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NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2014

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As we get ready to celebrate the end of 2013 and the start of the New Year 2014 I just wanted to take a minute to say "Thank You" to our membership for giving me the honor of serving you as Post Commander. It is a very humbling experience.

We are finishing 2013 on a good note. Navy beat Army, again. Our membership is on track. We are the largest American Legion Post in Tarrant County and the second largest in the State of Texas. Jim Grau is doing an outstanding job recruiting new members and Mike Garlington is doing an outstanding job of processing the necessary paperwork. Thank you, gentlemen.

Judy Davidson and her crew made us all proud with their work with the Marines on their Toy's-for-Tot's drive. Well done, ladies.

We are still looking for assistance in the kitchen with meal preparation. Let us know if you can prepare a meal for the Post.

TV's are in place and we have the NFL package. Come down and watch your favorite College Team in a bowl game or the NFL playoffs and the Super Bowl. We have special pricing during the games and buckets of ice cold beer are ready.

Let's make 2014 a banner year for American Legion Post 379. Our Membership is our reason for being. Get involved.

For God and Country

David Eagan – Commander
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"If I were two faced, why would I be wearing this one?"
– Abraham Lincoln

AUXILIARY NEWS

ALA Unit #379 President's Comments for January 2014

I wish each of you a very Happy New Year. I hope 2014 will bring each of you happiness and good health.

I would like to thank all of you that volunteered in helping with all of our various Fund Raisers the Auxiliary had in December. The Marine Toys for Tots Fund Raiser on December 15th was the best ever. Chairman Judy Davidson said the donated toys were valued at about \$30,900.

The Auxiliary's Angel Table was very successful even though it was short notice. We were able to provide for 25 children between the ages of 1 to 12 years of age. We also provided 15 Veterans with sweat suits. Also we took toys to the Women's Shelter in Fort Worth for the children that are homeless. We provided small toys to the Bedford Fire Department to hand out to children that need comfort in time of crisis.

I want to give Laveta Marshall a very special Thank You for decorating the Post for the 12th District Party. Everyone loved the way the room looked and it put everyone in the spirit of Christmas.

Please come out and support your Auxiliary Dinners. The proceeds from these dinners help the ALA with all of our programs such as Veteran Programs, Scholarship, Girl State and Creative Arts. Breakfast is served from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Dinner is served from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. unless listed otherwise. Here is the Auxiliary's Schedule for Meals / Breakfast for January.

- January 4th – Saturday Breakfast – Doris / Karen
\$6 served 8:30 am to 10:30am.

- January 8th - Wednesday – Doris/Karen – Roast Beef Sandwiches with Gravy / Mashed Potatoes - \$7 served 6 pm. To 8 pm.
- January 10th – Friday Night German Night by Gisela \$10 served 6:30 pm to 8 pm.
- January 17th – Friday Night – Hammond Boys Chicken Fried Steak \$9 served 6:30 pm to 8 pm.
- January 18th - Saturday Breakfast – Doris / Karen \$6 served 8:30 am to 10:30 am.
- January 18th – Saturday AUX Dinner – Meat Loaf Mania - 6:30 pm. To 8 pm. Details to follow.
- January 22nd - Wednesday Doris / Karen – Roast Beef Sandwiches with Gravy / Mashed Potatoes - \$7.00 served 6 pm until 8 pm
- January 24th – Friday Night Dinner by Debbie & Sharon - Pot Roast Dinner benefitting Cancer Research \$10 served 6:30 pm to 8 pm.
- January 31st – Friday Night Dinner – Brenda Stackhouse – Scholarship Dinner \$10 served 6:30 pm to 8 pm.

There will be an ALA General Membership meeting on Thursday, January 2 at 7:00 p.m. Our ALA Executive Board meeting will be held January 16th at 7:00 p.m.

If you know of an Auxiliary member that is sick or passed away or in need of help please contact our Chaplain - JC Gillie or Chaplain's Assistance – Ruth Zmroczek. Our prayers are with Leah Bennett while she is recovering. We hope to see Mary and Barb back at the Post real soon. We miss them very much.

If you are not receiving e-mails from me, please contact me at 817-235-5715 so that I can add you to our ALA Unit #379 e-mail distribution list.

God bless each of you and thank you for supporting our past, present and future Veterans.

Karen Burks – Unit 379 President
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SAL NEWS

This article is submitted on behalf of Squadron Commander, Jeff Meurer, Jr.

Due to the icy conditions in early December, we were unable to have our Fish Fry Dinner. However, we look forward to serving you at our next dinner on January 4th.

During the holidays, we took a couple of weeks off from our Meat Raffle. We will resume the raffle on Saturday the 4th beginning at 2:30 pm. If you have not tried it, please do. Everyone has a good time.

The Auxiliary held the Annual Toys-for-Tots last month and it was a huge success. We were proud to be part of it.

Keep past Squadron Commander Jim Kehler and his family in your prayers as he continues to recover.

Our next SAL meeting will be held Thursday January 23rd at 7pm. Please come join us. We need the involvement of the entire membership in order to succeed.

2014 MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

It is a new year and the Bartenders will be asking to see your 2014 membership cards beginning January 1st. If you have not renewed your membership, you will have lost your club privileges.

Regular events for the month:

- Sunday** – Happy Hour Prices all day
- Monday** – Happy Hour Prices During NFL Games
Special prices for the ladies
- Tuesday** – Schooner Night \$1.00 4 till close
- Thursday** – 1st Thurs General membership 7pm
2nd Thurs 40 & 8 7pm
3rd Thurs Legion Executive Board 7:00pm
4th Thurs SAL meets 7pm
- Friday** – See calendar for dinner & entertainment
- Saturday** – Breakfast Buffet 8:30am
Shuffleboard 2:00 PM
SAL Meat Raffle 2:30pm
See calendar for dinner & entertainment

HANDICAP PARKING

We have only five designated handicap parking spaces at the front of the building. A large percentage of our members have either handicap plates or permits. Please think of the others when you park in one of these spaces, especially during busy times. Is there someone more in need of that space?

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for February newsletter is Tues Jan 29th.