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## NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2014

### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I'm proud to say, my number one goal from this last year was achieved. To bring Financial Responsibility back to our Post. To stop the negative cash flow of the last 18 months. With a great team in the "back room" we got'er done. Every member of our Post owes a big "thank you" to the team of Brian McCormick, Mike Garlington and Mike Regan. Their hard work and dedication has gone a long way in turning around our Post financially.

The raffle for the AR-15 and our annual Golf Tournament were very successful, both generating revenues for our Post.

Last weekend was Memorial Day, Post 379, along with VFW Dist. 21, Colleyville Fire Dept. and Colleyville EMS, and local Boy Scouts of America all taking part in the Memorial Day Service at Blue Bonnet Cemetery. It was a wonderful service followed by dinner at Post 379. Ronnie Mac did his magic with his smoker and our Ladies performed magic with their homemade sides. It was a wonderful meal for all. It was a day to remember all who served in our Armed Forces. Remember, ALL GAVE SOME; SOME GAVE ALL.

This last year, we worked with the Texas Highway Department to correct the drainage problem that has caused so much damage to our building and grounds. Raising the levels of our entryways enabled us to keep the rainwater from cutting through our property.

We worked with Home Depot and their team to assist us with a beautification project of cleaning up the Mahon Park and planting flower beds, plus adding benches and a fire pit. Thank you Home Depot for all you do for our Veterans.

I would like to thank Karen Burks and the Ladies Auxiliary as well as David Owens and our SAL Squadron for all you do to support this past year.

Yes, it takes family to make our Post successful. Thank You, to our Legion Family for all you do.

We have an outstanding group of Officers on our Executive Board all of whom contributed to our successful year. They are all are deserving of your consideration as we approach our next election cycle. I'm running again for Post Commander, and would appreciate your support. Elections will be held at the June General Membership Meeting.

I thank you for this opportunity to be of service to my/our Post.

**David Eagan – Commander**

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### 2014 – 2015 Legion Candidates

#### Commander:

Dave Eagan / Bob Roberts

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

Mike McCrady / Robert Bowles / David Scholl

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

Brandon Williams

#### ADJUTANT

Mike Garlington

#### Finance Officer

Brian McCormick / Billy Goodson / Doug Beightol

#### Chaplain

Mike Regan

#### HISTORIAN

Gary Hall / Bill Klozik

#### AMERICANISM

Patrick Barraclough

#### SERGERANT AT ARMS

Lloyd Colgin

#### BUILDING & GROUNDS

Phil Rasnick

#### SERVICE OFFICER

Joey Cook

#### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Jim Grau / Paul Everett / Ron Mick

Jim Riney Billy Goodson

### YOUR VOTE COUNTS – PLAN TO ATTEND

## AUXILIARY NEWS

There will be an ALA General Membership meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This is a very important meeting for you to attend; we will be electing our American Legion Auxiliary's Officers for 2014 to 2015. Your vote does count!! We will be electing delegates for the National convention at this meeting. We will not have an ALA Executive Board meeting in June.

I want to thank all of the American Legion Auxiliary, Legion, SAL and Volunteers that helped us put on a very successful Memorial Day Ceremony at Blue Bonnet Cemetery and our luncheon at the Post. I appreciated each and every one of you that took the time out of your busy schedule and participated.

Please review the American Legion Post 379 Calendar for the meals that the Auxiliary will be cooking in June. The proceeds go to all of our programs for the year.

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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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### CELEBRATING & SERVING OUR VETERANS

A big THANK YOU to all of our members who HAVE renewed for 2014. **LADIES WE ARE STILL 18 MEMBERS SHORT OF OUR GOAL.** Have you checked that you have paid for your older children? There are over 40 members for 2013 that have not renewed... Remember it is not the price you pay to be a member, but the price your father, grandfather, husband or brother paid for you to be eligible.

We want to continue to be the largest unit in Texas. Keep asking and looking for those members, it takes all of us to support our veterans. Even if you are unable to physically donate time, your dues help to continue the programs for our veterans and our troops.

Your continued support of our Veterans and our Troops is greatly appreciated.

As you should know by now, we do not have a new president for 2013-2014. Of the few members who

were at the May general membership meeting, no one stood up for the presidency. I hope you will attend the June meeting. Enough said, it is now up to you the membership.

"I AM ONLY ONE, BUT STILL I AM ONE. I CANNOT DO EVERYTHING, BUT I CAN STILL DO SOMETHING; AND BECAUSE I CANNOT DO EVERYTHING, I WILL NOT REFUSE THE SOMETHING THAT I CAN DO." Edward Hale

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our JUNE Babies: Kynli Newsom, Jr. Aux.; Pam Munyer; Sandy Soto; Charlene Beier; Darla Scholl; Kathleen Ryan; Lynda Barks; Allyson Haltiwanger; Joy Savage; Annelie Williams, Jr. Aux.; Loretta Santos; Peggy Van Buren; Ember Johnson, Jr. Aux.; Margaret Ploetz, Jr. Aux.; Alaya Taylor, Jr. Aux.; Pam Vaughn; Arlene Wetter; Judy Higdon; Madolene Neubauer; Geraldine Rasnick; Abigail Reese Childers, Jr. Aux.; Michaela Fallon, Jr. Aux.; Betty Kedy; Danielle Bennett; Jr. Aux.; McKynleigh Odell, Jr. Aux.; Payton Roberts, Jr. Aux.; Lily Hoyt, Jr. Aux.; Leelu Luzon, Jr. Aux.; Hannah Lewis, Jr. Aux.; Rosemary Arkwright; Annalisa Arceneaux, Jr. Aux.; Brittany Foshea; Diane Martichuski; Maraya Gamble, Jr. Aux.; Cheryl Baker; Sundie Becerra; Juanita Price; Theresa Winslow; Tijwana Roberson; Marissa Hall; PJ Karen Keho.

Once upon a time there were a group of people... Their names were Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody. Whenever there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because... it was Everybody's job! Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Nobody would do it. So, consequently, Everybody blamed Somebody.. when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place!

**Mary Hall, Membership Chairman**  
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## MEMORIAL DAY POPPY'S TO HONOR AND REMEMBER

THANK YOU to all who participated in our Poppy Program this Memorial Day weekend. We received Proclamations for May 24 as Poppy Day from the cities of Hurst, Euless, Bedford and Grapevine. We placed our flags out all weekend, displayed our

Flanders Field replica, distributing our Poppy's in front of the post and Bluebonnet Cemetery, participated in the wreath placements. Thanks to those who participated in the Memorial Day Program at Bluebonnet and all the wonderful food that was brought by our members.

God Bless

**Mary Hall, Poppy Chairman**

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## **SAL NEWS**

Greetings from the Squadron 379, by the time this gets published we will have new officers for the 2014/2015.

We will hold our election on June 12<sup>th</sup>, I hope that we will see many of you to attend the election and make your vote count.

A brief summary of what the Squadron has done this past year. We sent out two (2) boxes of the Josh Dogs to Cook Children's in Fort Worth. We did our annual Child Welfare and National Emergency Relief. We held one benefit for one of our own, Jim Kehler, and a joint venture with Stephanie Cox for a Veteran who had brain cancer and helped with his medical bills.

Again another great year with Doug Bergh and his crew on the SAL Meat Raffle, thank you. I hope that we get more SAL members involved with the Meat Raffle it has proven to be something well received with the patrons and wish to continue, it takes a few people to help so we are looking to get more people involved to help on each Saturday.

The Squadron would like to thank Jr SAL member, Logan Bradley on escorting the SAL wreath at the Blue Bonnet Memorial with past president Judy Evans.

Another great turn out for Blue Bonnet Cemetery held on May 26<sup>th</sup> and with the luncheon to follow at the post afterwards.

With the resignation of our current Commander, Jeff Meurer Jr in our squadron meeting held on May 8<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, David Owens has stepped in and took the reins.

This year we were unable to reach our goal of 140 members, we came in 10 short of goal; however we did increase new membership to the tune of 30 members for this year.

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, SAL is starting a new promotion with the wheel, there are fliers throughout the post to explain what we will be doing, it has to do with the "Josh Dog Program" that we support. A brief statement on the Josh Dog, it explains the hospital stay and surgery to young children, to put their worries and concerns to ease.

The Squadron would like to tell our long time Bar Tender, Barbara to get well real soon and hope to see her back in the loving arms of her post members and friends.

For God and Country.

**Daniel Fallon, Jr.**

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## **Regular events for the month:**

**Sunday** – Happy Hour Prices all day  
**Monday** – Special prices for the ladies  
**Tuesday** – \$1.00 Draft all day  
**Thursday** – 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs General membership 7pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 40 & 8 7pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> SAL Meets at 7pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs Legion Executive Board 7:00pm  
**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

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## **PEER TO PEER PTSD SUPPORT**

A peer-to-peer group support group has begun meeting at our Post on Wednesday evenings at 6pm. The meetings last for about an hour and all are welcome. They offer support for PTSD, TBI, MST and other trauma. This could be a great source of support for yourself or a loved one. For additional information contact Red Green at 214-457-2715.

