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## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Greetings Post,

The Post has another busy month ahead. The General Membership meeting will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. The Executive Board meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. The 12<sup>th</sup> District Convention will be on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

We have several upcoming events that will need your support. The first is please renew your membership if you haven't renewed yet, and help recruit new members it will take your assistance to reach our goal again this year. We are roughly 90 members away from goal with 2 months to go.

The Post will be hosting a Mission 22 event on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. all Veterans and supporters are welcome to join in. Mission 22 will march with packs 22 kilometers from our Post parking lot to Hooters in Arlington and back to bring awareness to veteran suicides. Please come out and support this worthy cause and cheer them on.

The Mike Garlington Memorial Golf Tournament is coming up May 14<sup>th</sup> and we need players to sign up to play.

The Honor Guard is still looking for members please contact Mike Sivers if interested in the Honor Guard, or show up in Proctor Hall at 6:00 P.M. prior to the meetings on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Riders are looking for new members please contact Joey Cook if interested, and you must be a Legionnaire, Auxiliary, or SAL member to be considered for the Riders.

The Election Committee for this year's election will be up and running after the General Membership Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>, and if interested in running for office contact the Committee with your intent to run.

Please keep our sick members, and those that are mourning the loss of loved ones in your prayers.

We are continuing our Red Fridays to support our deployed service members. Please wear red on Fridays, the red means Remember Everyone Deployed.

For God and Country,

**Dennis Gossett – Commander**

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### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello, Ladies,

Well for now there are few events planned for our Auxiliary this month.

The 12<sup>th</sup> District Spring Convention will be April 21 at Post 838, 1250 Mansfield Ave, Fort Worth. Registration starts at 7:00 a.m.

Elections for new Auxiliary officers will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>. As I have mentioned before, I am not running for President this year so we need someone to step up and take the helm. There is a sign-up sheet at the front of the Post.

Post 379 will be the host Post at the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Convention on May 5 at the Hurst Conference Center. I will be asking for volunteers for registration, certification, raffle sales and decorating.

Department Convention will be held in San Antonio this year on July 11 thru 15, 2018. If you are interested in going, please let me know and I will give you the particulars.

Look forward to seeing you at our meeting on April 5 at 7 p.m.

**Theresa Winslow – President**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE UPDATE

The Legion membership is currently at 93% of goal.

We did a Post Revitalization which we hope will result in some renewals and transfers. Thanks to Norm Monastessa, Ray Santa, Terry Bigley and Mike McCready for their assistance.

The HEB Chamber of Commerce attended a social event at our Post. Everyone had a great time. Thank you to Joseph Campbell for coordinating the event.

We had the carpets professionally cleaned last month. Let's try to keep it clean.

March 29<sup>th</sup> was Viet Nam Veteran's day.

For GOD & COUNTRY

**Jim Grau - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Tom Crouzen is in rehab

Jim Garcia has been taken off of the heart transplant list and is at home.

Brian McCormack is home and doing well so far.

Ron Mick is in assisted living in McKinney at Harbor Chase

Joey Cooks mom Diane had a car wreck in Corsicana on 3/14 and was airlifted to Dallas but is now home and recovering.

Member Joseph Cudmore passed away on 2/22.

Linda Wilson-Sherry Williams cousin who was injured in a tornado is in hospice and prayers are requested.

Kenny Wendt had hip surgery on 3/14.

Karen Everett's mother passed away this month. Please pray for the family.

I talked to Wayne Maddox again on 3/2 . Passed his test and home once again. He even went out for Ice Cream.

March has been another busy and painful month for some of our members I ask all of you to keep them in your prayers as I will do also.

For God and Country,

**Craig Smith – Smitty / Chaplain - Post 379**

## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Thank all the ladies who have renewed their memberships and to our new members. We are currently at 441 member which is 85% of our 519 membership goal. Please remind your friends to renew if they haven't and keep those new members coming in.

**Edith Gossett – Third Vice**

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## FORTY & EIGHTER

Bonjour de La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux!

For the last 10 months, we have dusted off the cobwebs in an attempt to revitalize our organization. After several conversations and focus groups with the membership and individuals at the Grand and Nationale, we are now postured to rise from the ashes like the phoenix and grow. That said, we need you to attend the next promenade on Thursday, 26 April at Post 379 so that you can take part in the vote for our new constitution which was last ratified in 1992. We have worked in great detail with the Grad Avocate to produce a quality document that charts our future growth. If you did not receive a draft in the mail for your review, please reach out to me.

Unfortunately, the rumors concerning the closing of Voiture 1601 in Lake Dallas are true. The good news is that instead of turning in their membership cars, a couple of active members have selected us as their new locale. Come out and join us for our next Steak Night on Saturday, 14 April. Proceeds go to our nurses' scholarships where Mike Reagan is the committee chair.

Remember...our promenades occur on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 7pm. The meeting location is at Post 379 unless otherwise specified. If you know of any proactive Legionnaires, send them our way. Hat chasers need not apply.

**Charlie Mike!**

**Joseph Campbell**

**Voiture Locale 1185 Chef de Gare**

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## SAL UPDATE

Greetings from your acting SAL Commander, I want to take this time to let everyone know that Ron Mick, SAL Commander is in a assistance living home with some medical issues. Our prayers are with him and his family at this time from the Squadron Officers and its members.

Our current membership for the current year stands at 125 of our 156 goal. Thank you to all who have signed up. Anyone that hasn't renewed can come to the post or mail in your dues. I look forward to seeing everyone.

In conjunction with post 379, SAL voted to give a \$200.00 donation for the placement of a historical marker to be issued to post 379 for 50 plus years of service to Legion, Veterans and families and to our HEB community.

Squadron 379 delivered another case of Josh Dogs to Cooks Children this month.

Want to thank everyone who came out to support the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual SAL Good Friday Catfish & Chicken Dinner. With Ronnie Mac and his crew, along with the other crews, having taken over the meat selections for the SAL Meat raffle, we are getting a better selection of meat. I encourage everyone to come back out and view this for themselves. We now have included another round to the Meat raffle. We are doing a variety of items, i.e. **Fireball**, a chance for the legion **gun raffle** drawing, to name a few. It will be something new each time.

Our dinner for April 6<sup>th</sup> will be our Stephanie, cooking her wonderful **Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn and for desert Chocolate Cake all for \$ 9.00 dollars**. Come out join us. Ronnie Mac and crew will be back in May for the infamous Catfish Dinner.

Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. The SAL is planning to have a brunch for our Mothers. We can use the help of the SAL and ALA Juniors that day – PLEASE!! Call me if you can help. You can reach me at 817-522-2385 or [terry\\_bigley@yahoo.com](mailto:terry_bigley@yahoo.com).

Thank you!

**Acting Commander - Terry Bigley**

## APRIL DINING AND DANCING

### Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>

Easter Sunday  
Post Hours: Noon until 5pm

### Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>

SAL Chicken Fried Steak  
Your Cook Stephanie Cox \$9  
Entertainment: Karaoke by Barry Martin

### Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>

Spaghetti & Meatballs  
Your Cook Josie Teal \$10  
Entertainment: Russ Backiel

### Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>

Stuffed Cabbage  
By Gisela \$10  
Entertainment: Marcia Rose

### Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>

40 & 8 Steak Night  
Your Cook Mike Regan \$15  
Entertainment: Texas Strut (Beginning @ 7:30)

### Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>

Honor Guard – Italian Chicken Breast  
Your Cook Mike Sivers \$10  
Entertainment: Doug & Ben

### Saturday April 21<sup>th</sup>

Riders Chicken Fried Steak \$10  
Entertainment: Karaoke by Barry Martin

### 12<sup>th</sup> District Convention Post 838

### Friday April 27<sup>th</sup>

Auxiliary Girls State  
Pork Loin Dinner  
Your Cook Judy Davidson  
Entertainment: Diamond Duo

### Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>

Wing Night \$10  
Entertainment: Free Touch Tunes

Remember – proceeds from these dinners fund the many projects and programs of the Legion family.