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NEWSLETTER

JULY 2015

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I was deeply humbled by my election as your Commander and look forward with the rest of the Legion team of our Ladies Auxiliary and Sons. I start this tour of duty with great sadness at the loss of our Adjutant Charles Michael Garlington. He was loved by all and will be sadly missed. The service is scheduled for 3 July 2015 at 11:00 am with reception to follow.

With the help and support of the Auxiliary and Sons and their members we have already stabilized the kitchen menu for the next three months and have a contract for a deep clean of the kitchen to be accomplished before the 4th of July celebration. Come out and celebrate our nation's 239th birthday. Ribs, brisket, and sausage will be served courtesy of SAL Member Ronnie Mac. We are asking that the Auxiliary and SAL help provide sides. Thanks to everyone for an outstanding Installation ceremony with fun and food that followed.

My door is always open and I encourage all of you to share with me any concerns or ideas you have. Also, there will be a sign-up sheet posted for any agenda items you want covered in our meetings. I encourage all to attend our executive board meetings in Proctor Hall.

I have asked all officers and bartenders to enforce our rule on harsh swear words that can be heard by other members and may be offensive. Offenders will be given two polite warnings before being asked to depart our canteen.

I am looking forward to a productive year. It will take a lot of work to accomplish all of our goals but we can have a good time in the process.

God Bless us All.

Mike Regan – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies!

First off, let me inform you that we will NOT have a Unit meeting in July. Our Department Convention is in July and this year it will be in Beaumont. We will resume our meetings on August 6th at 7:00. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday August 6th. However, if you need us for anything just let an officer know.

We just had our installation and the new Officers will take over when we get back from Department.

We have so much to do coming up and love to see you at our meetings. Our meetings last about an hour and it's only once a month. Think about it... Give us a try!

As you'll see on the calendar, every Friday and Saturday nights are filled for dinner. We, as the "family" are working very hard to get on track and stay there. Congratulations to our new incoming Legion Officers. Commander Regan, Squadron Commander David Owens and I are looking forward to a great year. Would love for ALL of you to be a part in it!

We just recently sent two more boxes to the troops. We still need your coupons! Karen Averett, our Unit Historian has been cutting all she can get her hands on. Thank you Karen for all that you do.

We still need help with some of our Programs. Just putting that out there.

Everyone, have a great July and come and enjoy your Post! Hope to see ya soon.

Remember, Service, not Self

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Membership

Happy July Ladies!

WE MADE GOAL. You did it ladies! And a BIG THANK YOU to the Legionnaires who stepped up at the last minute to help us. Once again we are the Largest Auxiliary Unit in the state of Texas. We want to continue to be the largest Unit in TEXAS to match our Legion. But only you can make this happen. Remember it is the price your veteran paid that allows you to help continue our programs to serve our veterans and their families. Your renewals show our support of Your Veterans and our Troops. It shows in our numbers. THANK YOU, to all of you who renewed for 2015 and welcome to our new members.

As I have said before, even if you are unable to physically donate time, your dues help to continue the above programs for our veterans and our troops.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our JULY BABIES: Tessa Barnhill, Jr. Aux.; Margie Cardwell; Molly Coyle; Patricia Croxen; Clara Dwyer; Marion Edwards; Jan Engle; Corinne Evans; Paula Fallon; Tarah Finch, Jr. Aux.; Georgia Hill; Beverly Hines; Evelyn Leach; Marva McConnell; June Montgomery; Eileen Polen; Patricia Pulford; Shelly Rabe; Sylvia Riney; Britney Roberts, Jr. Aux.; Shelby Rogers, Jr. Aux.; Diane Rowlett; Michelle Tarbush; Rylee Melacon, Jr. Aux.; Julia Zaunbrecher, Jr. Aux.; Christine Clark; Barbara West; Michelle DeSpain; Gena Oehlert; Cindy Hanson; Roxie Lynch, Jr. Aux.; Layla Page, Jr. Aux.; Jayne Skoney; Josie Laster; Pauline Lundquist; Debbie Crawford; Vickie Whitaker; Sharron Riffle; Marlee Benton, Jr. Aux.; Matilda Benton, Jr. Aux.; Madeline Mills, Jr. Aux.; Megan Patterson, Jr. Aux.; Wendi Rogers; Evelyn Herrera; Christine Abbott; Jodie Duke; Mary Collins; Raye Reed; Eva King, Jr. Aux.; Danice Wolfe.

On a personal note, your unit needs to have another member who can process membership. I will start processing membership at the post every Saturday morning, beginning August 1st. If you are interested please call me. Thanks.

Remember, Service, not Self

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings everyone:

I am honored to be the newly elected Chaplain for 2015, 2016. I look forward to serving Post 379 with

grace and honor.

Unfortunately, Adjutant Mike Garlington passed away on Tuesday, June 23rd. He will be sorely missed. A memorial service for him will be held at the Post will be on July 3rd at 11:00 am.

We should always remember that the Legion is a great veteran service organization that we must always excel in meeting the unique needs of all our members. May the highly God surround you, the power of God protect you, and the presence of God watch over you and grant you the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Service Not Self - For Our Veterans

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SAL NEWS

Greetings from SAL Commander David Owens let me start off with that the Legion lost another member of the Legion family. Our own Legion Adjutant Mike Garlington passed away June 23rd, 2015 after a lengthy illness. He was surrounded by his family. The Memorial Service will be July 3rd Friday at 11 AM at the post. He will be missed by many.

Our 2016 membership cards are in and will start July 1st for the new year. Sign up early and get your cards stamped "Early Bird" so you can take advantage of the annual Early Bird party in November.

There will be no July Fish Fry due to Holiday weekend. There will be a party held July 4th at the post. Our own Ronnie Mac will be doing the BBQ and everyone is encouraged to bring side dishes.

We have another case of Josh Dogs on order and will taking them to Cooks Children when they arrive.

We continue our efforts to stamp out hunger in our community one (1) family at a time with a monthly donation to the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

For our June dinner we had our Fish Fry dinner and managed to bring our sales back up to 33 dinners. I want to thank everyone who came out and supported our Squadron so we can support our programs.

I encourage each of you to sign up one (1) new member for our 2015-2016.

I want to thank everyone who purchased a 12th District Raffle ticket. All the proceeds will be going to our Josh Dog Program. The Winner will be announced at the convention in July 8th thru 12th in Beaumont, Texas.

David Owens - Squadron Commander
