

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northern California's

# 23<sup>rd</sup>Annual Holiday Membership Meeting

California National Guard Armory 711 Hillcrest Ave, Benicia CA (Doors open at 8:00am for set up & drop off)

11:00 am Arrive, get settled, shop, mingle

Noon Enjoy Potluck Luncheon 12:30 pm Membership Meeting

(see next page for Agenda)

1:30 pm Recognition of our veteran dogs

Raffle/Auction immediately following

### Bring your holiday dish to share

A-G Main Dish - H-O Appetizer - P-Z Side Dish

(There is not an oven available but there is a microwave for heating)

We will be having a raffle & auction; proceeds to benefit the club's general fund and Norcal Bernese Mountain Dog Rescue as well as continuing our tradition of collecting dog/cat items or \$\$ for a local animal shelter

(see next page for details)



#### Raffle & Auction

Bring an item that we can raffle or auction to raise money for our club and Norcal Bernese Mountain Dog Rescue (50/50 split).

The Way & Means Boutique will be open for Holiday Shopping, so bring your Christmas List.

Collection of pet items and dollars will benefit the victims of the Sonoma County Fire through the Sonoma County Animal Services.

Don't forget to bring your e-x pens or crates as dogs must be confined during lunch and the meeting.

Help us set up & clean up If you are not going to be in the parade please help us set up and decorate tables Help Set up Ways & Means



This is the signature event of the year! Spectators love our 1<sup>st</sup>-place award-winning group of Berners. Bring your four-legged friends, with of without carts. It's a fun holiday event!

#### Where?

1st Street, downtown Benicia. The staging area is at East 2nd & 'D' Street

#### When?

Saturday, December 9, 2017. Assemble at 9:00 am. Parade begins at 10:00 am.

#### What to wear?

Christmas attire for you and especially for your K9 friends. Try to wear Santa or holiday hats and as much red and green as possible so we can coordinate as the BMDCNC Berner Christmas group.

#### Berners with/without carts.

Dogs may wear decorated harnesses, bells, hats, scarves, packs, etc. We will have a team leading our group with the Club Christmas Tree. Have your carts filled with wrapped presents, toys, stuffed animals, candy canes, etc. Candy may be passed out but not thrown.

## If possible, please call Cynthia Hilton at 510-235-4922 if you will be joining the parade.

The parade organizers would like to know the size of our contingent in advance.



#### Directions to the Nation Guard Armory - 711 Hillcrest Avenue, Benicia CA

From 680 Freeway Take 780 Freeway west toward Benicia/Vallejo From 80 Freeway Take 780 Freeway east toward Benicia/Martinez

#### From the 780 Freeway

Take the East 5<sup>th</sup> Street exit, turn north onto 5<sup>th</sup> Street at the end of the off-ramp and go under the freeway (if exiting from 780 East). 5<sup>th</sup> Street ends at Hillcrest Ave. Turn right onto Hillcrest Ave. The Armory is at the end of the road on the left.

#### Directions to the Holiday Parade staging are on 2nd and 'D' Street

From 780 Freeway take the  $2^{nd}$  Street exit.

Turn left onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at the end of the off-ramp.

Turn right on Military Street West, then turn left on 1st Street.

Continue on 1st Street or jog over to 2nd Street to park.

The parade runs north up 1<sup>st</sup> Street, so it's best to park above 'H' Street to return to your car.

Meet at 9:00 am