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NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2014

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Our Legion Family lost one of its best last month. The passing of James Kehler will be mourned by one and all.

Jim, thank you for all of your service to our Legion Post and your SAL Squadron. You will be missed, "Catfish Jim."

Our membership currently stands at 1020. Our goal is 1217 and thanks to the continued hard work of Jim Grau and Mike Garlington, we have a good opportunity to regain the title of "Largest American Legion Post in Texas." With everyone's help, we could do it this year. So, let's round up the Veterans and welcome them to Post 379.

Do you know about eBenefits? You can change your address or direct deposit, create a benefit letter, check the status of your claim, obtain a copy of your DD214, and access additional information via eBenefits at www.ebenefits.va.gov. To register for an account, you can speak with an eBenefits specialist by dialing 1-800-827-1000 (press #7) or visit your local VA regional office.

"SPOILER ALERT!" Make plans now to get to the Post on Super Bowl Sunday for the "Inside" Tailgate Party. If you can, bring a "Pot Luck" dish for everyone to share and let's all root for our favorite team!

Let's Be Proud

Proud to be an American
Proud to be an American Veteran
Proud of American Legion Post 379

For God and Country

David Eagan – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

ALA Unit #379 President's Comments for February 2014

I cannot believe we are already in the month of February. This year is just flying by. January and December were so busy with all of the various programs that the ALA is required to do each year.

I would like to thank all of our "Legion Family" for their help with the Memorial Service for our SAL Past Detachment. "Cat Fish Jim", you will be dearly missed.

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, Girls State and Creative Arts. Breakfasts are served from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Dinners are served from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. unless listed otherwise.

The Auxiliary is having a Sweetheart Dinner on Friday, February 14th starting at 6:00 p.m. at Post 379. The Sweetheart Dinner will be provided by Texas Road House and the entertainment will be provided by Doug and Ben. It will cost \$35.00 a couple and \$20.00 for a single person. At the door it will cost couples \$40.00. Please turn in your reservation and money to the Auxiliary no later than February 6th.

The next ALA General Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m. Our ALA Executive Board meeting will be held February 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Should you have any questions regarding membership, I am happy to announce that Mary Hall is feeling well enough to take back her membership duties. I appreciate all of the hard work that Mary has done with membership in the past, especially

since I had to take it over while she was recovering from her surgery.

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 Assistant – Ruth Zmroczek. Please keep all of our members in your prayers for a very healthy year.

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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40 & 8 FEBRUARY

The February dinner will be an early celebration Valentine's Day. We will be serving a "Surf and Turf" dinner on Saturday the 11th. The cost will be \$18 per person. Watch the bulletin boards or the post website for additional details.

Ron Mick
Chef de Gare VL 1185

SAL NEWS

It saddened my heart to say "farewell" to not only a SAL member but a brother as well. James "Jim" Perry Kelher was a longtime SAL member who held the office of Squadron Commander as well as District and Department offices. He will be greatly missed by the entire Legion Family of Post 379. We extend our deepest condolences to his family.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Memorial Fish Fry Benefit a success. As a result of an enormous outpouring of support, we were able to donate \$1400 to Jim's family. A Memorial Service was held for Jim on Sunday, the 12th. It was obvious from the attendance that Jim touched many lives and will be greatly missed. Thank you, Phil Rasnick, for making the plaque that we presented to the family.

Our current membership, as of January 9th, is 106. The final mailout for membership was sent at the end of January.

Make plans to come out and enjoy our monthly Fish Fry on Saturday, February 1st. It's still a great value

at \$10. The Meat Raffle continues each Saturday afternoon beginning at 2:30. Come join the fun and take a chance to win.

Robert Bowles was elected to fill the vacant position of Chaplain.

An election will be held to fill the vacant positions of First and Second Vice Commander at our next meeting that will be held on Thursday February 27th.

Jeff Meurer, Jr
SAL Squadron Commander

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

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for March newsletter is Tues March 25th.

PRESIDENT'S DAY

Washington's Birthday was established as a federal holiday in 1885. It celebrates the life and contributions of George Washington, first president of the United States and general of the American Revolution. In some states, the holiday is expanded to also commemorate President Abraham Lincoln's birthday and is thus referred to as "President's Day". It occurs on the third Monday of February, near both presidents' birthdays. This year it falls on Monday the 17th.

MISSING TABLES & CHAIRS

Some of the long tables and chairs are missing from the back hall. If you borrowed them and forgot to return them, please do so. Their return will be greatly appreciated with no questions asked.