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## **NEWSLETTER**

**AUGUST 2018**

### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

The Executive Board had our first meeting and you could feel the enthusiasm as we discussed our requirements. We cannot "preach" enough about membership. Our new goal is over 1300 members and we will need everyone talking to and inviting veterans and their families to our Post. We would also like to congratulate and welcome Brad Finger as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander appointee. He has shown a genuine interest in making the Post a "fun and relaxing" place to come. Discussions of "family" activities, i.e., bounce house, putt-putt golf, dunking booths, etc., are in the planning stages. We, also, discussed plans for a "smokers' patio" out the south door, as well as the need to increase business and the use of social media as means of notification. We would sincerely welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Please remember that we are here to serve and support our members and veterans and their families.

Thanking you in advance.

**Bob Roberts – Commander**  
[Bob.Roberts100@yahoo.com](mailto:Bob.Roberts100@yahoo.com)

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Our first General Membership Meeting for the 2018 – 2019 year will be on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. Please plan to attend and bring a friend to join our great Organization. We will also have a Draping of the ALA Charter for our previous members that have passed. The ALA Executive Board meeting will be on Thursday, August 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Please inform any Junior (or higher) College Student that if they are going to request a Scholarship from the Auxiliary then they need to make sure they turn in their

ALA Scholarship Application and Transcript no later than 8/15/18.

Please come out and support your Auxiliary dinners throughout the year. The proceeds from these dinners will go to our programs; such as AEF, Scholarship, Veterans, Support, Cancer Research, Girl State and Creative Arts.

We are always in need of cooking teams for any of the dinners provided at the Post on Friday and Saturday nights. If you would like to volunteer to cook or help, please contact me.

If you plan to cook and do not have a current Food Handler's license, please go online to the following web site: <https://www.foodhandlercardonline.com> and apply. Please provide a copy of the receipt and license to the ALA so that we can reimburse our ALA members. Please remember you must get your license for Tarrant County. It cannot be for the state of Texas or any other county.

If you are not receiving e-mails from me, please contact me so that I can add your e-mail address to our ALA Unit #379 distribution list.

If you know of an Auxiliary member that is sick or passed away or in need of help; please inform our new Chaplain, Sherry Williams. Her email address is [sherrylynn\\_247@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrylynn_247@hotmail.com) (underscore between the "N" and "2" or just leave a note with the Bartender with the details and Sherry will pick it up.

God bless each of you and thank you for supporting our past, present and future Veterans.

**Karen Burks – ALA Unit # 379 President**  
**817-235-5715 / [karenjburks@aol.com](mailto:karenjburks@aol.com)**

## **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE UPDATE**

This is the start of a new year for our membership! Our membership last year was 105%! The Department of Texas increased our membership goal from 1,252 to 1,333. It's not too early to start our membership drive for the coming year! We can achieve the new goal with the help of the membership.

Post 379 has a new commander, Bob Roberts. This is not his first rodeo. Dennis Gossett was an outstanding commander the past 2 year and the post was 100% each of those two years. Let's be a 100% post for our new commander Bob Roberts!

For God and country,

**Jim Grau - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**

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## **AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Membership renewals are now being accepted. Our 2019 dues are \$35.00 and can either be mailed to me here at the Post or left behind the bar. Your Auxiliary pays the dues for all our junior members who are girls from birth to age 18. If you have a granddaughter who is not an Auxiliary member, please stop by the Post and get an application for membership.

**Theresa Winslow - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

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## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

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

Jim Garcia finally received a heart transplant and is doing well at home.

Howard Stevens is still on Hospice. He is at Brookside Rehab on Forest Ridge Apt. 2. Pm visitors only please.

Katie Dabbs will be having a heart procedure later in August. I will keep you updated on the Chaplains board when info becomes available.

"Dancing" Bob Wagnon was released from HEB and is doing well. Says he has happy feet and is ready to boogie.

Friday, July 27, the Honor Guard performed a Casket Guard ceremony for our dear friend Wayne Maddux who

passed away July 16 at Harris Ft. Worth hospital. Wayne had been in hospitals or rehab since November 30, 2017 except for about 25 days. The Post was well represented in addition to many of Wayne's relatives. Your Chaplain was honored to present the eulogy and make a few comments about our buddy. We now are assured that he is suffering no more. His soul is with our Maker. The post will be conducting a Post Everlasting ceremony for Wayne on August 18 at 1:00pm in Proctor Hall. I ask all who knew him to come and honor him during this touching ceremony. His family is also looking forward to meeting more of his friends.

May all of our members and their families who are or will be traveling and vacationing this summer be safe and come home ready to return to the post to have food, fun, and dancing. Please be safe.

For God and this Great Country

In Honor of Wayne Maddux

**Craig Smith – Smitty / Chaplain - Post 379**

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## **From the desk of the SAL Commander**

The August Fish Fry will be on the Third, I hope everyone gets a copy of this letter in time, the cook of the Day will be Terry Bigley.

We just delivered 2 cases of Josh Dogs to the Children's Hospital in June. Check the display case to see what a Josh Dog is. There will be one on display.

The Meat Raffle will be starting back in September. Check September Newsletter for startup date.

Monday September 3, 2018 is Labor Day. Your SAL Squadron will be having hot dogs and burgers with chips, beans, and slaw starting at noon and lasting till we run out. Come out and enjoy.

We are now into the 2019 membership year. That means it is time to pay our dues. There are three different ways. Come to a meeting and pay, drop off at the post (1245 N. Industrial Blvd. Bedford Texas 76021), or mail \$25.00 to SAL Squadron 379 (same address).

Our next meeting will be August 9, 2018. I would like to see the attendance increase. We need help with our fund raisers and our programs. We don't want everyone doing everything, we want everyone to do something, PLEASE.

Call me with any questions, or better yet see you at the next meeting.

**Terry Bigley – Squadron 379 Commander**  
**817.522.2385**

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## **LEGION RIDERS**

I would like to take a minute and thank everyone for their support and welcoming me into this new and exciting position as Director of the Riders. On July 22 we had our Installation and our first meeting with our new officers in place. There were a lot of great ideas put on the table.

For starters, we plan on taking a ride once a month to various places and on various days to accommodate all our members and anyone who would be interested in joining us. Updated fliers will be posted on the boards outside the restrooms or if you would like alerts via text please send me a message to be put on the list.

The first week of July Joey Cook and I went to Superior, Montana where we presented a check to The Red Lion Project and assisted in the building of the project cabins. I can't give this project enough praise. This place is awesome, and we are very excited to be a part of seeing Joey Logan's dream come alive.

The Riders would like to give a BIG SHOUT OUT TO BRUCE "UTURN " PATTERSON. This man is awesome in his fund raising skills. Thank you Bruce - we couldn't have done it without you.

THANK YOU also to Josie Teel for providing the fabulous BBQ chicken dinner for us on July 13<sup>th</sup> and everyone who came out and gave their support.

Thank you all for your support in making the Riders a success. We are looking forward to great things this upcoming year.

**Lahonda "Fireball" Meier – Director**  
**214-886-4725 [Hondim@yahoo.com](mailto:Hondim@yahoo.com)**

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## **4Q18 KITCHEN PLANNING MEETING**

We will be having our quarterly kitchen planning meeting on Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. These meeting usually last only an hour. Remember, if you plan to cook, please go on line and get your Food Handler's permit @ <https://www.foodhandlercardonline.com> and select TARRANT COUNTY.

## **AUGUST AT THE POST**

Friday August 3<sup>rd</sup>

SAL Fish Fry \$11

**Entertainment – Karaoke by Barry Martin**

Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup>

Auxiliary Scholarship

BLT, Potato Salad & Beans \$8

**Entertainment - Texas Strut @ 7:30**

Friday August 10<sup>th</sup>

Auxiliary Girls State

Pork Lion Dinner \$11

**Entertainment – Marcia Rose**

Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>

40 & 8 Steak Night \$15

**Entertainment – Diamond Duo**

Friday August 17<sup>th</sup>

Buildings & Grounds

Meat Loaf Dinner \$10

**Entertainment – Doug and Ben**

Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>

Auxiliary Dinner

Lemon Chicken & Roasted Potato Dinner \$10

**Entertainment – Karaoke by Barry Martin**

Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>

Buildings & Grounds

Spaghetti Dinner \$10

**Entertainment – Justin Hunter**

Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>

Wing Night \$10

**Entertainment – Rick Backiel**

Friday August 31<sup>st</sup>

PIZZA by the Legion

**Entertainment – Time Paradox**

Don't forget Free Pool & Shuffleboard every Sunday & Tuesday. Pool Tournaments every Wednesday and Shuffleboard on Saturday.

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## **August Days to Remember**

August 4, 2018 - Coast Guard Birthday

August 7, 2018 - Purple Heart Day

August 8, 2018 - VJ (Victory over Japan) Day (1945)

August 29, 2018 - Marine Forces Reserve Birthday