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NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Post,

The upcoming month has events that need your participation. Thursday the 3rd is General Membership meeting at 7:00 PM with a vote on the Post going nonsmoking please attend and vote on this important issue. Wednesday the 9th there will be 50th Anniversary Social for L. D. Bell Class of 1968 in Proctor Hall. Friday the 11th the Post will celebrate with a sock hop Dinner and Dance that evening. Thursday the 17th will be Executive Board meeting at 7:00 P.M.

I wish to thank all our members for your efforts in the Post exceeding our goal for 2016-2017 we ended up with 1246 total 29 over our goal of 1217. We will pin our 100% Membership pennant to our Post Colors at the General Membership meeting on the 3rd well done Post. As we have started a new membership year I ask again for your continued cooperation in making Post #379 a welcoming & fun Post for all our members, and especially new members. We are currently starting our membership drive for 2017-2018 and to reach goal we will need everyone involved in recruiting. If interested in becoming an Honor Guard member contact the Honor Guard Commander Mike Sivers to join. If interested in joining the Legion Riders Contact Joey Cook Legion Riders Director. We gained on the South Houston Post last year. 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 again ask for 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 harm's way. I request support on Saturdays to wear BLUE to show 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

Hello, Ladies. Our new membership year is upon us and it is going to be a very busy one! Our next general membership meeting will be August 3 at 7 p.m. We will start planning our activities for the new year so everyone is encouraged to attend and tell us what you would like to see happen.

On August 11 we will begin our new year with a Sock Hop with hamburgers, cheeseburgers, fries, hot dogs, root beer floats and cokes with peanut. Marcia Rose will be entertaining us. There will be a best dressed contest as well as a best dancers contest, ladies line dance review and musical chairs. Dinner will be served from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with Marcia starting at 8:00 p.m. So everyone get your poodle skirts and saddle oxford shoes on and come on down!

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Georgia Hill, Gisela Marschall and Edie Gossett for all the work they did cleaning the Auxiliary storage room.

We have a vacancy on our Executive Board which we will have an election for at our September 7th meeting. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on this Board.

Our 2018 dues can now be paid and they are still \$31.00 a year. You can mail them in or drop them off with the bartenders.

Look forward to seeing you at our meeting on the 3rd.

Theresa Winslow
Unit President

1ST VICE UPDATE

Department Convention has come and gone. Good times at Killeen. All of the candidates that Post 379 supported won the offices that they ran for. Post 379 was 100 per cent plus for 2016-2017 in membership. Renewals are coming in daily. The Department is going to raise our membership goals for 2017-2018. The Post needs the support of the membership to recruit new members.

Jim Grau
1st Vice Commander

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

During the month of July we had 2 people in the hospital. We have an important meeting at the general meeting in August, smokers versus non-smokers. Everyone please come to the meeting to cast your vote. We are having an old fashion sock hop on August 11th.

Prayers to all.

Travis Crawford - Legion Chaplain

SON'S SYNOPSIS

Who is eligible to be a member of the Sons of the American Legion? Any individual who is a descendant of an American Legion member is eligible to be a Son of the American Legion. My father was a veteran of WWI and a member of Post 505, Bussey IA in 1947. Review your family history. You could be eligible for SAL membership. Membership applications are at the Post or in the current American Legion Magazine. The main programs that the SAL donates to are: Child Welfare, Josh Dogs, Tarrant County Food Bank, Veterans Dogs of Texas and PTSD Foundation of Texas.

A recent thank you:

"Thank you so much for the generous gift of the Just stuffed animal. My daughter was diagnosed with cancer back in May and was given a Josh stuffed dog shortly after her diagnosis. My daughter has really loved snuggling and playing with her Josh. Josh has become a friend that travels with us to every chemo stay. She is still too young to really understand what is happening with all the treatments that she is currently receiving but, having a friend like Josh with her that she can squeeze when she is scared or hurting makes like I and out of the hospital a little easier for her little soul. Thank you again for your incredible donation." Sincerely, the Harding Family

Ron Mick
Squadron 379 Commander

LEGION RIDERS

Greetings!

The Riders have taken a break from cooking this summer so we can focus on the one major fundraising event that is near and dear to our heart – The Red Lion Project. My best friend and I, Tom Logan, were members of HMH-363 "The Lucky Red Lions" while we were young Marines. Tom and his wife Debi had a son (my godson) who was named after me – Joey. Joey always wanted to be Marine helicopter Crew Chief like me and his old man. Not only did he achieve this dream, he also was assigned to our old squadron, HMH-363. Unfortunately, his helicopter went down in Afghanistan in January of 2012 and all six Marines on board perished including Joey. It was their second combat mission of the day.

Before shipping off to Boot Camp, Joey and Tom spent four quality months of some much needed father/son time hunting and fishing throughout the western United States and Canada. Joey absolutely fell in love with Montana. He told all of his Marine buddies how he was saving all of his combat and deployment pay to buy a cabin in Montana so he and his dad could hunt and fish and he wanted all of his buddies to visit as well. Joey never saw his dream come to fruition. As a result, Tom and Debi took Joey's savings from combat along with his military life insurance and purchased 164 acres in the Montana mountains to fulfill Joey's dream. They are building a retreat to honor "The Fallen Six" as they are now affectionately known and they are building six complete cabins for each of them to honor them. They are going to make it a retreat for ALL members of the military and their families to decompress from war and ease back into the "real" world. They have psychologists and psychologists along with medical doctors who have

volunteered their services free of charge to help these veterans. With local help from lumber yards and the local community, the cost to build one cabin is \$6,000. They also are planning to build a chapel alongside the Memorial that has already been built.



The Riders goal is to raise \$6,000 to donate to build one cabin. I will additionally be going up there for one month next year to help build the cabin. As a result, we are having a Poker Run (fundraiser) on Saturday, September 9, 2017 to raise these funds. We have rented out Proctor Hall and the fundraiser will be very similar to the Auxiliary Cancer Research fundraiser in October. The Poker Run will last from 10 AM until 5 PM. We have a live band scheduled to play and Ronnie Mac will be cooking brisket and Sausage for a \$10 donation. The cost to ride in the Poker Run is \$20 and, YES, cars ARE welcome! Additionally we have received some very generous donations and you can buy tickets for these items. We have donations of golf outings, clothing, stays at a bed and breakfast, generous donations of gift certificates at fine dining restaurants and many others. Cash prizes are offered for the winners of the Poker Run- \$200 for 1st Place, \$100 for 2nd and \$50 for 3rd. All donations will go towards the Red Lion Project and we certainly expect to meet our goal.

For more information on the project, please visit www.redlionproject.org. Cash donations are also graciously welcomed. For any questions regarding this important event, please feel free to contact either myself at 817-891-8774 or Lahonda Meier at 214-886-4725. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Please help us reach our goal!

Be Safe and Keep the Rubber Side Down!

Joey "Crash" Cook – Director

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AUGUST DINING & DANCING

FRIDAY AUGUST 4th

SAL Fish Fry - \$11

Your Cook – Ronnie Mac

ENTERTAINMENT: Diamond Duo

SATURDAY AUGUST 5TH

Chicken Alfredo Salad & Dessert \$10

Benefitting Bldg & Grounds

Your Cook: Karen Averett

ENTERTAINMENT: Free Touch Tunes

FRIDAY AUGUST 11th

Auxiliary Night

Sock Hop, Burgers, Dogs & Fries

ENTERTAINMENT: Marcia Rose

SATURDAY AUGUST 12th

40 & Steak Night \$15

Your Cook: Mike Regan

ENTERTAINMENT: Harley Brown

FRIDAY AUGUST 18th

Smothered Steak, Veggie & Dessert \$10

Benefitting the Honor Guard

Your Cook: Dennis Gossett

ENTERTAINMENT: Doug & Ben

SATURDAY AUGUST 19th

Open Face Roast Beef Sandwich / Mashed Potatoes \$10

Benefitting the Auxiliary

Your Cook: Giesela

ENTERTAINMENT: Justin Hunter

FRIDAY AUGUST 25th

Wing Night (Several Flavors) \$10

Benefitting Building & Grounds

Your Cook: Mike Regan

ENTERTAINMENT: Stevie Rose & Rio Grande Band

SATURDAY AUGUST 26TH

Clam Fettuccine & Dessert

Benefitting Aux Scholarship Program

Your Cook – Jessie Richardson

ENTERTAINMENT: Honkey Tonk Train

