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From the Commander 1Dec10

Greetings fellow legionnaires,

I hope this newsletter finds you in the best of health and peace in this time of Holidays. I would like to address some current news, a brief update on the Christmas Party, and finally, I would like to share my feelings as your new Commander in this time of holidays.

Current News. I regret to announce that Commander Paul Madsen had resigned just days after our previous meeting. We, as officers in post 472 respect his decision and want to congratulate him for his efforts in a job well done. As my son is in the cub scouts have a motto—To do your best. I believe Paul had stretched us all to do our best as he did his. Bless you Paul and your family as we look forward to the future in Post 472. We look forward to seeing you in the days to come as a fellow member.

Christmas Party Update. The officers and I have agreed to pay the band for their performance on 12 Dec 10. We hope to hear from the Fisher House regarding a family to sponsor for the Christmas season. More to follow on that one. We also want to provide the waiters and waitresses a tip for supporting us at the party. It is my hope that we could, “Bless” those who we have been trusted with. I feel that we have been blessed with our diligence in investments and have ample supply to provide for those in need. Let it not be heard that Post 472 is tight with their money for fear that God and Country might associate us with Ebenezer Scrooge.

New Commander's Thoughts and Feelings in the Holiday Season. Merry Christmas everybody. I am so happy this year as it comes to a close. On Thanksgiving Day my son and I got the tree out and decorated it. I started Christmas Cards. There is so much joy in my heart this year, I think, because I asked. My hours at work were cut from 40-30 per week, my X wife is flaring up again with anger, and my family continues to have struggles of their own. One family member lost his job, another fears the business he works for will fold. All these things didn't affect my happiness this year because I asked God to help me—yes, it was a selfish prayer. To help, "Me" enjoy life. I am so happy today because I got help from God and believe He has the whole world in his hands. If He can help me in this time of sorrow—when is it not a time of sorrow? But, especially in this season of religious hope, let us together seek God to have joy in this season of need. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing everybody at the party. Please bring a guest if you choose.

For God and Country, Your Merry Commander, David J. Wateaka

Seasons greetings Comrades, our Christmas celebration and dinner is coming up fast. It will be Sunday December 12 at 5:PM at the restaurant. Bring a guest and enjoy the celebration. Both Post will be sponsoring a family each from Fisher House to bring the gift of giving to people who would appreciate the friendship.

**WE HAVE GREAT CONCERN ABOUT MIAS AND THE RETURN OF
OUR DEAD AS WELL AS THOSE VETERNS IN NEED OF OUR HELP
AND SERVICES**