



**Veterans Serving  
Veterans for God and  
Country!**

**We want YOU  
At Post 44!!!**

**A message from the Commander**

Doug Harmon

It just does not seem possible that not only has another month gone by, but we are fast approaching the arrival of Christmas and the New Year, 2017. The past six months have flown by and unfortunately I have not been able to accomplish all I set out to do as Post Commander. As with life, the Post has seen many changes and there will be more to come in the new year. A new 2nd Vice and a new member at large were approved by the executive committee, and will be voted on at the next membership meeting. A House Committee chair will be appointed in January by the Commander. Hopefully with all the positions filled things will run much smoother. It takes all of us working together to make Post 44 a success.. I am proud to report the traditional Thanksgiving dinner at the Post was a wonderful experience and a success. We delivered meals to the Haven, as there are currently nine Veterans residing there. I had the opportunity to meet folks at the Post who would have been alone on Thanksgiving and having them come and being able to provide not only a meal, but the offer of friendship and fellowship and the true meaning of Thanksgiving was truly a moving experience. Those of you who took the time to provide for those less fortunate I Applaud and Thank You. As Christmas approaches I know there are folks who will be traveling throughout the country to celebrate Christmas with family and friends, including the commander. I wish you safe travels and a very Merry Christmas. Hopefully you will make it back in time for the New Years Eve Party which I'm sure you will find a bit different and lots of fun. Tickets are on sale \$25, per person and are going fast so if you plan to celebrate the New Year with us please see myself or the 1st Vice Paul Knock for your ticket. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone.

**New Years Eve Party at American Legion Post 44.**

Tickets are \$25. per person which includes traditional New Years Eve party favors, there will be enough on each table for all present. A Champagne toast at Midnight followed by breakfast. As a special treat there will be music all night as there will be two groups playing for an hour at a time, Music man, Roger and Elaine and Frank and Vickie, the Two of Hearts who play every Saturday night at the Post. Come out and support your Post and ring in the New Year with your friends and fellow Veterans. Tickets are available through the Commander or the 2nd Vice Paul Knoch as we want to avoid any seating problems...

Post 44 Website—[americanlegionpost44gulfshoresal.org](http://americanlegionpost44gulfshoresal.org)

**Legion Executive Board**

**Commander....Doug Harmon**  
**1st Vice....Paul Knoch**  
**2nd Vice....**  
**Adjutant....Sonya Bankston**  
**Finance....Derrick Schlieper**  
**Chaplain....Frank Lehem**  
**Sgt-At-Arms....Chuck Coad**  
**Service Officer....Austin Sellers**  
**Judge Advocate....Bill Huesmann**  
**Past Commander.....Donna Stacy**  
**Members-at-Large: Jim Breeze, Bill Huesmann**

**Sons of the Legion  
Executive Board**

**Squadron Leader/  
Commander....Roger Beasley**  
**1st Vice....Charles Peak**  
**2nd Vice....Justin Waters**  
**Adjutant....Jim Patterson**  
**Finance Officer....**  
**Sgt-at-Arms....**  
**Chaplain....David Ringer**

**Sons of the Legion  
Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year!!**

**Honor Guard  
Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year!!**

**Post Holiday Hours  
Christmas Eve-Open  
from 11 am-4 pm**

**Christmas Day Closed**

**New Years Eve  
Open at 7 pm for  
New Years Eve Party!**

**Legion Riders**

**Director-Doug Harmon**

The goal of the Post 44 riders group this year was to provide Christmas to a Veteran and his/her family who were in need. Proceeds from our annual Car Show held November 5th and the two Observation/Poker rides this year will be used for this effort. Our first attempts to contact the Veteran were unsuccessful due to his phone being cut off for non payment and it took three days to reach him.. We then learned their power had been disconnected for the same reason. The Post 44 Riders will be providing the family with everything from a tree and ornaments to gifts under the tree and a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. I have to be honest, it is such a good feeling to be doing something for someone, to be helping a family who would not be having a Christmas that we are accustomed to. When we finally reached him and told him what was going to happen he cried. For reasons which I hope you understand the name of the Veteran and the family is being held confidential, as not to embarrass anyone. Be thankful for what you have. Merry Christmas.

**Auxiliary Executive Board**

**President....Sharon Sprows**  
**1st Vice....Janie Maurin**  
**2nd Vice....Gayle Racine**  
**Secretary....Carole Wachtel**  
**Treasurer....Shar Hawkins**  
**Chaplain....**  
**Historian.... Sherry Douglas**  
**Sgt-at-Arms....Kay Owens**  
**Membership....Nan Chasteen**  
**At-Large:....Janie Maurin, Jean Huesmann, Carole Waschtel**  
**Finance Com...Sherry Frazer, Gayle Racine**

**Auxiliary Unit 44  
Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year!!**

**December Christmas Party**

**Tacky Christmas**  
**T Shirt Contest and Party**  
**Friday, Dec 16th at**  
**7 Pm-11 Pm**  
**Merry Christmas**  
**From the**  
**Bar!!!!**

