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NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Post,

The upcoming month is the Holiday Season and I want to wish everyone a happy and joyous Holiday Season. Please support this month's worthy events with your participation. Thursday the 7th is the General Membership meeting at 7:00 PM. Thursday the 21st will be Executive Board meeting at 7:00 P.M. Saturday the 9th will be Toys for Tots at the Post from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. The Post officer's Christmas Party will be the 17th at 7:00 PM. The Post will close at 6:00 PM to everyone except Post officers and guests. The 23rd will be the Armed Forces Bowl at TCU stadium 2:30 PM where Army will play, we will have a booth at the game and volunteers are needed to work recruiting in the booth. Please contact me if interested in helping out at the booth. The post will be closed on the 25th. The New Year's Eve hours will be from 11:00 AM the December 31st till 2:00 AM January 1st with Doug and Ben will be playing.

The new membership goal set by the Department of Texas is **1252** for the 2017-2018 membership year we are currently at 912 of 1252 roughly 72% of goal. 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. We have started our membership drive for 2017-2018 and to reach goal we will need everyone involved in recruiting. If you are interested in becoming an Honor Guard member contact the Honor Guard Commander Mike Sivers to join, and show up for practice at 6 P.M. before the General Membership meeting on the 7th and before the Exec. Board meeting on the 21st. If you are interested in joining the Legion Riders Contact Joey Cook Legion Riders Director.

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

Merry Christmas! I will be sending boxes of items to a troop overseas next week so if anyone would like to donate something, please have them at the post by December 3rd. Items requested are: air fresheners, chap stick, body wash, flavored drink packets, multi use hooks, nuts, candy (no chocolate), beef jerky, food bars, toiletries.

Our November 18th bake sale raised \$550.00 for Girls State! Thank you one and all who brought baked goods and to those people who bought tickets for the raffle.

The Auxiliary Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held in Austin on January 25-28, 2018. If you are interested in going, please let me know and I will fill you in on the particulars.

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. Just a reminder that if you don't pay your dues by December 31st you will lose your club privileges.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting on December 7 at 7 p.m.

Theresa Winslow - President



Collection Date – Sat Dec 9th

1ST VICE UPDATE

The Post membership is at 912, which is 73% of our goal of 1,252 members. We need the help of all our members to recruit new members in order to obtain our goal.

When you are out shopping, dining, etc & notice military stickers or license plates on vehicles it indicates the owner could be a veteran, don't forget we have a place card to hang on the drivers door handle with information about our post and how they too can join 379 making us the largest post in Texas. See me anytime and I will provide you with place cards.

Jim Grau
1st Vice Commander

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Ladies, Early bird has past and we have a lot of membership still to get. According to my records we should have about 240 members sent in. I am working hard on getting the Juniors all in and that will help our numbers. I need to remind you that you lose your Cantina privileges on December 31 if you have not paid your 2018 dues.

Edith Gossett
Membership Chairperson

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Ladies and Gentlemen: During the month of November we lost five of our fellow veteran members. They are as follows: Mr. Ronald J Martin, Mr. Steve Livens, Mr. Ernest Worley, Mr. Ronnie Fisher, and Mr. J. B. Watson. These members will certainly be missed and their nameplates will be added to the wall just inside the foyer. These were all men of honor and served our country honorably. They are not ill now. They have been made whole and healthy by the Eternal Father and we should all be grateful. Travis Crawford is still ill. He spent an evening in HEB hospital on oxygen and received 3 units of blood due to a severe cut. He is now back home and is convalescing as well as possible.

I visited Ken Ross who was in HEB on 10/31/17. He was on oxygen with breathing problems caused by liquid around his heart. I called on 11/2 and he was still hospitalized. I am still waiting on a return call now from him or his wife but he has been discharged from the hospital. I will place any current info on the Chaplains board as soon as I know.

This concludes my report for November. Please remember we are all being watched over and protected by the Holy Master. Acknowledge him during your daily activities. I guarantee that you will feel his presence and His love.

For God and Country.

Always remember: John 3:16

Craig Smith – Smitty – Chaplain - Post 379

DECEMBER 7, 1941

A DAY WHICH WILL LIVE IN INFAMY

“The Kids”

It was a cool afternoon in Albia, Iowa. My family was visiting with other members of our extended family, which was a normal event, for most families at that time. We were called to dinner. On the radio (a big stand alone piece of furniture). The normal program (Jack Benny) was interrupted by a news broadcaster. He was taking about Pearl Harbor {where?} and it had been bombed by airplanes from Japan {who}. The adults seemed to be very concerned. It meant very little to me, an eight year old boy. I learned a lot in the next few years. My father was drafted into the Army. Dad's first brother, Uncle Raymond was a member of the Coast Guard. His second brother, Uncle Bernard, enlisted in the Navy. The third brother, Uncle Harold was drafted into the Marines during the Korean War. Grandma Mick was very proud of her boys. I enlisted in the Air Force in 1953, so all Services were covered.

Memories from my sister, Beverly. Beverly was five years my younger and a professor of Mathematics in a college in California. During the war, Harold and Ron carried the load. Who planted, hoed, weeded and harvested the gardens? Harold and Ron. Who kept the laws mowed? Harold and Ron. In the bitter Iowa winters, who went down in the basements and shoveled the coal for the big stoker/furnace that kept us warm? Who forked the ashes/clinkers from the fiery furnaces? Who carried the ashes up out of the basement? Harold and Ron. Who shoveled snow from the sidewalk? Who chipped the ice from the steps? Who went out for groceries in all weathers? Who put up those heavy ungainly storm windows and hung the storm doors before winter? Harold and Ron. Grandpa Fred no longer drove so Harold drove. Meat was rationed, our empty garage had a dirty floor so they cut an opening in the side, penned an outside wire area with poultry wire. Ron and Harold raised chickens.

The Second World War books will call them the “Home Front”. It was never easy. My Grandparents were lucky, they had Harold and my mother was lucky she had Ron. The two boys who were too young to enlist, but old enough and tough enough and determined enough to answer the call at home.

Ron Mick
Squadron 379 Commander

LEGION RIDERS

Greetings from your friendly Riders! The Riders are riding on a high due to the extreme success for 1st Annual Red Lion Poker Run this past September 9th. We met our financial goal of \$6,000 thanks to everyone's support – we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!

As a reminder, we started the Post Yahtzee game and each roll costs just \$1. If you roll a large straight (12345 or 23456), your next drink is on us! If you roll a Yahtzee (5 of a kind), you win half the pot which is now at \$850 and counting. Also remember that you can have unlimited Yahtzee rolls each and every Thursday. All proceeds go back to Legion programs.

The Riders are also returning to the kitchen twice this month on December 8th and December 29th. On Friday, December 8th we are cooking Crash's world famous beef stroganoff and a desert for \$10. On December 29th, we are cooking Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes and green beans with a desert also for \$10. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Thanks once again for the support you continue to provide us!

Be Safe and Keep the Rubber Side Down!

Joey "Crash" Cook – Director

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ALL MEMBERS ATTENTION PLEASE

Your 2018 dues **MUST** be paid by January 1st.

If you have not renewed, you will no longer have canteen privileges.

Everyone will be asked to show their current cards.

When your current membership is verified you will receive a new door card.

Thanks in Advance ~
Commander & Canteen Staff

DECEMBER DINING & DANCING

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1st

SAL Fish Fry - \$11

Your Cook – Ronnie Mac

ENTERTAINMENT: Karaoke by Barry Martin

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2nd

Auxiliary Scholarship – Chicken & Dumplings \$10

Your Cook – Jesse Richardson

ENTERTAINMENT: Free Touch Tunes

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8th

Riders - Beef Stroganoff \$10

ENTERTAINMENT: Marcia Rose

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9th

40 & 8 Steak Night \$15

Your Cook – Mike Regan

ENTERTAINMENT: Justin Hunter

*****SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH*****

1Q18 Kitchen Planning Meeting @ 2PM

FRIDAY DECEMBER 15th

Bldg. & Grounds – Frito Chili Pie \$10

ENTERTAINMENT: Doug & Ben

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16th

Auxiliary Hamburger or Ruben with Fries \$10

Your Cook - Gisela

ENTERTAINMENT: Karaoke by Barry Martin

FRIDAY DECEMBER 22nd

No Dinner Served

ENTERTAINMENT: Free Touch Tunes

SATURDAY DECEMBER 23rd

No Dinner Served

ENTERTAINMENT: Free Touch Tunes

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH

CHRISTMAS EVE - Post will close @ 6pm

FRIDAY DECEMBER 29th

Riders – Chicken Fried Steak \$10

ENTERTAINMENT: Stevie J Rose & Rio Grande Band

SATURDAY DECEMBER 30th

No Dinner Served

ENTERTAINMENT: Free Touch Tunes

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31ST

**New Years Eve with Doug and Ben
Music begins @ 8pm**

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