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Post 443 Annual Veterans Day Ceremonies

Post 443 held it's annual Veterans Day Ceremonies on Tuesday November 11, 2008 . The event was well attended with many members Veterans and Local Dignitaries in attendance. A Flag Retirement Ceremony was held. After an opening prayer by Chaplain Dan Sullivan the Post Honor Guard, Auxiliary Honor Guard and Sons of The Legion Honor Guard Commanded by Bruce Swett performed a raffle salute and taps. Commander Paul Almstrom presided over the Post Officers in the inspection of flags, after the determination that the flag were unserviceable Sgt. At Arms Matt McCue escorted the detail of one member from the legion ,Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion to the fire pit where the Flags were respectfully retired to the playing of the National Anthem. Over 2000 Flags were retired many of which flew over the Graves of Leicester veterans . The ceremony was followed by an open house with food prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary.



Jr. Vice Commander Jay Clark

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MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER DANCE

Post 443 will hold a Member Appreciation Dinner Friday December 5, 2008 in the post function hall cocktails start at 6:00 p.m. dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. followed by dancing . Invitation were sent to members in the mail if you did not receive one you can sign up at the post prior to November 22, 2008 RSVP is required. Dinner is open to all members of the Post 443 American Legion Family. If you have any questions contact Steve Cleary or Bruce Swett at the post 508 892 9029



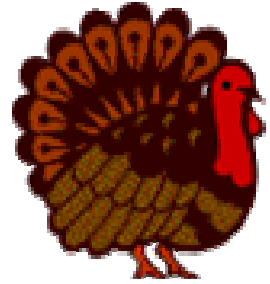
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ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE

The post will held it's Annual Turkey Raffle on Saturday November 22, 2008 Jr. Vice Commander Jay Clark worked hard the week before organizing and procuring all the meat and seafood. We raffled off 7 meat tables and one seafood table with a whopping 23 lobsters on it. A good time was had by all and the money raised supports the Children's Christmas Party. Thank you to all who helped out M.C. Kelly Conroy Ticket Sellers Pat McKeon, Rich McCue, Tom Wood, Mike Wilson, Mark Beaty, Shirley Bovenzi and Mark McCue Door Prize Attendant Laura McCue and Banker Lisa Cleary



FUNCTION HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Matt McCue led a crew of volunteers in installing new energy efficient lighting in the post function hall. You will definitely notice the difference the moment you walk in. Not only do they brighten the hall up but they're more than three times as energy efficient than the old ones. Thanks to all the members who gave Matt a hand. They include Jay Clark, Lucky Margadonna, Jon Dyson Jr., Doug Thomas, Steve Cleary, Paul Almstrom and Mark McCue. Matt also installed a professional sound system which we can use for Meat Raffles,DJ'S, etc.....



**THE NEXT
MEETING OF THE
POST WILL BE
DECEMBER 9th
E-BOARD 7:00 PM
MEMBERS 8:00PM**

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

I'd like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Paul Almstrom

Commander

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Post 443 will be having it's Annual Scholarship Fund Christmas Raffle on December 24th at 4:00 p.m. .First prize is \$1000.00 second prize is \$500.00 **25** Third prizes of \$100.00 . Only 300 tickets will be sold so get yours now. Tickets are on sale at the post. If you are interested in selling tickets see Bruce Swett.



CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday December 7th, at 12:00 noon. Santa with all his helpers will be in town that afternoon. There will be food and beverages for the children only. The Jr. Auxiliary and Tom Brennan will be there to entertain the little ones. The ladies auxiliary will be wrapping presents and decorating on Saturday.



AUXILIARY MEETING DAY AND TIME CHANGED



The Ladies Auxiliary has changed their meeting day and time. All Auxiliary Meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month at 6:30p.m. the next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on December 1st, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers needed for the following :

Holiday Decorating of the Post Sunday Nov. 30th @ noon

Wrapping for the children's Xmas Party Sat. Dec. 6 3 p.m.

Children's Xmas Party Sun Dec. 7 noon volunteers for food prep crafts etc.

For more info contact Kelly Conroy 508 414 5688 or kconroy5432@charter.net



AUXILIARY SECRET SANTA

The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their Secret Santa party on Monday January 12, 2009 there will be a \$15.00 Secret Santa gift swap and a pot luck dinner. All Auxiliary Members are invited, bring your favorite dish.



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S.A.L. MEETING TIMES
2nd Wednesday of the month
Members at 7:00 p.m.
E- Board at 6:30 p.m.
Free Meal after meeting

**Next Meeting
December 10, 2008**



POST GETS NEW ROOF

A large group of volunteers comprising of Legionnaires and Sons of The American Legion members led by Sons of the Legion members Glen Hurley and Mark Ramm, stripped and re-shingled the roof on the west half of the building. They installed 30 year architectural shingles which look great and with a new ridge vent should last at least 40 years. While they were up there they re sided the gable end and repaired the chimney, all in a day and half. It's amazing what can be accomplished when a group of determined individuals get together. Thanks to all who helped out.. There were so many were afraid we might miss someone, so you know who you are **THANK YOU!**



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CARE PACKAGES FOR TROOPS

Sons of The American Legion Americanism Chairman Marc Hurley is starting up the care package drive again this year. If any member knows of a service member who could use a care package please forward their name and military address to Marc Hurley or Patrick McKeon at the post or email to paddyocv580@charter.net . Marc is working on setting up some collection drives ,possibly at Wal-Mart and at the post. We will need volunteers to help at the collections, boxing up packages and shipping them out see Marc Hurley if you would like to help.