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NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Post,

The upcoming month has events that need your participation. The Auxiliary Cancer Research Fund Raiser is Sunday October 1st. Please support this worthy event with your participation and donations. Thursday the 5th is the General Membership meeting at 7:00 PM. Thursday the 19th will be Executive Board meeting at 7:00 P.M.

The new membership goal set by the Department of Texas is 1252 for the 2017-2018 membership year. 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 2017-2018 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 or show up at practice at 6 P.M. before the General Membership meeting on the 5th and before the Exec. Board meeting on the 19th. 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.

The Post will need volunteers to assist with events on Veterans Day next month. We have two events at the same time one on Hurst and the Parade in Grapevine. Please contact me if interested. Please come out and enjoy the Post Halloween party on Saturday October 28th with Costume contest and Doug and Ben playing.

I am very proud of the honor guard. They have been working very hard to represent the Post at many events including the Texas Ranger last month when the Honor Guard posted the colors before the game on SEPTEMBER 28th. I hope you as a Post are as proud of them as I am

For God and Country

Dennis Gossett – Commander

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies.

It's here!!!! Our Cancer Research Pancake Breakfast! Sunday, October 1 Ronnie Mac will be cooking breakfast from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. Followed by Terry Bigley cooking burgers and patty melts. Tickets for the silent auction can be purchased starting at 4 p.m. on Friday, SEPTEMBER 29 and they are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing for the auction items will be held after the Cowboys football game, around 3:30 p.m.

It is early yet but the Post will be serving Thanksgiving Dinner at 1 p.m. The Post is providing turkeys and hams and it is requested that you bring sides to share.

One of our new members is active Navy and will be deploying this month. I will be putting a collection box in the post for items that we will send to him and his

friends on ship 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 October 5 at 7 p.m.

Theresa Winslow - President



1ST VICE UPDATE

The Post membership is 738, which is 59% of our goal. Nov 11th, Veterans day is the last day you can sign up for early bird.

We have two membership drives on November 11, one at Hurst convention center, "Salute to Veterans;" and the other is in Grapevine at the Veterans day parade.

We need help from the membership to attain our membership goal of 1,252 members.

Jim Grau - 1st Vice Commander

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Services for Mr. Melvin McClendon, a WW2 and Korean veteran on September in Hurst, TX. Mr. McClendon was 94 years young and in seeing the turnout for his services, a very well and respected gentleman. He was an honor to the American legion. The church was full of friends and family. The Honor Guard stood at the casket prior to services. He was laid to rest in Mt. Peat cemetery Southwest of Midlothian in a small peaceful country cemetery. The Navy folded the Flag, the Legion

Honor Guard firing detail saluted with 3 volleys and presented Mrs. McClendon with an American Legion bible.

Travis Crawford is still not doing so well. He has almost lost his voice but is trying to beat it all. I ask for your prayers for both the McClendon family, Travis, and our troops in uniform around the world to be brought home soon and safely.

In His name and honor

For God and Country

Craig Smith - Chaplain

LEGION RIDERS

Greetings, Legion Family! As you all know by now, we held The Red Lion Poker Run on OCTOBER 9th and it was a huge success thanks to all of you. After the final count immediately following the run, we fell a little short of our financial goal of \$6,000 at \$4,034. However, we received three late monetary donations in the form of a check the following week so we ultimately made our \$6,000 goal. I am incredibly proud of not only my Riders, but of the entire post – and you all should be as well!

The Riders are implementing a dice game (Yahtzee!) starting Monday, October 2nd. For \$1 you can roll five dice one time for a chance to win. If you roll a large straight (1,2,3,4,5 or 2,3,4,5,6), you win a chip for whatever drink you are enjoying at the time of your roll. If you roll a Yahtzee! (five of a kind), you win half (50%) of the pot. The pot starts at \$100 and will increase daily as people play and the pot grows. You have the opportunity to roll once per bartender shift or, in other words, twice daily. Thanks in advance for making this game a success! All proceeds will go to support Riders Programs.

The Riders are returning to the kitchen! We will be cooking a chicken fried steak dinner on Friday, October 27th. The cost is \$10 and proceeds will go towards securing the Riders an indoor flag for their meetings. Please come out and support us.

As always, thanks for all the love and support you have shown the Riders! We are in desperate need for some new quality Riders so please help spread the word about how great our Riders are.

Be Safe and Keep the Rubber Side Down!

Joey "Crash" Cook – Director
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SAL News

The Saturday Meat raffle has resumed. Join su at 2:30 each Saturday. A 50/50 spin will be done after the meat is gone with the money split with the SAL.

The Sons of Legion support Child Welfare, Squadron Relief, Josh Dogs, Tarrant Area Foodbank, Veterans Dogs of Texas and PTSD of America.

Robert Bowels was selected as the Texas Member of the Year of the Sand of the American Legion by the Texas SAL.

Membership is at 35 of a goal of 156. Veterans Day Early Bird party will be available for paid up members.

Fish Fry dinner on October 6th. Regular monthly meeting will be on October 12.

Ron Mick - Commander

OCTOBER DINING & DANCING

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6th

SAL Fish Fry - \$11

Your Cook – Ronnie Mac

ENTERTAINMENT: Karaoke by Barry Martin

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7th

AUX – Scholarship / Beef Bearnaise Over Noodles - \$10

Cook: Jessie Richardson

ENTERTAINMENT: Texas Strut (7 til 11)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13th

AUX - Pork Roast - \$10

Cook: Theresa Winslow

ENTERTAINMENT: Marcia Rose

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14th

40 & 8 Steak Night \$15

Cook – Mike Regan

ENTERTAINMENT: Stevie Rose & Rio Grande Band

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20th

Bldg & Grounds –

Meatloaf, Potatoes AuGraten, Vegetable & Desert - \$10

Cook: Judy Davidson

ENTERTAINMENT: Doug & Ben

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21st

Hamburger, Ruben, French Fries - \$8

Cook: Gisela

ENTERTAINMENT: Karaoke by Barry Martin

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27th

Riders –

Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy - \$10

Cook: Lahonda Meir

ENTERTAINMENT: Diamond Duo

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28th

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Chateau Briand, Asparagus, Salad, Cherry

Dump Cake \$15

Cook: Jim Boswell

ENTERTAINMENT: Lavon

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

A Halloween-themed announcement for a party on Saturday, October 29th. The text is centered within a decorative border of various Halloween icons like pumpkins, ghosts, and witches. The party details include a \$15 dinner at Chateau Briand, featuring asparagus, salad, and dessert, cooked by Jim Boswell. Entertainment is provided by Lavon, and the party runs from 8pm until midnight.

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OCTOBER 29TH*

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Asparagus
Salad
Dessert*

Your Cook: Jim Boswell

*Entertainment –
LAVON*

8pm until Midnight

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