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NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Post,

The upcoming month has many events that need your participation. Thursday the 3rd is the General Membership meeting at 7:00 PM. Thursday the 17th will be the Executive Board meeting at 7:00 P.M. Post 379 will host the 1st Division Convention at the Hurst Convention Center on the 5th starting at 8:00 A.M. On Monday the 14th the Post will host the Mike Garlington Golf tournament at Bear Creek Golf course at 8:00 AM, and we will have lunch for the players here at the Post following the tournament. We are still in need of players and sponsors for this event. The annual Memorial Day Service at Bluebonnet Cemetery in Colleyville will be on Monday May 28th at 10:00 A.M.

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 at roughly 1220 of our membership goal of 1252 keep working as we still need 32 to reach our goal. If interested in becoming an Honor Guard member contact the Mike Sivers Honor Guard Commander to join or show up for practice before the General Membership and Exec. Board meetings in Proctor Hall at 6:00 PM. If interested in joining the Legion Riders Contact Joey Cook Legion Riders Director, or see bartenders for an application.

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. Please continue making FRIDAY'S RED FRIDAY'S to Remember Everyone Deployed until they all come home.

The Mike Garlington American Legion Golf Tournament will be at Bear Creek Golf Course on May 14, 2018. The

tournament will be a shotgun start best ball four person scramble. The Post will need volunteers for the registration, course monitoring, and the luncheon at the Post.

Please continue keeping the Post members that are recovering from illness in your thoughts and prayers along with those mourning the loss of loved ones.

For God and Country

Dennis Gossett – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello, Ladies

Elections for new Auxiliary officers will be May 3rd. If you want to vote, you **MUST** have your current membership card with you.

Post 379 will be the host Post at the 1st Division Convention on May 5 at the Hurst Conference Center. I will be asking for volunteers for registration, raffle sales and decorating.

Memorial Day service will be at Bluebonnet Cemetery on Monday, May 28 at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help put flags out at four cemeteries on Saturday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m. There will be a sign up sheet out front.

Department Convention will be held in San Antonio this year on July 11 thru 15, 2018. If you are interested in going, please let me know and I will give you the particulars.

Look forward to seeing you at our meeting on May 3 at 7 p.m.

Theresa Winslow – President

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to those of you who have renewed your membership. We are at 86% and still need 67 members to meet this years goals. So to those who have not renewed please do so soon. Also remember that any new daughters and granddaughters can be signed up with the unit covering their membership as long as they are juniors

Please help us meet our goals this year.

Edith Gossett – Auxiliary Membership

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello again fellow American Legion members. The month of April has once again been busy. The members listed below continue to need our prayers and hope.

Howard Stevens is in Forum Parkway Rehab and can now receive visitors.

Jim Garcia is still home awaiting a heart available for transplant although it seems that this may be a long shot now. Please keep him in your prayers.

Kenny Wendt's rehab is going well but still not home yet.

Sherry Williams dear cousin Linda Wilson is still trying to recuperate from her devastating injuries and adjusting to adjusting to the lifestyle changes (physical, mental, and emotional) as a result of being in the tornado which destroyed her home with her trapped underneath. The rescuers could not raiser home off of her so they had to remove soil from underneath her to remove her from the wreckage. Desperate prayers are needed for her and the family during these traumatic and stressful times.

Dave Holden is in Baylor Hospital, room 170. Please call and converse with him. Prayers will as always.

Jim Jordan is in HEB but more info will be forthcoming. Our beloved Wayne Maddux is once again back in Harris Ft. Worth with recurring pneumonia in his left lung. He first was admitted to HEB on DEC 1! He has been discharged and released so many times now that he is so frustrated he can hardly stand it. He is in room 317 so please give him a call and try to cheer him up. He will certainly appreciate it. He has had enough of the Drs, nurses, but most of all that nasty hospital food.

Lastly, a fellow Legionnaire, Mr. Frank Kierzkowski passed on April 7. Your Honor Guard firing detail proudly represented Post 379 during the ceremony at DFW National Cemetery and also provided the playing of Taps, presentation of the Bible and your post Chaplain conducted the eulogy with a brief biography, reading of selected Scripture, and a brief sermon. All in attendance seemed at ease as Mr. Kierzkowski would be interred in one of the cremation crypts.

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Craig Smith – Smitty / Chaplain - Post 379

SAL UPDATE

Greetings from current Commander I want to thank everyone who continues to support our Meat Raffle. I hope to see some old friends return and to see some new faces. We have new crews that are doing the SAL Meat Raffle, come on out and have some fun.

Our elections for the 2018-2019 will be held on May 10th, at 7 pm I encourage all SAL and Dual SAL members to attend and vote and let your voice be heard. If you're interested in running for SAL office too let the people hear your voice the signup sheet is posted and I encourage you to sign up. We can't be stronger if you choose to sit on the sidelines.

Good Friday dinner went well we served 31 dinners. Everyone had a good time. Dinner on April 6th sold only 16 dinners a direct result of bad weather but those sixteen weathered the storm to taste our own Stephanie's Chicken fried Steak.

Our membership is 133 of 156 goal. We are continuing in supporting our programs with the children's Josh Dogs at Cooks Children in Fort Worth, PTSD of America, Tarrant Food Bank and Veterans Dogs of Houston. We are still looking to support another program or cause if you like to leave a note with the bartenders we will look into.

Our annual Mother's Day brunch is canceled for the time being, we hope to reschedule for June when we will honor our Mother's and Father's in June.

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Terry Bigley
Acting Commander – SAL Squadron 379