

Swansea Community Post 2007
American Legion
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Our next meeting is scheduled at 7:00 P.M. 27 December 2010 at the Swansea Improvement Association Hall, located at 301 Service St. in Swansea. The Executive Board will meet at 6:30 P.M. All members are welcome to attend. The SAL will meet at 6:00 P.M.

We had 20 members at our November meeting. The meeting lasted 25 minutes. As is stated at the bottom of this newsletter, we try to keep the meetings short. At the same time, we take care of necessary business. We don't want to waste your time. We want to give you time to mingle.

We were visited by the 22nd District who, thankfully, did not speak about membership. He did speak about the Gifts to the Yanks who gave program. This program is intended to provide Christmas gifts to Veterans in nursing and extended care facilities. We have participated in this program since our inception with monetary contributions to the program and gift presentations to residents in the Rosewood and Sycamore Village facilities in Swansea. By the time you read this, members of the Post will (probably) have made these visits.

We will be celebrating our Post's fourth anniversary at our December meeting . We encourage every member to attend and help us celebrate. Finger food will be provided. You may bring your wife or a guest if you so desire. Please let us know if you are bringing a guest so that we can make sure we have enough food. Contact Carl Bales at 233-4597 or cvbales@aol.com or Bill Meister at 401-0531 . Liquid refreshments are your responsibility. The Swansea Improvement Association bar will be open as usual. They do not allow outside beverages to be brought in.

The Post has collected and sent 10 to 15 boxes of goodies to Chaplain Williams in Afghanistan for distribution to military in his area that have no one at home. We have decided to make this an ongoing project. We will need your help to make it a successful project. If you would like to make a monetary contribution, send it to the address on the letterhead above. If you would prefer to provide any of the items listed below, you can drop them off on Post meeting nights at the SIA hall. Please do not take them to the SIA hall at any other time. The Association has no involvement in this project and has no place to store items. Items can also be dropped off at Carl Bales residence at 1760 Payton Drive in Dutch Hollow Village on Rt. 161 at other times. (Enter the park at the main entrance. Turn right on Royal Mine Rd.(in front of the office) and follow around to Payton drive. Turn right to 1st house on right). If no one is home, leave items in container on front stoop. Items desired include but are not limited to hard candies, Snacks, Peanuts, Pistachio nuts, Cookies, Chips, Beef jerky, Chap Stick, Spices, Hot sauce, Ranch salad dressing, Batteries (mostly AA), Zip lock bags, Travel size tooth paste and other travel sized toiletries hard pack Pringles, nuts, white crew socks, disposable razors, Crystal drink packs, and women's travel toiletries. Again, these items will be distributed to troops who have no one at home to provide these items to them.

Check your Membership Card. If your card doesn't have '2011' at the center top, you haven't paid your dues. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

Attend Meetings – We keep them short so that we have time to visit