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NEWSLETTER

MAY2015

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As we are rolling into May we have Memorial Day Activities being planned. We will be joining the VFW, the Colleyville Fire Dept., the Boys Scouts, Legion Riders and others for the very moving service held in the Veterans Section at Bluebonnett Cemetery in Colleyville. Following the service Post 379 will be providing a lunch for all Veterans and their families. We come together to observe Memorial Day, the Day set aside to remember the sacrifice of our American service men and women. All gave some, some gave all.

Our annual Golf Tournament will be held on Monday May 18 at Riverside Golf Course. The Florida scramble will start at 8:00am. Classic Chevrolet is again providing a car for our "hole-in-one" prize. Chick-Fil-A is providing our lunch again. Thank you both for your support of local Veterans. The cost is 60.00 per golfer and/or 240.00 per four man team. Applications are available at the Post. Hole Sponsors are also needed. The cost to sponsor a hole is \$100. Mike, Bruce and Brenda are doing their usual outstanding job collecting prizes and gifts for the goody bags. Get your teams signed up early. Lunch and the awarding of prizes will take place back at Post 379.

Our Post Elections will be held on June 4th. Consider running for a Post Office. Lets keep Post 379 moving in the right direction. Be a part of this team of dedicated Veterans.

Our designated Smoking/Non-Smoking areas are working. I want to thank everyone for their co-operation as we work toward accommodating all of our members.

For God and country.

David Eagan
Commander

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy May Ladies!

So sorry you didn't hear from me last month. Ended up in the ER and didn't check email for a week and when Sharon sent the email that the article was due, I missed it. My apologies to all. Everything is good now, so I'll do my best that it doesn't happen again.

As all of you may know, our elections are coming up fast. Our May meeting on the 7th will be our elections for the upcoming year. I would love to see everyone there that can come. I am running for your President again this year and if anyone is interested in any Officer position (or President), we so welcome you and of course we need you! We need new ideas and always need help with our Programs that support our veterans, children and our community.

We are still looking for volunteers to cook on Friday and Saturday nights. If you can volunteer, you can do as you choose with the profits. But please think about it. Please put on your calendar that our own Sharon Nesteriak and her crew will be cooking on May 8th for Cinco de Mayo.

We achieved the opportunity to (at the last minute) work at Grapefest in Grapevine last year which got our "foot in the door". We have been invited to work the upcoming "Main Street Days" in May. This is such a wonderful opening for our Auxiliary to make monies to work our Programs. There is a sign-up sheet on line which you received an email on, looking for volunteers. This is our opportunity to work up to booths, etc. to make a lot of money in the future. But we are in desperate need for the remaining shifts to be filled for the 3 days of May 15, 16 and 17th. If we don't step up, we will probably not get the opportunity next year. The shifts are 3 hours and if you can possibly help, please give me a call.

We will be sending 2 girls to Girls State this year. Judy Davidson spends a lot of hours finding and interviewing these girls. She told me that every girl

that has been sponsored by our Unit has gone on to the different Academies. Quite awesome if you ask me! Thank you Judy.

There were 4 of us that attended the Spring District Convention in April. It was a lovely day with all the Unit Presidents giving their annual reports. I was so nervous but very proud to report all we have accomplished during the year. Our Division Convention is May 9th in Plano. There will be three of us attending that. Every time I attend a convention, I learn something new. Our Department convention will be in July, held in Beaumont. If anyone is interested in attending, just let me know. There's so much to learn and they make it fun.

It has been the year-end report time for our Department (state). All of our volunteer hours, monies and miles go into these reports. Putting this together in narratives and pictures are then turned into Department for awards. I hope that we may be able to bring home some awards this year because of all the wonderful work you ladies have done. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do.

We have so much happening in the next few months, and so hope you can/want to be a part of any or all of it. We are sponsoring a hole at the Legion Golf Tournament in May and just signed up to sponsor a golf hole for the Euless Firefighters annual golf tournament in June. We will have a membership table there for the Legion family to try to sign up new members, but most of all to let the community know that we are here to support them too.

I have more to say, but I think I've filled enough for now. I'm always available to any of you. I'm so very proud to be your President, but it's all about you and what we can do for our veterans.

Remember, Service, not Self

Kathy Bigley - Unit 379 President

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings and Blessings for a new month,

I wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe May 2015. Your prayers are needed for the families of Billy Scribner and Don Beier as they mourn the loss of their loved ones. I also ask for continued prayers for Brandon Williams for a speedy recovery from his motorcycle accident. We have a very busy month ahead. We have Flag Day, Saturday May 16th, the Post 379 Golf Tournament Monday May 18th and Memorial Day observation at Bluebonnet on May 25th

just to name a few of the things going on. We need your participation at these events. I would hope that your time in the service to this nation, or your loved ones service to this nation would mean enough to your to participation in these events. We will have a Post Everlasting Service for the 26 members we have lost in the past year and I ask for your attendance to pay respects to those we have lost.

I will be celebrating my retirement and my 65th birthday along with Brandon Williams on Saturday May 16th from 8pm until Midnight in Proctor Hall and wish to invite the membership to attend.

For God and Country

Dennis Gossett – Chaplain

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

AUXILIARY FOR VETERANS

Ladies we are at 92.84%, 34 members short of our goal. **THANK YOU** to all of you who have already renewed. However, there are 40, 2015 members who have not renewed for 2015. If you do not have your 2015 card, you have lost your club privileges and must sign the guest book when you come in, even if your husband has renewed.

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 our veterans that you appreciate their service. Please take a moment to write your check for your 2014 membership. The Auxiliary raises more than \$14 million every year to support VA Medical Centers, veterans, 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.

A big thank you to the following members for bringing in and signing up new members for 2015. Ann Cokefield, Judy Davidson, Sharon Nesteriak, Tillie Owens, Kathy Bigley, Lamita Tourdot, Theresa Winslow, Laveta Marshall, Kay Weil, Brian McCormick, Betty Kedy, Debbie McKee, Wendy Zellmer and Jim Grau. YES, there is still time to sign up new members. Don't forget the granddaughters and great-granddaughters. Thanks for talking about us!

MOTHER - The Most Important Person on Earth

The most important person on earth is a mother. She did not build the empire state building, or the bank or the school. She has built something much more

magnificent that any building
A dwelling for a tiny baby's body.
"Angels have not been blessed with such a grace.
They cannot share in God's creative miracle.
They are sent to watch over her and her baby
Mothers are closer to God the creator than any other
creatures.
God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of
creation ...

"What on God's good earth is more glorious than this:
to be a mother?"

Happy Mother's Day to All and a Silent Prayer for
those we wish were still here.

OUR MAY BABIES: Julie Lewis; Donna Pate; Tammy
Booth; Devin Simpkins; Susan Soltis; Nancy Wendt;
Michele Nowicki; Mary Guzman; Jan Callahan; Denise
Higdon; Patti Calhoun; Shirley Morrow; Emma Jean
Phillips; Becky Walters; Gladys Boone; Kay Heller;
Kayla Ryan, Jr. Aux.; Bailee Wade, Jr. Aux.; Elizabeth
Boswell; Melanie Owens, Jr. Aux.; Emily Rogers, Jr.
Aux.; Mackenzie Sheriff, Jr. Aux.; Hailey Dupriest, Jr.
Aux.; Melinda Fry, Jr. Aux.; Maya Rose Gibbs, Jr.
Aux.; Aiyanna Robinson, Jr. Aux.; Sheridan Torres,
Jr. Aux.; Sierra Torre, Jr. Aux.; Cynthia Habeck; Gisela
Marschal; Kayden Bacon, Jr. Aux.; Avery Bowen, Jr.
Aux.; Linda Hall; Corey Rother; London Menton;
Megan Sheriff; Patricia Loller; Diana Ibanez; Joan
McCormick; Cathy LeFerney; Mackenzie Belair;
Denise Gray; Kennedi Goodson, Jr. Aux.; Christi
Barraclough; Sundie Becerra; Lamita Tourdot; Rose
Shwaiko; Hazel Zak; Jill Colgin; Raven Robb, Jr. Aux.

Service Not Self - For Our Veterans

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SAL NEWS

Greetings from SAL Squadron 379. April was an
interesting month for the Squadron. Thank you Gisela
for serving her famous German Night for the
Squadron. We sold 45 dinners another successful
night. The winner of the basket was Kay Weil.

Last month we purchased another ten (10) Josh Dogs
for our program and delivered them Cooks Children
Hospital.

In our continuing our efforts to help the hungry another
donation of \$100.00 dollars was made to the Tarrant
County Food Bank for April.

Our May 2nd Sons dinner will be Debbie McKee. She
will be preparing her well known Pot Roast dinner and
the trimmings all for \$ 10.00 dollars. For dessert David

Owens will be making his homemade ice cream. A
dessert sure not to miss. We will be having a 50/50
raffle and all the proceeds going to Josh Dogs and
Tarrant Area Food Bank.

In line with the Legion and Auxiliary the Sons now
have their own officers and past commanders board up
and displayed.

I encourage every member and including our dual
members to attend May 14th, 2015 meeting. At that
meeting we will be electing our 2015/2016 officers.
Come and make your voice heard.

Thank you 12th District & Division I Sons Commander's
Mark Patterson and Jon Pinkston for attending our
April meeting. They invited and encourage to attend
the May meeting.

Due to the holiday week-end there will be no meat
raffle on Saturday May 23rd.

The SAL Squadrons are selling raffle tickets in a joint
venture with the 12th district for the Josh Dogs
program. Flyers are posted throughout the post. The
drawing will be held at the state convention in July
2015 in Beaumont, Texas. Tickets are \$2.00 dollars
each. Prizes are 1st place: Flat Screen TV, 2nd place:
7" Tablet and 3rd place: a Blue Ray player.

David Owens - Squadron Commander

Flanders Field

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
we shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

