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crazy trying to prepare for the power outage. I have lived in California almost my entire life. Earthquakes, floods and other disasters have been something we are taught to always be ready for. I am wondering how many of our members have had problems, not from being unprepared but from other failures. I have heard of food spoiling in the refrigerator or freezer in one day. Do we have inadequate appliances now? I have been through outages of at least a week in the past and not lost anything from these, except things with an expiration date. Do we know what is the most perishable? Can we come up with something to prevent this in the future? Where would we be in an earthquake or some real emergency that will not come with an advance notice? Some of us have talked about this in the last couple of years. We have talked about having a disaster plan that incorporates veterans and veteran organizations in the response and recovery network. We have all been in conditions that take outside the box thinking and have spent a night or two under the stars. We have knowledge that our neighbors will never understand.

I would like to hear from members that have experienced this blackout in different areas. Are there are things we can do as an organization to assist in our communities? Do our community leaders (Representatives) know that we may be able to assist in these instances? The young veterans have been working in a group called Team Rubicon that works in disaster relief. Is there anyone that works during the event? This might be a good way to

start a new relationship with younger veterans. Working together to assist the community is something that a lot of veterans of all ages wish to do.

Don't forget our upcoming Christmas Party on December 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Pearl Harbor Remembrance program on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Vets building. There are not many left that were around in 1941 but it is our responsibility to make sure we do not forget. With the media today it is difficult to get something like this on the front page.

We will need to see if they even remember Veterans Day. The plan at this time is to hold the flag raising event at the county offices. We have been working with the supervisors to make the arrangements for the event. We will be starting the program at 10 AM and have the flag raising at 11. This should give the people time to get to Petaluma for the parade. For those that showed up last year, if you remember the city did not have anything ready for us and thought we would cancel because of the weather or something.

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER DECORATING. 12/5/19**

VVA Ch. #223 will decorate for the Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 4 pm in the main hall of the Santa Rosa Veterans Building. That is the night BEFORE THE DINNER. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP. Please email Kate at Koharepalmer@gmail.com if you can help. All crafty and creative folks welcome to help make some decorations and wreaths to bring to the table setup!!!!!! These will go home the next night to various members for their holiday cheer!



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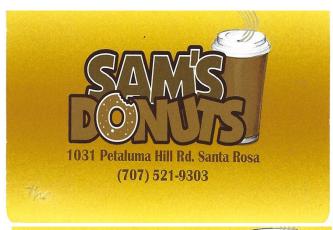
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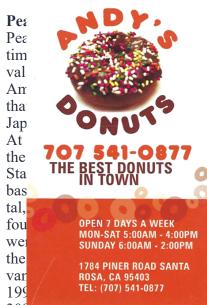


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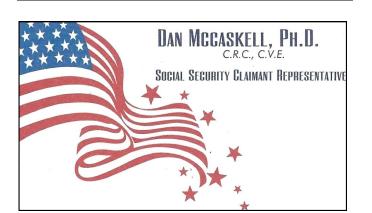
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