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GREETINGS FELLOW LEGIONARIES

I hope this letter reaches you in the best of health. I had an eventful month. To my surprise one of the vets in the 1st step program requested to be baptized. It has been a while since I have seen one take his faith seriously to complete an inward conviction with an outward sign. Anyway, I was thrilled to do this Christian ritual in the Menlo Park VA core building pool.

I would like to mention a few changes. First, each of our officers during our roll call will be encouraged to give their report as our former commander had done. This will give them an opportunity to prepare for the meeting with something to say and perhaps promote some creativity. Second,

Annamae volunteered to edit and layout our Bugler monthly. Thirdly, our 1st Vice volunteered to do a "Chaplain's Corner." We will continue to have our History Corner—just last month Urban shared with me his enthusiasm.

Thanksgiving is approaching soon and Christmas is right around the corner. The Christmas Party is to be hosted by Post 375 this year. Walter volunteered to talk with Chuck Wallen from Post 375 to get the ball rolling. Keep up the good work everyone.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in November. Thank you for your creativity and please continue—
For God and Country,

Your Commander,
David Wateska

VETERANS DAY

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HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

Veterans Day, the annual time for remembering the end of World War I and the brave Americans who served in the war to end all wars, also draws from the news headlines of the day.

What we now call 'Veterans Day' began as 'Armistice Day.' It is historically significant that this day continue to be observed on the month, day and hour that the guns fell silent in World War I at 11 a.m., Nov. 11, 1918.

While the day has strong historical roots, current events continue to add meaning to the day.

"Today, thousands of Americans are serving in uniform. They sacrifice in the war on terror and in hundreds of locations around the globe so we may remain free. They, too, are veterans.

The American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans organization. Founded early in 1919, the delegates to the first National Convention in Minneapolis broke from business sessions to parade down a main street in a heavy snowstorm at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 to mark the anniversary of the armistice.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: Sunday, December 11
Time: 4 p.m.
Where: MacArthur Restaurant
RSVP: by November 30
Limit: one guest per member

THE CHAPLAINS CORNER

As we prepare for thanksgiving, let us remember the less fortunate of this world. Remember that we fulfill the commandment to love our neighbors when we exercise good stewardship - joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor's needs. Christ said that whatever we do for the least among us we do for him.

1st Vice Commander
Louis Dixon