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NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

My first month as your Commander has been a rough one. We lost two outstanding Legionnaires, Mike Garlington and Gary Hall. Pretty tough for any commander to perform two Post Everlasting ceremonies in a month much less a just installed one. Please keep their family in your prayers and remember to invite them to post functions.

On the positive side, we are over half way through our bar stool rehab. Between the basket raffle and donations from Legionnaires including our machine players and a generous donation from the Ladies Auxiliary we will get them all finished by the end of the month.

We have been selected by the 12th District to host the fall convention on 24 October 2015. In light of this, we need to clean up our entrance area, paint the hall leading to Proctor Hall and paint the offices. We need to make a great impression on all the attendees that Post 379 is the cream of the crop. If you can help financially or with the fruits of your labor it would really be a big help.

Happy birthday Coast Guard August 4, 2015, Purple Heart Day August 7, 2015 and Marine Forces Reserve birthday August 29. Let's keep our military members in our prayers.

Thanks you ladies of the Auxiliary for all of the help with the two memorials and the 4th of July. Ronnie Mac, the brisket was great at always.

Please bring any concerns or ideas you have to me so we can improve our post.

God Bless us all, For God and Country.

Mike Regan – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello all of our lovely ladies,

It's been a very busy month and I hope that you've had the opportunity to be a part of at least a little of it.

I know it is mentioned elsewhere, but I want to us to send sympathy to one our own. Our long time 1st Vice, Mary Hall just lost her husband, Gary. I know all of your prayers will be with her.

It's the beginning of our fiscal year and we have a lot of business at hand. Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 6th at 7:00. Please try to be there as we have business that needs to be addressed. And no, our meetings aren't that long! There is always an agenda and the meetings last about an hour. Please come and be an active part of our family.

As you may be aware, our Cancer Research has always been so important to our Unit as it awards \$5,000 continuing education to the doctors of M.D. Anderson. This is my personal commitment, as I am here because of the grace of God and M.D. Anderson. We, with Darla as our Chair, along with Ann Cokefield, Sharon Nesteriak and so many others, raised \$15,000 for this program. We do not have anyone stepping up this year, (it's a very hard job) so we are going to do this together! We will be setting up our first meeting at our meeting and welcome all to come and be a part of this wonderful opportunity.

I'm so looking forward to seeing you at the Post, and hopefully at our meeting. Please look at the Friday and Saturday night cooking schedule and come enjoy the food and fun.

HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL AUGUST!

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LEGION 1ST VICE UPDATE

I would like to say a big thank you to Terry Bigley for setting me up with the list to start the 2016 membership drive. I also need to thank Robert Bowles, and Dennis Arkwright for their help in mailing the renewals. We will need all members help reaching the 2016 goal of 1217 members. Help Post #379 by bringing in new members, and by making new members feel welcome. I would like Post #379 to be known as the friendliest post in Texas. Let's regain the largest Post in Texas title by working together!

Dennis Gossett
1st Vice Commander - Post #379

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

ALA FOR VETERANS – SERVICE NOT SELF

THANK YOU to all our new and renewed members for 2015. We managed to retain the largest unit in Texas. I am very proud of all our members, what a wonderful bunch of ladies we have in this great organization. I never do this alone; it takes all of you to achieve this and our program goals. And of course the best part is all the support to our Veterans and our Troops. With your help ladies and legionnaires we can reach our goal again and still be the largest unit in Texas.

The Early Bird Auxiliary Membership drawing will be held after the Veterans Day / Early Bird party on November 7, 2015. This year we will have a drawing for an Honorary Life Membership. As long as you do not transfer your membership, your membership will be paid every year by your unit. To be eligible all you have to do is renew your membership on or before November 7, 2015.

Even if you are unable to physically donate time, your dues help to continue the programs for our veterans and our troops. Please take a few minutes to write you renewal check today.

Remember too, 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 and Girls State Program. Please see our bartenders, officers or the web sites, <alateexas.org>, for membership applications.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our AUGUST BABIES: Hazel Kuney; Connie Snyder; Betty Vendeneykel; Kaylynn Bickham, Jr. Aux.; Gracie Graham; Joann Johns; Doris Brown; Carolyn 'CC' Cantrell; Rylie Fallon, Jr. Aux.; JoAnn Kovach; Patricia Howard; Donna Beltz; Leanne Builtron; Rebecca Soltis; Peggy Polinick; Sheryl Stroschein; Skylar Alvarez, Jr. Aux.; Katelynn Boyle, Jr. Aux.; Dylann Cook; Ava Arceneaux, Jr. Aux.; Katelyn Owen, Jr. Aux.; Juliette Williams, Jr. Aux.; Mary Felan; Rose Baird; Cindy Wright;

Edie Gossett; Cheryl Taylor; Dawn Cachola; Danielle Gossett; Dawn Rogers; Natalie Morrow; Denise Giglio; Laura Sheehan; Connie Snyder; Lahonda Meier; Deborah Mingo; Karen Averett; Belle Watts; Carla Higdon; Allison Hackney.

If you have any questions, please call or email me

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SAL NEWS

Greetings from your commander. A new membership year is upon us for 2016 year.

Our current membership stands at 8 members signed up. It's early in the year. I encourage everyone to sign one (1) member a year. Our Goal for 2016 is around 145. We received a check from Department on making our goal for 2015 in the amount of \$ 25.00. Thank you one and all.

We have started our membership for 2016 so send your renewals and get your card stamped Early Bird for the party held in Nov.

New officers are in position currently and we still have several positions still open. If you're interested in becoming an officers join us for the August meeting on the 2nd Thursday at 7 PM.

There was no Fish Fry for July due to the holiday weekend. Our next monthly dinner will be August 1st, so come out and enjoy great food and company.

In the month of July we were sadden at the loss of two (2) legionnaires Mike Garlington and Gary Hall both of these members will be greatly missed along with their wisdom of the American Legion.

The SAL is continuing our commitment to the Tarrant County Food Bank.

If you're on Face book take advantage by joining the American Legion 379 Face Book page. Easy to use and easy to get updates on daily basis with current events and pictures.

David Owens - Squadron Commander

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 22-28 National Convention, Charlotte, NC
- Aug 31st District meeting Monday 1900 hours Post 838
- Oct 24th Fall Convention Post 379 0730 hours Nov 11th Veterans Parade