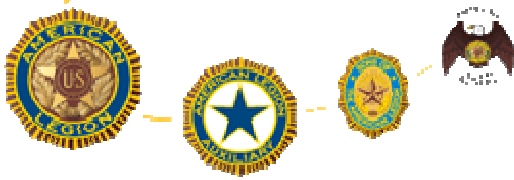


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NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2014

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

November is always one of the busiest months of the year for Veterans. We have a lot to do and will need lots of volunteers to "get'er done" so don't hold back, step up as let us know how you can help. We will be assisting the Cowboys again with their salute to Veterans at their game on Nov 2nd. The National elections are Nov 4th so get out and vote. You, more than anyone else deserve to vote so be sure to VOTE. We (Post 379) will be in the Grapevine Veterans Day parade on Sat Nov 8th. The parade will start at 9:00 and go through downtown Grapevine. Following the parade a Veterans Jobs Fair will sponsored by Representative Kenny Marchant. The Legion will have a table where we will be able to meet and greet Veterans and handout literature about the American Legion.

That same weekend, our 1st Vice Commander, David School will have a team at Euless's Softball World. They will be preparing food and handing out literature about the Legion.

The Annual Early Bird Party will be held on Saturday November 8th. If you have your current membership card (2014-2015) it's good for a free drink.

The Monday Night Football crowd is enjoying Andy's Franks and Hot Links. Well done Andy we appreciate your help.

Thanksgiving will be here soon. I understand Doris Hammond (with the help of her sons) will be preparing another of her fine meals. We appreciate your support.

Always remember, we are not open to the public and must rely on our Membership to sustain our existence. We appreciate seeing everyone getting involved.

David Eagan – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy November everyone! We had an absolutely wonderful October! If you haven't heard, our Cancer Research Benefit was the best yet! Thank you to everyone that attended, participated and joined in the fun! Darla Scholl, our Chair for the benefit along with her helpers more than stepped up to the challenge. Thank you to EVERYONE that volunteered, sold the necklaces and tickets, cooked, donated and put together baskets, won and flat out just had a great time. If you haven't heard, at last count, the amount raised was just a little over \$11,000! In my book, our ladies of Unit 379 ROCK!!

We recently lost one of our own, Nina Martello. The Charter was draped in her honor at a celebration of her life recently.

There is so much going on this November. Our Ft. Worth VA Clinic is holding a cookout on Wed. November 5th from 11:00 to 2:00. They are looking for volunteers to help set up. We will be donating desserts for the event.

Of course, Tuesday, November 11th, Veterans Day will be celebrated with the annual parade in downtown Ft. Worth, starting at 11:00.

Just a note concerning our VA Clinic, they have Veterans coming in that have not had anything to eat. They are always looking for easy, quick items for them. Chef Boy, Ramen noodles, etc. are needed. They also take donations of clothes for the male and female veterans. This is something I didn't know.

Thank you for all you do to help our Veterans. Because it's all about Service, Not Self.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Once again ladies you have come through, we are at 55% of our 475 goal. Thank you to all who have renewed. I know some of you are waiting for the Early Bird Party. I hope we keep this up, I would be very proud to have our Unit number announced at Department and National Conventions with 100% Goal by December 31. Also, to hang another National Award on our wall. We have 193 senior members who have not renewed for 2015. Remember Junior members, under 18, are paid by your Auxiliary. Be sure to sign up those new granddaughters and great-granddaughters that have arrived in the family. Step-children are also included. Just ask the bartenders or an auxiliary member for an application. Keep them coming ladies. If you are using an application form that has receipt attached to the end of the form, please tear off and give to the new member. Auxiliary members who have renewed or are new members for 2015 will go into a drawing for an Honorary Life Membership, as long as you remain a member of this unit, we will pay your membership dues every year. Winner will be announced at the Auxiliary Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 15th. See you at the Early Bird Party.

Early Bird Party, Saturday, November 8, Noon to 4pm. One free drink for those who are renewing, have renewed or are new members for 2015. Legion will be providing sandwiches, auxiliary providing soup and the Legion Family is asked to bring side dishes for Lunch, Noon to 2pm.

Thank you to all of you who have been including your email address with your renewal payment. We use this to update current, up-coming events and our chaplain's notices.

Our Legionnaires are trying to regain their position as the largest Post in Texas and as we became 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 in the state where they live. Applications are at the bar and at the department web site, www.alatexas.org.

If you would like to pay up for life and not worry about increases, see the table in the next column.

Payments may be divided after first 10% down, with final payment due February 28, 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

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 at 817/301-8598, for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – NOVEMBER BABIES: Doris Hammond; Tyler Clark, Jr. Aux.; Madelyn Gamble, Jr. Aux.; Inez Garcia; Mary Harrington; Sarah Kaggwa, Jr. Aux.; Emily Vandersoot; Valerie Bean; Terri Bigelow; Melba Hargrave; Billye Pennington; Pat Rizos; Julie Dimas; Brenda Everett; Adara Gillespie, Jr. Aux.; Jadyn Gillespie, Jr. Aux.; Taryn Gillespie, Jr. Aux.; Misty Mahon, Jr. Aux.; Meghan McGowan; Marie Stevens; Trish Jacobson; Stephanie Cox; Wanza Davis; Katy Regan; Brenda Strauss; Heather Daggett; Leane Gillespie; Katherine Kraut; Bobbie Matthus; Leah Bennett; Carolyn Bowen; Stephanie Collins; Pat Letbetter; Ursula Finn; Madison Klein, Jr. Aux.; Lillith Sypsomos, Jr. Aux.; Joy Roberts; Ruth Crawford; Shelly Thurston; Amanda Harp; Sandy Hardage.

Mary Hall, Membership Chairman
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SAL NEWS

Please join us November 1st for the SAL Fish Fry Dinner at 6:30 PM. We also look forward to having Gisela cook for the SAL in December!

We will be celebrating early bird members on November 8, 2014 at the post, please join us. There is also a sign up at the post for those of you that wish to participate in the Grapevine Veterans Day Parade at 10 AM, also being held on November 8, 2014.

Remember to join us every Saturday from 2:30-4:00 PM for the SAL meat raffle.

The SAL donated 10 Josh Dogs to Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth on 10/21/14.

We have 88 current members for the SAL, which is 66% of our goal. Please continue encouraging new membership.

Thank you for all you do for our post.

David Owens - Squadron Commander