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NEWSLETTER

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Well, Spring is here and the annual post cleanup will be 2 April 2016 and we will have the assistance of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department Labor Detail. Anyone interested please come out and help.

American Legion convention season has started. 12th District will be on 16 April 2016 at 0730 hours, at post 60, 601 W. Pioneer Pkwy, Arlington Texas 76010. Cost is \$25 per person early bird or \$30 at the door. Please see the Adjutant to sign up.

1st Division will be held on 14 May 2016, Post 320 at the Gilmer Civic Center. Cost is \$30 early Bird. After 8 May it is \$35. Please see the Aadjutant to sign up.

April Military Days Of Note:

Month of the Military Child;

An opportunity to recognize military children and youth for their heroism, character, courage, sacrifices and continued resilience.

April 5, 2016 - Gold Star Wives Day A day set aside to recognize the sacrifices of Gold Star wives.

LINK - Organizations that support Gold Star Families

04/16/16 - Air Force Reserve Birthday 04/23/16 - Army Reserve Birthday 04/23&24/16 - <u>Air Power Expo at NAS Fort Worth</u> JRB

Please continue to support your post.

APRIL 2016

Please bring any concerns you may have to ourattention so we can address them. Thanks for your continued support.

God Bless Us All

For God and Country.

Mike Regan – Commander mregan2709@gmail.com

AUXILIARY NEWS Hi Ladies!

I trust you all had a great month of March. We have a lot going on in April, so here we go!!

I hope you all came out for the corned beef and cabbage on St. Patty's Day. Ronnie Mac did all the cooking so you know it was good!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 7th at 7:00. Please put it on your calendar and try to come and be a part of this awesome organization.

We have our Spring District Convention on Saturday, April 16th at the Elks Lodge in Arlington, where Post/Unit 60 meets. It will be a day of learning, seeing old friends and meeting new ones. If you would like to attend, please let me know as soon as possible so we can put you on the delegate list. It will be our District President, Tina Hill's last convention, as this is her last year.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the Post in the next few days for our upcoming elections. Please, please consider stepping up and taking a position. We are all in this together and as a group, we do some amazing things for our veterans and their families, as well as the community.

It's time for our annual reporting. This is what we do every year for what we do during the year. We win awards at the Department Convention for these reports. If you have any volunteer hours/money spent and miles driven helping a veteran, please write them down and turn them in to us. These reports help govern what our government does and votes. If you fly your flag, volunteer at the hospital or help in any way concerning our veterans or our community and children, your hours count and we need to report them. Please help me by turning them in within the next week or so. I have to give the report to the District President by April 15th. Thank you in advance!

Please have a wonderful month and I look forward to seeing you at the Post soon. We have wonderful dinners both Fridays and Saturdays, along with entertainment. Come out and enjoy our wonderful family.

Remember to always be the light (being the light could make someone's day – even yours!)

Kathy Bigley – Unit President kathy.bigley@yahoo.com817-353-6918

LEGION 1ST VICE UPDATE

Greetings Post,

I wish each of you a great month ahead. I still want to encourage you to continue recruiting new members. We are running out of time for membership. The Legion is roughly about 110 shy of our goal, with April and May to go.

Please support the Legion Golf Tournament on the 24th at Bear Creek. I have recruiting brochures if you need them see me, or Jim Grau if you need them.

The Honor Guard is posting colors for the MS Walk in Ft. Worth on April 2 and the MS Walk in Dallas on April 9. We still need more people for the Honor Guard contact me if interested.

For God and Country

Dennis Gossett - 1st Vice Commander Phone 817-372-0839<u>e9golftx@aol.com</u>

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

AUXILIARY FOR VETERANS

Ladies, my apology for your late cards. I have been a little under the weather, but hope to get catch up soon. If questions pleased call me. I am home. Thank you.

Ladies, our goal is to support our veterans, our troops and our community. Remember who you joined under? You can renew to show them and or veterans that you appreciate their service. Please take a moment to write your check for your 2016 membership.

To those who have already renewed for 2016, a BIG THANK YOU.

We know and understand that all of our members may not be able to participate in some of our activities or attend meetings. But your "gift of dues" helps us carry out our programs to our veterans, troops and their families and community programs. It is not too late to continue your support of our programs.

We want to again be the largest auxiliary unit in Texas to show our troops and our veterans WE CARE. We cannot do this without your support. Ladies we are at 89.68%, we are at 426 members, 49 members short of our goal. THANK YOU to all of you who have already renewed. However, there are over 50 members who have not renewed and if you do not have your 2016 card, you have lost your club privileges.

WANTED ASAP - New members. Are there any more granddaughters and great granddaughters that need to be signed up? Yes, scholarships and Girls State are a long way off, but 18 years pass in a hurry. Thank you for your help and support. We can only be the largest Unit in Texas with your help.

OUR APRIL BABIES: Karen Steele; Barbara Krukowski; Ruth Zmroczek; Lee Zwiezyn; Jolie McManus; Carol Bay; Phyllis Hofman; Lee House; Elizabeth Crawford; Toni Roning; Baylee Oehlert, Jr. Aux.; Caroline Bay, Jr. Aux.; Marjorie Breault; Avery Biaha, Jr. Aux.; Faith Tompkins, Jr. Aux.; Sherry Brady; Linda Garcia; Judy Buck; Karen Hall; Bridgett Johnson; Emily Thomas; Sarah Bumgardner; Amber Cook, Jr. Aux.; Alexis Hoffpauir, Jr. Aux.; Ashley Sloan; Charlene Holden; Abaigeal Foley, Jr. Aux.; Trinity Klein, Jr. Aux.; Isabella McCormick, Jr. Aux.; Lillian Wolff, Jr. Aux.; Julie Dygert; Emily Gamble, Jr. Aux.; Shelly Lamp; Tracie Tucker; Katelynn Zak, Jr. Aux.; Raynee Walker, Jr. Aux.; Linda Willett; Linda Rollman; Kimberlee Thornton; Jessica King.

Service Not Self - For Our Veterans

Mary Hall, Membership Chairman 17/980-1900gmhandb@att.net

SATURDAY April 16th

After Tax Day Dinner Spaghetti - By the Auxiliary No Charge – Dine in Only 6:30pm until Gone

Entertainment: Karaoke by "HOT ROD"

Greetings from your Commander, I hope that everyone had a great St Patrick's Day. Our current membership stands at 130 we are only 12 from our goal of 142. In our April meeting I will be announcing our election of officers for May. I encourage you to take an active role in your squadron and run for an office it's a experience I think you will enjoy.

We ordered and received another box of Josh Dogs for Cooks Children in Ft Worth and will be delivering them in April.

We continue to support the Tarrant Food Bank and the Veterans Assistance Dogs of Texas each month. In the month of March the Legion Auxiliary also donated money to the Squadron to send on to V A Dogs of Texas, thank you Auxiliary for your donation.

Our dinner for March was up from the previous months we served 30 dinners I want to thank everyone who came out and supported the SAL.

Our 2nd Annual shot gun raffle was a huge success; I want to thank everyone who took part in buying a raffle ticket to support our programs; Josh Dogs, Foot Bank and newly organization V A Dogs of Texas. The winner by this time will be announced on March 25th @ 7 pm during the SAL Good Friday dinner.

Legion coffee tour went off without a hitch thank you all who took part in the 12th district coffee tour.

Thank you Sharon from the Auxiliary for donating her time to bar tend our own Legion Bartender Birthday party for Tillie Owens, the SAL for purchasing the food, to Ronnie Mac who prepared the dinner and the Legion for donating the hall for this party. Many turned out and had fun.

The Eagle Scout has finished his project for the Legion, he cleaned and prepared the flower beds in front of the Post and dug the trench for the water line to Mahon Park.

We have two more Eagle Scout who wish to do their projects here so if anyone has ideas bring them to Legion Commander or Joseph Campbell or Daniel so we can put together some ideas.

David Owens Squadron Commander APRIL AT YOUR POST

Friday April 1st Ham Dinner by Karen Burks \$10 Benefits Scholarships Entertainment: Texas Strut

Saturday April 2nd SAL Sloppy Joes Entertainment: Hunter Brown

Friday April 8th Chicken or Beef Enchiladas by Judy D \$10 Benefits Girls State

Entertainment: Marcia Brown

Saturday 9th 40 & 8 Steak Night \$15 Entertainment: Belinda B

Friday April 15th Philly Cheese Steaks by Commander \$10 Entertainment: Doug & Ben

Saturday April 16th Auxiliary After Tax Spaghetti – No Charge Entertainment: Karaoke by Hot Rod

Friday April 22nd Meatball Subs by Mike & Diana \$10 Benefits Auxiliary General Funds Entertainment: Honky Tonk Train

Saturday April 23rd Chicken Tetrazzini by Terry & Kathy Bigley \$10 Entertainment: Diamond Duo

Friday April 29th Dinner: To Be Announced Benefits: To be Determined Entertainment: Karaoke by Hot Rod

Friday April 30th Dinner: To Be Announced Benefits: To be Determined Entertainment: Continental Divide

NEW POST HOURS

Effective April 1st the Post will open at 10am Monday thru Friday.