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NEWSLETTER

JULY 2018

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

This is my first article as your Commander. I am honored for the privilege of representing this Post and I would like to congratulate the elected members of the Executive Board. The prior Board has done an outstanding job of representation and has raised the bar to a higher level. I am certain we can achieve the new levels and continue the growth. I will ask the Board to hit the floor running.

I realize we have a lot of work ahead of us to ensure that our members, their families, friends and guest have a "welcoming" place to come. I would like to have your suggestions and/or ideas. You can post them on our Post Facebook page, website or my email bob_roberts100@yahoo.com. I assure you I will examine every suggestion.

I am looking forward to a great year, but remember for our programs to work, we need your involvement and remember that we have a business to operate.

Due to the 4th of July holiday there will be no General Membership meeting this month.

Thanking you in advance.

Bob Roberts – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

I would like to thank all of the members that attended the American Legion Family's Installation for the 2018-2019 Officers. We had a very nice turn out. Thanks to all that provided sandwiches and snacks to our members and their guests.

Due to the 4th of July Holiday; we will not have an ALA General Membership Meeting. There will be an ALA Executive Board meeting on July 19th at 7:00pm. All Officers please be prepared to have your picture taken at this meeting for our Officer's Board at the entry to the Post.

The American Legion Auxiliary 2018 Department Convention will be held July 12th through July 15th at the Marriott in San Antonio, Texas.

With a sadden heart I would like to inform you that our ALA Member Pat "RAT" Rizos passed away on June 27th. There was a Celebration of Life in Memory of Pat on June 30th.

Karen Burks – President

1ST VICE UPDATE

We made our membership for the 2nd consecutive year!!!!

We have a new commander Bob Roberts, a new executive board and it's time we start to think about the membership goal for 2018-2019, just like last year we need the help of all the membership to obtain our goal.

For God and country,

Jim Grau - 1st Vice Commander

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

July 1 starts our new membership year for 2019. Our dues this year have increased to \$35.00 as Department of Texas has increased how much we need to send to them. You will be getting your renewal notice from Department in the next couple of weeks. You can mail your renewal to me here at the Post or drop it off at the Post.

I look forward to working with all of our Auxiliary members to reach 100% of our goal this year!

Theresa Winslow - 3rd Vice President

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Patrick Barraclough was discharged after suffering some pain in his chest. Inflamed cartilage not heart. He is home and doing ok.

Our fellow Legionnaire Gary Walters passed away early this month. No service information was provided.

Clayton Fulton is at home with terminal cancer. Prayers needed please.

Jim Garcia is still at home awaiting a heart transplant. Prayers are greatly needed.

Howard Stevens is on Hospice. He is at Brookside Rehab on Forest Ridge-Apt 20. Afternoon visitors only please.

Timo Navidomskis is at Forum Pkwy Nursing home behind the Holiday Inn Room # 202.

Kathe Dabbs is having heart issues and is scheduled for stint installation soon. Norm will keep us updated on her progress. Prayers are urgently requested.

Jim Jordan is in HEB Room # 428 with heart issues.

"Dancing" Bob Wagnon is in HEB -Room 148. Would like visitors. Says the Doctors are just recharging him. Feels great was just run down. Can't wait to "slo mo" jitterbug again.

We conducted a Post Everlasting Ceremony Saturday June 16 in Proctor Hall in honor of Pat Hinde. Room was packed and the family greatly appreciated all that was done.

Last but certainly not least, in regards to our own beloved Wayne Maddux. Wayne is still at HEB ICU. As of this

writing, today makes the 20th day Wayne has been in ICU. There is nothing more the hospital can do for him except to try to make him as comfortable as possible. If you want, ask me for details.

June was a rough month for some of our fellow Legionnaires. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

For God and this Great Country

Craig Smith – Smitty / Chaplain - Post 379

From the desk of the SAL Commander

Greetings from your Commander I want to thank everyone who came and voiced their opinions and made known who they wanted for their SAL officers for the 2018-2019 year.

I am sad to say that we did not make our goal for 2017-2018 year we came up 12 short of our goal of 156. This next year I encourage everyone to sign up early so you can get it behind you and sign up at least one (1) new member.

Our fish dinner for June was good we served 24 dinners. I want to thank everyone who came out to support the SAL and their programs.

If you see one of our officers out and about let them know what you would like to see as far as the SAL and its programs. We continue to take new ideas and too use them.

In line with our program we will be taking another case of Josh dogs to Cooks Children Medical this month.

There will be no fish fry in July due to the 4th of July holiday but Ronnie Mac is doing burgers and dogs Saturday.

Will be starting the SAL meat raffle in September keep an eye out for the date. Any ideas are also welcomed on the meat raffle. Let us know if there is something you would like to add to the rounds or any new items.

Terry Bigley - SAL Commander
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LEGION RIDERS

Greetings!

I am pleased to write my first newsletter article for the Post as the new Director of the Riders. I am looking forward to a fun, eventful and successful year. I want to thank everyone in advance for their support not only for me, but our Riders as a whole.

We had a very successful outcome at the 2nd Annual Red Lion Poker Run on June 9th. We would like to thank everybody who helped in making this event such a great success. On July 1st, Joey Cook and I will be traveling to Montana to deliver the funds that were raised and to assist with the building of one of the cabins. We will take plenty of pictures to share when we get back.

On June 10th, the Riders participated in their annual tradition of escorting the Boys State Bus down to Waco on their way to Austin. This is always a fun event for us. If you have never done so, you should consider sending these great young men off on their adventure next year – they really love the support we show.

On June 16th, the Riders went on their first Allied Memorial Ride. This takes place in Terrell, TX at both the Airport Museum and Cemetery. This honors all of the Allies who fought on our side in WWII. It was a great experience and we were proud to represent Post 379. We will definitely do this ride again next year!

The Riders are hosting a dinner on Friday, July 13th. The menu is BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato and Salad for \$10. Josie Teel of the Ladies Auxiliary was gracious enough to volunteer to cook this meal for us – THANK YOU JOSIE! Please help the Riders in supporting the important programs they support.

Once again, we are looking forward to a fabulous year thanks to your support!

Lahonda “Fireball” Meier – Director
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JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Friday JULY 27th

2018 CANCER BREAKFAST PLANNING

We will be having our initial planning meeting on Sunday the 8th at 1pm. This year the breakfast will be held on October 7th. Everyone is invited to come and share their ideas. We are also looking for an environmental friendly alternative to the annual balloon release.

Remember we are raising funds to find a cure for **ALL** cancer!

Sheryl Frydenberg – 2018 Chairperson

Why We Celebrate Independence Day on July 4th

So why is Independence Day celebrated on July 4th? From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4th because it was the date shown on the much-publicized [Declaration of Independence](#), not on July 2nd, which was the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Another bit of interesting trivia is that most historians think the Declaration was actually signed on August 2nd, 1776, nearly a month after its adoption and not on July 4th as is commonly believed.

Did you know that John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, both of whom not only signed the Declaration of Independence but went on to serve as President of the United States, died on July 4th, 1826? Another Founding Father who became President, James Monroe, died on July 4, 1831, becoming the third President in a row to die on Independence Day.

