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Welcome Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Eric Weller, Deputy Adjutant
General for Veterans Affairs!

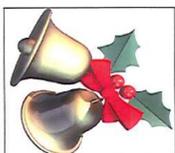


We are pleased to announce that Major General (Ret) Eric Weller has been approved as DMVA's next Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans Affairs. General Weller recently retired from a distinguished career in the Air National Guard and will continue to serve DMVA and our Commonwealth in his new capacity as DAG-VA; effective 21NOV16. We congratulate and welcome him to the DMVA team.

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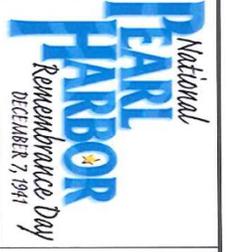


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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>MP- Multi-Purpose Room B-Barbershop AC- Activity Room CT- Courtyard C- Chapel L- Library P- Pavilion Lobby- Outdoor Activity</p>		<p>ACTIVITIES CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p>	 <p>December 7, 1941</p>	<p>1 9:00 INDIVIDUAL ROOM VISITS 10:00 CERAMICS-AC 1:30 ICE CREAM SOCIAL-MP 1:30 BINGO- VERONIA EAGLES LADIES AUXILIARY-MP 3:30 ROOM TO ROOM VISITS 7:00 POKER NIGHT-AC</p>	<p>2 9:00 INDIVIDUAL ROOM VISITS 10:00 EXERCISE GROUP-MP 12:00 AMERICAN LEGION CHRISTMAS TOUR 2:30 BINGO- SWMC SPONSORED-MP 7:00 BINGO- VFW 914 WEST WIFFLM-MP</p>	<p>3 9:00 COFFEE & CONVERSATION-AC 9:45-10:30 4 NORTH SATURDAY SOCIAL-4N 10:00 CURRENT EVENTS-AC 1:30-3:00 BINGO- CUB SCOUTS PACK 4:13 MARS- PK-MP</p>
<p>4 9:00 CATHOLIC MASS-C 10:00 PROTESTANT SERVICE-C 11:15 SUNDAY SOCIAL-AC 2:00 BINGO- CHARLOTTE RASSCHAERT SPONSORED-MP</p>	<p>5 9:00 INDIVIDUAL ROOM VISITS 10:00 PET VISITS WITH JOYCE 10:00 NAME THAT TUNE-MP 11:00 MILITARY AUDIO TAPES-L 1:00 UNIT BASED 1:1 VISITS 2:00 BINGO- PIONEERS-MP 7:00 BINGO- KEYSTONE PVA/RIVERVIEW KEY CLUB-MP</p>	<p>6 9:00 INDIVIDUAL ROOM VISITS 10:30 BENTWORTH HIGH SCHOOL BAND PERFORMANCE-MP 10:30 BENTWORTH LEO CLUB UNIT TO UNIT VISITS 2:00 NORTH HILLS HARMONY LINE CHORUS-MP 7:00 BINGO- VFW 1810 BENTWOOD-MP</p>	<p>7 Pearl Harbor Day 9:00 INDIVIDUAL ROOM VISITS 10:30 RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING-C 2:00 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY-4N 2:00 SINGERS- THE BELARS-MP 3:30 ROOM TO ROOM VISITS 7:00 BINGO- AMERICAN LEGION 106-MP</p>	<p>8 9:15 BIBLE STUDY-C 10:00 CERAMICS-AC 1:00 2S WALMART TRIP 1:30 ICE CREAM SOCIAL-MP 3:30 ROOM TO ROOM VISITS 7:00 BINGO- VFW 2754 WEST VIEW-MP</p>	<p>9 9:00 INDIVIDUAL ROOM VISITS 10:30 EXERCISE GROUP-MP 2:00 AMERICAN LEGION CHRISTMAS PARTY-4N 2:00 ENTERTAINMENT TRINA JANUIRA CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 6:00 DUQUESNE LIGHT 433 BOYSCOUTS UNIT TO UNIT</p>	<p>10 9:00 COFFEE & CONVERSATION-AC 9:45-10:30 4 NORTH SATURDAY SOCIAL-4N 10:00 PROTESTANT SERVICE-C 10:00-12:00 SWEATS FOR VETS WITH PA STATE TROOPERS-MP 1:00 DECORATING AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS UNITS 2:00 CAROLS WITH A.H. GIRLS-MP</p>
<p>11 9:00 CATHOLIC MASS-C 10:00 PROTESTANT SERVICE-C 10:00 HANUKKAH PARTY-LIBRARY 11:15 SUNDAY SOCIAL-AC 1:30 ROLLING THUNDER CHRISTMAS VISIT-MP</p>	<p>12 9:00 INDIVIDUAL ROOM VISITS 10:00 PET VISITS WITH JOYCE 10:00 NAME THAT TUNE-MP 11:00 MILITARY AUDIO TAPES-L 2:00 POKENO-MP 3:30 ROOM TO ROOM VISITS 7:00 BINGO- AMERICAN LEGION 980-MP</p>	<p>13 9:00 INDIVIDUAL ROOM VISITS 11:00-3:00 SANTY'S WORKSHOP WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY-MP 7:00 BINGO- SPONSORED BY TONY M. MP</p>	<p>14 9:00 2N WALMART TRIP 1:30 BINGO- SWMC SPONSORED-MP 2:30 BIRTHDAY PARTY SPONSORED BY THE PIONEERS-MP 3:30 ROOM TO ROOM VISITS 7:00 BINGO- VFW 9199 MT. ROYAL-MP</p>	<p>15 9:00 3S WALMART TRIP 10:00-2:00 RIVERS CASINORED GROSS EVENT (JOHN) 1:30 ICE CREAM SOCIAL-MP 2:00 ACCORDIONS- KEVIN SOLECKI-MP 3:30 UNIT BASED 1:1 ACTIVITIES 7:00 AMERICAN LEGION AUX UNIT 712 PLEASANT HILLS XMAS PARTY-MP</p>	<p>16 9:00 INDIVIDUAL ROOM VISITS 10:30 EXERCISE GROUP-MP 11:30 LODGE VISIT- OAKMONT ELKS 1:30 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG-MP 3:30 UNIT BASED 1:1 ACTIVITIES 7:00 BINGO/CAROLS- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-MP</p>	<p>17 9:00 COFFEE & CONVERSATION-AC 9:45-10:30 4 NORTH SATURDAY SOCIAL-4N 10:00 CURRENT EVENTS-AC 1:00-2:30 TEAM BMB HOLIDAY MUSIC EVENT (JOHN)-MP</p>
<p>18 9:00 CATHOLIC MASS-C 10:00 PROTESTANT SERVICE-C 11:15 SUNDAY SOCIAL-AC 3:00 NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICE-C</p>	<p>19 9:00 INDIVIDUAL ROOM VISITS 10:00 PET VISITS WITH JOYCE 10:00 NAME THAT TUNE-MP 11:00 MILITARY AUDIO TAPES-L 1:15 UNIT BASED 1:1 ACTIVITIES 2:30 MUSIC APPRECIATION 2N/2S (2N) 2:30 MUSIC APPRECIATION 3N/3S (3N) 7:00 ROOM TO ROOM VISITS</p>	<p>20 Christmas Luncheon 9:00 INDIVIDUAL ROOM VISITS 10:00 UNIT BASED ACTIVITY 10:00 MUSIC APPRECIATION 2N/2S (2N) 10:00 MUSIC APPRECIATION 3N/3S (3N) 3:00 BINGO- JEWISH WAR VETERANS-MP 7:00 POKER NIGHT-AC</p>	<p>21 Winter Begins 9:00 3N WALMART TRIP 10:00 DAV PHOTO CHRISTMAS VISIT 2:00 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY-4N 2:00 SINGERS- JOE SPERAZZO TRIO-MP 3:30 UNIT BASED 1:1 ACTIVITIES 7:00 BINGO- THE ELKS-MP</p>	<p>22 9:15 BIBLE STUDY-C 10:30 MEMORIAL SERVICE WITH CARL-AC 1:30 ICE CREAM SOCIAL-MP 2:00 JOHNNY POWITINE XMAS SHOW & ROSEDALE WOMENS CLUB COOKIE SOCIAL-MP 7:00 BINGO- A.L. AUX. 443 GLASSPORT-MP</p>	<p>23 9:00 INDIVIDUAL ROOM VISITS 9:00-4:30 DOWNS SALE-MP 10:30 EXERCISE GROUP-AC 10:30 LABORERS UNION GIFT DIST (JOHN) 12:00-3:00 MITZVAH DAY VOLUNTEERS 1:00-3:00 BOARD GAMES/CARDS-AC 7:00 FRIDAY NIGHT @ THE MOVIES-MP</p>	<p>24 Hanukkah begins @ sundown 9:00 COFFEE & CONVERSATION-AC 9:45-10:30 4 NORTH SATURDAY SOCIAL-4N 10:00 PROTESTANT SERVICE-C 2:00 HOLIDAY BINGO SPONSORED BY SWMC VETERANS FUND-MP</p>
<p>25 Christmas Day 9:00-12:00 MITZVAH DAY 9:00 CATHOLIC MASS-C 10:00 PROTESTANT SERVICE-C 1:00-3:00 ROOM VISITS- CONVERSATION-MITZVAH DAY</p>	<p>26 Kwanzaa Begins 9:00 INDIVIDUAL ROOM VISITS 10:00 PET VISITS WITH JOYCE 10:00 NAME THAT TUNE-MP 11:00 MILITARY AUDIO TAPES-L 1:15 UNIT BASED 1:1 ACTIVITIES 2:30 MUSIC APPRECIATION 2N/2S (2N) 2:30 MUSIC APPRECIATION 3N/3S (3N) 7:00 FREESTYLE ACTIVITIES-AC</p>	<p>27 9:00 4S WALMART TRIP 2:00 BINGO- SHARING & CARING-MP 3:30 ROOM TO ROOM VISITS 7:00 COOKIE SOCIAL-AC</p>	<p>28 10:00 BARBERSHOPPERS-C 11:30 OUTDOOR ACTIVITY-L 1:30 BAND- THE EPICS-MP 2:30 BINGO- VFW 709 SHARPSBURG-MP 3:30 UNIT BASED 1:1 ACTIVITIES 7:00 FREESTYLE ACTIVITIES-AC</p>	<p>29 9:00 INDIVIDUAL ROOM VISITS 10:00 CERAMICS-AC 1:30 ICE CREAM SOCIAL-MP 2:00 COMMUNITY BAPTIST NEW YEARS EVE EVENT (JOHN)-MP 7:00 CURRENT EVENTS-AC</p>	<p>30 9:00 INDIVIDUAL ROOM VISITS 10:30 EXERCISE GROUP-MP 2:00 DANA CHAPTER #83 NEW YEARS EVE PARTY/BINGO-MP 7:00 FRIDAY NIGHT @ THE MOVIES</p>	<p>31 9:00 COFFEE & CONVERSATION-AC 9:45-10:30 4 NORTH SATURDAY SOCIAL-4N 10:00 TRIVA GAME-AC 2:00 FREESTYLE ACTIVITIES-AC</p>

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*Happy
Holidays*

Activities Department

On Veterans Day Veterans and staff toured the WWII Memorial in Pittsburgh





Volunteer Department



**PICTURES FROM THE 1ST ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2016 AT JOB CORP'S GYM**



**Our vets with a very
generous donor**



**State Representative Ed
Ganey's Chief of Staff, Mel.**



**The food was great, compliments of the
cooking staff Paul (Job Corp) and John.**



SWVC getting ready to play basketball

Can't forget our Jewish War Veteran-Jake



Volunteers and yours truly, Ola.



Volunteer Department

AND THE WINNER is...

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GROUP

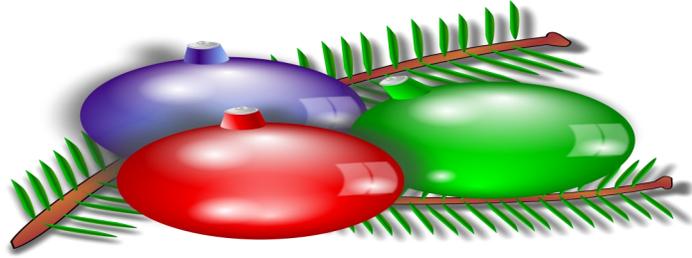


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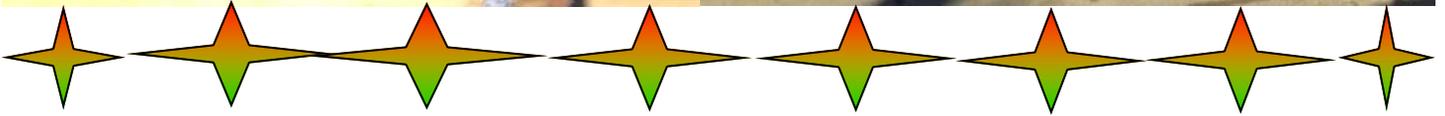




Team Safelite



Team Gainey



U.S. Marines 241st Birthday



COURTYARD OPERATIONS

Due to safety concerns, the patio/pavilion area adjacent to 2 South will only be used for events hosted by the Activities Department or SWVC leadership.

The courtyards adjacent to 2 North and PT/OT will be open from April 1st through November 30th when the air temperature is 45 degrees or higher and weather conditions permitting.

The chapel courtyard will be open all year long when the air temperature is 45 degrees or higher and weather conditions permitting.

The security officer on duty is responsible for determining the air temperature and weather conditions. If needed, the security officer on duty will confer with the chain of command to make the final determination. Air temperature and weather forecasts will be determined by on-line means using a weather site and the facility's zip code.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DIRECTIONS TO GOD'S HOUSE

**Make a right onto "Believeth Blvd."
Keep straight and go through the
Green Light, which is Jesus Christ.
From there...**

**You must turn onto the "Bridge of Faith,"
Which is over troubled water.
When you get off the bridge,
Make a right turn and keep straight.
You are on the "King's Highway" ...
Heaven-bound.**

**Keep going for three miles:
One for the Father, one for the Son,
And one for the Holy Ghost.
Then exit off onto "Grace Blvd."
From there...**

**Make a right turn on "Gospel Lane."
Keep straight and then make
Another right on "Prayer Blvd."
As you go on your way, Yield Not...
To the traffic on "Temptation Ave."
Also, avoid "Sin Street"
Because it is a DEAD END.**

**Pass up "Envy Drive," and "Have Avenue."
Also, pass "Hypocrisy Street,"**

**"Gossiping Lane," and "Backbiting Blvd."
But you have to go down "Long-suffering Lane,"
"Persecution Blvd.," and "Trials and Tribulations Ave."
But that's all right,
Because "VICTORY Blvd." is straight ahead!**

Kwanzaa

*A Celebration of Family,
Community and Culture*



Kwanzaa is a seven day festival that celebrates African and African American culture and history. Kwanzaa takes place from 26th December to 1st January

The seven days and candles in Kwanzaa represent the seven principles of Kwanzaa (Nguzo Saba):

- Umoja: Unity - Unity of the family, community, nation and race
- Kujichagulia: Self-Determination - Being responsible for your own conduct and behaviour
- Ujima: Collective work and responsibility - Working to Help each other and in the community
- Ujamaa: Cooperative economics - Working to build shops and businesses
- Nia: Purpose - Remembering and restoring African and African American cultures, customs and history
- Kuumba: Creativity - Using creating and your imagination to make communities better
- Imani: Faith - Believing in people, families, leaders, teachers and the righteousness of the African American struggle

Happy Hanukkah



Hanukkah is also spelled Chanukah which is the Jewish eight-day, wintertime “festival of lights,” celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods.

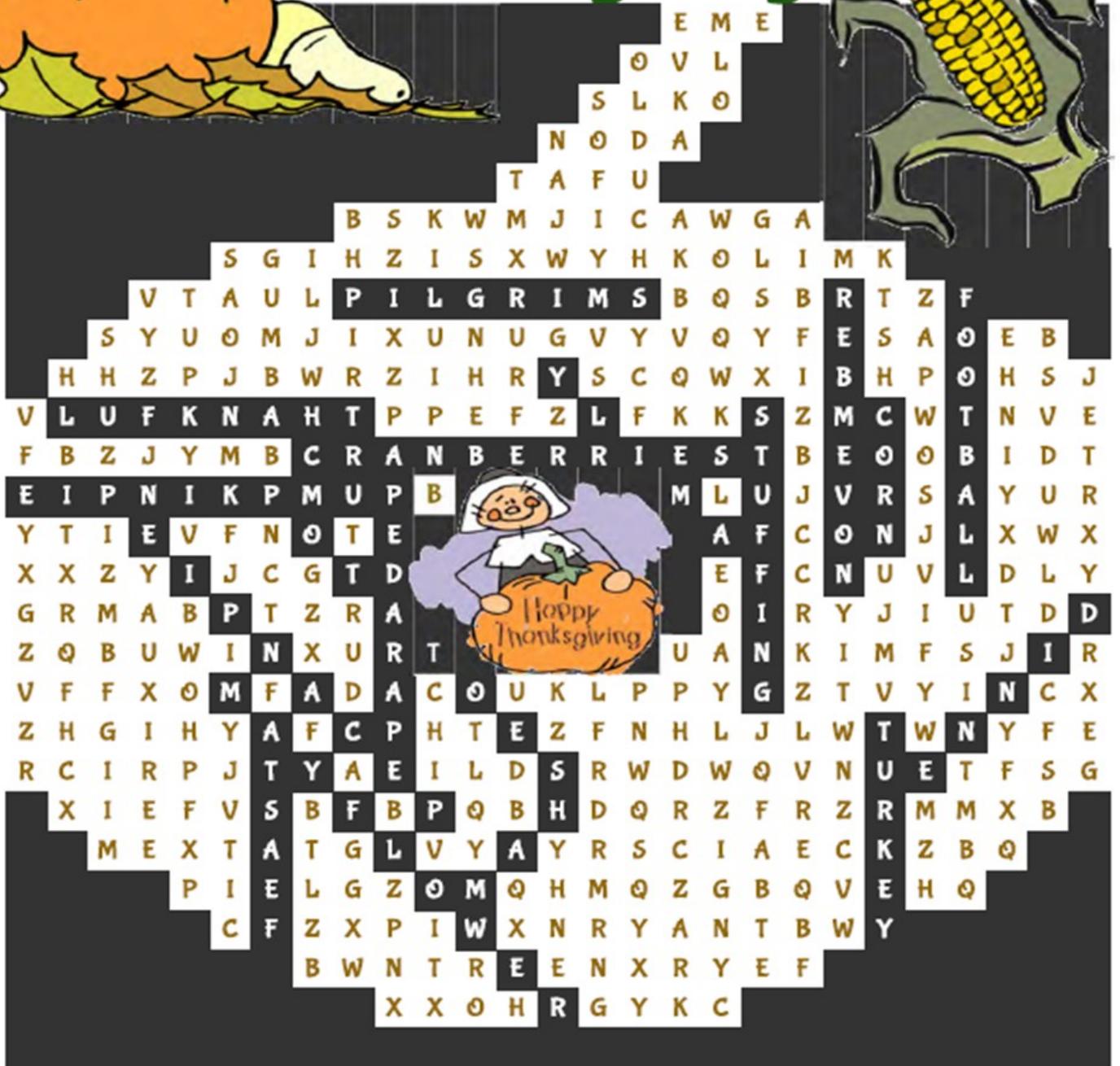
The Hebrew word Chanukah means “dedication,” and is thus named because it celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple.

The Hanukkah celebration begins on December 24th and ends on December 31.

1. **After nightfall** recite [blessings](#) 1, 2 and 3 and kindle one light in the menorah. The menorah is lit **after** [Shabbat ends](#) and the [Havdalah](#) is recited
2. Recite [blessings](#) 1 and 2 and kindle two lights in the menorah.
3. Recite [blessings](#) 1 and 2 and kindle three lights in the menorah.
4. Recite [blessings](#) 1 and 2 and kindle four lights in the menorah.
5. Recite [blessings](#) 1 and 2 and kindle five lights in the menorah.
6. Recite [blessings](#) 1 and 2 and kindle six lights in the menorah.
7. Recite [blessings](#) 1 and 2 and kindle seven lights in the menorah. The menorah should be lit **before** lighting the [Shabbat Candles](#) (18 minutes before sunset).
8. Recite blessings 1 and 2 and kindle eight lights in the menorah. The menorah is lit **after** [Shabbat ends](#) and the [Havdalah](#) is recited.
9. Recite blessings 1 and 2 and kindle eight lights in the menorah. The menorah is lit **after** [Shabbat ends](#) and the [Havdalah](#) is recited.

NOVEMBER ANSWER KEY

Thanksgiving



NOVEMBER
HAM
POTATOES
THANKFUL
DINNER
FEAST

TURKEY
PUMPKINPIE
PECANPIE
MAYFLOWER
FAMILY
PARADE

STUFFING
CRANBERRIES
PILGRIMS
CORN
FOOTBALL

NOVEMBER ANSWER KEY

Veterans Day

T U O X A Y K V M **C O U R A G E** Y L X P
 Q U G V U J **E** B G J Z D Z R K S O M L Z
 C M K Q I E C **N** C H I Y D H V U S R **M** F
 Q Z V C B U R H O X W L Y I D E S R A D
 O G M H S M O L **C I T O I R T A P** H R Y
H O N O R Y F O L E T J V N R G N Q I X
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 K W Q B J L U Z Y N E R O E O C T L V O
 I U **A N T H E M** M H E E Y N I F K A H T
V I C T O R Y H Y M X B L R J G H I J W
 D D E Q P P P B **A A T I** B C J V E X R T
 U F **Z X W F Z F M R L V H H T Z M U V**
 B N O V R R L A J G Q M U V D X K I K Y
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 X E B P I S E A R F K W V L F C Z Q W B
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 MARINES

PATRIOTIC
 HONOR
 VETERAN
 UNITED STATES
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 AIRFORCE



Christmas Word Scramble

Please unscramble the words below

1. yhadoil

2. arhDse

3. ydacr sneca

4. ksgnicto sfrftseu

5. Vxeni

6. eendrier

7. hNotr Poel

8. norneD

9. sCsrriamh eert

10. seglhi belsl

11. nreaDc

12. syorFt

13. nSata Clasu

14. piduC

15. olNe

16. edrspaa

17. mesoettli

18. rPncear

19. Sgcoeor

20. meoCt

21. fiirase

22. zBetiln

23. cmieyhn

24. dholRup

25. plhRudo

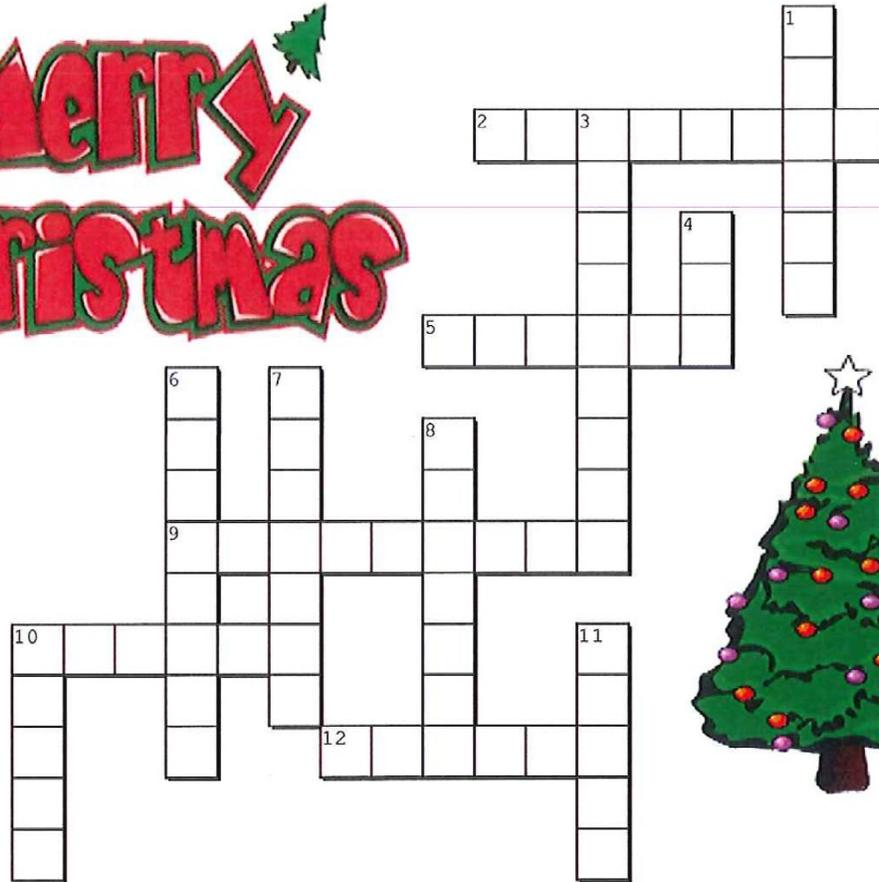
26. veels

27. whaert

Merry
Christmas

Complete the crossword below

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Across

- 2. Month
- 5. 'The' Snowman
- 9. ...Were hung by the Chimney
- 10. Christmas Drink
- 12. Shiny Thin Tree Decoration

Down

- 1. Circular Tree Branch
- 3. December 25th
- 4. .. to the World
- 6. Under the Tree
- 7. Christmas Hater
- 8. One of Santa's Reindeer
- 10. Santa's Helpers
- 11. Deck the halls with boughs of ...



In Memory of our Comrades-In-Arms

Michael Johnson
Reta Schwartz
Norma Anchors
Russell Ringeisen
Jacob Guzel



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