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NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Post,

I hope your New Year is going well. The upcoming month has many events that need your participation. Thursday the 2nd is General Membership meeting at 7:00 PM with the 12th District Commander Bill Deal attending. Saturday the 11th the Post will celebrate Valentine's Day with a Dinner and Dance that evening. Sunday the 12th we will have a 4 Chaplains Service that afternoon. Thursday the 16th will be Executive Board meeting at 7:00 P.M. The District Coffee Tour will be Saturday the 18th and a Loaded Brushes paint and sip event that afternoon. We will have a Flag retirement and honorable disposal on Saturday the 25th weather permitting.

Your continued cooperation in making Post #379 a welcoming & fun Post for all our members, and especially new members is requested. We are currently at roughly 1100 of our membership goal of 1217. Please keep working as we still need 117 just to reach goal. If you are interested in becoming an Honor Guard member contact the First Vice-Commander Mike Sivers to join, or show up to practice the first and third Thursday of the month at 6 PM. If you are interested in joining the Legion Riders Contact Joey Cook Legion Riders Director. 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 are still raising funds from Legion hats, flags, and t-shirt sales. Your continued support for your post with your purchases is important to the Post's success. I ask your support making FRIDAY'S RED FRIDAY'S to Remember Everyone Deployed until they all come home. I would love to see the Post in a complete RED OUT on Fridays to show support for the people we have in harms way. I also request support on Saturdays to wear BLUE to support our first responder Police and Fire officers in our community and nationwide.

For God and Country

Dennis Gossett – Commander

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hope this finds everyone well and staying warm! Time is passing so fast.

Our most important item of the month is our upcoming Annual Valentine Day dinner and dance! Here are the facts: It will be on Saturday, February 11th. Social time will start at 6:00pm with dinner being served at 6:30 and our dance with Doug and Ben will start at 8:00. You MUST have reservations. Deadline for the reservations will be Sunday, Feb. 5th. Tickets are for sell by the bartenders and or Officers for \$20 each. The dinner will be cooked by a Chef from the Texas Roadhouse. The menu is: homemade tomato basil soup, salad, 6 oz. strip steak (to order), served with mashed potatoes and green beans and a choice of 3 desserts. I hope you all want to come and have a wonderful Valentine dinner with us. I believe that this is our 4th annual and it's guaranteed to be fun time had by all. Please come join us!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 3rd at 7:00. Please come and join us! This is my last year as your President. Come and learn more about what we do. It means so much to our veterans and their families.

Our 12th District meeting will be at our Post on the 1st Monday in February, which is the 6th of February at 7:00. We will serve dinner after our meetings, which the Legion will provide the meat and our Auxiliary will need to provide the sides. There will be a signup sheet at the Post. I really hope to have a good turn-out please.

Remember, service not self

Kathy Bigley – Unit President

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LEGION 1ST VICE UPDATE

Greetings Comrades. Now that February is here I hope everyone has healed over the heart-breaking Cowboys' playoff loss to the Packers. The only consolation being Green Bay getting destroyed by Falcons in the next round. Payback is a wonderful thing!

Football is only a game but, Legion membership is serious business and we continue to relentlessly pursue our 2017 goal of 1217 members. Currently we are slightly over 1100 Legionnaires which keeps us on course to this point but, the push for the finish now gets extremely difficult. I again ask for our current membership to help in recruiting just one eligible Veteran each. If you all do that we will shatter our goal and even put us back in the running for the largest Post in Texas. Our ultimate goal is to overtake Houston but, we need your help in order to get there!

Our Honor Guard is still looking for dedicated additions to our unit. Women's' Auxiliary and SAL members are also welcome to join. We will train you.

Till next time see y'all (and your new recruits) at the Post.

"For God and Country"

Mike Sivers - 1st Vice Commander
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I am honored to be selected as the Post Chaplain. I'm here for all members. Please feel free to call upon me.

So far this month we have had 2 deaths and 2 hospitalized members.

In February, we will have the 4 Chaplain Service. It is part of a National American Legion event. It is in memory of the USS Dorchester sinking and the heroic events of the 4 Chaplains. Everyone is invited, it is a spiritual as well as the story of 4 heroic men who were also chaplains.

In closing let's all do our best to love one another. Hate has no place in our society. Peace to all.

Chaplain Travis Crawford

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

We are at 74% of our 519 goal for 2017. Thank you to all who have renewed. As of January 1, 2017, if you have not renewed your membership your club privileges have expired. You can leave your \$31.00 with the bartenders and they will make sure I get it. I will be

sending renewal reminder letters out to all members who have not already renewed.

We are striving to reach our ONE MILLION MEMBER GOAL by 2019. We need to continue to blow our own whistle about who and what we do for OUR VETERANS. I know YOU can make the difference. Remember Junior members, under 18, are paid by your Auxiliary. Be sure to sign up those new granddaughters and great-granddaughters that have arrived in the family. Step-children are also included. Rewards down the road include potential scholarships and Girls State in the state where they live. Just ask the bartenders or an auxiliary member for an application. Keep them coming ladies.

Re-join a member who has not paid their dues since 2014, you will receive a Rejoin 1 button and your name placed in a drawing at national for \$100.00

Recruit 1 New Senior or Junior member, you will receive a Recruit 1 button and your name placed in a drawing at national for \$100.00

Recruit 10 or more New Junior or Senior members, you will receive an ALA pad-folio and placed in a drawing for \$250.00.

Recruit 25 or more New Senior members and receive a special gift from National President Sharon Conatser.

Thank you to all of you who have been including your email address with your renewal payment. We use this to update you on current up-coming events and our chaplain's notices.

If you would like to pay up for life and not worry about increases, see below. Payments may be divided after first 10% down, with final payment due February 28, 2017.

Age	Amount	Age	Amount
18-24	\$ 1,110.00	25-29	\$ 1,059.00
30-29	\$ 1,007.00	30-39	\$ 1,007.00
50-59	\$ 767.00	60-69	\$ 612.00
70-79	\$ 451.00	80 Plus	\$ 296.00

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Theresa Winslow
Membership Chairman

SON'S SYNOPSIS

Greetings and salutations!

Don't forget to join us 03 February at 6:30 pm for the First Friday Fish Fry and every Saturday at 2:30 pm for our meat raffle. Our next general membership meeting is Thursday, 09 February at 7pm. We are scheduled to revisit our annual charitable contributions and learn about the Ten Ideals of the Sons of The American Legion. Our current membership is at 83% (we should be at 60% at this time) of our 2017 goal of 146.

Charlie Mike!

Joseph Campbell

Squadron 379 Commander

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LEGION RIDERS

The Riders just completed another phenomenally successful month. Our Dinner and raffle were huge successes, thanks to all of you. The Riders still continue to blow me away with their enthusiasm and the hard work they have done to support the successful programs that exist at the Legion. We will be cooking dinner on Friday, February 17th and the menu will consist of sausage and potato soup served with a salad and a brownie for dessert for a cost of \$10. The proceeds will continue to benefit the Boys and Girls State programs we have previously committed to. Keep your eyes peeled for an extra special raffle this month as well. We also continue to cook breakfast twice a month and we are scheduled next on February 4th so we expect to see everyone there. Thank you everyone for continuing to make us a success.

Be safe and keep the rubber side down!

Joey "Crash" Cook, Director

THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

The **Four Chaplains**, also sometimes referred to as the "Immortal Chaplains" or the "Dorchester Chaplains", were four United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship SS *Dorchester* sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II. They helped other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship.

FEBRUARY AT YOUR POST

Friday February 3rd

SAL Fish Fry \$11

Entertainment: Continental Divide

Saturday February 4th

Girls State Potato & Salad Bar \$10

SAL Meat Raffle

Entertainment: Harley Brown

Sunday February 5th

SUPER BOWL `Watching Party

Friday February 10th

German Night by Gisela \$12

Entertainment: Marcia Rose

Saturday February 11th

Auxiliary Valentine Dinner Dance

SAL Meat Raffle

Entertainment: Doug & Ben

Friday February 17th

Riders – Sausage & Potato Soup \$10

Entertainment: Doug & Ben

Saturday February 18th

Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner \$10

SAL Meat Raffle

Entertainment: Honky Tonk Train

Sunday February 19th

Loaded Brushes

Friday February 24th

Auxiliary Cancer – Chicken Dinner \$10

Entertainment: Stevie J Rose & Rio Grande Band

Saturday February 25th

Legion – Italian Brisket \$10

SAL Meat Raffle

Entertainment: Diamond Duo

