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NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

What an honor for Tina and I to be the host of our annual Post #379 Thanksgiving Day feast for our veterans and their family. It was truly a day of giving "thanks" for all that we have. I would like to give a "big thank you" to all the Auxiliary for the side dishes and desserts. To Mr. Ronnie Mac for the turkey and ham. To Karen Burks, the Zmroczek's family and everyone (too numerous to mention) else who helped, "thank you". Since everything was eaten, it was a good day. Also, a "thank you" to you, the members who came and to the good Lord for a beautiful day. We were honored to have Mr. Bill Youngren, District 19th Commander, in our presence.

Very soon, we will be observing a Post Everlasting for Mr. Jim Jordan, who passed on November 11.

If you have not noticed, Phase I of our southside patio is complete and Phase II and the final phase will be completed soon. We have gotten three bids for our outside sign and will be making a decision on getting it repaired very soon.

On December 3rd, the 12th District will be holding their DEC meeting at our Post from 6:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and then having their annual Christmas party. We will be cooking hamburgers.

I have, tentatively, scheduled the Post's Christmas party on December 16th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will be providing additional information.

Since there will not be another newsletter before the end of the year and on behalf of Post #379, I would like to wish each and everyone, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

For God and Country,

Bob Roberts – Commander
Bob.Roberts100@yahoo.com

AUXILIARY NEWS

Due to family health issues Karen Burks had to resign as your president and I have assumed that position. Please keep Karen and her family in your prayers as they go through this tough time.

We now have three positions open on our executive board; those positions and their duties are as follow:

First Vice President: shall be the presiding officer at a meeting of the Unit in the absence of the Unit President; shall perform such other duties as the President directs and shall succeed her in office in case of death, resignation or removal.

Second Vice President: shall be the presiding officer at a meeting of the Unit in the absence of the Unit President and the First Vice President; shall serve as Social Chairperson.

Third Vice President: shall be responsible for aspects involving membership and keep a record of names and addresses of the members, showing the source of their eligibility.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions please sign your name on the board at the front of the Post. Elections will be held on January 3rd at our regular membership meeting.

We will be decorating the Post for Christmas on December 1 starting at 11 a.m. We would love to have anyone who is able and interested in helping to join us.

Our annual Toys for Tots collection day is scheduled for December 8th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please come down and support this wonderful cause.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Theresa Winslow
ALA Unit # 379 President

1ST VICE UPDATE

Current membership is 839 which is 63% of our goal. We are working hard to meet our goal of 1333. We need all members help to obtain our goal....

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

For God and Country.

Jim Grau - 1st Vice Commander

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Hello, Ladies

I am still accepting 2019 dues which are \$35.00. If you do not pay your 2019 dues by December 31st your membership will lapse and you will lose your Post privileges. You can either mail your dues to ALA unit 379, 1245 N. Industrial Blvd, Bedford, TX 76021, or leave them with the bartender. Help us keep our unit the largest in Texas!

Your Unit pays the dues for everyone over 75 and I will be processing these members in the next couple of weeks. So if you are over 75 look for your 2019 membership card in the mail shortly. We also pay for all junior members and they too will be getting their 2019 cards soon.

Theresa Winslow
Acting 3rd Vice President

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Larry Burks is still suffering from severe back pain. He is to see a Dr. in Denton the week of Nov 26. Then he expects to be referred to a surgeon at Dallas VA hosp. He is not overly comfortable with the surgery part of the scenario but something has to be done. Karen is trying to help as much as possible but can only do so much. Please keep both in your prayers and phone calls are greatly appreciated.

On Tuesday Nov 6, Dee English had her left knee replaced with new space age technology parts and pieces. Surgery went well and will be home for 21 days. Then a physical therapist for another 14 days. after that standard therapy. At this point she is doing reasonably well. Prays and calls greatly appreciated again.

I spoke with Jean Ross on the 27th and she reports that Ken is totally bedfast. Not only his physical health is deteriorating but with the dramatic change in moving into assisted living is quite a toll on Ken's outlook and Jean is right by his side daily. Visits and calls are required. Come on folks lift them up in your prayers,

Our own Joey Cook had shoulder surgery earlier this month. Saw him on the 26th at the post and he was still a little stiff and sore. He said his only problem was that being right handed he was having a little trouble picking his nose with His left hand. Another couple of weeks and he will be good as new as new as Joey can get.

Our beloved C.C. Cantrell had knee replacement surgery right before Thanksgiving. She is home already doing Rehab. Love and calls are appreciated and needed. Prayers for both C.C. and Dennis and the rest of the clan. We want them both to be back at the post ASAP.

I have been unable to reach either Kathy or Terry Bigley. They still need our love and support during this trial of their lives. Please lift up both of them with your prayers, calls, and well wishes. Most of all Terry and the family need all the support we can give them. Let's get it together and step it up Legion.

Karen Averett had knee replacement surgery early November and is progressing as well as expected. Please give her a call and chat a while. She will really appreciate it.

Timo Navidonskis is still in Parkway Nursing Home # 406. He is still recovering from the savage effects of Type 1 diabetes. He would greatly love additional visitors plus calls and prayers. Timo is a great guy and you will enjoy your visit with him.

Marvin Fritz had heart surgery on 11/19 and is doing as well as one would expect.

Howard Stevens' condition is still the same. He is totally bedfast and not any better at all. He is also still at Parkway Nursing home. Prayers are really needed.

As we enter the upcoming Christmas Holiday season, I remind all of you as to why we celebrate this time of year. On December 25 some 2000+ years ago the Savior of the world His Holiness Jesus Christ was born. He was born for only one specific reason. To die and atone for the sins of the world. He lamented in the Garden of Gethsemane to his Father the God of All for a different way to do this but deep down he knew this was the only way to save the souls of all believers past, present, and the future. After his Death on a Friday

He was laid in a plain rock tomb. When two ladies went to check his body 3 days later it was not there. The Romans thought someone had stolen his body to prove that He had risen. Lo and behold He had risen. People saw him. His Disciples saw him, recognized him and knew that He was indeed the Savior. Although Thomas doubted this Jesus showed him His hands and His side where the Roman soldiers' spear had pierced his side to accelerate his death by allowing him to bleed out faster. Finally on the Cross, the

Son of God spoke to His Father and said "It is done" and died on the cross. He walked the Earth for 40 days and God took him to Heaven. He was resurrected. We can never repay that debt but one day He will return and take with him all believers who have passed, who are saved and those who will be believers in the future. He will come from the East on a white cloud with Angels. We will be escorted to Heaven in a procession never before seen nor will never be seen again ever to live with Him and Father God in Paradise forever-that is a long time.

As I said earlier, this season is not celebrated for gifts, candy, and other unimportant reasons. It does not have to be hectic and crazy as seen on TV. It is celebrated for the birth of the Savior of the World, Jesus the Christ, The Redeemer of all repented souls. Let us not try to out do last years bows shiny paper. Put the Christ back in Christmas to celebrate His birth.

Dolores and I want to wish all of you a very joyous and blessed Christmas and a healthy , wealthy, and safe New Year.

Please in the Honor of the King, be Blessed

Craig Smith – Smitty / Chaplain - Post 379

From the desk of the SAL Commander

Tis the season to be jolly. Just coming off Thanksgiving and getting ready for Ole Saint Nick. December starts with the Meat Raffle on Saturday the 1st at 2:30 pm. The Fish Fri is Friday December 7, 2018 which is also Pearl Harbor Day. Come out and help us support our Programs.

Josh Dogs will be delivered to Cooks Children's Hospital so they will have a supply for the upcoming Holidays.

Membership is at 100 members or about 70%. Membership runs out this month so get your renewal in. 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).

The Meat Raffle for December 29 will not be played due to the festive weekend.

We are part of The Legion Family sooo December 5, 2018 is the ALA Toys for Tots drive. Let's do our part helping them make their goal.

Our next meeting will be December 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

LEGION RIDERS

Happy Holidays Post,

As we have reached the end of the year, all of us are busy with parties and shopping so remember the Reason for the Season. Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Send a prayer to the families whose loved ones are deployed and will not be home. Pray for the ones who will never return.

Thank you to the Auxiliary and all who donated and helped with the Eagle Scout Project for Jacob Redford. It was a crazy Saturday night and Sunday morning. Thank You Chase and Teka for working and supporting this cause.

This is a very busy season for ALR as we are doing a lot of toy runs during this season. We attended the USMC Toys for Tots this past Sunday. Although there are rides every Saturday and Sunday till Christmas our next Toy run as a group will be Sunday, December 16, The Texas Toy Run. Details are upcoming so please check the board.

On December 22nd, ALR will be delivering our Christmas gift bags to the Veterans at Bishop Davies Nursing Center at 10 am. If you are interested in joining us, please ask one of the riders for details.

On Saturday Night, December 1st from 5 to 7:30 PM, the ALR will be cooking up comfort food. Chicken Fried Steaks, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, and Dessert all for \$10.

I'm very excited to announce our challenge coins are in and will be available for purchase for \$15.

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

Have a Merry Christmas. Be Safe, "Ride Your Own Ride"

Lahonda "Fireball" Meier – Director 214-886-4725 Hondim@yahoo.com

BAKE SALE "Thank You"

The Thanksgiving holiday bake sale raised a total of \$550. That is a bit more that it will take to send a girl to Girls State this summer. Thanks to all who participated. We are truly grateful for your support.

Judy Davidson – Girls State Chairman

PEARL HARBOR DAY

A day of infamy, the day Japan attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor, is commemorated with the National Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance each year on December 7. On that day in 1941, more than 2,400 people died in Japan's attack on the Hawaiian base of America's Pacific Fleet. Hundreds of aircraft were destroyed or damaged, as were most of the ships in the harbor, and thousands of service men and women were killed or injured. It was an unprecedented surprise attack that precipitated the United States entry into WW II as we sided with the Allies and declared war on Japan.

DECEMBER AT THE POST

Friday November 30th

SAL Fish Fry \$11

Entertainment – Diamond Duo

Saturday December 1st

Riders – Chicken Fried Steak Dinner \$10

Entertainment – Tx Strut

Sunday December 2nd

Bob's Burgers \$6

2pn until 5

Friday December 7th

Pearl Harbor Day

SAL Burgers & Hot Dogs

Noon until 3pm

No Dinner

Entertainment – Barry Martin

Saturday December 8th

Toys for Tots – 10am until 4

Legion Steak Night \$15

Entertainment – Time Paradox

Sunday December 2nd

Bob's Burgers \$6

2pn until 5

Friday December 14th

Honor Guard Dinner – To be Determined

Entertainment – Marcia Rose

Saturday December 15th

Auxiliary Salisbury Steak Dinner

Entertainment – Barry Martin

Sunday December 16th

No Burgers

Friday December 21st

Pizza Night

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

Entertainment – Doug & Ben

Saturday December 22nd

No Breakfast

No SAL Meat Raffle

Pizza Night

Entertainment – Touch Tunes

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday December 25th

POST CLOSED

Friday December 28TH

No Dinner

Entertainment – Touch Tunes

Saturday December 29th

No Breakfast or Dinner

No SAL Meat Raffle

Entertainment – Touch Tunes

Sunday December 30th

NO Burgers

NEW YEARS EVE

Entertainment – DJ RUSS

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

