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NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It's official, Summer is gone and Fall has arrived. Our Texas Rangers will not be playing in the playoffs this year. But you will be able to follow the playoffs at our Post as we continue to provide a welcoming environment. Our smoke evacuation system is working. It's not a final answer but it's moving us in the right direction. College Football is in full swing with some great rivalries; Texas, Oklahoma, A&M, Baylor and TCU. All here at the Post. Monday night Football is back in full swing with complimentary Ball Park Franks. Join the party and be watching for our Cowboys tailgate party on Sunday.

We still need assistance in our kitchen. Let me know if you can fix a meal or give us some assistance in the kitchen. We need to be able to provide a crew that can work together and spell each other so no one or two people have to shoulder the load. If we all chipped in it would be a big help and we wouldn't be burning out the few that do help.

Our Auxiliary has its big Cancer drive next month. I would encourage all our members to help in anyway they can to support the great project.

We are gearing up for the Veterans Day Parade and Early Bird party. We are looking into participating in the Veterans Day Parade in Grapevine followed by a Veterans Fair working with our US Congressman Kenny Marchant.

Our First Vice David School and his membership committee are doing an outstanding job of getting our membership off and running. We are looking to be 100 % this year with a good shot at retaking our position as largest Post in Texas.

Let's all get involved and make this a banner year for Post 379.

David Eagan – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hope all had a wonderful September and are looking forward to a busy October. We have been busy this month with the Patriot House fish fry, which was so wonderful and very rewarding, at least from my point of view. Doris told me tonight that the family group that was there wants to make this an annual event.

Our next and biggest benefit of the year is our upcoming Cancer Research benefit coming up the weekend of October 3rd thru the 5th, being the big day. Our ladies have been working so very hard giving everything building up to our 10th Annual! I am so proud to be a part of this event. I hope that everyone can come and hopefully be a part of this awesome weekend. Darla Scholl has been the best in chairing this. It's her first year and we need all to come out and support the awesome work she and her helpers are putting into this event. I'm so very proud of her and them. The weekend is always been fun in the past and I have no doubt this will be the best!

If you haven't heard, the Legion family is now sharing cooking on Sunday for football. The Auxiliary, SAL and the Legion are taking turns and providing food from approximately 1:00 to 5:00 for all the football games. Forgive me: GO COWBOYS!! Ok, I'm done...

On Friday, October 3rd the date was open to cook and being cancer research benefit weekend, Terry and I will be cooking with all proceeds going to the benefit. Terry will be cooking cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, corn and dessert.

Really looking forward to the future and supporting our veterans. We have a lot to do! Let's make this fun and have a wonderful time supporting our own.

Our Veterans Service, not self

Kathy Bigley – Unit 379 President

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Ladies, our goal for 2015 is 475 members. Our first goal is 55%, 261 new or renewed members by November 8th, (our Early Bird Party). As of today we have 77 of our 308 senior members paid. Please take a minute to mail or drop by the post your renewal. Thank you again for reaching last year's goal and making us Number 1 in the state. With all your help we can claim that for 2015 too! Remember this is for your veterans and our troops, only with your help can we do our part to support them.

Attention Juniors – if you are starting your junior year of high school, check out the Auxiliary Web Site www.alatexas.org for your opportunity to go to Texas Bluebonnet Girls State Program. Or, Contact Judy Davidson, your Girls State unit Chairman, 817/301-8598, for more information.

Early Bird-Veterans Day Party, Saturday, November 10, Noon to 4pm. One free drink for all who have renewed or are new members for 2015. Lunch Noon to 2pm. The Legion will be furnishing sandwiches. Legion family members, please bring a side dish or munchies. In honor of our Legionnaires, the bar will be observing Happy Hour Prices till 2pm.

Auxiliary members who have renewed for 2015 or are new members for 2015 by November 8th will go into a drawing for an Honorary Life Membership. As long as you remain a member of this unit, your dues will be paid by us. Winner to be announced at December General Membership meeting, what a Christmas gift!

Welcome to our new members. Danice Wolfe; Elizabeth Marrs; Peyton Norris, Jr. Aux.; Addyson Norris, Jr. Aux.; Jill Colgin; Eva King, Jr. Aux.; Karen Averett, Transfer; Hazel Zak. If you see a new face, say hello and welcome to our Legion Family. Recruit One pins will go to Sharon Nesteriak, Casey King, Judy Davidson, Debbie McKee, Jim Grau and Debbie Crawford.

DON'T FORGET CANCER RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Sunday, October 5, 10AM to 2PM. See the Cancer Scholarship Pancake Breakfast flyer. Everybody is welcome and NEEDED. Lots of Silent Auction items and breakfast \$6.00 donation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – OCTOBER BABIES Vivian Bay, Jr. Aux.; Caitlin Glenn, Jr. Aux.; Pat Snyder; Judy Evans; Dorothy Harris; Sue Thompson; Annette Harrington; Beth Jewett; Tina Roberts; Karen Ducote; Heather Soltis; Rhonda Custor; Pat White; Felina Freeman; Grace Clements, Jr. Aux. You can live to be a 100, if you give up all the things that make you want to be a 100. (Woody Allen) Lucille Gillespie; Janet

Leach; Leslie Roden; Dannie Sloan; Brianna Stackhouse, Jr. Aux.; Barbara Bawolak; Jayci Gillie; Kendra Raab, Jr. Aux., Melanie Berken, Jr. Aux., Alexis Berken, Jr. Aux., Ariana Foley, Jr. Aux.; Lavetta Marshall; Jan Muhsman; Lauren Riney, Jr. Aux.; Madison Stevens, Jr. Aux.; Cydney Brewster; Peggy Croxen; Xavier Marie Day; Kim Dedman; Sharon Defina; Amber Mercer; Thelma Nixon; Savannah Palmour, Jr. Aux.; Charlotte Trapuzzano; Darlene Wilhite.

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MORE AUXILIARY NEWS

Homeless Veterans: I want to thank everyone for all the donations of time and money. We have helped 25 veterans transition to apartments. At the Fish Fry we served 89 plates of food. The next delivery of items for transition is Oct 19th, keep the donations coming.

Halloween Party: Feeling ghoulish, we got you covered. Come on down to the post for the Halloween party. The Ladies are cooking a Halloween supper and the Post is giving prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd place costumes.

Doris Hammond. Auxiliary 2nd Vice

SAL NEWS

Our September fish fry on 9/6/14 sold 37 dinners. Thanks for all that came out! We also did a 50/50 for Josh Dogs and the winner, Michael Dollar, donated back for the program. Thank you Michael! Hope to see you 10/4/14 for our next SAL fish fry.

Thank you SAL members (Daniel Fallon, Larry Ballard, Terry Bigley, Victor Weil, Thomas Gray, Mason Palmer, Darron Gillespie, Larry Burks, Robert Bowles, Zach Hammond, Eric Hammond and Matt Hammond) for your help at the fish fry lunch for the Patriot House on 9/21/14. There were 89 meals served.

The SAL meat raffle started again on 9/27/14. Good luck and hope you will come join the fun. Membership as of 10/1/14 is at 64 members. We are at half of our goal, please continue encouraging new membership.

Please come out to the Post for Trunk or Treat and Haunted House on Halloween evening and bring the family. We need volunteers to help hand out candy.

David Owens - Squadron Commander

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