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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

With the start of the New Year, we can reflect on the accomplishments of this past year. Among them are the Post's successful first golf tournament, full-house crab feasts and other pleasant social events... I'll describe later. However we did have some issues with illegal fireworks during the Fourth of July picnic and vandalism to several cars during a social event. These issues were addressed and corrective steps taken to prevent future recurrence of such activities. The newly installed parking lot surveillance cameras and signs are examples of our stepped-up security that should help discourage future vandalism and other disturbances. Post patrons and guests should lock their cars and remove valuables from view. We learned from the issues of fireworks rowdiness and parking lot thievery and established new security procedures to ensure that the Greenbelt American Legion facility is a safe place for members, patrons and employees.

I have tasked Post Historian Bernie Zempolich to continue creating appropriate displays for placement throughout the Post. He will also maintain our Facebook page and website. Keeping our web presence updated will build a strong communication bridge to all of our Legion Family and other Legion Posts.

Everyone is encouraged to meet the **deadline to pay for your Super Bowl square** when it's announced. In January, we are going to make changes to the restaurant menu to reflect our patron's selections and their recommendations. It was a communications challenge, but reaching out to our restaurant patrons and members of the Post produced rewarding information. **Your patronage will go a long way to helping the Post maintain a solvent restaurant.**

I encourage all members to update their membership. As of January 1st we will begin checking for 2019 membership renewals. This will allow only members and guests to use the back bar or participate in Post scheduled events.

I'd like to bring to your attention the communications effort of our 2nd Vice Commander, Butch Hicks, and his accomplishments this year. His articles in the Greenbelt News Review describing Post events and community involvement helped us enhance our association with the Greenbelt Community. Whether covering a Memorial Day ceremony or publicizing a Post SAL Beef Cook-Off championship, he has effectively communicated how the Post Family – Legionnaires, SAL and Auxiliary – have worked with other Posts, veterans groups and the Greenbelt community. I sincerely hope that future articles in the Greenbelt News Review and other communication outlets will attract more folks to seek membership in our Post Family and help us to continue our good work supporting veterans and community involvement.

Some of the most successful events the Post supported this year have added to our sense of Americanism: Memorial Day, Rolling Thunder, Boys Nation Dinner, Veterans Day, Wills for Veterans, Law Enforcement/Fire Fighters Recognition Dinner and Pearl Harbor Day Anniversary.

God Bless America. Have a safe and Happy New Year.

For God and Country,
Greg Gigliotti

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