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NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2015

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

My second month as commander has been much more enjoyable. We have completed the rehab of all our bar stools and started carpet cleaning in the club area and Auxiliary room. Painting in the entrance, office, Auxiliary room and hallway to Proctor hall are on the schedule for September. We have removed all the clutter from Proctor hall and hope to keep it that way. Please check the bulletin boards in the club area for ongoing information. We have training this month for food handlers on 2 September. On 13 September there will be a kitchen menu planning meeting for the next three months.

Our Service officer is working with Grace Hospice on providing support to hospice patients. The Honor Guard is still looking for a few men and women to form our Honor Guard to represent this post at various functions in this area. There will be a short POW/MIA remembrance service on 18 September at 1800 hours.

Other days of note in September are:

September 2, 2015 - VJ (Victory over Japan) Day

September 7, 2015 - Labor Day

September 11, 2015 - Patriot Day

Patriot Day is an annual observance on Sept 11 to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on Sept 11, 2001.

September 18, 2015 - Air Force Birthday

September 18, 2015 - POW/MIA Recognition Day

This is a day set aside to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families.

September 27, 2015 - Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day This is a day set aside to honor the families of our nation's fallen service members.

As a reminder the post will be closed on 24 October 2015 for a district meeting and will open at approximately 4PM.

God Bless us all, for God and Country

Mike Regan – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hope your August was great and am so looking forward to all that's going on in the upcoming September.

First, we will have our yearly Food Handlers Class on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at 6:30. If you are interested in cooking in our kitchen any time in the next year, you need to be at this class. It's only \$10.00 per year and if you are going to be active, the Auxiliary will pay for your license.

We will be having our quarterly kitchen planning meeting on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 2:00. If you are interested in cooking and serving dinner on a Friday or Saturday night, please plan on being at this meeting.

Our Cancer Research benefit is coming up fast! Be sure and put Sunday, October 4th on your calendar for the Pancake Breakfast! We do not have a Chair this year, so I guess that's me, but along with everyone else as a team. We have set records that no other Unit will ever touch in the state of Texas! Just in case, let me fill you in on our cancer research as far as our Department, (state of Texas). We are the only state that has the cancer research in the nation. Our program goes completely to M. D. Anderson Cancer in Houston. This is awarded in \$5,000 scholarships for research in the fight against cancer.

We have the opportunity (again) to work at the upcoming Grapefest. We need volunteers to sign up ASAP! Thursday, September 17th thru Sunday, the 20th. We will be working a Vender Gate which is about the middle of the festival. We worked at the Main Street Days in May and made \$504.00 dollars for our General Fund. The shifts are only 3 hours. Two people can work the gate, but only pays for one. It all goes for such a wonderful cause, taking care of our Veterans and their families. There's just one problem with all this, I will be in San Antonio at the Department DEC meeting while this going on, so I won't be there to cheer everyone on. If there is any way you volunteer, go to:

<http://grapevinecvb.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=9602>, password legion.

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LEGION 1ST VICE UPDATE

I would like to encourage everyone to help recruit new members. We are working hard to recruit, but it will take all hands recruiting to reach and surpass our goal of 1217. We should be working to regain the title of the biggest post in Texas we lost a couple of years ago. I am still looking for more people to serve in our Honor Guard, if interested practice is Sat. at 10:00 come join us.

I would like to request the Posts support for a fund raiser on September 4th for the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration. The proceeds from the meal will go toward the Marine Birthday Committee.

For God and Country

Dennis Gossett - 1st Vice Commander

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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

ALA FOR VETERANS – SERVICE NOT SELF

Ladies our renewal notices from National Headquarters should be mailed by September 15. However, you do not need the notice to pay your dues. You can mail to post address or give to bartenders and they will get to me. Thanks.

The Early Bird-Veterans Day Party, Saturday, November 7, Noon to 4pm. One free beverage for those who have renewed or are new members for 2016. Lunch from Noon to 2pm, Legion will be furnishing sandwiches and the Auxiliary and Post family are being asked to bring side dishes.

Our Early Bird drawing this year will be for a Life Membership in Unit 379. As long as you do not transfer to another unit, your renewal will be paid by this unit. Good Luck! To enter you must renew your membership on/or before the Early Bird party on Saturday, November 7, 2015. Winner will be announced at the November Auxiliary Dinner, November 21. Should you not be lucky enough to win, we are offering a payment plan. If you would like to pay up for life, PUFL, and not worry about increases, see below. Payments may be divided after first 10% down, with final payment due May 1, 2015.

Age 18-24 \$1201.00	Age 25-29 \$1135.00
Age 30-39 \$1081.00	Age 40-49 \$958.00
Age 50-59 \$812.00	Age 60-69 \$644.00
Age 70-79 \$471.00	Age 80 & Over \$307.00

Effective September 1, 2014, Department Texas

Ladies you made us the LARGEST unit in the state of Texas for 2015, so let's keep that distinction and renew our membership as soon as possible. Our Legionnaires are trying to regain their position as the largest Post in Texas and we should continue 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.

Volunteers and ideas are always needed. But, if you are unable to physically donate time, your dues help to continue the programs for our veterans and our troops.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – SEPTEMBER BABIES

Jean Ross; Anne Harrington; Debbie Kane; Trasi Haley; Phyllis Benton; Gail Bernier; Deborah McKee; Margaret Hogan; Dolores Roberts; Carol Anderson; Marian Goethe; Kellie Gates; Janice Connors; Ryann Ragsdale, Jr. Aux.; Jana Beers; Mary Garcia; Mary Hall; Rachel Davis, Jr. Aux.;

Rylee LeBlanc, Jr. Aux.; Tina Tatsch; Lindsay Williams; Brooklyn Young, Jr. Aux.; Glenda Schuff; Lauren Cranfill, Jr. Aux.; Zoe Gamble, Jr. Aux.; Linda Engle; Judith Vullo; Aubrey Blaha, Jr. Aux.; Madison Vloitos, Jr. Aux.; Megan Vloitos, Jr. Aux.; Jenny O'Lvera; Charlotte Graham, Jr. Aux.; Sherie Huffman; Kathie Russell; Barbara Barrett; Marva McConnell; Linda Walker; Peyton Norris, Jr. Aux.; Kathy Bigley.

If you have any questions, please call or email me

SERVICE NOT SELF

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SAL NEWS

Greetings from your SAL Commander, let me start off with our membership report. As of September 1st we are currently at 26 members. If you haven't signed and want to get your card signed early bird send in your renewal or come by the post.

We have ordered another case of Josh Dogs for our program and will be taking them down to Cook Children Hospital for the children around the 1st week of September.

The SAL Meat Raffle is back and will start September 19th, we have some new people who will take over. Thank you for supporting the SAL and our programs.

We are continuing our effort to help the Tarrant County Food Bank with our monthly donation.

SAL fish fry for August because of the heat of the summer we manage to sell 22 dinners. If you have any comments or suggestion please let one of our officers know or leave a note behind the bar for the SAL Adjutant. We would like to improve so we can do more for our programs. Due to the holiday weekend of September 5th, there will be no Fish Dinner instead Terry and Kathy will be serving Patty melts and Hamburgers starting at 6:30 till 8 pm.

Post 379 is hosting the 12th District Convention this year in October. Will be making to some changes and improvement to the post and surrounding area.

Another Eagle Scout is calling Post 379 home for his project. Ideas on the project will be the three (3)

flower beds out front and few more items around the grounds. Will be starting in fall when it's cooler.

The Pool table that was donated to the Squadron from one of its SAL member and the Palmer family will be donated to the church in Euless off of Main Street and 183 for their youth program.

David Owens
Squadron Commander

Attention American Legion Members
We need to talk

Saturday October 3rd, 10:30 to noon.
Medicare changes for 2016

Life coverage
Cancer coverage

If you were diagnosed with cancer could you use an extra 10,000?

I am Rosie Kelley and have been an auxiliary member for over 25 years.

Our family was in the Army. My father served 27 years. Dad was a former POW twice (he stressed former) and also had a Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster.

The American Legion is my family. I have been in insurance for over 30 plus years. I am here and available to you as a resource. I can review what you currently have and tell you HONESTLY if you need to make any changes to your current plans. I also have disability available for Federal employees who are still working.

So come on down on October 3rd at 10:30.
I look forward to seeing you.

Please RSVP to:

Rosie Kelley
214-682-3353

AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

The deadline for applications for the fall semester scholarships is September 15th. Applications are available from the bartender on duty or by email

request. Send your request to
snesteriak@tx.rr.com.

Karen Burks
Scholarship Chairman