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## NEWSLETTER

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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

We are looking forward to a wonderful Christmas season. It is the time of year that we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. I want to wish all our members at the American Legion Post 379 a wonderful Christmas.

Christmas is the one day of the year that your Post will be closed. This allows all of our members and employees can spend the day with family on this special day. Sunday December 21st the Post will close at 6pm.

November was a great months with Veterans Day parades, Early Bird Party and some fine tailgating parties at the Post. December will feature annual Army vs Navy football game. Let's hope that Army wins this one so Phil can collect some beers. It's been a long dry spell for Army.

We have the NFL Football package so come on down to watch the Football playoffs and your favorite College Bowl game. Food and your favorite beverage will be available.

Start making plans now for our New Years Eve party featuring Doug and Ben.

We will be planning a big party to usher in the New Year. Plan to join us.

I appreciate everyone's help and cooperation as we move forward with Legion programs and events. A special "thanks you" to Kathy Bigley and David Owens for your continued support from our Legion Family. It takes a family to make it all work.

For God and county.

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

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We enjoyed have several of the men from the Patriot House as our guests for dinner at the Post.

The Toys for Tots will be Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 3. There are boxes at the Post if you can help with a new, unwrapped toy.

We've been working on the Auxiliary room and closet lately and it's beginning to look pretty good.

Don't forget, our next meeting is Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. It would be wonderful to everyone there.

Our 12<sup>th</sup> District Christmas Party will be on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. The dinner meat will be turkey, and we need side dishes please. Also there will be a Chinese Christmas with gifts (\$15) if you so wish. Dress is Christmas casual.

There is so much going on at the Post during the month with cooking, etc. Please visit the Post to see and learn what's going on and how you might be part of the December fun.

Have a wonderful December and a Merry Christmas!

The Christmas tree will be up soon. Come on by and select an angel from the tree. This year the angles will be residents of the Patriot House who could surely use out help.

Service, not self

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Thank you to all our members who came to the Early Bird-Veterans Day Party, you brought us up to 60% of our 475 goal. We have 190 members who have still not renewed.

**NOTICE: ALL club privileges will be suspended JANUARY 1, if you do not have your 2015 membership card. So mail or drop off your renewal ASAP. Be sure to renew by December 27th, in time to process paperwork.**

To our Juniors who are starting your junior year of high school, check out the Auxiliary Web Site, [alatexas.org](http://alatexas.org), for your opportunity to go to Texas Bluebonnet Girls State Program. It is a free Auxiliary program for you. See your school counselor or contact Judy Davidson, 817/301-8598.

The 2015 Honorary Life Member drawing went to Jan Engle. She is an eight year member, has a son in the Marines, currently serving in the middle east and daughter of past unit president Marie Stevens.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY – DECEMBER BABIES:** Harley Atkins, Jr. Aux.; Ariana Bacon, Jr. Aux.; Erin Bay, Jr. Aux.; Amy Berken, Jr. Aux.; Eva Boyle; Dee Brennan; Tammy Palmer; Drew Cook, Jr. Aux.; Michelle Cook; Joyce Croxen; Jennifer Daggett; Eilene Gayhart; Denise Gillespie; Judie Grau; Mary Jo Grelle; Laurie Hancock; Patti Hollowell; Alexis Homsby, Jr. Aux.; Kathryn Kohler; Alexis Leavoy, Jr. Aux.; Carol Long; Breana Oehlert; Cheyenne Rampley, Jr. Aux.; Marie Ricks; Madison Rogers, Jr. Aux.; Miriam Cohen; Jayme Collier; Hannah Thornton, Jr. Aux.; Jerri Worl.

**MAY YOUR HOLIDAY'S BE BRIGHT AND YOUR MEMORIES HAPPY  
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR**

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## SAL NEWS

Our November Fish Fry served 41 dinners. In December we will have a special dinner. Gisela will be cooking GERMAN DINNER for us. She will donate a German themed basket for raffle.

Our current membership is at 100 as of the end of November. If you have not renewed, what are you waiting for?

The meat raffle continues on Saturday afternoons. On the 13<sup>th</sup> we will have double spins for hams. Come down and join the fun. The meat raffle proceeds allow us to donate "Josh Dogs" to Cooks Children Hospital. We make another donation on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Commander David Owens made an Office's board that will be displayed next to the Auxiliary's board in the entry way. Please plan to attend our next meeting on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> as pictures will be taken for the new board.

On November 11<sup>th</sup> David Scholl and his team did a great job at Softball World's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual event benefitting the Wounded Warrior Program.

November 11<sup>th</sup> was a busy day. Your Post was represented in the Grapevine Veterans Day Parade. It was also the Annual Early Bird Party. Those who paid their 2015 dues were treated to a complementary beverage and lunch.

Thank you for all you do for our post.

**David Owens - Squadron Commander**

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## THANKSGIVING THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Thanksgiving Dinner a success! The food was delicious as well as plentiful. Our special guests were residents of the Patriot House in Ft Worth.

Doris and her team did an outstanding job. We have some great cooks who donated side dishes and desserts. Thanks to those who provided transportation for our guests.



Post 379 will again be a donation site for the Marine Reserves Toys for Tots program. Drop off date is Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 3pm. Bring

a new unwrapped toy to brighten a young child's Christmas this year.