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## **NEWSLETTER**

**JULY 2017**

### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Greetings Post,

I wish to say that I greatly appreciate the officers that served for the 2016-2017 year and welcome the officers for 2017-2018 thanks to you all for stepping up to serve the Post.

I would also like to commend the membership for the turnout at the Robert Bowles funeral, and for helping the Post reach and exceed our membership goal for 2017.

Please join in celebrating July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Post, Happy Independence Day! From Noon until 3pm we will be providing lunch. The Post will provide the brisket and sausage. Please bring a side dish.

The 6<sup>th</sup> will be general Membership meeting at 7:00 PM; the Department of Texas Convention will be in Killeen, TX July 12-16, the Exec. Board will be July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

As your Commander I ask for your continued cooperation in making Post 379 a welcoming & fun Post for all our members. We still need more Honor Guard members due to the workload the Honor Guard has been experiencing if you can help please step up and contact Mike Sivers to join, or show up to practice at 6:00 PM before General Membership Meetings, and Executive Board Meetings. We are still looking for more Riders for the Post to assist with funeral escort duty fund raising rides, contact Joey Cook Rider Director if interested in the Legion Riders.

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.

I would like to notify any members needing a Notary that we have a Notary here at the Post in Mike Regan. Please call to make an appointment, or if needed he will come to you if you are ill.

I would like to say thank you for re-electing me your Commander for 2017-2018. Your new Legion Officers for 2017-2018 are: Commander-Dennis Gossett, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Jim Grau, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Brian McCormick, Adjutant-Mike McCrady, Finance-Mike Sivers, Chaplain-Travis Crawford, Judge Advocate-Mike Regan, Historian-Joseph Campbell, Service Officer-John Giovenco, Sgt. At Arms-Lloyd Colgin, Americanism Officer-Patrick Barraclogh, Building and Grounds-Wayne Maddux, Exec. Committee at Large-Steve Strickert, Norm Monastesse, and Chuck Green.

For God and Country

**Dennis Gossett – Commander**  
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### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

I hope all are doing well. Just a few items to mention for the month. Our Department Convention will be July 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> in Killeen.

We will not have meetings this month as of the Convention.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to be your President the last 3 years. It has been an honor. I've made so many friends that will last a lifetime.

I look forward to working with the new incoming officers. I just hope that all of you give Theresa "T" the support ya'll have all given me. It will be a great year!

Thank you again!

Remember, Service, not Self

**Kathy Bigley - Unit President**  
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## 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE UPDATE

Now that we have come to the end of the election year this will be my last update as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice and I want to thank all who have supported me over the past 12 months. Our membership strategy and commitment paid off in that we surpassed our goal of 1217 with a resounding 1245 to date. That is 102.3% of goal. Congratulations to anyone who assisted and/or brought in a new member(s). A special thanks to our adjutant Mike McCrady. I could not have done it without him.

Our Honor Guard continues to be extremely active and we have done several funeral services not only at the National Cemetery but, at Blue Bonnet and senior facilities as well. We still desperately need new Honor Guard members that want to be a dedicated part of this very worthwhile group. We pride ourselves in honoring our fallen comrades especially our dwindling WWII Vets. If any of you have an interest, contact myself or the Commander for our next practice.

I will be moving into the Finance Officer Position mid-July and hope to fill the shoes of Brian McCormick who has done a fantastic job over the past several years. His biggest accomplishment will be to drill all his knowledge into my skull without losing his mind. Although, I have the utmost respect and confidence in him that it can be done.

"For God and Country"

**Mike Sivers - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**  
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## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Ladies, we are at 92% of our 519 goal for 2017. The new membership year starts July 1, 2017 for the year 2018. You will be receiving your new 2018 renewal notice from Department in the next couple of weeks. Please feel free to bring your renewal dues of \$31.00 to the post or you can mail them in.

This is the last newsletter you will be getting from me as Membership Chairman. Edie Gossett is our new 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President who is our Membership Chairman for 2018.

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, 2018.

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

Effective July 1, 2010, Department Texas

ALA for our VETERANS Service Not Self

**Theresa Winslow = Membership Chairman**

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## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Hey, all you be boppers. It's time to get in the attic and find those two toned shoes, that 50's rock and roll skirt, the comb for ratting the hair, or the infamous "bee hive" lol. Men find those white be-bopping only shoes, get the collar up, the duck tail on, we are going to have a 1950's old fashioned SOCK HOP. I'm seeking positive feedback to set the final dates and arrangements. Hamburgers, fries, onion rings, hot dogs, hot fudge sundaes, root beer floats. There will be a contest for original best dress, and dance. Tickets will be \$10.00. 50% of profits to the aux. 50% to the relief fund at the legion. Let me know what you think. See ya later alligators.

**Travis Crawford - Legion Chaplain**

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## SON'S SYNOPSIS

Greetings and salutations!

Thank you all for joining us during the installation of our officers on 17 June. We would like to also thank our very own Sergeant-at-arms, Ronnie Mac for his continued service in the kitchen during the monthly First Friday Fish Fry. Additionally, we would like to thank the Father's Day staff that provided an excellent breakfast. The staff included Terry Bigley, Kathy Bigley, Sharon Nesteriak, Michael Allen, Teka Allen, Christian Allen, Parker Allen, Zachary Allen and Jackson Allen.

Don't forget to join us on 07 July at 6:30pm for our First Friday Fish Fry. Our next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, 10 August at 7pm because THERE IS NO MEETING IN JULY. As a reminder, our meat raffle will start back up on Saturday, 09 September at 2:30pm. Our current membership remains at 105% of our 2017 goal of 146.

Charlie Mike!

**Joseph Campbell -**  
**Squadron 379 Commander**  
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## LEGION RIDERS

Greetings! The Riders had their elections last month and we are looking forward to another successful year. Unfortunately, we have decided to stop cooking breakfast due to low turnout. We will reevaluate this decision in the Fall. We are planning a massive Poker Run for Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> so be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks. On Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be cooking Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and corn along with dessert for \$10. We hope to see you all there.

Be Safe and Keep the Rubber Side Down!

**Joey "Crash" Cook – Director**

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### "ONE NATION UNDER GOD"

*One Nation Under God we live  
Think about all some had to give*

*We the people share freedom's life  
In a world of ever present strife*

*Be grateful to those who keep this true  
Warriors of our red, white, and blue*

*They're trained by those of great skill  
Honed to perform, so strong their will*

*They show what love is all about  
They'll fight for us, there is no doubt*

*Defending bravely what we are  
No holding back each heartfelt star*

*Highly praise these men and women  
Giving thanks time and again*

*Those in uniform will always be  
The golden pride of this country*

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## JULY DINING & DANCING

### SATURDAY JULY 1st

No Dinner Due to Holiday Week-End  
**ENTERTAINMENT:** Free Touch Tunes



### Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup>

Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> at the Post  
Brisket & Sausage Noon – 3pm  
Please bring sides



### FRIDAY JULY 7th

SAL Fish Fry - \$11  
Your Cook – Ronnie Mac  
**ENTERTAINMENT:** Diamond Duo

### SATURDAY JULY 8th

Riders Dinner \$10  
Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Dessert  
**ENTERTAINMENT:** Karaoke by Barry Martin

### FRIDAY JULY 14th

No Dinner Due to Dept Convention  
Pizza by Bartenders  
**ENTERTAINMENT:** Marcia Rose

### SATURDAY JULY 15th

No Dinner Due to Dept Convention  
**ENTERTAINMENT:** Free Touch Tunes

### FRIDAY JULY 21st

Honor Guard Dinner \$10  
Italian Chicken & Roasted Potatoes  
**ENTERTAINMENT:** Doug & Ben

### SATURDAY JULY 22nd

40 & 8 Steak Night - \$15  
Your Cook - Mike Regan  
**ENTERTAINMENT:** Stevie Rose & Rio Grande Band

### FRIDAY JULY 28

Bldg & Grounds – Wing Night \$10  
Buffalo Ranch, Plain or BBQ  
Mike Regan your Cook  
**ENTERTAINMENT:** Justin Hunter

### SATURDAY DAY JULY 29

Auxiliary Scholarship Dinner \$10  
Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Slaw & Dessert  
Your Cook – Jessie Richardson  
**ENTERTAINMENT:** Karaoke by Barry Martin

*The proceeds from the dinners served at the Post  
support the projects and programs of the Legion Family.  
Your support is greatly appreciated.*