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## **NEWSLETTER**

**OCTOBER 2018**

### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Another month has passed and we have a "busy" October, November, and December coming about. Of course, October has the famous Auxiliary Cancer breakfast and it has proven a very good day for all. The Riders have a "Badass" chili cook-off scheduled with entertainment in Proctor Hall. November has Veterans Day, Early Bird, as well as Thanksgiving. December has Pearl Harbor Day, Christmas and New Year's Eve.

I am proud that a lot of our "wishes" are starting to come back, with a lot more to come, hopefully. I would like to congratulate Jeff and Debbie McKee for Saturday breakfast returning and extend my apologies for not being there yet. But don't give up. For what ya'll do, the Post seriously thank you.

Please read the calendar for additional information. Stephanie has some great bands scheduled. We are working to bring our Saturday nights back to the olden days.

Remember, we are still needing your suggestions for Post activities and your participation and would appreciate your ideas and comments.  
Until then,

God Bless America.

**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, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. The Executive Board meeting will be Thursday, October 18th at 6:30 pm.

Please review the Monthly Cooking Menu that is attached. Come out and support your Legion's Family's Dinners. The proceeds from these dinners will go to various programs and projects of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Riders and Honor Guard.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Cancer Breakfast will be on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Also, the Legion will be cooking hamburgers from 3pm to 5pm that afternoon. You will be able to start purchasing the tickets for the baskets and other donated items on Friday, October 5th at 5:00 pm. The winner for the baskets or donated items will be announced on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon. You do not have to be present to win. Please plan to come out and enjoy all of the events that will take place for our Cancer Fund Raiser.

If you know of an Auxiliary member that is sick, passed away or in need of help; please inform our 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.

Remember first day of early voting by personal appearance for the 2018 Election in Texas is on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and ends on Friday, November 2nd, 2018.

The Post will be hosting a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Bigley will cook the famous Halloween Goulash. Proceeds will go to the Auxiliary General Fund.

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**

On October 3rd our membership goal is 55%, as of Sept 19 our membership is 629, which is 47.19%. The comparison of our post with the next largest post in our district is post 655, they have 213 members which is 45.03%

District 12 has 1,753 members which is 43.95%. 1st division has 6,964 members which is 44.48%. The largest post in TEXAS is post 490 in South Houston, they have 1049 members which is 39.20%. The Dept of TEXAS has 31,247 member which is 50.55%. By comparison our post is not doing so bad after all.

On Sunday Oct 7 the auxiliary is having a pancake breakfast from 9 to noon. They will sell raffle tickets \$5 for 6 or \$1.00 each starting Friday Oct 5. There are a lot of nice gifts to bid on. 100% of the proceeds go to Cancer Research M.D. Anderson in Houston. Come out and support our Auxiliary.

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 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.

Our Early Bird Party will be on November 10 from noon to 3 p.m. If you have paid your 2019 dues by then you are absolutely invited to join us!

Please join me in wishing the following Auxiliary members a Happy October Birthday! Amber Mercer, Dannie Sloan, Norma Standerfer, Taylor Webster, Lucille Gillespie, Monique Ruiz De Jesus, Janis Vogl, Anna Miser, Karen Ducote, Pat Snyder, Felina Freeman, Virginia Casablanca, Peggy Crozen, Janet Leach, Sue Thompson, Macelle Cogburn, Dorothy Harris, Dena Rae Frayer, Barb Bawolak.

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

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## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Quiet month for sure.

Chaplain Smitty and Dolores are still asking for prayers for daughter Stephanie. Drs. are still seemingly stumped about cause of clots or method of treatment. She is able to work but shorter hours and then get off of her feet for the evening.

Howard Stevens has been moved to Southlake. More info to come. Staph infection is a beast.

Timo Navidonskis, a life member is still in Forum Pkwy Nursing Facility behind the Holiday Inn in Bedford. Needs and wants visitors. Our past Commander visited him last week and Timo was in good spirits even he has lost a toe to diabetes and may lose more. His overall health is being attacked by this disease so let's gang up and pray for relief and healing for Timo. He is wanting to come to the Post for a beer. He says he is looking forward to that.

Dolores is slowly but surely healing up from her two falls. The cuts and puncture wounds are slowly but surely coming along. But the bruises and big swollen area on her left outside ankle are really taking their sweet time. We ask for your prayers please.

As stated at the beginning, September has been quieter but October could be another story. Only our Ultimate Commander knows. Let's be ready with help and prayers.

For God and Country

In the name of the Master of All.

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

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

October is upon us already. Starting the month out the Fish Fry will be on Friday, October 8, 2018. And the cook of the Day will be Ronnie Mac. Next up is our weekly Meat Raffle on each Saturday at 2:00pm Come out and help us support our Programs.

We are picking up a new load of Josh Dogs to deliver to Cooks Children's Hospital so they will have a supply for the upcoming Holidays

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).

We are part of The Legion Family so October 7 is the ALA Pancake Breakfast for Cancer Research. Let's do our part helping them make their goal.

The people who showed up on Labor Day had a free meal and had good time complements of your SAL. Our next meeting will be October 11, 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**

## **LEGION RIDERS**

I would like to start out by thanking Dena Frayer for donating the food and Ronnie Mac for preparing the BBQ for the September 21st meal on behalf of the Riders. We were able to raise \$530 that evening for The Breast Cancer Research Fund Raiser. Thank you everyone who came out and made the evening a success.

On October 20th, from 12:30 to 5:00 ALR will be hosting their First Annual Bad Ass Chili Challenge. Please come out and join us for Texas Best Chili, live music, games, prizes, and fun. Entry is \$20. Winner takes home Bragging Rights, Trophy and their name on the Riders Wall of Fame. Please sign up with bartender.

This Christmas season the ALR has adopted Bishop Davies Nursing Center in Hurst for our Christmas Project, at this time there are 26 veterans residing at the center. Our goal is to put together a basket for each of them that include Sweats, Lap Blanket, Legion Cap, and miscellaneous items. We will be visiting the center Sunday October 14th, approximately 3:00 following our October Meeting, if anyone would like to join us.

ALR is back on the calendar to cook this quarter. We will be cooking the first Saturday of each month 5:00 to 7:30 October 6th. The menu will be, Chicken Fried Steak, Mash Potatoes, and fixings.

Riders meeting will be October 14th, 2:00, if you're interested in taking a ride or would like to see what we are up to, everyone is welcome to attend.

Don't forget the Yahtzee Game. Everyone benefits from the winnings.

Be safe, Ride your own Ride,

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

## **OCTOBER AT THE POST**

**Friday October 5th**

SAL Fish Fry \$11

**Entertainment – Karaoke by Barry Martin**

**Saturday October 6th**

Riders – Chicken Fried Steak

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

**Friday October 12th**

Lasagna by T \$10

**Entertainment – Marcia Rose**

**Saturday October 13th**

40 & 8 Steak Night \$15 (5:30 till 7:30)

**Entertainment – Time Paradox**

**Friday October 19th**

Auxiliary Dinner Meatloaf by Judy Davidson

**Entertainment – Doug and Ben**

**Saturday October 20th**

Chili / Cornbread / Frito Pie \$8

**Entertainment – Karaoke by Barry Martin**

**Friday October 26th**

Legion Fried Chicken

**Entertainment – Justin Hunter**

**Saturday October 27th**

Halloween Party

Goulash & Corn Bread

**Entertainment – Skully**

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

