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## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2014

### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Summer is almost over. The Rangers are ready for a much needed rest. Our Post is gearing up for the Fall Sports specials, Baseball Playoffs, College Football, the NFC and our local Cowboys. We have lots of Eagle, Giants and Saints fans as well too. We have the NFC Sports Channel so plan to come by and watch the games here at the Post. Everyone is welcome!

We are having a big tailgate party on Sept 7th, starting at noon. The kick off time is 3:15. We will be cooking in Mahon Park, just behind the Post. Join in as we celebrate the new facelift to our park. The Post will be providing the meat and were asking for sides to make the meal.

Thanks to the gentlemen responsible for the "get'er done" teamwork in Mahon Park. They are Pat Hinde, Mike McCrady, Daniel Fallon and Gary Hall.

We are asking for more participation from all our members this year. We are not open to the public and need everyone to come down and enjoy our hospitality. We have added TV's and worked on the smoke eaters in an effort to be more welcoming to all.

Join the Post Officers for 2014-2015 as we work the legion programs to better serve our neighbors and fellow Veterans.

For God and Country,

**David Eagan – Commander**  
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### AUXILIARY NEWS

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. I hope all of you will think about attending.

As you know, Auxiliary members are cooking on different nights during each month. Please come out and support them, as the proceeds go to one of our many great programs.

Our Cancer Research Benefit is just around the corner. It's also our **10<sup>th</sup> Annual!** If you have any ideas or can help in any way, please see Darla Scholl. It will be a wonderful, busy weekend.

We still have a few openings for a chairperson each of the following programs: Auxiliary Emergency Fund; Americanism; Community Service; National Security and Public Relations. If you can help, please talk to one of the Officers. We are also looking for that special lady to fill our Historian position.

Our Department President Donna Miller's theme this year is "With the Beat We Can Achieve Everything." The Membership theme is: "Rock n Roll to the Top for Our Veterans and Membership."

I hope everyone has a wonderful September and come have fun at the Post!

Our Veterans Service, not self

**Kathy Bigley – Unit 379 President**

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Ladies our renewal notices from National Headquarters should be mailed by September 15. However, you do not need the notice to pay your dues. You can mail to post address or give to bartenders and they will get to me. Thanks.

The Early Bird / Veterans Day Party, Saturday, November 9, Noon to 4pm. Those who have renewed or are new members for 2015 will get one free beverage. Lunch from Noon to 2pm, Legion will be furnishing sandwiches and the Auxiliary and Post family are being asked to bring side dishes.

Our Early Bird drawing this year will be for a Life Membership in Unit 379. As long as you do not transfer to another unit, your renewal will be paid by this unit. Good Luck! To enter you must renew your membership on/or before the Early Bird party on

Saturday, November 8, 2014. The winner will be announced at the November Auxiliary Dinner, November 15. Should you not be lucky enough to win we are offering a payment plan. If you would like to pay up for life and not worry about increases, see below. Payments may be divided after first 10% down, with final payment due May 1, 2015.

Age	PULF	Age	PUFL
18 – 24	\$1,110.00	50 – 59	\$ 767.00
25 – 29	\$1,059.00	60 – 69	\$ 612.00
30 – 39	\$1,007.00	70 – 79	\$ 451.00
40 – 49	\$ 889.00	80 & Over	\$ 296.00

Ladies you made us the LARGEST unit in the state of Texas for 2013, so let's keep that distinction and renew our membership as soon as possible. Our Legionnaires are trying to regain their position as the largest Post in Texas and we should continue to be the largest Unit in Texas. So continue to invite new members that are eligible to join us. And don't forget to ask about Junior members. Your Auxiliary pays for veteran's junior members until they reach the age of 18. This includes daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and step-children. They do not need to live in this area to be members. Rewards down the road include potential scholarships, with community service a plus, and Girls State. Applications are at the bar and at the department web site, [www.alatexas.org](http://www.alatexas.org).

Volunteers and ideas are always needed. But, if you are unable to physically donate time, your dues help to continue the programs for our veterans and our troops.

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY – SEPTEMBER BABIES**

Jean Ross; Anne Harrington; Debbie Kane; Campbell Humphrey, Jr. Aux.; Trasi Haley; Phyllis Benton; Gail Bernier; Deborah McKee; Margaret Hogan; Dolores Roberts; Carol Anderson; Marian Goethe; Kellie Gates; Janice Connors; Ryann Ragsdale, Jr. Aux.; Jana Beers; Linda Walker; Donna Mashburn; Mary Garcia; Mary Hall; Rachel Davis, Jr. Aux.; Rylee LeBlanc, Jr. Aux.; Tina Tatsch; Lindsay Williams; Brooklyn Young, Jr. Aux.; Glenda Schuff; Lauren Cranfill, Jr. Aux.; Zoe Gamble, Jr. Aux.; Linda Engle; Judith Vullo.

**Mary Hall, Membership Chairman**  
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#### **10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CANCER BENEFIT**

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning to make a basket for the silent auction please have it here the Wednesday before the event. We have some very creative basket makers in our midst and your help is appreciated. If you have anything you would like to donate to the raffle let me know.

**Darla Scholl - Chairperson**

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#### **FOOD HANDLERS CLASS**

We will have a "Food Handlers Class" on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Post. We welcome all that are interested. This will be the Tarrant County license, good for one year.

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#### **LEGION FAMILY EVENT**

We are sponsoring a Fish Fry for the Homeless Veterans. The event will be the 21Sep 2:30pm to 5:30pm. We will be carpooling from the post meeting at 11:30 to load the cars.

Sign up to meet the guys whose lives we are making a difference in. We have different areas that need your help to make a success! Donations are also welcome for supplies.

The park information is: 2400 Cypress Street ~ Fort Worth ~ Right behind the Patriot House

Thank you for your help.

**Doris Hammond**  
**Auxiliary 2<sup>ND</sup> Vice President**

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#### **SAL NEWS**

The summer is coming to an end and we are starting up the SAL meat raffle on Saturday 9/27/14 @ 2PM. Please come down and join the fun!

Due to decreasing sales at our fish fry dinners we would like to consider changing our menu. Your input is appreciated, Please email me at email me your ideas at . [Owensdavid88@yahoo.com](mailto:Owensdavid88@yahoo.com)

Our membership as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of September is at 36. The mail out for renewals will be sent out this month. I encourage you to sign up someone new this year and come down and join our monthly meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday evening at 7 PM. We need your support to help our Squadron grow.

If you are interested in ordering a SAL shirt, please contact an officer.

Have a safe Labor Day!

**David Owens - Squadron Commander**

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#### **OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Friday September 26th