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NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Post,

A few of the upcoming events for the month ahead are the Cancer Fund Raiser Sunday the 2nd, Thursday the 6th is General Membership Meeting at 7:00 PM., Thursday the 13th is the birthday of the U.S. Navy, Thursday the 20th is the Executive Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M., our 12th District Fall Convention will be at Post #838 in Ft. Worth on Saturday the 22nd, and Monday the 31st is Halloween.

As the Commander I asked for your continued cooperation in making Post 379 a welcoming & fun Post for all our members, and especially new members. We are currently at approximately 685 members of the 1217 we need to reach goal. We still need new Honor Guard members contact the First Vice-Commander Mike Sivers to join, and the practices are on Thursdays at 6:00 P.M. before the General Membership meeting and the Executive Board meetings. Contact Joey Cook Legion Riders Director, or give your contact information to the bartenders if interested in the Legion Riders. We can become the largest American Legion Post in Texas again if each of you recruit members, and you are willing to assist in keeping new members.

We will be working on funding for the building and grounds issues to be resolved. We have finished the repairs to the carpet in the canteen area. Fundraisers will be needed, and donations can be made to building and grounds fund. We have started on the parking lot repairs your cooperation while these repairs are going on will be appreciated. We will soon be moving on the AC/Heating issues for Proctor Hall, these items have put the bathroom remodels on the back burner for now.

We are raising funds from sales of golf shirts, hats, t-shirt, flags etc. Please check out the display case in the canteen area for items available. Thanks for supporting your post with your purchases. The red

shirts are for RED FRIDAY'S: Remember Everyone Deployed. I would love to see the Post in a complete RED OUT on Fridays to show support for the people we have in harm's way. I wish to commend all who are supporting our deployed service members by wearing RED ON FRIDAYS, and to those who aren't shame on you!!!!

For God and Country

Dennis Gossett – Commander

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy October Ladies!

We have such a busy month ahead of us! It starts with the first Sunday being our Cancer Research Benefit. That means Oct. 2nd!! It starts at 10:00 with our 12th annual pancake breakfast. Our Chef for the morning will be our beloved Ronnie Mac and then the day just gets better and better from there!

Please come and be a part of this wonderful day for such a wonderful cause. Every penny we raise that Sunday and with dinners, baskets, etc. throughout the year goes to M.D. Anderson in Houston for continuing cancer research. There will be food all day as Terry will be serving burgers and patty melts after the pancakes. We will have our balloon release, baskets and gift certificates with tickets being 6 for \$5. We will bring back this year, our "poppers" that will contain all kinds of items including drink chips, candy, and scratch offs, etc. Please come and join in all the fun!

Then, our monthly meeting will be on Thursday, the 6th at 7:00. We've been having a lot of our ladies in attendance lately. It's been wonderful! Let's keep it up!

And then, on the 22nd, we have our 12th District Fall Convention at Post 838. It will be a day of learning and fun for all that attend. If you are interested (or maybe intrigued or curious) in going, please let us know. Wouldn't it really be nice for us to overwhelm the convention with our members?!? We are, after all, the largest Unit in the state.

And then we have Halloween!!!! And of course a PARTY!!!! That would be on the 29th. Costumes galore and fun, "ghoulsh" with cornbread being served. Hope to see you at your Post!

God Bless

Kathy Bigley – Unit President
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LEGION 1ST VICE UPDATE

Here it is October already and fall is here. We have allot of activity at the Post from now till the end of the year with fund raisers and the holidays including Veterans Day and all that goes along with it. In lieu of all that is on the horizon we must not lose sight of one of our major focus areas which continues to be membership. We need every member's help in recruiting new members that want to get involved and help us continue our mission in promoting all our Legion programs.

Currently we have 673 renewals for 2017 vs. our goal of 1217 which includes pufis and 23 new members. That brings us to slightly over 55 % of goal which is the target number to this point. The longer we go the more difficult it is to get to the 1217. That is why I am continuing to ask for every members help in recruiting.

The Honor Guard has 3 new members who have joined our ranks and look to be very promising additions to our organization. The Guard performed a 911 ceremony for the city of Euless and will be marching in the upcoming parade November 5th in Grapevine. New dedicated members are always welcome to become a part of this worthwhile unit. It is very rewarding and the public really appreciates what we do.

Till next time we hope to see you at the Post not only to relax and have fun but, to support all of our functions and fund raisers so we can continue to be a contributing entity to our community.

"For God and Country"

Mike Sivers - 1st Vice Commander
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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

FOR OUR VETERANS – SERVICE NOT SELF

ATTN LADIES, THERE IS A MAJOR PROBLEM WITH THE REMIT ADVICE SENT OUT WITH YOUR RENEWAL NOTICE FROM INDIANAPOLIS. THE ADDRESS IS INCORRECT.

PLEASE CHANGE STREET NUMBER TO "1245" INDUSTRIAL AND ZIP CODE TO "76021", BEDFORD.

CORRECT REMIT/MAIL TO ADDRESS SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
ATTN AUXILAIRY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
1245 N INDUSTRIAL BLVD
BEDFORD TX 76021**

Our goal for 2017 519, we did not make our goal for last year but we are still the largest unit in Texas. We are still looking to reach our 1 Million membership goal for our 100th birthday in 2019. Now is the time for us to ring our own bell and get new members. Talk to our neighbors, friends, and remind our legionnaires we need their support too. Mothers, wives, daughters, granddaughters. And our reminder that we pay the juniors until they reach the age of 18.

You have just started receiving your renewals notices (SEE ADDRESS CORRECTION ABOVE). Our next goal is October 12 for 205 members and the early bird goal will be 263, for new and renewed members by November 8th, (our Early Bird Party). As of today I have 35 members paid. Please take a minute to mail or drop by the post your renewal. Thank you again for renewing last year and making us the largest unit in the state. With all your help we can claim that for 2017 too! Remember this is for your veterans and our troops, only with your help can we do our part to support them.

Attention Juniors – if you are starting your junior year of high school, check out the Auxiliary Web Site www.alatexas.org for your opportunity to go to Texas Bluebonnet Girls State Program. Or Contact Judy Davidson, your Girls State unit Chairman, 817/301-8598, for more information.

Early Bird-Veterans Day Party, Saturday, November 8, Noon to 4pm. One free drink for all who have renewed or are new members for 2016. Lunch Noon to 2pm. Legion will be furnishing sandwiches and Legion family members are asked to please bring a side dishes or munchies.

Auxiliary members who have renewed for 2017 or are new members for 2017 by November 8th will go into a drawing for an Honorary Life Membership, as long as you remain a member of this unit, you dues will be paid by this unit. Winner to be announced at December General Membership meeting, what a Christmas gift! Last year's winner was Amber Mercer, congratulations.

DON'T FORGET CANCER RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST. See flyer for Cancer Scholarship Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, October 2, 10AM to 2PM.** Everybody welcome and NEEDED. Lots of Raffle items and breakfast \$6.00 donation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – OCTOBER BABIES Vivian Bay, Jr. Aux.; Pat Snyder; Judy Evans; Dorothy Harris; Sue Thompson; Annette Harrington; Beth Jewett; Tina Roberts; Karen Ducote; Heather Soltis; Rhonda Custor; Pat White; Felina Freeman; Grace Clements, Jr. Aux. You can live to be a 100, if you give up all the things that make you want to be a 100. (Woody Allen) Lucille Gillespie; Janet Leach; Leslie Roden; Dannie Sloan; Brianna Stackhouse, Jr. Aux.; Barbara Bawolak; Kendra Raab, Jr. Aux.; Melanie Berken, Jr. Aux.; Alexis Berken, Jr. Aux.; Ariana Foley, Jr. Aux.; Lavetta Marshall; Lauren Riney, Jr. Aux.; Madison Stevens, Jr. Aux.; Peggy Croxen; Amber Mercer; Thelma Nixon; Savannah Palmour, Jr. Aux.; Charlotte Trapuzzano; Darlene Wilhite; Taylor Webster, Jr. Aux.; Madison Gambino, Jr. Aux.; Brooklyn Gossett, Jr. Aux.; Jaclyn Gossett, Jr. Aux.; Anna Miser; Norma Standerfer; Jazmin Robbins, Jr. Aux.; May Anderson; Paige Lee, Jr. Aux.; Reiyala Doolie, Jr. Aux.; Debbie Roberts; Christina Vickers.

Mary Hall
Membership Chairman
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SON'S SYNOPSIS

Greetings and salutations!

As the new Squadron Commander, I would like to introduce myself. I was born and raised in Fort Worth and I am eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Legion thorough my maternal grandfather who was a World War II Army Veteran. The third Joseph Campbell is a post-Vietnam era Marine, and I myself served a total of twenty-six years in the Army, starting off as a Signal Corps private, advancing beyond Artillery Drill Sergeant, and retiring as a Colonel of Cavalry. I chose to be a member of the Legion family primarily because I want to honor the memories of those who I served with who made the ultimate sacrifice. I'll never get over how an overwhelming majority of them were half my age and I think about their sacrifice almost everyday. It is through Legion programs that I create synergy and "carry their legacy forward". In other words, I "Continue their Mission" aka "CM" aka "Charlie Mike". Just like we are continuing the mission of those who have come before us and those who are now registered with Post and Squadron Everlasting. Just like I continue my own personal mission to the community, The Republic of Texas, and nation after transitioning out of the Army. In the future when you see or hear "Charlie Mike" coming from the Sons, you'll understand the context.

During our last meeting, we were visited by one of the young men we sent to Boys State this past summer and we elected a new Squadron Commander who will be installed by the Post Commander at our next meeting. Last month we contributed to the Auxiliary's Baby Shower, continued to give to the Tarrant County Food Bank, and continued to donate to the Veteran's Dog Assistance program. Due to the Josh Dog program's ongoing success, we are going to order another box for Cook Children's. Also, the Sons received approval from the Post Commander and Auxiliary President to have its fish fry the first Friday of every month! Our first two meat raffles of the season went well and we look forward to having them every Saturday at 2:30pm until the Spring of next year. Our membership is roughly at 29% of our 2017 goal of 146. This is great news considering that we should be at 25% by mid-October. There are 29 renewals, 11 new members, and 2 PUFLs.

This month, our First Friday Fish Fry is on 07 October at 6:30pm. Our next general membership meeting is on Thursday, 13 October at 7pm. Current topics slated for the meeting are updating the constitution and by-laws, filling the Historian position, and supporting upcoming programs such as the Auxiliary Breast Cancer Fundraiser, the Auxiliary Academic Scholarship, Boys State and Girls State. The District

Fall convention is on Saturday, 22 October at Post 838. Let me know by the First Friday Fish Fry on the 7th if you want to join me or not. Lastly, Gisela is gracious enough to cook for us on Friday, 02 December at 6:30pm in order to help us raise funds for the many programs we support. She's cooking Chicken-Fried Chicken and Chicken-Fried Steak with all of the fixin's! So, don't miss it!

Charlie Mike!

Joseph Campbell
Squadron 379 Commander
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CALLING ALL RIDERS

Greetings! September was a relatively slow month with regards to rides, but the season is about to gear up with the Holidays rapidly approaching. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 4th at 8 PM – the first Tuesday of the month. The 12th District Commander, Bill Deal, will be installing our officers at this meeting. Be on the lookout for some great raffles coming your way that will benefit the Riders goal of sending one boy and girl to Boy's State and Girl's State. On Saturday, October 22nd, we will have a fun ride to the Haunted Bridge in Denton County. Stay tuned for more details.

Be safe and keep the rubber side down!

Joey Cook, Rider Director
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"October is one of the peculiarly dangerous months to speculate in stocks in. The others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, December, August and February." - Mark Twain

OCTOBER
AT YOUR POST

SATURDAY October 1st
Auxiliary Soup & Salad
Benefits Cancer Research \$8

SUNDAY October 2ND
12TH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST
CANCER RESEARCH FUND RAISER

FRIDAY October 7th
SAL Fish (By Terry & Kathy) Fry \$10
Entertainment: **Harley Brown**

SATURDAY October 8th
40 & 8 Steak Night \$15
Entertainment: **Continental Divide**

FRIDAY October 14th
Chicken Tetrizzini by Terry \$10
Benefits Cancer Research
Entertainment: **Marcia Rose**

SATURDAY October 15th
Auxiliary Pork Roast \$10
By: Karen Averett
Benefits Cancer Research

FRIDAY October 21st
Boudan & Cabbage Stuffed Cabbage \$10
By: Ronnie Mac
Benefits Cancer Research
Entertainment: **Doug & Ben**

SATURDAY October 22nd
Spaghetti by Judy Davidson \$10
Benefits Cancer Research
Entertainment: **Flashbacks**

FRIDAY October 28th
Commander's Burgers & Brats \$10
Benefits Cancer Research
Entertainment: **Steve J Rose & Rio Grande Band**

SATURDAY October 29th
HALLOWEEN PARTY
Ghoulosh by Kathy
Entertainment: **Harley Brown**
