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## **NEWSLETTER**

**JUNE 2016**

### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

This will be my last article as your commander. We have accomplished a lot with the help of your 2015-2016 officer team and our members. We have new carpet and an ATM along with repaired bar stools. We have a new flag display on our main stage which was the direct result of our 1st vice commanders hard work. Proctor hall has been upgraded and the exterior of our building has been improved by numerous Eagle Scout projects led by Joseph Campbell to make our building more presentable. Our 1st Vice also started our Honor Guard which has participated in numerous ceremonies including a Dallas Cowboys game. Our Honor Guard will be going to the state convention in July to compete for "Best in State". Most of these improvements have been accomplished with donations and not Legion dollars. I want to thank the President of the Ladies Auxiliary and Sons Commander for their support and work they did to make this the best Legion in the state of Texas. I want to especially thank Pat Rizzo for her donations and support not to mention her killer deviled eggs. The bar staff has been great to work with and will continue to provide superior service to you. Last but not least we have increased our money reserves by 10%. There are just too many folks I need to thank but space won't allow.

The elections will take place in Procter Hall on 2 June 2016 at 7PM. The election committee has done an outstanding job of vetting your candidates for post offices and I heartily endorse their selections especially Dennis Gossett for Commander. He has been at my side from day one and is fully aware of where we came from and where we are going.

Please bring any concerns or ideas you have to your new commander and officers so they can continue to improve your post.

It has been a distinct privilege to serve as your post commander for 2015-2016 and I appreciate

everyone's support. End of Watch 14:00 hours 17 July 2016

God Bless us all. For God and Country.

**Mike Regan – Commander**

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### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

It's hard to believe its June already. Hope everyone is doing well.

Our elections will be held this Thursday at 7:00. Please, please try to be there to vote! Our elections will be the only item on the docket. As our C&B's state, the President can hold the position for no more than 2 consecutive years. Ladies, this has been my second year. We so need some new blood in our ranks. And the ranks we have now are tired. So, I'm begging you. Please step up and help us out.

The last meeting our District President Tina Hill will preside over will be Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup> at Post 624 in Mansfield at 7:00. She is the outgoing President as the position will change in July after the Department Convention.

We have some great dinners this month. Check the calendar and come out and enjoy.

See ya at the Post!

Hope everyone has a great month!

Remember, Service, not Self

**Kathy Bigley – Unit President**

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## LEGION 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE UPDATE

Greetings Post,

We are about 54 members away from reaching our membership goal for 2016. I encourage everyone to continue recruiting. I wish to thank everyone for their support this past year as we are coming up on the Post elections for the coming year. It has been an honor and privilege to be the 1st Vice Commander the past year. Never stop making this a friendly and welcoming Post, continue supporting the new 1st Vice Commander that relieves me.

For God and Country

**Dennis Gossett - 1st Vice Commander**

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### AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

A big THANK YOU to all of our members who HAVE renewed for 2016. Ladies, your continued support of our Veterans and our Troops is greatly appreciated. LADIES WE ARE STILL 71 MEMBERS SHORT OF OUR GOAL. There are over 30 members for 2015 that have not renewed... Remember it is not the price you pay to be a member, but the price your father, grandfather, husband or brother paid for you to be eligible. Thanks again.

Remember 'D Day' 1944, Flag Day, Army Birthday 1775, Father's Day, GI Bill 1944, Korean War 1950 and 9/11 GI Bill 2008.

We want to continue to be the largest unit in Texas. Keep asking and looking for those members, it takes all of us to support our veterans. Even if you are unable to physically donate time, your dues help to continue the programs for our veterans and our troops.

**Legionnaires – Sign up your Granddaughters and Great-granddaughters. Your auxiliary pays their dues until they reach the age of 18. Looks good on resumes for scholarships and just another small thank you for 'Your Service'. The numbers also count for our reporting to congress and being the Largest Auxiliary Unit in TEXAS.**

"I AM ONLY ONE, BUT STILL I AM ONE. I CANNOT DO EVERYTHING, BUT I CAN STILL DO SOMETHING; AND BECAUSE I CANNOT DO EVERYTHING, I WILL NOT REFUSE THE SOMETHING THAT I CAN DO." Edward Hale

We hope to see you at the installation of our new officers and membership awards ceremony, everyone is invited to attend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our JUNE Babies: Kayla DeVillers; Kynli Newsom, Jr. Aux.; Pam Munyer; Sandy Soto; Charlene Beier; Darla Scholl; Kathleen Ryan; Lynda Barkes; Allyson Haltiwanger; Joy Savage; Annelie Williams, Jr. Aux.; Loretta Santos; Peggy Van Buren; Ember Johnson, Jr. Aux.; Margaret Ploetz, Jr. Aux.; Alaya Taylor, Jr. Aux.; Pam Vaughn; Arlene Wetter; Judy Higdon; Madolene Neubauer; Geraldine Rasnick; Abigail Reese Childers, Jr. Aux.; Michaela Fallon, Jr. Aux.; Betty Kedy; Danielle Bennett; McKynleigh Odell, Jr. Aux.; Payton Roberts, Jr. Aux.; Hannah Lewis, Jr. Aux.; Rosemary Arkwright; Annalisa Arceneaux, Jr. Aux.; Maraya Gamble, Jr. Aux.; Cheryl Baker; Juanita Price; Theresa Winslow; Tijwana Roberson; Addison Walters, Jr. Aux.; Madison Manson, Jr. Aux.; Cassidy Regan, Jr. Aux.; Haleigh Tompkins, Jr. Aux.; Pamela Jones; Leslie Horsman; Taylor Lancaster, Jr. Aux.; Joan Keedy; Anne Parker; Hazel Kuney; Wilma Tucker; Mikayla Watson, Jr. Aux.; Rebecca Patterson, Jr. Aux.; Melinda Green.

Once upon a time there were a group of people.... Their names were Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody. Whenever there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because... it was Everybody's job! Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Nobody would do it. So, consequently, Everybody blamed Somebody.. when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place!

Just a thought.

Service not Self

**Mary Hall, Membership Chairman**

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### SAL NEWS

Greetings from your Commander this will be my last article for the Squadron, we elected our new officers and the Squadron has a new Commander. Let's start off with the Squadron reached its goal on May 5<sup>th</sup> this year. Thank you everyone who resigned and to all the new members several being Jr members under the age of 18.

Our May Fish Dinner was a success we were back into the 30's for dinners wish to thank everyone who came to support the Squadron and its programs.

Mother's Day breakfast on the 8<sup>th</sup> was a huge success, we had several Jr's take and serve breakfast to the mothers of the Legion family. Including the spouses, they managed to serve over forty (40) breakfast. The Squadron is also planning on a Father's Day Breakfast in June.

In our May meeting the Squadron held their elections and elected a few new officers:

Commander-Daron Hance (New)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice David Owens

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Ron Mick

Finance Doug Bergh

Adjutant Daniel Fallon

Chaplain Robert Bowles

Sgt @ Arms Trent Krueger (New)

Historian Vacant

The Squadron is taking a break from the Meat Raffle for the summer and will resume in September.

On the 21st of May the Legion held another Flag Retirement. On May the 23<sup>rd</sup> the Post held their annual Golf Tournament since Riverside was flooded out and not repairable they moved the tournament to Bear Creek Golf, everyone had a great time and the luncheon that followed at the post was great.

Auxiliary member Pat Rizzo donated \$ 500.00 to the Squadron for the Program Josh Dog and Veterans Assistance of Texas, thank you Pat for your generous donation.

May 30<sup>th</sup> at Bluebonnet Cemetery Post 379 took part in the annual Memorial Day and had a good turnout for the luncheon at the post.

**David Owens - Squadron Commander**

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## FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

On Father's Day, June 19th, the SAL is having a breakfast for the DADs (They eat free). Dad's meal will include a Bloody Mary!

Terry Bigley will be your cook with a great menu. Breakfast will be served from 10:00 till 2.,

We would love to have the Juniors come out and help with seating, etc.

**Terry Bigley - SAL 1<sup>st</sup> Vice**

## June at YOUR Post

### Thursday June 2

Legion and Auxiliary Elections 7pm

### Friday June 3

Honor Guard - Lasagna Dinner \$10

Entertainment – Hunter Brown

### Saturday June 4

SAL Fish Fry \$10

No Entertainment

### Thursday June 9

SAL Meeting 7pm

### Friday June 10

Aux Cancer Research – Patty Melts \$9

Entertainment – Marcia Rose

### Saturday June 11

40 & Steak Dinner \$15 (Jeff McKee Cooking)

Entertainment – Belinda B

### Tuesday June 14

FLAG DAY

Friday June 17

BBQ by Ronnie Mac \$10

Entertainment – Doug & Ben

Saturday June 18

Aux Lemon Chicken \$10

Entertainment – Texas Strut

### Sunday June 19

Father's Day Breakfast

### Friday June 24th

Aux Pork & Polish Sausage & New Potatoes \$10

Entertainment – Hot Rod

### Saturday June 25

BBQ Meat Loaf Burgers \$8

Entertainment – Continental Divide

