

# ALA POST 272

## DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Hoping you're all having a great holiday season! It's a very busy time for all of us and we're needing you to spare some time to help with our ALA service projects for veterans and their families.

Our Veteran's Day breakfast was a great success! We served 238 veterans and their families. Everyone left with a full belly and a song in their heart from the performance by 'Guitars for Vets'.

**Angel Tree** – The tree is up and decorated with the names of needy children. Please consider picking up an ornament. Gifts (in bags, please!) must be back by December 15.

**December 6** – Tri-County meeting in Middletown. Here is where we learn what our neighboring ALA units are doing. Our unit will be hosting in May. If interested, contact Sharon (717-418-8793).

**December 8** – We're hosting a Holiday Dinner for our Lebanon VA veterans. The group, "Guitars for Veterans" provides the entertainment. Interested in serving? Contact Sharon.

**December 9** – Bingo in the canteen at 7:00 with profits going towards the cost of the children's Christmas party. We're still needing volunteers to help collect money, sell tickets, and call numbers (easy jobs so, don't be shy!) For more details, contact Sharon (717-418-8793). Is anyone else seeing a trend here??

### **December 13 – Our BIG day for Valuable Volunteers!!**

**Breakfast with Santa** – You should have received a link for 'Sign Up Genius' for a choice of station. This is a great time to experience the excitement in the children's eyes! Not only do they get a visit with Santa, but they will do crafts, play games, have a hot breakfast, and even enjoy a hot chocolate bar this year! They leave with a bag of gifts and lots of candy.

**Christkindle Mart** – The ALA sponsors its own tent here where we sell hot chocolate, hot dogs, brats, and sauerkraut. We need to fill 9 spots in each 3 hour shift: 9-12 and 12-3:00. We're expecting to be able to send out another email with Sign up Genius so please watch for it. Most of the regular volunteers are working the Santa Breakfast and have signed up for the afternoon shift here so we are

really needing morning volunteers. For more details, contact Sharon (717-418-8793).

**Wreaths Across America** – Hand out wreaths for veteran's graves at Indiantown Gap or place a few yourself. For more details, contact Sharon (717-418-8793).

**December 21 – Community “Jingle Bingo”** – This bingo will be centered around kids (16 and under). Specially priced bingo packets for the kids will be \$12 and, if they win, they will have their choice of a special gift or cash. We need kid-centered raffle baskets and volunteers to help collect money, sell the raffle tickets, and call numbers. There's even talk about the 'Big Guy' making a special appearance! For more details, contact Sharon (717-418-8793).

The **Lebanon VA** is still needing the following items: Male scents for Deodorant, Lotion, Body wash, and 3-in-1 body wash. Men's 4X T-shirts, 4X underwear briefs, and medium T-shirts. Alcohol-free mouthwash, large nail clippers, large size baby powder, and Women's (size small) bras. ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE **NEW** – NOT USED. Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the lobby.

*Remember: Our mission is to serve those who protect our freedoms.*

**ANY QUESTIONS?** Email/text our President, Sharon at 717-418-8793.