

Legion Briefing

By Damien Cox



First off, Happy New Year to everyone! It was wonderful to see so many people out enjoying the holiday season activities in Vernonia throughout December. We are grateful to all of you in the community who supported us

last year by participating in our many events. Through these events, word of our activities to help veterans, their families, and the community is getting out, and new veterans are joining Post 119 monthly. New members bring a welcome new perspective about ways to assist veterans, their families, and the community. We are looking forward to seeing what the new year will bring! Bingo will be continuing

throughout the year on the first and third Saturday of each month. There are a total of nine games played each bingo night. To play the first eight games you must purchase a "Full Packet" for \$10 which consists of six boards on eight separate sheets. The first eight games alternate between normal straight-line bingo and a special bingo in some shape such as an "X" or "Kite". As each game is completed you tear off one of the eight sheets from your "Full Packet" and throw it away, starting on a fresh sheet with 6 cards. For an additional \$1 you can buy a bingo sheet with three boards for the ninth, and final, game. Game nine is blackout and the winner

receives 75% of sales for game nine. In summary, a few hours enjoyment can be had for \$11 per person. The first number is called at 6:30 pm. Come early and grab some food and a seat. Upcoming dates are January 15 and February 5.

On February 12 we will be hosting our Valentine's Mystery Dinner. Watch for more information on that event over the coming weeks by joining and following our Facebook page or attending bingo events.

Boy Scouts of America Troop 201 is looking for youths, ages 11 to 17, interested in creating both boy and girl troops in Vernonia. Please visit their Facebook page at Vernonia Scouts BSA Troop 201 and get in contact with Troop 201 leadership if you have questions or have children that would be interested in joining this great program.

All veterans are invited to attend our first meeting of the year on January 12 at 7 pm. Our member meeting is held in Vernonia, at 627 Adams Avenue, on the second Wednesday of each month.

American Legion Vernonia Post 119 can be contacted by telephone at 971-288-8887 and by email at al.vernonia.post.119@gmail.com. Consider signing up to the Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/VernoniaPost119>, to get updates on upcoming events.

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