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NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2017

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Post,

I hope you are all excited about the 50th Anniversary of our Charter with the Department of Texas March 2, 1967. We need your support to recognize this important event in the history of this Post. We have banners inside and outside of the Post celebrating our 50th. The upcoming month has many events that need your participation. Thursday the 2nd is our Anniversary the Post will serve Smoked Chicken and sausage with sides provided by members from 5PM-7PM, the General Membership meeting at 7:00 PM immediately following the meal. Thursday the 16th will be Executive Board meeting at 7:00 P.M. The District Coffee Tour will be the 18th volunteers needed to welcome District visitors to the Post.

Your continued cooperation in making Post #379 a welcoming & fun Post for all our members, and especially new members is requested. We are at a crucial point in our membership drive things are slowing down, and we need to continue our efforts to reach our goal. It is within our reach to make and possibly exceed our goal, but we need all of us to help.

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 will have sample shirts soon to place orders for with the 50th Anniversary logo. 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.

Our election for 2017-2018 will be at the General Membership meeting June 2, 2017. We will stand up an election committee at the April General Membership meeting April 6, 2017.

For God and Country

Dennis Gossett – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy March Ladies!

Well, here it is, March already. And the weather is just wonderful! The Post will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Thursday, March 2nd. The Ladies voted not to have a membership meeting that evening, so we can enjoy the get together.

Membership is very high on our list right now. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so! Teresa Winslow has done a tremendous job on our membership. But we still need more! Please think about bringing a neighbor or friend to our Post and sign them up! All you have to do is ask!

The annual coffee tour will be Saturday, March 17th. It will start at 8:00 at Haltom City Post. Post 655 will be serving breakfast, so if ya want to go a little earlier.... Please bring what you will be drinking for the day. It's a great time, seeing old friends and making new ones as the bus goes to each Post.

The American Legion birthday is also this month. Then we have St. Patrick's day where we will have corned beef & cabbage.

Just a heads up, our Spring District Convention will be on Saturday, April 6, at Post 624 in Mansfield.

Everyone have a safe and productive month.

Remember, service not self

Kathy Bigley – Unit President

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LEGION 1ST VICE UPDATE

It's that time again. Another month has passed and here we are in March 2017. Our membership drive is full steam ahead and we are currently over 95% of our Goal of 1217 members. We are currently working on seeing that Department's number coincides with ours so our Post gets the proper recognition. We still need the help of our current Post members by bringing in just one new eligible candidate. If everyone did that we would easily be number one in the State.

Our Honor Guard has several appearances coming up in the next couple months with our firing squad performing a Memorial Day Ceremony at Blue Bonnet Cemetery. In addition, we have honored two departed Comrades by performing burial services. New Honor Guard members are still needed. See myself or the Commander if you have an interest in becoming a dedicated addition to our unit.

Our 50th Post Anniversary is going to be celebrated at the Post on March 2nd and it is very important that we have a good turnout for this milestone. There will be a number of guests there and we will need some help sprucing up the place beforehand. All hands on deck so to speak. So volunteer to participate with us.

Many good things coming up at the Post and in the future so don't be left behind. Step up and be active --- not just a spectator. Everyone can contribute something towards the continued success of the organization. Get involved!

"For God and Country"

Mike Sivers - 1st Vice Commander

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings and Blessings Post,

I am writing this month's newsletter for Chaplain Crawford as he is in rehab after surgery. We wish a speedy recovery to the Chaplain, and to Doug Beightol who has been in the hospital with pneumonia. We had the 4 Chaplain's service last month. I recommend anyone that does not know about this service to take the time to research this heroic act and the story of the 4 Chaplains. It will be worth your time. Your prayers are needed for our sick and injured members, and our service men and women in harm's way. May God Bless and keep you all.

For God and Country

**Dennis Gossett Commander
for Travis Crawford Chaplain**

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Greetings, Ladies!

We are at 83% of our goal of 519 members 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.

On March 2, 2017, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. your Post 379 will celebrate its 50th Anniversary with a pot luck dinner and proclamations. All members are encouraged to come and help us remember this great date.

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.

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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ALA for our VETERANS Service Not Self

Theresa Winslow
Membership Chairman

SON'S SYNOPSIS

Greetings and salutations!

Please come out and join us for dinner as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the post on Thursday, 02 March from 5 -7 pm. Also, don't forget to join us 03 March 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 March at 7 pm. We are scheduled to vote on adding another organization to our list of charities and learning about the Ten Ideals of the Sons of The American Legion. Our current membership is at 90% (we should be at 80% at this time) of our 2017 goal of 146.

Charlie Mike!

Joseph Campbell
Squadron 379 Commander
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LEGION RIDERS

Greetings! The Riders, as usual, had another successful month. We presented the Legion with a Check for \$400 to sponsor a boy for Boy's State. Additionally, we presented the SAL with a check for \$100 for their Veteran Service Dog Program and we will continue to match their contributions each month. The Riders will be cooking dinner twice in March. On Friday, March 10th, we will be serving Shepard's Pie and dessert for \$10. On March 31st, we will be serving an Easter ham dinner and dessert. Additionally, we will be cooking breakfast on the second Saturday each month. If you know of anyone interested in joining our worthy cause, please have them contact me. Be safe and keep the rubber side down!

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Joey "Crash" Cook, Director

LEGION BIRTHDAY OBSERVATION

March 15, the designated birthday of The American Legion, is the day in 1919 when the first American Legion caucus, held by members of the American Expeditionary Force, convened in Paris. Much as the birthday of the United States is celebrated on July 4 – for the day in 1776 when revolting patriots declared the independence of the British colonies and the spirit of America was born – March 15 is the date on which the Legion came to life.



ATTENTION: Canteen Pricing Changes

As of 3/1/2017 ALL Drink prices increase by \$.25
(except for Draft Beer)

As of 2/24/2017 On Band Nights
All Soft-Drinks and Water for Non-members will only be served by
the individual bottles at a cost of \$2.00