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Building Fund

The Building Project committee would like to thank all of the Legion Family members that have provided funds over the years to not only help us maintain our facility but helped pay off the mortgage on our Post Home. We would like to thank all those loyal and faithful members that stepped forward and answered the request to have this debt liquidated for future generations. It is only because of the generosity and strong belief in the American Legion and what Post 217 represents in our community that we were able to pay off the mortgage quicker than anticipated. However, our work is not done. We still have the arduous task of raising funds for several major projects that require much funding such as the parking lot repair, the roof repair, heating and air conditioning units upgraded and the upgrading of our kitchen appliances and our Canteen coolers. This being said, we will continue to accept donations toward the Building Fund. Your name or a memorial to honor a deceased Legion Family member will be added to the Building Fund plaque of Honor. **Remember donations made to the campaign fall under a 501(c)19 veterans charitable donation.** Please send your donation to **Sidney American Legion – Post 217, P.O. Box 297, Sidney, Ohio 45365.**

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ATTENTION!!!

In an effort to save money, we are hoping to end the mass mailing of the newsletter. Each time we do this, it costs about \$600.00 – That is \$3,600.00 a year! There will now be three different ways to get the newsletter –

1. Pick it up at the Post
2. Look at it on our website at <http://sidneylegionpost217.org>
3. Or if you really need it placed in the mail, you **MUST let me know the address where you want to receive it.**

You can email me at tmanteuffel@hotmail.com with your name and address or drop a line to the Post at 1265 N. Fourth Ave., Sidney, OH 45365.

Please, if you can use one of the first two options, you would be doing your Post a favor. Thanks for your understanding on this issue.

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**November 25 OSU/MICHIGAN PARTY
Happy Hour prices during the game!
Raffles – 50/50 drawing, Door Prizes,
Chili Cook-off**

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Although it's been said before by many I can't begin this article without saying a very special thanks to all of the generous donors who made it possible for the Post mortgage to be paid off. Every one of those individuals recognized the importance of maintaining the viability of our American Legion post in the Sidney/Shelby Co. community. As canteen manager, I realize that having the mortgage behind us does not give us carte blanche as we move forward into the future and I, along with the other employees and officers of Post 217, will continue to look at options to improve our bottom line in a way that still provides our members and guests value for their dollars. Those who helped to pay off the mortgage expect no less.

Notes from the Canteen

We have recently introduced an updated menu in the Canteen. Along with the old favorites it introduces new items, adds some healthy choice options, and expands on the children's menu. Our team is dedicated to being able to provide food service not only during the main lunch and dinner periods but other hours as well. Please be patient as we all work through the 'growing pains' a new menu brings. The long-term goal is to make the canteen self-sufficient yet give our members improved service with value pricing. We hope that you will stop in soon to enjoy a meal with friends and family. Remember every dollar spent at our Post in one way or another supports our veterans, a statement the chain restaurants can't claim.

Finally... a HUGE THANKS to each and every person who donated to, purchased at or helped work the garage sale. It was a great success and timed perfectly in light of the reach-in refrigerator failing in the kitchen and unable to be repaired. No matter how hard we try to maintain our equipment, eventually age and condition catches up and we find ourselves looking under every rock for funds to cover the unexpected costs. We plan to make the garage sale an annual event so please keep us in mind when you're cleaning out a closet, basement, or attic. Hang on to what you no longer want so it can become someone's greatest 'find' at our next sale!

Blessings to you and yours this holiday season!

**Julie Music,
Canteen Manager**

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Canteen closed Christmas Day & New Years Day!

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**POST 217 CHRISTMAS EVE
PARTY FROM 1 - 4 PM
GIFTS FOR YANKS DRAWING
@ 4:00 PM**

Merry Christmas
*Legion Children's
Christmas Party*
Sunday
December 10
2:30 - 4 p.m.
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