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## **NEWSLETTER**

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

The month of September has arrived and hopefully the end of our "hot" weather.

The "hamburger fest" has had a good turn-out the past two Sundays. But we can always sell more. We are considering changing the hours to accommodate the start of the Cowboys, but would like your feedback.

We are progressing on the south patio addition and should have the drawings in a couple of days as well as the projected cost. We are also getting bids on the sign replacement and/or update and will be relaying the information to the Executive Board and the Membership.

Vice Commander Jim Grau is doing a great job on membership, but we could use your help in achieving our Department goal of 1,300 members. Remember our gun raffle and get your ticket (s). The proceeds will be earmarked for buildings and grounds fund. We want to thank you for your continued patronage and encourage you to bring your family and friends and enjoy what your Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders has to offer. We are hoping to see you very soon.

If you are traveling over the Labor Day holiday, please be very careful and we hope you really enjoy the holiday.

Thanking you for your service, but remember to leave the "negativism" at the front door.

For God and Country,

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

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Please plan to attend our AL Auxiliary General Membership meeting on Thursday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m.

I am proud to announce that our Auxiliary was able to provide 7 Scholarship to our sophomores or higher level that is currently attending college throughout Texas, Arizonian and Oklahoma.

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 Stats 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. The American Legion Family will be providing food almost every day of the week. So make sure you look at your calendar and come out and enjoy the fun!

If you plan to cook please attend the next quarterly kitchen meeting on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. There are some members that need to renew their Food Handler's License by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please go to the web site: <https://www.foodhandlercardonline.com> and apply. If you are an Auxiliary member please provide a copy of the receipt and license to the ALA Treasurer so that she can reimburse your Food Handler fee. Remember you have to get your license for Tarrant County. It cannot be for the state of Texas or any other county.

The next major AL Auxiliary fund raiser is the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Cancer Breakfast on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to come out and enjoy all of the events

that will take place that day for our Cancer Fund Raiser.

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 Auxiliary 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 at the post 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**  
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## **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE UPDATE**

As I reported in the last newsletter the membership goal for this year is 1,333.

On September 4, 2018, our goal is 50% which is 666 members, as of August 27, 2018 we have 605 renewals/new members & paid up for life members. Which is 45%, therefore we are a little behind where we should be. We need help from the membership to recruit new members, if each member can recruit two new members we should easily reach our goal. Do not forget we have door hangers for when you are out dining or shopping and see a vehicle with veterans license plates/stickers that indicate the owner is a veteran, please take time to put a hanger on that vehicle. Stop by the post and pick up some door hangers.

For God and country,

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

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## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

August was somewhat of a quieter month.

We lost long time member (John Ortega) this month. The Honor Guard presented the widow Carolyn with the Flag and Bible. We also fired a four gun salute of 3 rounds each. Your Chaplain delivered a short eulogy at D/FW National Cemetery on Friday the 24th. On Saturday the family had a Celebration of Life service at Lucas Funeral Home in Grapevine. Turnout of family members was large. Your

Chaplain was blessed to have been asked to deliver the eulogy in honor of John. And I must say, it was well received. I kind of upped the delivery style with some additional horsepower and the family was most grateful. When the family is grateful, that makes it all worth it.

Our good friend Glenn Showen is having surgery on Friday August 31. It is a morning day surgery on a broken finger from his fall in our parking lot. He should be home that evening. Please keep our buddy in your prayers. Phone calls will be greatly appreciated.

Cathy Dabbs heart procedure went very well and now all she has to deal with is Norm. Which I am sure is quite a handfull.

Kristine Popores mother passed away on the morning of August 27. Details not yet available.

Prayers always help the bereaved family members.

Lastly, my beloved Dolores fell last Thursday and injured both legs, her back, both arms and generally is bruised everywhere except her left earlobe. Please pray for her quick healing.

For God and this wonderful country which so many men and women died to protect.

In Honor of our friend Wayne Maddux. May he rest in peace.

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

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

It just so happens that the month of September is back and here starts all the fun! The September Fish Fry will be on Friday, September 7, 2018. And the cook of the Day will be Ronnie Mac.

Please be sure and mark your calendar for the return of the annual SAL Meat Raffle. It will be starting back on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 2:00pm as all the fun will start again! Come out and help us support our Programs.

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. Hope to see you all there!

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 September 13, 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. Please call me if you would like to ask how you can help with the many programs we are involved in. Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

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

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### **LEGION RIDERS**

Greetings Post!

August and September are typically a time when the rides slow down as the heat continues to blaze – and we have done just that. We do have a couple of rides planned for September to assist our fellow posts in the 12th District as well as our partners – The Sikh Riders of America. The kitchen meeting is on September 16th and we will let you know what dates we will be cooking as soon as we have them. In the meantime, don't forget about the Yahtzee Game as the pot continues to soar!

Be safe out there everyone!

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

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### **CANCER BREAKFAST REMINDER**

Mark your calendar for our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast, Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00.



## **SEPTEMBER AT THE POST**

Saturday September 1st  
Pizza by the Legion  
**Entertainment – Touch Tunes**

Friday September 7th  
SAL Fish Fry By Ronnie Mac \$11  
**Entertainment - Barry Martin**

Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>  
40 & 8 Steak Night \$15  
**Entertainment – Texas Strut @ 7:30**

Friday September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Carne Asada, Black Beans, Rice, Plantains \$10  
Boys State – By Josie Teel  
**Entertainment – Marcia Rose**

Saturday September 15th  
Auxiliary Dinner / Pork Loin \$10  
By Karen Burks  
**Entertainment – Barry Martin**

Friday September 21st  
Riders BBQ Chicken \$10  
By Ronnie Mac  
**Entertainment – Doug & Ben**

Saturday September 22nd  
Auxiliary Scholarship / Chicken Casserole \$10  
By Karen Burks  
**Entertainment – Time Paradox**

Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>  
Legion Riders / To be Determined  
**Entertainment – Justin Hunter**

Saturday September 29th  
To be Determined / Bob Roberts  
**Entertainment – Touch Tunes**

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

Monday night hot dogs with Andy return on Monday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>.

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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.