

# The American Legion Mission

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

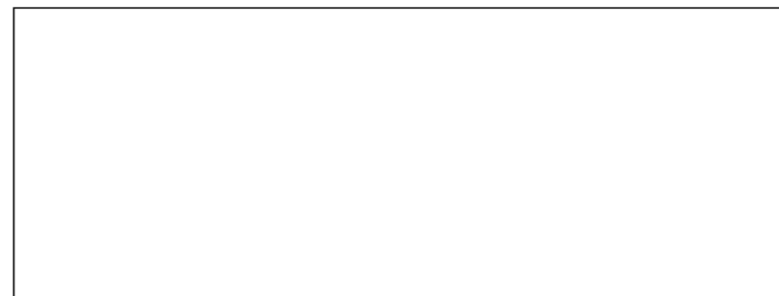
Hundreds of local American Legion programs and activities strengthen the nation one community at a time. American Legion Baseball is one of the nation's most successful amateur athletic programs, educating young people about the importance of sportsmanship, citizenship and fitness. The Operation Comfort Warriors program supports recovering wounded warriors and their families, providing them with "comfort items" and the kind of support that makes a hospital feel a little bit more like home. The Legion also raises millions of dollars in donations at the local, state and national levels to help veterans and their families during times of need and to provide college scholarship opportunities.

The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization with great political influence perpetuated by its grass-roots involvement in the legislation process from local districts to Capitol Hill. Legionnaires' sense of obligation to community, state and nation drives an honest advocacy for veterans in Washington. The Legion stands behind the issues most important to the nation's veterans community, backed by resolutions passed by volunteer leadership.

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.



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## Commander's Message



A veteran is every man grown up a little taller – a person who understands the awesome price of life's intangible freedom, justice and democracy. His motto is to live and let live. But, if he had to, if he had to choose between servitude and conflict, the veteran would once again answer a call to duty. Because, above all – above all else - a veteran is an American. A veteran loves freedom, and they share a common bond – a brotherhood of memory and hard-won wisdom which helps define their character.

With the breath of autumn looming once again we look forward to another NFL football season. Thank you Dave Larson for your assistance in making this time a good season for us at the Post.

Let me express my gratitude to the Sal's for another successful family picnic. The sun decided to take a nap and along came the rain. Everyone pulled together and our post family social continued

inside the post. It turned out to be a relaxing setting enabling all to share a time of camaraderie and partaking in delicious cookout food and desserts.

Our post has many upcoming events in November, December and January—come and join us in these activities! You need only check our website for events and sign up on our email list.

Some of the past events included the Nam Knight fall bash, and the Riders Rodeo—always a good time. Sal, our post cook, sponsored a steak dinner that he cooked on the grill—everyone seemed to enjoy the food along with the company.

On November 9th we will celebrate Veteran's Day at 3pm with a service at the post and hope you will attend.

A last minute reminder that membership dues for 2015 are needed now if you are hoping to save your "years of service" credits on membership cards.

A thought for the day – worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace.

A joke of the day – A woman walked into the kitchen to find her

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husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" she asked. "Hunting flies" he responded. "Oh! Killing any?" she asked. "Yep, 3 males, 2 females," he replied. "How can you tell them apart?" He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."

Thanksgiving is a time to say thank you to all our Officers and Trustees for their participation in helping to run our Post and making it possible to be successful. This is truly why we are a family Post. With the holidays fast approaching I would like to take this time to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday enjoy your time with family and friends. Here's hoping 2015 will be a healthy and successful New Year.

For God and my country,  
Bill Quinn



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Puns for those Post 372 members with slightly higher IQs ....

You know higher than 87...

\*Shotgun wedding - A case of wife or death.

\*A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.

\*A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

\*Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.

\*Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

\*Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.

\*Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

\*When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

\*What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead give-away.)

\*Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

\*She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.

\*A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

\*If you don't pay your exorcist, You get repossessed

\*With her marriage, She got a new name and a dress.

\*The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

\*Every calendar's days are numbered.

\*A lot of money is tainted -Taint yours and taint mine.

\*A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

\*He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

\*A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a... small medium at large.

If you didn't get a chuckle from those, test your pulse and try this set of Post Canteen eye-opening truisms

\*\*The face is familiar but I can't quite remember my name.

\*\*If life deals you lemons, make lemonade; if it deals you tomatoes, make Bloody Marys.

\*\*The closest I ever got to a 4.0 in college was my blood alcohol content

\*\*If you drink don't park, accidents cause people.

\*\*BEER: It's not just for breakfast anymore.

\*\*Don't drink and drive. You might hit a bump and spill your drink.

\*\*I swear to drunk I'm not God!"

\*\*Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

\*\*Beer - Helping ugly people have sex since 1881

\*\*I said "no" to drugs, but they didn't listen.

And, Finally, Remembering Hollywood Squares:

These great questions and answers are from the days when 'Hollywood Squares' game show responses were spontaneous, not scripted, as they are now.

Peter Marshall was the host asking the questions, of course...

Q.. Paul, what is a good reason for pounding meat?

A. Paul Lynde: Loneliness!

(The audience laughed so long and so hard it took up almost 15 minutes of the show!)

Q. If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high

should you be?

A. Charley Weaver: Three days of steady drinking should do it.

Q. True or False, a pea can last as long as 5,000 years.

A. George Gobel: Boy, it sure seems that way sometimes.

Q. According to Cosmopolitan, if you meet a stranger at a party and you think that he is attractive, is it okay to come out and ask him if he's married?

A.. Rose Marie: No wait until morning.

Q. Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older?

A. Charley Weaver: My sense of decency.

Q. What are 'Do It,' 'I Can Help,' and 'I Can't Get Enough'?

A. George Gobel: I don't know, but it's coming from the next apartment.

Q.. Charley, you've just decided to grow strawberries. Are you going to get any during the first year?

A.. Charley Weaver: Of course not, I'm too busy growing strawberries.

Q. It is considered in bad taste to discuss two subjects at nudist camps.. One is politics, what is the other?

A. Paul Lynde: Tape measures.

Q. It is the most abused and neglected part of your body, what is it?

A. Paul Lynde: Mine may be abused, but it certainly isn't neglected.

# HALL RENTAL

We recently gave our Legion Hall a facelift ! If you are interested in renting the Hall for an upcoming event, visit our website at [www.ALCH372.com](http://www.ALCH372.com) for information, including an online availability calendar—or give Sue a call at 856-495-7270



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### Hours

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Friday: 12noon—9pm

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# CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS TO CHEER ON AND GREET OUR TROOPS THIS THANKSGIVING DAY

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2014 • 10:00 AM  
RAIN OR SHINE \* ON THE PIER OF THE  
BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY**

*Free parking in Lot #1, diagonal from the Susquehanna Bank Center, courtesy of the Camden Parking Authority.*

## AMERICAN LEGION POST FLAG ITO FLY N HONOR OF:



November—Perrakis, Angelo

December—Rocha, Albert A

January—Shields, James F Jr



## Veterans Day & Flag Retirement Service

Be sure to come out to the Legion and help honor our veterans, past and present on Sunday, November 9th at 3pm.

Several local veterans from Home for the Brave will be presented with Service Medals by Rev Floyd White of the Camden County Veterans Affairs. Other local dignitaries will be attending as well.

Steve Reinis and our local Boy Scout Troops will be on hand to help with the Service, including the Flag Retirement at our new outside fireplace.

Following the Service there will be a free buffet for all to enjoy.

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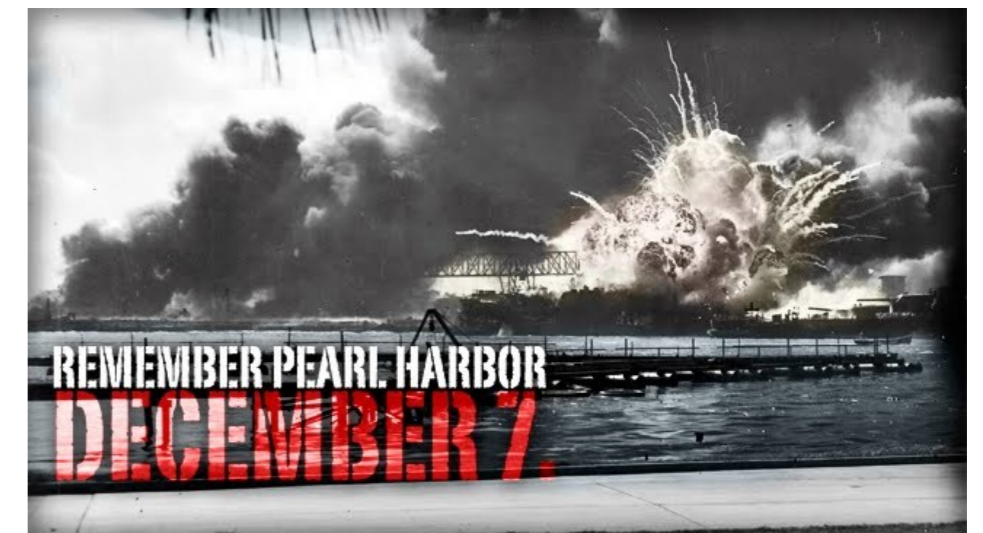
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## Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day—December 7th

On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941 America's naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy. At about 8 a.m., Japanese planes filled the sky over Pearl Harbor. Bombs and bullets rained onto the vessels moored below. At 8:10, a 1,800-pound bomb smashed through the deck of the battleship USS Arizona and landed in her forward ammunition magazine. The ship exploded and sank with more than 1,000 men trapped inside. Next, torpedoes pierced the shell of the battleship USS Oklahoma. With 400 sailors aboard, the Oklahoma lost her balance, rolled onto her side and slipped underwater. By the time the attack was over, every battleship in Pearl Harbor had sustained significant damage.

In all, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor crippled or destroyed 18 American ships and nearly 300 airplanes. Dry docks and airfields were likewise destroyed. More importantly, 2,403 American military personnel and civilians were killed and another 1,178 were injured. The day after the attack, the United States declared

war on Japan and entered World War II. President Franklin Roosevelt, in a speech to Congress, stated that the bombing of Pearl Harbor is "a date which will live in infamy". As the date approaches, check the local newspaper for Remembrance Day Services in our local area.





# MESSAGE from the SAL COMMANDER



It's that wonderful time of year again when the morning and twilight air turns cool and the first hint of color peaks out of the trees that are about to explode with a chromatic brilliance! Yes, Autumn has arrived and with it comes the events and projects that make being a part of our beautiful post worthwhile. Before I discuss these though, I want to take a moment to recognize and thank my predecessor, Tim Viguers, Past Commander and Trustee,

for his years of service as the Sal Commander. Tim is a unique, confident and outstanding leader and individual who led our SAL Detachment to numerous successful accomplishments, most notably our amazing float participation in the 2013 American Legion Convention parade. We may have come in second in the state voting, but we all know that we came in first in the Legionnaire's hearts! I also want to thank all of the SALs, General Members, Ladies Auxiliary, Legion Riders and Nam Knights for making our Family Day celebration a "splashing" success! We could not have succeeded without all of you. Though the rains came, hard and heavy, we proved that the spirit that is the American Legion family, perseveres over all adversity.

Not only did we have a fabulous turnout in the picnic area and in the hall, but we set record numbers at the Canteen as well.

Special thanks to DJ Bob Sorg for weathering the storm to provide us

with sensational music, and the musical duo of Bartender Bob DeConcini and his friend for slamming the party home later in the afternoon. This was truly a team effort and everyone should be proud of it's success!



On to the future—We have been blessed with an abundance of cut wood for the oncoming cold winter. We have scheduled two "Log Splitting" events for Saturday November 8th and Saturday December 6th. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the Canteen by the bar. This is an extremely important endeavor and I urge everyone who can possibly attend to come out, "chip" in and have fun. We start at about 9:00AM and continue into the early afternoon. Food and beverages will be provided. We all love the warmth and coziness of a crackling fire while we sip our beverages at the bar. This event makes that possible.

Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00PM, The SAL Camden County meeting will be held at our post. All SAL's are encouraged to attend. This is a great way to show our post's support and to find out what is going on at the county level. Food will be provided by our SAL membership. Also, please

remember that our regular SAL meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

Let's spread the word and get as many members to the meetings as possible.

Last but certainly not least, it's time to start thinking about the 2015 SAL membership dues. The way that I see it, my SAL membership is the gift that I give to myself, that keeps on giving. Just think about all of the events, camaraderie, worthwhile causes and friendships that you have developed and experienced over the past year and you'll be proud to continue to sponsor this outstanding organization !

For God and Country  
Rich Derer  
SAL Commander

## Log Splitting



Nov 8th  
Dec 6th  
9AM

# 34th National Veterans Wheelchair Games

The Department of Veterans Affairs and Paralyzed Veterans of America co-presented the 34th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, which were held in Philadelphia and New Jersey, August 12-17, 2014.

Over 600 athletes from around the United States and Great Britain participated.



The National Veterans Wheelchair Games is a multi-event sporting and rehabilitation program for military service Veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, amputations or other neurological disorders.

Competitive events included air guns, archery, basketball, bowling, field events, handcycling, a motor-



ized wheelchair rally, nine-ball, power soccer, quad rugby, slalom, softball, swimming, table tennis, track, trapshooting and weightlifting. It was a great week of events!

Several Legion members volunteered their time to help with the Games.

The American Legion acted as a drop off location for donations for some of the games in NJ as well. It was a wonderful turn out, with donations tallying up to approx \$1000 !! Items collected included Gatorade, Peanuts, Breakfast/ Snack Bars, Oranges, Energy Fruit Drinks, and Muffins. The donations



were used at the Field/Track/ Tennis/Archery games at the Moorestown High School and Trapshooting at the Pine Valley Gun Club.

Special thanks to American Legion Cherry Hill & Aux, Nam Knights of America Del Val Chapter, VFW Post 2 – Philadelphia, VFW Glassboro, American Legion Haddonfield, Fred Kraft, Kathy Lakjer, Merchantville Womens Club and Terry & Mary Warner.

## Dog Tag Returned To Deceased Vietnam Veterans Wife in Texas

Last year, Cherry Hill Legion Riders, Ron & Carol Colucci, handed off some dog tags to Riders in Waco, TX for the Dog Tag Project

Daigle, was located in Houston, TX by the Dog Tag Committee and plans are underway by Rodney Mayhew, of the Waco Legion Riders to return Henry's dog tag to her.

One of the dog tags belonged to Vietnam Veteran Henry Daigle.

Born on July 10, 1949, Daigle served in Vietnam and was a Sgt with the US Army.

Unfortunately, Henry passed away on December 17, 2005. He is buried in the Houston Natl Cemetery.

Henry's widow, Anna

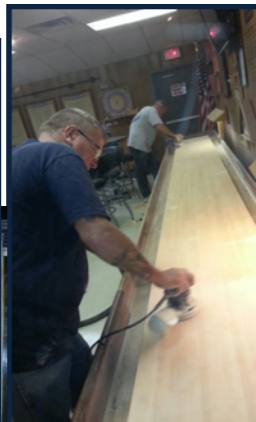


Pictured below is the beautiful presentation case that the Waco Riders made for Henry Daigle's dog tags.





# POST PHOTOS....



Who's an Oscar Meyer Weiner now?!?

Legion and Nam Knight members, Mike "Chainsaw" Bray and Bill "Pillow" Loh gave our Shuffleboard Table an overhaul! ..

Ask Chainsaw who won the 1st game on the new table!

Who's that mopping the floor??

Table 10 gets major overhaul with help from many Legion members !

# MESSAGE from AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



A lot of you know me and for those that don't, please be sure to stop me at the Post and introduce yourself. I especially want to thank Carol Colucci for her dedication and work as President of our Unit the past 7 years.

Summer is now behind us. The Auxiliary was very active over the summer with making donations and visits to Vet Haven South, Vineland, Home For the Brave and VOA. There were also donations made to Purple Heart, Viet Nam Vets and a local Cherry Hill Fire Company for

their Yard Sale.

Watch e-mail notifications and postings for our Food Drive at the Post to start. Just one item added to the "kettle" can end up being the finishing touch for a family to enjoy their Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner.

Membership fees are due and we hope you won't let your continuous years of Service disappear.

I want to acknowledge Dot Wahl for her continuous 54 years of membership and service to the Auxiliary. Thank you Dot for all you have participated in to help make our Veteran's lives a little better over the years.

We are looking forward to working with our Post Commander Bill Quinn, the new SAL Commander Rich Derer, Director Mickey Van Brunt American Legion Riders and other members of our Legion Family who may call upon us. Come on out to the Post and see what is happening.

There will be a fire blazing and the friendships will be warm. Join your Legion Family and have a few laughs.

For God and Country,  
Sandy Kraft  
Auxiliary President



# MESSAGE from Past Unit President



It's that time of year again, everyone has their hand out. Your American Legion Family is no exception, but we are different than many of the organizations.

In the coming month our Canteen will have boxes for various donations, all of which will be distributed in our community. Food, pet supplies, Toys for Tots and of course donations for our Homeless Veterans have been collected through our Post for many years. Between job loss, illness and the

poor economy we have some members who need a little boost. When shopping this holiday season try to remember a dollar spent on some kind of food will make difference to these members. Tuna, pasta, vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, soups etc., are easy to pick up one extra can and will help our efforts. Pet food is also needed as many people have pets to keep them company. Watch the store sales, there is usually something "buy one get one free" or a coupon available.

If you know of a member who

needs a little help please reach out to me privately and we will do our best to make that person or family know we care. This is all done anonymously. I personally have delivered some of these baskets and I can't convey how much the recipient appreciates the gift and the fact they are remembered. Donations can be dropped off daily after 12 noon in the canteen, our members and the local community needs our help. Thank you.

For God and country,  
Carol Colucci- Past Unit President



**Thank You to Auxiliary members who paid their 2015 dues!**

Memberships are coming into the Legion at a steady pace. There is still time to pay your dues to keep your membership active. You can also update any new information such as change of name or address.



I am excited about taking on the job of Membership Chair and meeting new members who have joined. If you have any questions you can email me at mderer@comcast.net.

I encourage anyone who is eligible to join to contact me for membership information. Thank you.

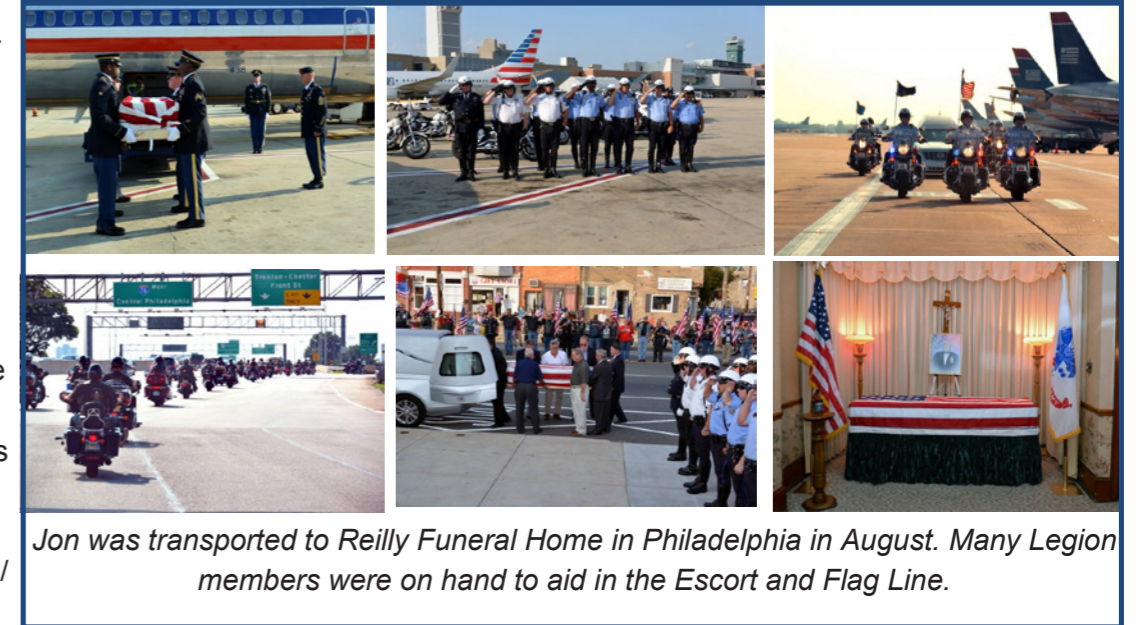
For God and Country  
Michelle Derer—Auxiliary Membership Chairperson



# Medal of Honor Recipient, Jon Cavaini, Passes Away

Retired Sgt. Maj. Jon R. Cavaiani, a former prisoner of war and recipient of the nation's highest military award, died Tuesday, July 29, 2014 in Stanford, California.

A friend to many, and a true American Hero - he is sorely missed. Some of you will remember his visit to the Legion, or our bus trips to the Irish Pub/Gathering of Heros/MCLEF.



*Jon was transported to Reilly Funeral Home in Philadelphia in August. Many Legion members were on hand to aid in the Escort and Flag Line.*

His remains were returned to Reilly Funeral Home in Philadelphia in August. There will be a public viewing held on Sunday, November 2nd from 1pm—4pm. The address is 2632 East Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19134 .

On Wednesday, November 5th, Cavaiani's remains will be escorted to Arlington National Cemetery for a full military burial.



## Message From Riders Director



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all officers of Post 372 Riders for their support while I have the helm.

We have participated in several events so far this year and all turned out great.

Our last event was the Rodeo, a little rain but we pulled through it

with flying colors.

Our next event will be the annual "Thanksgiving For The Troops " at the Battleship NJ. Stay tuned for details.

I would also like to say welcome to our new Rider members. GOD BLESS AMERICA Mickey Van Brunt Post-372 Director



**FREE**

# CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY

**Saturday, December 13, 2014**  
10am-12noon - Legion Family Kids Ages 1-10 are welcome to attend  
**BREAKFAST, CRAFTS & SANTA VISIT**

Join us for breakfast, crafts, and a visit with Santa. There is no cost for this affair.  
Please sign up by 11/30/14. The list will be closed at this time so that we can prepare enough food and surprises for those who attend. Sign up can be done at the Legion or by emailing Kathy at gosixers@comcast.net . Include name, sex and age of child(ren).

**RSVP no later then November 30th**  
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