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## **NEWSLETTER**

**NOVEMBER 2015**

### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Well another month has flown by. We had a super successful 12th District fall convention. Special thanks to all my officers and legionnaires that worked so very hard to get our facility ready. Special recognition to Buildings and Grounds and our catering ladies. The food was outstanding.

We have another busy month in November. We have the Grapevine Veterans Parade on 7 November 2015. If you are attending please wear your Legion shirt. If you don't have one then wear the Texas Roadhouse t-shirt to show our support of them. Also on the 7th is our early bird party. Our Honor Guard has been selected to present the colors at the Dallas Cowboys game on 8 November 2015. They will be joined by two members from other Legions making it a 12th District Honor Guard. On 11 November 2015 we will be supporting the Veterans Day celebration at Texas Roadhouse with our Honor Guard and officers waiting tables along with the Mayor of Bedford. The weekend of 14-15 November we will be at Softball World recruiting new members and serving breakfast tacos and sausage on a stick as well as water. We are working on replacing the carpet in the cantina. Will advise more on that as it develops.

Remember November is Military Family Month. Change your clocks on 1 November 2015, (Fall Forward). On 10 November Happy Birthday to the US Marines Corps. The party is on 7 November 2015 at our post. 11 November 2015 is Veterans Day. Happy Thanksgiving on 26 November 2015. The post officers Christmas party is 13 December 2015. Post closed at 6PM.

Fund raiser: Freddy's Steak burgers 2820 State HWY 121, Euless will donate 20% of food sales to the legion on Tuesdays between 5-8 PM in the month of November 3/10/17/24 and Dec1. When ordering please identify yourself as a Legion member. Thanks for your continued support.

God Bless us all, for God and Country

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### AUXILIARY NEWS

Well, it's now November! This year, at least to me, has just flown by. BUT! Our October was just awesome and we need to brag!!!!

I so thank each and every one of you that was a part of any part of what we did this last month.

Let me start with our Cancer Research Benefit! This was our 11th Annual Benefit! We raised \$6,500 that weekend. There has been a dinner, donation and a basket that has raised that up to \$7,000 total so far! As you know, every penny goes to M.D. Anderson for continuing research to find a cure. Everyone stepped up to make this happen. What a team we are and I'm so grateful to just be a part of all of you.

We just hosted the 12th District Convention on Saturday, the 24th. Oh my golly! All involved so made our 12th District proud. We decorated, Commander had everything cleaned and waxed and painted (SO AWESOME), and as I told our District President Tina Hill beforehand, "we would make them proud!" She quoted that in our meeting which was kinda nice. Our Department President Paula Raney was our Distinguished Guest Speaker. She

sent me an email saying she had the best time ever and would always cherish the memories. (What happens at the Post, stays at the Post) hehe. A good time was had by all!

Now we have the holidays ahead of us. Veterans Day is the 11th. There will be the parade in Sundance Square in Ft. Worth on the 11th and our Legion will attend the parade in Grapevine on Saturday the 7th.

Our next meeting will be Thursday November 5th at 7:00. Please try to come be a part of planning and fun. Our attendance at the meetings has increased some and it's really exciting to see new faces.

We will be getting together to put boxes going to our troops Sunday, the 8th at 2:00. Our Boy Scout troop will be helping us. There will be a box at the Post for donations this week. Will be looking for small items. So come and join in on the fun if you can. If you think about it, try to donate your Legion and Legion Auxiliary magazines for us to send in the boxes. Maybe this will interest them to look for a Post/Unit when they come home. Just a thought.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and look forward to seeing you at the Post!

God Bless

Remember Service, not Self

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## LEGION 1ST VICE UPDATE

For God and Country

We need to continue renewals and everybody needs to help recruit new members then make them welcome help get the involved currently about 55% of goal.

Many upcoming events in November including a very big day on Saturday November 7. We will have a Veterans Day parade in downtown Grapevine, early bird, and 240th Marine birthday Celebration that night in Proctor Hall at 7:00 PM till close. All

Marines, FMF Corpsmen and Chaplains welcome. Family members of Marines welcome to join the celebration. We will also be at Softball World in Euless again Volunteers will be needed in support of these efforts. Let us all join together to make these endeavors successful.

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## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

### ALA FOR VETERANS – SERVICE NOT SELF

Ladies we are at 41% of our 584 goal. Thank you to all who have renewed. I know some of you are waiting for the Early Bird Party. With our goal being raised by over 100 members this year it will take all of us to again make our goal. I know we can do it. We only need 318 more, including juniors. Remember Junior members, under 18, are paid by your Auxiliary. Be sure to sign up those new granddaughters and great-granddaughters that have arrived in the family. Step-children are also included. Just ask the bartenders or an auxiliary member for an application. Keep them coming ladies.

National goals are 45% by Nov 11, 60% by Dec 7 and 75% by Feb 14.

Re-join a member who has not paid their dues since 2013, you will receive a Rejoin 1 button and your name placed in a drawing at national for \$100.00  
Recruit 1 New Senior or Junior member, you will receive a Recruit 1 button and your name placed in a drawing at national for \$100.00  
Recruit 10 or more New Junior or Senior members, you will receive an ALA pad-folio and placed in a drawing for \$250.00.  
Recruit 25 or more New Senior members and receive a special gift from National President Sharon Conatser.

Auxiliary member's who renew or are new members for 2016 by the Early Bird Party, will go into a drawing for an Honorary Life Membership. As long as you remain a member of this unit, we will pay your membership dues every year. Winner to be

announced at the Auxiliary Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 14th.

Early Bird Party, Saturday, November 7, Noon to 4pm. One free drink for those who are renewing, have renewed or are new members for 2016. Legion will be providing sandwiches, Legion Family is asked to bring side dishes for Lunch, Noon to 2pm.

Thank you to all of you who have been including your email address with your renewal payment. We use this to update you on current, up-coming events and our chaplain's notices.

Our Legionnaires are trying to regain their position as the largest Post in Texas and as we became 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 in the state where they live. Applications are at the bar and at the department web site, [www.alatexas.org](http://www.alatexas.org).

If you would like to pay up for life and not worry about increases, see below.  
Payments may be divided after first 10% down, with final payment due February 28,, 2015.

Age 18-24 \$1110.00	Age 25-29 \$1059.00
Age 30-39 \$1007.00	Age 40-49 \$899.00
Age 50-59 \$ 767.00	Age 60-69 \$612.00
Age 70-79 \$ 451.00	Age 80 & Over
\$296.00	

Effective July 1, 2010, Department Texas

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY – NOVEMBER BABIES:**  
Doris Hammond; Tyler Clark, Jr. Aux.; Madelyn Gamble, Jr. Aux.; Inez Garcia; Sarah Kaggwa, Jr. Aux.; Emily Vandersoot; Valerie Bean; Terri Bigelow; Melba Hargrave; Billye Pennington; Pat Rizos; Julie Dimas; Brenda Everett; Adara Gillespie, Jr. Aux.; Jadyn Gillespie, Jr. Aux.; Taryn Gillespie, Jr. Aux.; Misty Mahon, Jr. Aux.; Meghan McGowan; Marie Stevens; Trish Jacobson; Stephanie Cox; Wanza Davis; Katie Regan; Brenda

Strauss; Heather Daggett; Leane Gillespie; Katherine Kraut; Bobbie Matthus; Leah Bennett; Carolyn Bowen; Stephanie Collins; Pat Letbetter; Ursula Finn; Madison Klein, Jr. Aux.; Lillith Sypsomos, Jr. Aux.; Joy Roberts; Ruth Crawford; Shelly Thurston; Amanda Harp; Sandy Hardage-Koontz; Lisa Sloan; Rhonda Riese; Pat Reynolds; Jamie Cox; Barbara Svoboda; Barbara Clemens; Tamera Mues; Charmaine White; Haylee Baker; Lynda Bryan; Lawson Lesinsky, Jr. Aux.

If you have any questions, please call or email me

## SERVICE NOT SELF

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## SAL NEWS

Greetings from your SAL Commander, here is our membership as of the end of October we stand at 60 members paid. I am asking that each member sign up 1 new member. Our October Fish Fry went off with 22 dinners sold. Asking that everyone please let a SAL officers know how we can get improve our sales. Any ideas or changes that we may need to do to improve. We are continuing our Saturday Meat Raffle I hear good things and want to thank the people that keeping this worth-while project going. Nov 21st SAL Meat Raffle will have double spins for turkeys

There was a great turnout for the 12th District convention that was held and hosted at Post 379. At this time would like to thank Debby& Jeff McKee and Phil & Geraldine Rasnick for doing an outstanding job with the Breakfast and Lunch that they served for the convention.

By the time this newsletter comes out there will have been 3 projects completed outside on the grounds. The Muriel completed on the North wall of the building looks great. The 2nd will be the 3 flowers beds along the front and a water line run to the back Mahon Park Kitchen. The 3rd and final project will be a French Drain also in Mahon Park to better aid in the drainage of water so we can get grass in the park.

October there were 2 monitors put up in the bar for viewing of pictures of events and what's been going

on in and around the post. Pictures will be updated about once a week for your viewing pleasure.

November is a busy month, Veterans Parade, early bird party, Marine Corp Birthday, big event with Texas Roadhouse and let's not forget Thanksgiving Day.

David Owens  
Squadron Commander

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Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day, A common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.