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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 7th is the General Membership meeting at 7:00 PM. Saturday the 9th we will host the Red Lion Poker Run please come out and support our Riders in this great endeavor to support wounded veterans. Monday the 11th the Post will participate in the City of Euless 9-11 observance with the Honor Guard. Members are encouraged to attend to remember 9-11. Saturday the 16th we will have an honorable flag disposal at 10:00 A.M. Thursday the 21st will be Executive Board meeting at 7:00 P.M. The Honor Guard will post the colors at the Texas Ranger game on Thursday the 28th.

I wish to again 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. The new membership goal set by the Department of Texas is **1252** for 2018. 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 have started our membership drive for 2018 and to reach goal we will need everyone involved in recruiting. Early Bird renewals must be in before **November 11, 2017 to qualify as an Early Bird.** 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 for our first responder Police and Fire officers in our community and nationwide.

I would like to address a few things to the Post. There has been a great deal of animosity since the vote to take the Post non-smoking passed. It is ok to disagree but it is not ok to call me as late as 11:30 at night or as early as 6:00 AM to complain. It can wait until Business hours 10 AM-6:00 PM Monday through Friday. My family is off limits and is not involved in this, period. The non-smoking vote was contested. The vote was upheld by the Department of Texas and National Judge Advocate. We will be going forward with this as soon as I get an awning up, and then a smoker's patio built for our smoking members to accommodate them. I am awaiting bids from contractors to determine the cost and present to the Executive Board for a vote.

Sadly we lost another long time member last month. Frank Clarkin, known as "Chief" passed away and will be greatly missed.

I would like to remind some of you that the American Legion is the Four Pillars and the Legion Programs that serve the Community, State, and the Nation. It is not the canteen. The canteen is a bonus but it is not the Legion. If the canteen is the only reason you are here, you are not living up to your oath as a Legionnaire!

For God and Country

Dennis Gossett – Commander

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies. September is already upon us which means that our Cancer Research Fundraiser is right around the corner. Stephanie Cox is our cancer research chairperson and the fundraiser will be held on September 29, 30 and October 1. She has designed a t-shirt as part of our fundraiser and she will have some for sale at our meeting on September 7th. The pancake breakfast will be on Sunday, October 1 and Ronnie Mac will be

cooking. Volunteers are needed for the breakfast as well as for several other activities we have planned for the weekend. If you can help, please let Stephanie or me know.

I will be putting a collection box in the post for items that we will send to our deployed troops as soon as I get the wish list. Please be as generous as possible.

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 September 7 at 7 p.m.

Theresa Winslow - President

1ST VICE UPDATE

The renewals are slowing down at this time. The membership goal for Post 379 for 2017-2018 is 1,252. So far we have 682 renewals including the new members, which is 54% of our goal. The Post needs the help of the membership to obtain our goal. Membership drives are in the planning. Post 379 is STILL the 2nd largest Post in this Great State.

For God and Country,

Jim Grau - 1st Vice Commander

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Well another year had begun and in September the new renewal notice will go out. Please, if you can get your membership in early.

I would like to thank you for your support in this new endeavor for me.

I do not yet have our goals for the year it should come in next month. This morning I attended The Military Heroes Run to promote membership and will try to attend as many activities as my schedule will allow.

Edith Gossett - Membership
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SON'S SYNOPSIS

The MEAT RAFFLE will resume on Saturday, September 9th at 2:30. The SAL will again provide surprises for everyone. Good Luck!!

We are looking for replacement for the position of Chaplain and Finance Officer. Any member desiring to fill these

positions must notify the Squadron Adjutant, Daniel Fallon, in writing prior to the September meeting. The next regular meeting will be Sept 14 at Post 379.

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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We have had several veterans who have fled the storm stop by our Post for help.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

SEPTEMBER DINING & DANCING

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1st

SAL Fish Fry - \$11

Your Cook – Ronnie Mac

ENTERTAINMENT: Karaoke by Barry Martin

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd

No Dinner Due to Holiday Week-End

ENTERTAINMENT: Free Touch Tunes

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8th

Auxiliary Lasagna \$11

Your Cook – Theresa Winslow

ENTERTAINMENT: Marcia Rose

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9th

40 & 8 Steak Night \$12

Your Cook – Mark Willoughby

ENTERTAINMENT: Texas Strut (7 til 11)

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15th

Honor Guard – Sloppy Joe Dinner \$10

Your Cooks – The Sivers

ENTERTAINMENT: Doug & Ben

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16th

Auxiliary Open Face Roast Beef Sandwich Dinner \$10

Your Cook - Gisela

ENTERTAINMENT: Stevie Rose & Rio Grande Band

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd

Bldg & Grounds Wing Night \$10

Your Cook – Mike Regan

ENTERTAINMENT: Diamond Duo

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd

Auxiliary Girls State – Pork Loin Dinner \$10

Your Cook – Judy Davidson

ENTERTAINMENT: Karaoke by Barry Martin

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29th

SAL Dinner – To be Determined

Mike Regan your Cook

ENTERTAINMENT: Justin Hunter

SATURDAY DAY SEPTEMBER 30th

Bldgs & Grounds – Octoberfest

Your Cook – Mark Willoughby

ENTERTAINMENT: Randy Tatarevich Band

All proceeds from these dinners support the projects and programs of the Legion Family. Your support is greatly appreciated.

KITCHEN REMINDERS:

Sept 17th @ 2pm - 4TH Quarter Kitchen Planning Meeting

Sept 17th @ 3:30pm – Food Handlers Training