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NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2015

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As we head into the holiday season let's keep safety on the top of our "to do" list. The cantina is coming along nicely. We have carpet repair and cleaning on tap this month along with a complete floor cleaning in the office, hall way, Proctor hall and the dance floor. This should put us in great shape for the October 24, 2015 District Meeting. The painting of the hallway, office, and touch up of the cantina walls will also be complete by the District meeting. We can use help in support of the district meeting. Please contact myself or the 1st Vice if you can help. Plans for our Halloween party will be announced as soon as they are complete.

Remember these special days in October:

- **October 12, 2015 - Columbus Day**
- A day set aside to commemorate Christopher Columbus' arrival to the Americas on October 12, 1492.
- **October 13, 2015 - Navy Birthday**
- **October 26, 2015 - National Day of the Deployed** - A day set aside to honor all of the brave men and woman who have been deployed and are sacrificing, or have sacrificed their lives to fight for our country and acknowledges their families that they are separated from.

Because of the work of the 1st Vice and others, we now have new service flags and poles. These flags and poles were purchased by the donations of our members. Remember my door is always open to share any concerns or ideas.

On Saturday, 10 October 2015 for the Son's meat raffle there will be a prize for the best custom. The

prize is a \$50.00 Texas Roadhouse gift card. Guess what I am coming as?

Congratulations go out to Kathy Bigley. Kathy Bigley passed her 100 question exam and is now our official Food Safety Manager under the Conference for Food Protection Standards.

THE CANTINA WILL NOT OPEN ON OCTOBER 24, 2015 UNTILL 4:00 pm DUE TO THE 12TH DISTRICT CONVENTION.

I want to thank all for their continued support as we move forward in the final days of this year.

God Bless us all, for God and Country

Mike Regan – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy October Ladies!

We have such a busy month ahead of us! It starts with the first Sunday being our Cancer Research Benefit. It starts at 10:00 with our annual pancake breakfast. And then the day just gets better and better from there!

Please come and be a part of this wonderful day for such a wonderful cause. Every penny we raise that Sunday and with dinners, baskets, etc. throughout the year goes to M.D. Anderson in Houston for continuing cancer research. If you don't know, I am a survivor from M.D. Anderson! So this is so special to my heart. There will be food all day as Terry and I will be serving burgers and patty melts after the pancakes, which will be prepared by Deb McKee and Ronnie Mac. Our items and events include balloon release, grab bags, baskets and gift

certificates. We will have, new this year, "poppers" that will contain all kinds of items. Please come and join in all the fun!

And then, on the 24th, we have our 12th District Fall Convention at our Post. It will be a day of learning and fun for all that attend. Our State (Department) President, Paula Raney will be here also. If you are interested (or maybe intrigued or curious) in going, please let us know. It would really be nice for our members to make a good showing as it is at our Post.

And then we have Halloween!!!! And of course a PARTY!!!! Costumes galore and fun, "ghouloush" with cornbread being.

God Bless

Remember Service, not Self

Kathy Bigley – Unit President

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LEGION 1ST VICE UPDATE

For God and Country

Greetings for the new month Post. We are currently at 617 members of our goal of 1217. It will take an effort by the whole Post to reach 1217. The Post needs each of you to work on recruiting, and to make new members welcome. Get to know them, and get them involved. The Honor Guard had our first event with the 9/11 service at the City of Euless. We still need more Honor Guard members, and volunteers for the welcoming committee to work welcoming new members and guests. Please contact me if interested. Let's all work on becoming the friendliest Post in the Department of Texas.

We are in need of new flags, bases and flag toppers. These flags are for the United States, TX, Legion, SAL flag and the 5 branches of our military service. Each set cost us \$200. If you would like to donate to help with this cause, let me know or leave your donation with the bartender on duty. Thanks for your support.

Dennis Gossett - 1st Vice Commander

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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

ALA FOR VETERANS – SERVICE NOT SELF

Ladies, our goal for 2016 is 584 members. Besides all our renewals we will need 104 new members! Now is the time for us to ring our own bell and get new members. Talk to our neighbors, friends, and remind our legionnaires we need their support too. Mothers, wives, daughters, granddaughters. And our reminder that we pay the juniors until they reach the age of 18.

National's first goal was Sep. 7 and we missed that one. I just got our numbers Sep 9th and you have just started receiving your renewals notices! But, the next goal is October 12 for 205 members and the early bird goal will be 263, for new and renewed members by November 7th, (our Early Bird Party). As of today I have 31 of our 309 senior members paid. Please take a minute to mail or drop by the post your renewal. Thank you again for reaching last year's goal and making us Number 1 in the state. With all your help we can claim that for 2016 too! Remember this is for your veterans and our troops, only with your help can we do our part to support them.

Attention Juniors – if you are starting your junior year of high school, check out the Auxiliary Web Site www.alatexas.org for your opportunity to go to Texas Bluebonnet Girls State Program. Or Contact Judy Davidson, your Girls State unit Chairman, 817/301-8598, for more information.

Early Bird-Veterans Day Party, Saturday, November 7, Noon to 4pm. One free drink for all who have renewed or are new members for 2016. Lunch Noon to 2pm. Legion will be furnishing sandwiches and Legion family members please bring a side dishes or munchies.

Auxiliary members who have renewed for 2016 or are new members for 2016 by November 7th will go into a drawing for an Honorary Life Membership, as long as you remain a member of this unit, you dues will be paid by us. Winner to be announced at December General Membership meeting, what a Christmas gift! Last year's winner was Jan Engle, a Blue Star mother.

Welcome to our new members. Charlotte Bolton, Krystal Hotze, Rita Houghton, and Tamera Mues. Morgan Bennett, Jr. Aux., Olive Lucatero, Jr. Aux.,

and Taylor Webster, Jr. Aux. See a new face, say hello and welcome to our Legion Family.

DON'T FORGET CANCER RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST. See flyer for Cancer Scholarship Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, October 4, 10AM to 2PM.** Everybody welcome and NEEDED. Lots of Silent Auction items and breakfast \$6.00 donation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – OCTOBER BABIES Vivian Bay, Jr. Aux.; Caitlin Glenn, Jr. Aux.; Pat Snyder; Judy Evans; Dorothy Harris; Sue Thompson; Annette Harrington; Beth Jewett; Tina Roberts; Karen Ducote; Heather Soltis; Rhonda Custor; Pat White; Felina Freeman; Grace Clements, Jr. Aux. You can live to be a 100, if you give up all the things that make you want to be a 100. (Woody Allen) Lucille Gillespie; Janet Leach; Leslie Roden; Dannie Sloan; Brianna Stackhouse, Jr. Aux.; Barbara Bawolak; Kendra Raab, Jr. Aux.; Melanie Berken, Jr. Aux.; Alexis Berken, Jr. Aux.; Ariana Foley, Jr. Aux.; Lavetta Marshall; Jan Muhsman; Lauren Riney, Jr. Aux.; Madison Stevens, Jr. Aux.; Peggy Croxen; Xavier Marie Day; Kim Dedman; Sharon Defina; Amber Mercer; Thelma Nixon; Savannah Palmour, Jr. Aux.; Charlotte Trapuzzano; Darlene Wilhite; Taylor Webster, Jr. Aux.; Madison Gambino, Jr. Aux.; Brooklyn Gossett, Jr. Aux.; Jaclyn Gossett, Jr. Aux.; Anna Miser; Norma Standefer; Kathleen McMillan; Jazmin Robbins, Jr. Aux.

If you have any questions, please call or email me

SERVICE NOT SELF

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SAL NEWS

Our monthly SAL Fish Fry will be held on Saturday October 5th. The entertainment for the evening will be Marcia Rose. Come for dinner and stay for the dance.

The October monthly SAL meeting will be held on the 17th at 7pm. Your input is important. If you have not been to a meeting for a while, come down and see what we are working on now.

This month we will hold a special Meat Raffle. On the 10th come in your costume. There will be a prize of a \$50 Texas Road House gift card for the best

costume. We have some creative people at our Post.

Dues for the 2015 – 2016 year are being accepted now. Be an "Early Bird". Please help us reach our goal by signing up a new member.

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

SPECIAL HOURS **SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH**

Post 379 will host the
12 DISTRICT CONVENTION

We will be closed until after the convention at
approximately 4pm.
