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NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It's 2015 and we are moving forward. Our membership is on track, our Club Room is a great place to unwind and enjoy good company. Looking forward to the Super Bowl game and a great party at the Post. Remember, we are all in this together, the Legion, Auxiliary and Sons.

The handicap parking is still an issue. There are only five spaces in the front. We have many members with handicap stickers. Yes, LEGALLY, you can use these spaces. But do you have to? Please be considerate of older members that really need this assistance. The walk down to the main parking is dangerous for many of our older and less physically able members. All we are asking is that you be mindful of our few parking spots and save them for the truly needy.

We are starting the New Year off with the loss of several Legionnaires. Please keep them and their family's in your thoughts and prayers. A special Good Bye to George Schook, a good friend to all. You will be missed my friend.

Our major projects are still ahead of us, Scouts, Baseball, Boys State and our annual Golf tournament. We will be looking for assistance to make these project works. Get involved, get informed and get to our meeting and let make our programs work for our community.

Please join me in wishing our loyal bar-tender Deirdre a happy and well deserved retirement. We will miss you. "Tank You" Dee for you many year of dedicated service.

For God and county.

David Eagan – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

The Auxiliary has had a pretty productive month in January. If you were in any way a part of any of the goings on, thank you. February will be busy as well.

The Auxiliary District meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 2nd at Post 297 in Benbrook at 7:00. If anyone wants to attend, give me a call and we can carpool.

Friday, Feb. 13th the food will be for Mardi Gras! Jambalaya, etc will be served so come on down and enjoy the fun and especially the food.

Next we have Valentine's Day. Plans have changed slightly, but we will be serving a steak dinner, with all the fixings, cooked by Ronnie McClendon with help from his lovely wife, Suzie. Music will be by Lavon. Reservations are requested. Tickets are \$13.00 per single and \$25 per couple, which can be purchased from the bartenders. It will be a lovely evening so please plan on attending. Deadline for reservations will be February 7th. Proceeds will be going to our Unit's Auxiliary Emergency Fund. There will be a limited number of dinners available without reservations.

Terry and I will be cooking Friday, Feb. 27th. If you haven't had Terry's Chicken Tetrizzini, you need to be there!

Please don't forget our meeting on Thursday, Feb. 5th at 7:00. There will not be an Exec. Board meeting at 6:00 this month.

We had the opportunity to visit and tour the Patriot House, Liberty House and the Presbyterian Night Shelter. I cannot tell how impressed I was and all that I learned. Our District President, Tina Hill joined me along with Commander Eagen and SAL 1st Vice, Terry Bigley and SAL Sgt at Arms, Robert Bowles. I will have a report to hand out at our meeting to share all the wonderful information learned, so I hope to see you there!

Remember, Service not Self

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings and Blessings for a new month,

Post we need as much participation as possible in the upcoming Four Chaplain's Service at 18:30 / 6:30 PM prior to the General Membership Meeting February 5, 2015, and we need participation in the meeting. The new year has been very busy with several members passing away. I am requesting us all to remember our members Ray Orr, Gene Lewis, George Schook, Dean Smith, and Richard Zeman all gone to their Post Everlasting, and Roy Cooper who lost a loved one since the last newsletter. Our prayers go out to these members and their families in this time of mourning may God's comfort and peace be with them. I could use some help and anyone willing to volunteer to assist with calling on our members in assisted living centers, and in hospitals please contact me at my email e9golftx@aol.com. Any families needing prayer can reach me at the same email address. It is my prayer for each of you to have a happy, healthy, and safe February 2015. Strive to be the best you can be at all you do.

For God and Country

Dennis Gossett – Chaplain

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

AUXILIARY FOR VETERANS

We are at 80% of our 475 goal. Thank you to all who have renewed.

Last year's Department (state) convention for the Legion and Auxiliary announced on the floor that Unit 379 was the largest Unit in the state of Texas. We can do that again this year if everyone renews. We should be proud, to have our Unit number announced at Department and National Conventions showing the rest of the units that we do care about our Veterans! **There are still 86 members who have not renewed**

To all of you who have your 2015 membership card THANK YOU, from your veterans.

Our Legionnaires are trying to regain their position as the largest Post in Texas and we would like 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – FEBRUARY BABIES: Diane Cook; Sandy Burnett; Marie Fulmer; Misty Morse; Judy Davidson; Marguerite Maddox; Lillie Meeks, Jr. Aux.; Wende Zellmer; Grace Hackney, Jr. Aux.; MacKayla Lensinski, Jr. Aux.; Jamie Copeland, Jr. Aux.; Joanna Hookstratten; Carolyn Corbeau; Peggy Nickell; Shealer Bland; Lana Barnes; Mary Collins; Tiffany Everett; Rhonda Palmer; Elizabeth Chiasson, Jr. Aux.; Brenda Graber; Alaya Hornsby, Jr. Aux.; Toryn McCarty, Jr. Aux.; Alexandra Bowen, Jr. Aux.; Jean Chaffee; Betty Morris; Lisa Kreidler; Karol Perrine; Suzie McClendon; Courtney Birkett; Michelle Birkett; Natalie Manson, Jr. Aux.; Elizabeth Marrs; Sophia Olvera, Jr. Aux.; Jennifer Bennett; Karen Burton; Michelle Minshew.

Service Not Self - For Our Veterans

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SAL NEWS

The S.A.L. membership is currently at 129 members for 2015. Our goal is 134 members, please continue encouraging new memberships. The S.A.L. purchased and presented a 55" flat screen TV to the Legion in January. Please come down and join us.

The S.A.L. is raffling an over/under shotgun. The tickets are \$20.00 each with only 100 tickets being sold. The drawing will be held on 2/19/15. Please see an officer or the bartender on duty to purchase your tickets.

The Legion will be having a discussion and vote on the smoking policy during the general membership meeting on 2/5/15. Please come out and voice your concerns on this hot topic at the post.

The next S.A.L. fish fry will be 2/7/15 at 6:30 PM. Come out and enjoy a good catfish dinner.

All S.A.L. members are welcomed and encouraged to attend the monthly meeting held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 PM in the office.

All post members are welcome to attend the S.A.L. meat raffle held each Saturday at 2:30 PM. Everyone that participates always has fun.

Thank you for all you do for our post.

David Owens - Squadron Commander

BREAKFAST MENU UPDATE

Saturday Breakfast by Lisa: 9:30am – 11:30am

Eggs cooked to order / Sausage & Bacon / Biscuits
& Gravy / Hash Browns / Pancakes \$6