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NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2016

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Another month is in the books and the New Year has started off with a busy schedule. The post suffered a big financial hit when the walk in cooler suffered a major failure. Over \$2500.00 later we are back in business. Any donations to offset the financial hit will be appreciated and will be tax deductible.

We have replaced the old AMT in the canteen and added an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

February will be a very busy month at your legion:

- Sign up for Shuffle Board co-ed tournament 6 Feb 1PM. Lots of fun here.
- 7 February will be the super bowl party with brisket and sausage by Ronnie Mac. Baked beans by your commander and side dishes will be appreciated.
- 8 February is the 12th District meeting at our post at 7PM.
- 12 February is the lady's Valentine dinner. The tickets are \$15.00 PP available at the bar or \$17.50 at the door. I have ours so see you there.
- The 2nd Vice's paint and sip will return on 14 February from 2-4:30. Come out and celebrate Valentine's day with your special person.
- Looking ahead to March the 5th the 2nd Vice has a blood drive scheduled from 10-2 with special treats for early donors.

The smoking committee lead by Brandon Williams has been formed and more to come on this issue.

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

God Bless us all, For God and Country.

Mike Regan – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy February Ladies!

We have a very busy month coming up. First off, our 3rd Annual Valentine Dinner is on Friday, Feb. 12th. This has become an awesome annual affair. Gisela will be cooking, starting with tomato basil soup, Mediterranean salad, stuffed Cornish game hens and dessert. Sounds wonderful, doesn't it? Tickets are \$15 single and \$30 couples. They are for sell now. Just ask one of your awesome bartenders! There will just a few for sell at the door at \$17.50 single which adds up to \$35 per couple. After dinner, which will be in Procter Hall, waiters and waitress' waiting on us, Doug and Ben will be there for dancing the night away!

Then, on Sunday, the 14th, we will be having a Paint and Sip again in Procter Hall. If you missed the last one, we had a blast. It's a kinda paint by number, so it's not hard, just fun. Its \$18 per person and everything is provided. Just sit, paint and have fun. There's a sign-up sheet at the Post.

The next District meeting will be at our Post this month. It will be Monday, Feb. 8th at 7:00. Come join us and see old friends and meet new ones. You also will find out what's going on in our District.

We have a fund raiser this month for our general fund. If you haven't been to the new Chop House Burgers just down the street from the Post, you need to go. All day Thursday, Feb. 25th and

Sunday, Feb. 28th, if you go and eat, just tell them Post 379 and they will, at the end of the day, give us 25% of the proceeds those two days. The Chop House uses local produce and the burgers are great. How great is that? We enjoy a great burger (there's a lot more things on the menu), tell them we are with Post 379, and we get the profits! This will help us to continue our work with our veterans and community. The Chop House Burgers is located at 2720 Hwy. 121, in Euless (the east side of 121 at the Glade exit.) In the Lowes area. There will be flyers at the Post. Thank you in advance for helping us.

One more thing and I'll quit - There will be a Leadership Training on Saturday, Feb.27th. It will be hosted by Post 655 in Haltom City. It starts at 10:00 until about 3:00. Bring a salad/pasta/dessert to share for lunch. And the most important thing is Marion Odell will be our trainer! It will be a learning, fun day. We need to know if you're interested and want to attend. We have to RSVP.

Ok, I think that's all for now. It is such an honor to be a member of this wonderful organization. We are looking for members to step up for our elections coming up in May. Think about it and talk to one of our Officers if you have any questions.

Remember, Service, not Self

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LEGION 1ST VICE UPDATE

Greetings for February,

It is really important to keep recruiting new members. We are setting at 1012 of 1217 to make goal, or roughly 83%. We need everyone to renew for 2016 if you haven't renewed. A combination of 205 renewals and new members will get us to goal. I wish to thank Jim Grau and all those assisting with recruiting members. I ask members to welcome new people and get them involved. Participating in Post activities is vital to growing our Post! Start 2016 by participating in activities and welcoming new members! I missed congratulating the Honor Guard for winning 1st Place in the Euless Parade of Light in December for Marching Units. We still need new Honor Guard members. We practice Thursday's at 6:00 PM in Proctor Hall if interested show up at practice.

For God and Country

Dennis Gossett - 1st Vice Commander
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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

CELEBRATING & SERVING OUR VETERANS

We are at 76% of our 584 goal, 136 members short. We can still be the largest unit in Texas. But we all have to pull together to try and reach our goal. Remember now is the time for us to reach out and talk about all the good we do! Thank you all for the new members you have signed up. **There are still 76 members who have not renewed.** It's not the price we pay to belong --- it's the price THEY paid for our eligibility.

To all of you who have your 2016 membership card THANK YOU, from your veterans.

REMINDER – Your 2015 membership cards expired December 31st, along with your Auxiliary Benefits and club privileges. Our bartenders will be checking for current cards, and 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 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – FEBRUARY BABIES: Sandy Burnett; Marie Fulmer; Judy Davidson; Marguerite Maddox; Lillie Meeks, Jr. Aux.; Wende Zellmer; Grace Hackney, Jr. Aux.; MacKayla Lesinski, Jr. Aux.; Jamie Copeland, Jr. Aux.; Joanna Hookstratten; Carolyn Corbeau; Peggy Nickell; Shealer Bland; Lana Barnes; Mary Collins; Tiffany Everett; Rhonda Palmer; Elizabeth Chiasson, Jr. Aux.; Brenda Graber; Alaya Hornsby, Jr. Aux.; Toryn McCarty, Jr. Aux.; Alexandra Bowen, Jr. Aux.; Jean Chaffee; Betty Morris; Lisa Kreidler; Karol Perrine; Suzie McClendon; Courtney Birkett; Michelle Birkett; Natalie Manson, Jr. Aux.; Elizabeth Marrs; Sophia Olvera, Jr. Aux.; Jennifer Bennett; Karen Burton;

Sarah Blount, J. Aux.; Wilma Gideon; Haley Harnitchek, Jr. Aux.; Everligh Odell, Jr. Aux.; Georgia Scott; Sharon Smith; Monica Warwick; Michelle Hur; Jennifer Bennett; Misty Morse; Heidi Campbell; Tiffanie Hall; Margaret Stiggleman; Melissa Valdez; Charlotte Whipple.

Service Not Self - For Our Veterans

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SAL NEWS

Greetings from your SAL Commander, our membership at this date is 111 and we are at 78 percent our goal of 142.

We will continue our efforts in Tarrant Area Food bank for the 2016 year. We will be ordering another box of ten (10) Josh Dogs for our program.

To let our Squadron know what impact the Josh Dogs have at Cooks Children here is a story that was sent to our Squadron. *"Connor (not his real name) had just turned 10 when he was diagnosed with Leukemia. Due to his complex treatment, he had to stay in the hospital for three months following his diagnosis. He bonded to Ralph (Real Dog) more quickly than almost any patient ever has. And since I knew he wanted us to spend time with him each day, which really isn't feasible, I brought him a Josh Dog that could spend time with him each day. I could tell he (and his parents) were immediately in love with Josh. Over the following weeks and months, I noticed many other stuffed animals that folks gifted to Connor were piling up on shelves and windowsills in his room, while only Josh remained in bed with him. His mom told me one day that Josh accompanied Connor to his every scan and test he went to, and that he'd probably be too proud to tell me, but that he snuggled up to him each night."*

Our Dinner for January was Stew and Cornbread and sold only 20 Dinners. Please contact a SAL member and let them know what you would like for the Squadron dinners. The Saturday Meat Raffle is going well and strong, everyone seems to turn out for the annual Saturday event.

January the Squadron sent a check in the amount of \$ 600.00 for the "Veterans Assistance Dogs of Texas" another program for the returning Veterans that needs assistance in their daily lives I E, opening

the door, picking up the phone, doors and other things to assist the Veteran in their home.

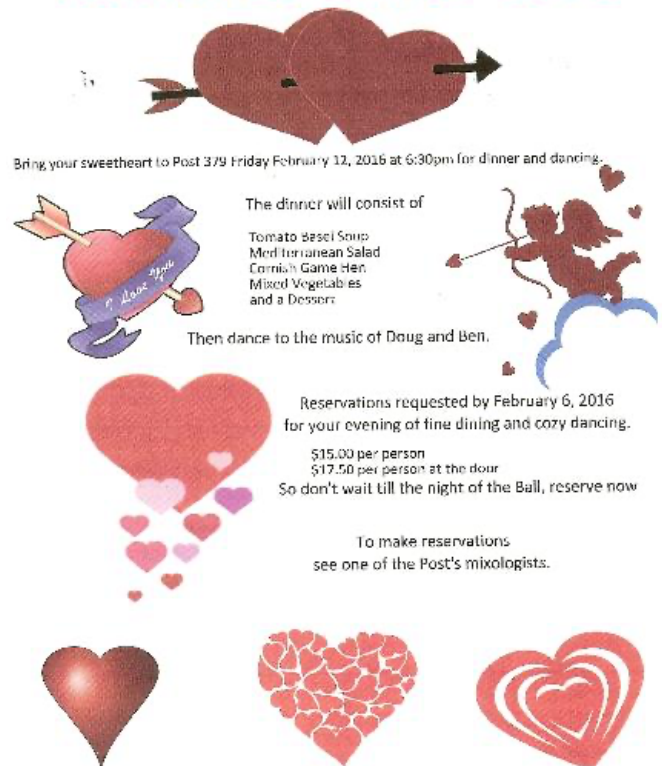
Be on the lookout for the menu of the SAL dinner night, has not been decided what to serve as soon as a decision is made it will be posted on the board, legion Facebook and legion website.

It was a great turnout for the benefit at the post for one of the 12th District Auxiliary Officer to raise money for her Cancer and all the proceeds went to her. Thank you SAL Squadron for your assistance.

Don't forget to look at your February Calendar make sure you don't miss out on the Super Bowl Party and Valentine's Day Dance and dinner. March 5th will be Post Blood Drive at 10 am till 2 pm there are fliers posted throughout the post. Check Legion Facebook page and the Legion Website

David Owens - Squadron Commander

Valentines Dinner 2016



Bring your sweetheart to Post 379 Friday February 12, 2016 at 6:30pm for dinner and dancing.

The dinner will consist of

- Tomato Basil Soup
- Mediterranean Salad
- Cornish Game Hen
- Mixed Vegetables
- and a Dessert

Then dance to the music of Doug and Ben.

Reservations requested by February 6, 2016 for your evening of fine dining and cozy dancing.

- \$15.00 per person
- \$17.50 per person at the door

So don't wait till the night of the Ball, reserve now

To make reservations see one of the Post's mixologists.