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NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As we start this New Year let us remember all our deployed military personnel as well as our veterans. The Legion family's main concern is to help veterans and active duty personnel where we can. Please continue to support the Auxiliary, Son's and 40&8 dinners. These support our charitable capabilities.

The canteen has been up graded with new carpet, repaired bar stools and other upgrades for your comfort. Thanks to the Eagle Scout project managed by Joseph Campbell and his Eagle Scout son for the outstanding work we now have a beautiful wooden stage and back drop in Proctor Hall.

Bob Roberts donated \$500.00 towards the construction of a smoking area where all the comforts of the canteen will be provided. All donations will be gladly accepted. The smoking committee is still at work on a resolution to our smoking policy.

Please bring any concerns you may have to my attention so we can address them.

Thanks for your continued support.

God Bless us All

Mike Regan – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello 2016!

First, I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday. We are all so blessed. And now, a new year.

I want to spend just a minute and tell you about delivering the Angels we had on our tree for Christmas. Suzie McClendon and her father, visiting from AR helped me. It was a wonderful experience knowing that the Post/Unit gave so much and we were able to deliver a little Christmas cheer. One house we went

to, our packages was the first presents under the tree. Very humbling. Three of the homes we delivered to were female veterans, with two of them pregnant. We will be getting baby pictures when the set of twin boys and a little boy, already named Daniel are born.

By the time you get this we will have celebrated and rocked in the new year.

Our next business meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 7th at 7:00. Please come join us as we start planning our activities for the new year. Also, start thinking about someone to step up for President in May or June. This is my last year as President per our Constitution and Bylaws, (and I need a break!) We do so much good for our Veterans, the children and our community and we have such wonderful ladies helping in all that we do. It has definitely been an honor to serve as your President this last 2 years. It's not over yet, but we need to put our heads together to plan for our future.

We have to change our C&B's (Constitution and Bylaws) this year, as National and Department have changed theirs. We have a committee that will start working on that this month.

I hope everyone has a great month. Come and join in at the Post when you get a chance. See ya at the meeting!

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LEGION 1ST VICE UPDATE

Greetings for the New Year from the 1st Vice. I would like to thank everyone for a great 2015 at the post. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season. We need to keep recruiting in January. As of December 23 we were at 978 of 1217 goal or 80% of goal. If you have not renewed for 2016 please do so as soon as possible. We will have a tough go after we reach around 1000 members the last 217 plus will require effort from every member to help the post reach goal. It had been a privilege to be your 1st Vice. We still need

new members for the Honor Guard please contact me if interested!

Dennis Gossett - 1st Vice Commander

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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

We are at 73% of our 584 goal. Keep the renewals coming and see if you can recruit some more new members. It is time to blow our own horn and let people know what we do for our veterans, troops and the community. We should be proud, to have our Unit number announced at Department and National Conventions with 100% goal and the largest unit in Texas. Department shows we are 161 members short of our goal, those who have not renewed. **A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE RENEWED.**

REMINDER – Your 2015 membership cards expired December 31st, along with club privileges. Our bartenders have a list of unpaid and will be checking for current cards. Any membership questions please call me, Mary, 817-980-1900. They will be glad to accept the \$31.00 dues for those that need to renew for 2016.

Our Legionnaires are trying to regain their position as the largest Post in Texas and we would like to 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.

We belong to show our veterans we care! Don't you?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – JANUARY BABIES: April Rose; Valerie Hinde; Amanda Harris; Sue Joyce; Sue Landry; Kathryn Hamilton; Jennifer Morrison; Susan Rompf; Karen Burks; Brenda Stackhouse; Nelda Browning; Jean Coyle; Jenna VanEgmond; Bonnie Johnson; Malory Mahoney, Jr. Aux.; Tamra Dollar; Ruby Dobson; Justice Drennan, Jr. Aux.; Sydney Becerra, Jr. Aux.; Judy Beard; Ruby Wilson; Shelby Barnhill, Jr. Aux.; Madison Baxter, Jr. Aux.; Kathryn Berken, Jr. Aux.; Kayla Berken, Jr. Aux.; Savannah Haley, Jr. Aux.; Emma Young, Jr. Aux.; Maddy Young, Jr. Aux.; Hannah Daniel, Jr. Aux.; Kayleigh Gamble, Jr. Aux.; Mary Graham, Jr. Aux.; Ina Kennedy; Jackie Olson; Ava Maria Sanchez; Deborah Smith; Erica Zellmer;

Hannah Blount, Jr. Aux.; Krystal Hotze; Brandy Marshall; Hannah Vloitos, Jr. Aux.

Service Not Self - For Our Veterans

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SAL NEWS

Greetings from your SAL Commander, for our dinner on the 5th of Dec. we served 21 dinners. The dinner for the New Year on January 2nd will be Stew and Cornbread by Ronnie Mac and his crew.

We want to thank everyone who continues to support the SAL dinners and the Meat Raffle along with our membership we are able to support our programs.

Our current membership stands at 100 members renewed and only 42 short our goal.

For 2016 the Squadron will continue or support of the Tarrant Area Food Bank. This is new adventure for the Squadron and will continue this project for a long while. The Josh Dogs program is going strong, we just received another case in and it will have been delivered by the end of December.

After taking a break on the meat raffle for December 26th the Squadron will resume on January 2nd.

Want to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year. The Post officers party was a big success would like to thank everyone who had a hand in preparing and putting it together.

If you haven't renewed your 2016 membership by January 1st, your card has expired and you may not have access to the Post, so sign up as soon as you can.

A lot has happened in December 2015 at the Post, we want to thank Pat Rizzo for her generous donation to the Post of the new carpet. We want to thank Phil and Gisela for their donation of two (2) flat screen TVs for the post. Wednesday night Pool tournament raffled off pool equipment to raise money for purchasing two (2) sets of pool balls for the post. The winner of the Raffle was Frank Clarkin thank you for all who participated and to the winner.

Squadron wants to hear your ideas for their dinners, please let a Squadron officer know what you have to say. New ideas are encouraged.

Welcome to the New Year and look forward to the adventure in the 2016 year.

David Owens - Squadron Commander