

**AMERICAN LEGION JIM KING POST 107**  
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Newsletter No. 20-1

July 1, 2020

**Greetings to all of our members. Your officers and board members are:**

Post Commander	Rick Williams	Sgt-At-Arms	Manfred "Fred" Stiegler
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Ron McSpadden	Executive Board	Melvin McMahan
Chaplain	Roger Higgins	Executive Board	Lonnie Temples
Adjutant	Robert Crawford	Executive Board	Hayden Privett
Service Officer	Jerry Minchew	Executive Board	Roy Parrott
Finance Officer	Gloria Gray	Executive Board	Roger Busse

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**Post Commander's Comments:**

**Let me begin by saying a heart-felt thank you to Melvin McMahan for his service as our Post Commander. May God bless him and his family.**

**I assume the role as your Post Commander in turbulent times for our country and the American Legion. We as legionnaires must keep faith and persevere. The Corvd-19 crisis by itself has been terribly disruptive to our country and the Post. As the country returns to business as usual (as much as possible) the Post must focus on doing better and becoming better. As I stated during the new officer installation ceremony my priorities are:**

- **Defend and promote the letter and spirit of Legion constitution preamble.**
- **Care for and honor our Post members.**
- **Vigorously recruit new members.**
- **Retain current members.**
- **Check on members who are hospitalized or sick at home.**
- **Ensure budget will support fixed costs necessary to keep the Post solvent financially.**
- **Investigate ways to maximize incoming funds.**

**I want to personally thank all our Post members for your faithfulness over the years. You are the American Legion! Let's strive to continue the legacy of those who founded the Legion more than one hundred years ago. Remember what we stand for: Veterans Care; Americanism; Child Care; and National Security. Let's have a GREAT rest of the year and an even better 2021!**

**For God and Country**  
**Rick Williams**  
**Post Commander**

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**Coming events that you will not want to miss:**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

- Veterans Day, November 11. Post 107 to have representation at Chattanooga National Cemetery ceremony.
- Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. we will have our annual Post Christmas Dinner. Bring your favorite dish, salad or dessert. Each person attending is encouraged to bring a toy for a boy or girl for the Christmas Toys for Tots program.

Please mark your calendar with these important dates along with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month which is **YOUR** membership meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is served at each meeting (Cost \$5.00). Spouses and guests are also invited

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American Legion membership renewal notices for 2021 have been sent out. July 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of 2021 membership renewals. To maintain current status, membership renewal should be made by December 31, 2020. If you have internet access you have the option of paying directly to the American Legion Headquarters in Indianapolis with a credit card by going online and going to their web address of [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew).

The American Legion provides a valuable service by working with Congress to insure that promised Veteran Benefits are maintained and properly funded. Also, your membership provides you with certain discount benefits such as hotel stays, car rentals and other products and services.

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*Post News Alert*

Jim King Post 107 has launched a website for the first time. The address is "legion107.org." The site will contain many helpful items such as meeting notices, breaking news concerning the Legion and the post. Special thanks to our newest member, Kevin Phillips, for putting together the site.