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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Post,

We have a very busy month of May ahead. The 4th is General Membership meeting at 7:00 PM. The 6th will be the 1st Division Convention in Greenville, TX. The 7th will be Canteen Games Day starting at 1:00 PM with a \$5.00 entry fee. A flag retirement and disposal service will be held on the 13th at 10:00 AM. Peace Officers Memorial Day will be on the 15th. Exec. Board will be on the 18th at 7:00 PM, and the American Airlines Vet Group Social is at 5:00 PM on the 18th. Armed Forces Day is the 20th. The Legion Golf Tournament is on the 23rd at Bear Creek Golf Course. The Annual Memorial Day program will be at Bluebonnet Cemetery in Colleyville at 10:00 AM followed by lunch at the Post. The Legion Post Elections for 2017-2018 year will be on June 1st at 7:00 PM. You must show current 2017 membership card to vote, or to be allowed entrance to election. The Honor Guard has worked very hard this past month at several different venues representing our Post to the Community, and you should be as proud of them as I am.

As your Commander I ask for your continued cooperation in making Post 379 a welcoming & fun Post for all our members, and especially new members. I was very pleased to see so many people pitch in to help during our 50th Anniversary Celebration from the Legion Family Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, and Legion. We still need new Honor Guard members contact the First Vice-Commander Mike Sivers to join or show up to practice at 6:00 PM before General Membership Meetings, and Exec. Board Meetings. We are still looking for more Riders for the Post contact Joey Cook Rider Director 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 are still working on funding for the building and grounds issues. Fundraisers will be needed, and donations can be made to building and grounds fund.

For God and Country

Dennis Gossett – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy May Ladies! I hope you are all enjoying the really nice weather we've been having.

May will be a pretty busy month for us. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 4th at 7:00. It's a very important meeting as we will be holding our elections. There is a sign-up sheet at the Post if you are interested in holding a position, please put your name down!

It will be a wonderful upcoming year with the new Officers. Please try to attend our meeting and be a part of what we do.

May 14th is Mother's Day. The SAL will be providing a Mother's Day Brunch for all of us. The hours will be from 10:00 till 2:00. It will a menu for your choice. Terry Bigley will be heading up the project, as he did last year and it was pretty good. Teka's sons will be helping, as they also did last year. Check out Terry's article for more information.

Judy Davidson and her team have been working hard for our Girls State. We will be sending 6 girls this year. That's just awesome!

There were 3 of us that attended the District Convention last Saturday. It was a good and learning meeting. Our

Dept. President, MaryAnn Paul was there. Thanks to Post/Unit 624 for hosting us.

Our Division Convention will be held in Greenville on May 6th. And then the Department Convention will be in Killeen in July.

May is Poppy month. We will be out front and on the street again, collecting money for the support of the veterans that make the poppies. This will be on Saturday, May 27th. Look for more information on this great time.

Then we come up to Memorial Day. We will be at our annual ceremony at Bluebonnet. This will be a very special event this year. Come and be a part of it. It will start at 10:00 and then everyone is invited back to the Post for lunch. Please, we need sides donated for our lunch.

Just an FYI, as you know this will be the first year that Mary Hall won't be handing out the Poppies as she always did. Her niece, Cathy and her husband Jim, along with her nephew Kevin and his wife Diana will be here to celebrate with us. It made my heart smile that they are coming to remember her, along with all our veterans.

I hope everyone has a wonderful month!

Kathy Bigley
Unit President

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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Greetings, Ladies!

Ladies, we are at 88.8% of our 519 goal for 2017. Thank you to all who have renewed or joined. 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.

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

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The last two months have been filled with my medical problems. It has prevented me from active participation in my position as Chaplain. I'm recovering and beginning to take more responsibility now. Thank You all for bearing with me. Especially Dennis and Mike. They have filled the void.

May, is a fun-filled month with many activities including Memorial Day. With outdoor activities and boating, etc., let's all please be especially careful.

I do not have a current list of those with illnesses or the passing of any members. This I apologize for.

Well, this is all this month, be safe, worship at your place of choice.

Travis Crawford - Legion Chaplain
SON'S SYNOPSIS

Greetings and salutations!

S.A.L. Squadron 379 would like to thank Stephanie Cox for graciously cooking for us on the first Friday of last month and our First vice commander, Terry Bigley, for cooking on Good Friday. The proceeds from both dinners and the first Friday raffle go to support our charitable programs. Thanks to all of you who continue to contribute your time and efforts. In addition to conducting regular business during our last meeting, we learned about the Ten Ideals Program of the Sons of the American Legion. This program along with the Five Star Program of Service go to the root of instilling true Americanism in those individuals who complete the programs.

Don't forget to join us on 05 May at 6:30pm for our First Friday Fish Fry cooked by our very own Sergeant-at-Arms, Ronnie Mac. During our next regularly scheduled meeting on 11 May at 7pm, we will conduct our annual election of officers. This is the last month that we'll have our weekly meet raffle so please join us every Saturday at 2:30pm until 20 May. We'll start the meat raffle back up in September. During the upcoming month, we are also scheduled to make another delivery of Josh Dogs to Cook Children's Hospital.

Our current membership is at 105% (we should be at 100% at this time) of our 2017 goal of 146. It looks like we are still on track to be named the largest squadron in Texas. Keep your fingers crossed.

Please remember the fallen on Memorial Day. I know I will. Charlie Mike!

Joseph Campbell
Squadron 379 Commander
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Howdy Everyone

Again this year the SAL is providing a delicious Mother's Day Brunch featuring Eggs Benedict and Mimosas. Also on the menu is omelet's and eggs your way. There will be an array of breakfast meats and breads, biscuits and gravy and hash browns.

Each MOM will be presented with a flower. MOM's eat free and all others \$5.00.

Chief Cook & Bottle Washer for the Day
Terry Bigley
LEGION RIDERS

Greetings from your Riders Director, Crash. The Riders had yet another successful and productive month. We

had several Riders go on the Medal of Honor Run where they escorted living MOH recipients from DFW Airport to their conference in Gainesville. We also went on a Poker Run on April 15th where we raised some much needed funds to offset the medical costs for the brother of a vet in need. He had a series of life threatening strokes and the costs are mounting. We continued our \$100 monthly donation to the SAL for their Service Dog Program which is extremely important. Our April breakfast was extremely successful, well and we raised \$115 for the Building and Grounds Fund.

As usual, we will be cooking breakfast on the second Saturday of the month, May 13th. Dinner this month will be on Saturday, May 6th and we are calling it Throwback Saturday. The menu will consist of ham and pinto beans, fried potatoes, Mexican Cornbread and dessert for a cost of \$10. We look forward to seeing you all there.

If you know anybody interested in joining the Riders, please have them contact me. Be safe and keep the rubber side down!

Joey "Crash" Cook – Director
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MOTHERS ARE SPECIAL

There is no love like a mother's love,
no stronger bond on earth
Like the precious bond that comes from God,
to a mother when she gives birth.
A mother's love is forever strong,
never changing for all time
And when her children need her most,
a mother's love will shine.
God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one
For all the tears and heartache,
and for the special work they've done.
When her days on earth are over,
a mother's love lives on
Through many generations,
with God's blessings on each one.
Be thankful for our mothers,
for they love with a higher love
From the power God has given,
and the strength from up above.

by Anonymous