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NEWSLETTER

## **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

We ended March on a very positive note. On St Patrick's Day our Ladies Auxiliary presented our Post a check for \$1,000. The corned beef dinner and basked raised an additional \$400 for a total of \$1400. This will be a great help toward the Air Conditioning unit in the club room. Thank you Kathy Bigley and ladies of the Auxiliary. And Thanks you to Debbie McKee and her team for preparing a fine meal.

Our annual Golf Tournament will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> so now is the time to put your teams together. It is always a great outing with prizes and gifts for all. Mike , Bruce and Brenda are doing their usual fine job of rounding up gifts and prizes. Thanks for your help.

The annual Post Elections will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Be thinking about running for an office. We need more involvement from more people. We always looking for folks that will "step up" and keep Post 379 moving in the right direction.

I want to thank everyone for helping as we implement out new "Smoking, No- Smoking " policy. The areas are defined and your cooperation has been appreciated. It has made a difference. The membership feedback has been positive.

March madness is upon us. Come down and watch the final 4 on our flat screen TV's. The Rangers first Monday night game is on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Andy and Gisela are planning a German dinner of brats and German potato salad. Don't miss out on the fun.

For God and county.

David Eagan – Commander dj eagan@yahoo.com

### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Greetings and Blessings for a new month,

I wish each of you a happy and healthy Holy time during Passover and Easter. May you have great time with family and friends. Let us rededicate ourselves God, Country, Community, and our Post. Let us strive to do more, to serve more in all we endeavor. My prayers are with you and I ask God's blessings to be upon you.

For God and Country

# Dennis Gossett – Chaplain

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

#### AUXILIARY FOR VETERANS

Ladies, our goal is to support our veterans, our troops and our community. Remember who you joined under? You can renew to show them and or veterans that you appreciate their service. Please take a moment to write your check for your 2015 membership.

To those who have already renewed for 2015, a BIG THANK YOU.

We know and understand that all of our members may not be able to participate in some of our activities or attend meetings. But your "gift of dues" helps us carry out our programs to our veterans, troops and their families and community programs. It is not too late to continue your support of our programs.

We want to again be the largest auxiliary unit in Texas to show our troops and our veterans WE CARE. We cannot do this without your support. Ladies we are at 89.68%, we are at 426 members, 49 members short of our goal of 475. THANK YOU to all of you who have already renewed. However, there are over 50 members who have not renewed and if you do not have your 2015 card, you have lost your club privileges.

WANTED ASAP - New members. Are there any more granddaughters and great granddaughters that need to be signed up? Yes, scholarships and Girls State are a long way off, but 18 years pass in a hurry. Thank you for your help and support. We can only be the largest Unit in Texas with your help.

OUR APRIL BABIES: Karen Steele; Barbara Krukowski; Ruth Zmroczek; Lee Zwiezyn; Jolie McManus; Carol Bay; Phyllis Hofman; Lee House; Elizabeth Crawford; Toni Roning; Baylee Oehlert, Jr. Aux.; Caroline Bay, Jr. Aux.; Marjorie Breault; Avery Biaha, Jr. Aux.; Faith Tompkins, Jr. Aux.; Sherry Brady; Linda Garcia; Judy Buck; Karen Hall; Bridgett Johnson; Emily Thomas; Sarah Bumgardner; Amber Cook, Jr. Aux.; Alexis Hoffpauir, Jr. Aux.; Ashley Sloan, Jr. Aux.; Charlene Holden; Abaigeal Foley, Jr. Aux.; Trinity Klein, Jr. Aux.; Isabella McCormick, Jr. Aux.; Lillian Wolff, Jr. Aux.

Service Not Self -For Our Veterans

### Mary Hall, Membership Chairman 817/980-1900 gmhandb@att.net

#### SAL NEWS

Greetings from SAL Commander David Owens I hope that everyone is in the mood for Spring it's finally here.

Let me start off with our dinner for April 4, will be German Night. Cooked by the one and only Gisela! Serving from 6:30 till 8 PM or sold out. Hope to see everyone there to enjoy great food and friendship. We will have a basket to raffle.

Doug and his crew will be taking an Easter break from the Meat Raffle. There will be no Meat Raffle on April 4, but will resume on the April 11.

Thank you to our Squadron members and new members that have signed up for 2015. The squadron has reached its goal of 134. I encourage all of our Squadron members to sign up at least one (1) new member.

I will be announcing in our April 9 meeting information for our elections, to be held May 14. I encourage each one of you to attend and run for an office. We are always looking for new people and new ideas for our Squadron programs. If you sit back and do not attend meetings or run for an office we won't be able to discuss and or implement your good ideas. These decisions are to be made in the meetings.

We continue to send money from the squadron to the Tarrant Area Food Bank each month. We will never know exactly how many families we are helping, but we can feel good knowing we are helping those in need.

We will be sending a box of ten (10) Josh Dogs to Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth. It will be first of three planned for this year. This is a worthwhile cause to help ease the fears of young children that are having surgery.

Your Squadron is helping our 12<sup>th</sup> district in a push for The CHILD WELFARE program to benefit children nationwide. Tickets are \$ 2.00 dollars and the drawing will be at the National Convention in July 2015. Please make sure that you print clearly your name and phone number. Watch for fliers in and around the post with the three (3) prizes listed.

Two of our squadron members have put together a weekly 'Wednesday Night POOL Tournament', starting at 7 PM. Wanted - new and experienced players. Free pool tables all day Tuesday's for practice or if you want to try your trick shoots. Come out and enjoy the fun and laughs.

Please try to attend your monthly meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7 PM.

Thank you for all you do for our post.

# David Owens Squadron Commander

#### **IT IS ELECTION TIME**

All of the entities will be having elections in either May or June. Is it time for you to step up and help? There are many positions that will need to be filled. Your support is essential to our success.

**Americanism** means the virtue of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity and the hardihood virtues that made America. The things that will destroy America are prosperity at any price, peace at any price, safety first instead of duty first, the love of soft living and the get rich quick theory of life. *Theodore Roosevelt*