graced with great food and a wonderful variety of entertainment this year. This year a Sweater Contest was added which raised \$100.00 and was donated to the Post. See more about the All

Post Christmas and USO Show Party from Diana Cooperider in this newsletter.

The Sons' Annual Chili Cook Off will take place on January 19th and the Ladies have been asked to bring desserts for a dessert auction.

I want to thank everyone that always supports and helps me when our President is away. I do my best to fill those shoes and appreciate your understanding and kindness.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and happy New Year!

Terra Cooperider Vice President

Ladies Auxillary

“WOW”, a three wheel ridin' senior citizen and now your new ALR director. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your director for 2019. I hope to continue the leadership of our past directors.

Our new chapter officers are:

Director, Marsha Crom

Assistant Director, Lennie Buis

Secretary, Jim Cooper

Treasurer, Ron Jackson

Sgt.At Arms/Ride Coordinator, Rusty Shalla

This month our ALR chapter will be presenting a \$1000.00 donation to the Mt. Vernon Veteran's home purchasing new television sets for each Veteran resident.

We will start our dinner rides in January. Meeting the third Tuesday

of each month for dinner.

Destinations will vary.

This is the time of year to get your motorcycles ready for the riding season. I'm looking forward to the rides Rusty has planned for us.

We will continue to help with the Friday night chicken dinners, so come out and enjoy an evening at Post 639.

Marsha Crom ALR Ch. 639 Director

The Son's of the American Legion continue to work in support of Post 639. January 19th the SAL is having their annual chili cook-off. It is free to enter and the winner will have their recipe used in the Sertoma Chili Cook-Off in February. If you would like to enter, please bring your chili in between 1600 and 1630. Judging will start at 1700 and people's choice after that. If a VSO enters a team, they will be able to join post 639 at the Sertoma Cook-off too. They can pass out information to the public and get their name out as well. If you don't want to enter a chili, please come out and support the cook off. We are accepting donations to eat and there will be 50/50 and other raffles.

The SAL no longer takes money earned on their Friday night dinner. In an effort to raise money to directly support 639, the SAL has pint glasses for sale with the "Together Then, Together Now" logo etched on them. They are in the foyer as you enter the building. They are \$10 each and you can pay for them with cash or card at the bar.





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Sons of the American Legion (Cont)

If you know anyone who qualifies to join the SAL here at 639, please bring them in and sign them up. \$20/year. The meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 1830 hrs. We need as many members to attend our meetings as possible since we will start planning Spring and Summer events in the coming months. If you are a dual member please join us at our meetings. The SAL is proud to serve Post 639 and will continue to do so as long as there are members involved in its activities. We hope everyone has a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sons of the American Legion

**Justin Adamson 1st Vice
CDR,American Legion Post 639**

All members of the post are welcome to submit articles for publication. length and content determines space availability

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Thank you to all who attended the 2nd Annual All-Post Christmas and USO Show party on December 8th. The evening was enjoyed with fellowship, good food and great entertainment. A special thank you to all who participated in the USO Show, the Sweater Contest and those who helped with the sound system, backstage props, curtain controllers, decorations, our judges and our MC. The night was a success because of all of you! Congratulation to our Sweater winners and thank you to those who entered the contest. The Over-All Sweater winner donated their share of the 50/50 back to the Post and the total amount was \$100.00. The USO Show winners were: 1st place Justin Adamson, 2nd place Lady Di and the Extremes and 3rd place was the LZ Luscious Ladies. Awesome entertainment!

On a more personal level, I would like to publically thank Jim Cooper for, once again, taking on the task of MC for the USO Show. The last two years, Jim has done a great job of entertaining the audience between the acts. It is not always an easy thing to do and this year was a remarkable challenge for him. Jim, I apologize for the disruptive behavior, of a few, during the show and appreciate your patience and attempts to correct the situation so

others could enjoy themselves. Lack of interest, is by no means, an excuse for rudeness. Again, I apologize to you, Jim, as well as those who did attend that were interested in watching the show.

Again, thank you everyone for all of your support each year to help me succeed with this endeavor. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Diana Cooperider



**USO SHOW PRODUCER—
DIRECTOR AND
ENTERTAINER—DIANA**



**NEW MEMBER LARRY
MCCAUELY and WIFE CAROL**

(Right Front)

Enjoying the Post Christmas Party

And USO Show. Larry likes to cook and maybe next year he will be in the USO Show making P & B sandwiches

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
06 Jan	07 Jan	08 Jan Legion & Aux General Meeting Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm	09 Jan Queen of Hearts 	10 Jan	11 Jan Dinner 6-8pm (Pasta)	12 Jan Sub vets meeting 11 am
13 Jan	14 Jan	15 Jan SAL Meeting 6:30pm KWVA Meeting 1pm	16 Jan Queen of Hearts 	17 Jan	18 Jan Dinner 6-8pm Chicken	19 Jan
20 Jan ALR Meeting 6pm Post Clean up 1 pm	21 Jan Finance Meeting 6:30pm	22 Jan	23 Jan Queen of Hearts 	24 Jan Fleet Reserve Meeting 5 PM	25 Jan Dinner 6-8pm Fish Newsletter arti- cles due by 8am	26 Jan
27 Jan	28 Jan	29 Jan <u>E-Board Meet- ing</u> <u>Newsletter Team 12 Noon</u>	30 Jan Queen of Hearts  <u>Newsletter Team 12 Noon</u>	31 Jan	01 Feb Dinner 6-8pm Steak	02 Feb
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Justin Adamson



LZ Luscious Ladies
Swimming Routine



Mike



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Swimming Routine



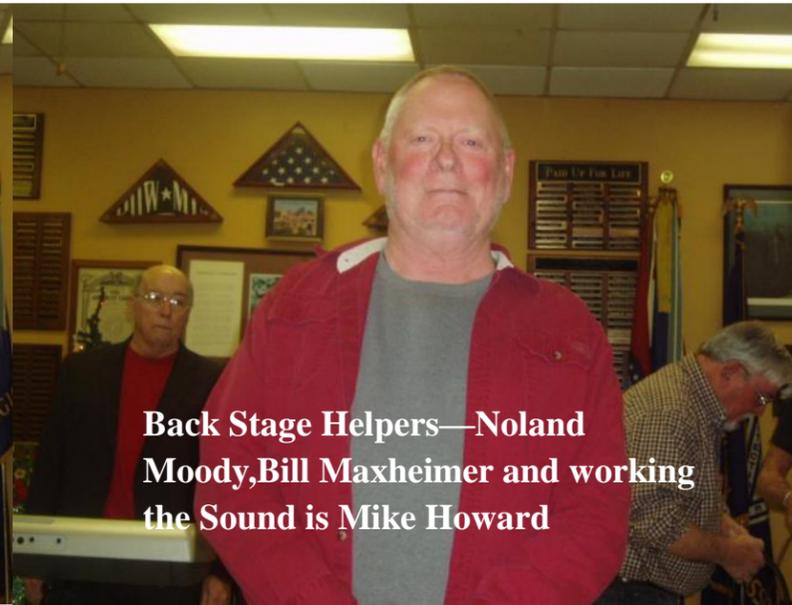
Ron and Marsha—Curtin Coordinators



The Tucks—Accountants for the
USO Show Judging



1st Place—Played the Piano.



Back Stage Helpers—Noland Moody, Bill Maxheimer and working the Sound is Mike Howard



2nd Place—Lady Di and The Extremes



3rd Place—LZ Luscious





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