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NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2019

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Tina and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a very Happy and prosperous New Year and hopeful that you had a very Merry Christmas.

As a reminder, we will be conducting Post Everlasting for Jim Jordan and Kenny Wendt on January 5th. The final plans are in place to finalize the south patio and are projecting the completion to be before the end of January.

The next project we will be working on is the Post sign. We have gotten several bids and will be bring them before the Exec Board and General Membership for approval. I believe that a "fund raiser" will be needed, so put on you "thinking caps" for different ideas. We will also be conducting a flag disposal service in the very near future.

As we approach the end of this term, we need to be diligent on our goal for membership. It is critical that we attain our goal and push south Houston for the largest Post status.

For 2019, we will be experimenting with changes to our monthly operations that we feel will benefit the Post and our membership, so be watchful for the calendars.

As we close for now, if you are traveling, be safe. We need you back for 2019!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

For God and Country,

Bob Roberts – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies:

We will be having elections for our three open offices at our General Membership meeting on January 3, 2019 at 7 p.m. Those positions are First, Second and Third Vice President.

We have some exciting events planned for the next couple of months. We will be having our annual Valentines' Day Dinner on February 9 at 6:00 p.m. It will be a four course dinner with entertainment to follow. Tickets will go on sale for \$25.00 the first part of January. Last year we had a wonderful time and you will not be disappointed this year.

We will have our Mardi Gras dinner and fun times on March 2nd. Annie Herrington will be coming in from Louisiana to be our chef and Tina Roberts will be her sous chef. More info to follow. There will be a mask contest so start now working on your home made mask!

Our next meeting is January 3 at 7 p.m. Hope to see you here for the meeting.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Theresa Winslow
ALA Unit # 379 President

1ST VICE UPDATE

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Our membership is 979 which is 73.4% of our goal.

We had a great time at the armed service bowl & army won!!!! Yea!!!!

We passed out a lot of applications for Legion, Sons and Auxiliary.

We had several promises of people that were going to join our post, now if they follow up it will be great!

Special thanks to Joseph Campbell and Monique Zoan Ruiz Dejesus for their assistance.

We all need to work on membership in 2019!!!!

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 have not paid 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!

Our current membership count is 173 which is 38% of our goal of 454.

Theresa Winslow
Acting 3rd Vice President

SAL NEWS

Greetings from your Squadron Commander I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year with family and friends.
SAL in review for 2018:

Continued with Tarrant Food Bank, Josh Dog, Veterans Dogs, PTSD of America and new organization Tarrant County Veterans Council.

Took Part in the Veterans Day parade in November, donated monies to Auxiliary Cancer Research and in Conjunction with Federal Heath and Euless Yacht Club Toys for Tots, another great event.

Meat Raffle going strong if you have any ideas on how to make it better or suggestions please feel free to talk to one of our Sqd Officers.

The monthly dinners are just average we as an organization would like to find out to make it better, again with any ideas please feel free ie, new menus, pricing to name a few.

A new year is upon us, if you haven't renewed your membership you may not be able to get into the post, so pay your dues to continue your membership in the American Legion. It helps support our programs and our members in time of needs.

The Sqd goal is 146 and we are currently at 101.

Terry Bigley – Squadron 379 Commander
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LEGION RIDERS

Greetings,

ALR had a busy month with Toy Runs and The Bishop Davies Nursing home project. Thank you to Auxiliary and all who donated toys, we were able to donate to multiple Toy Runs and organizations. We also want to thank Everyone who participated in making our Bishop Davies Veteran Christmas Project a success. We couldn't have done it without you. What a great feeling it was to put smiles on their faces and thank them for their service and sacrifices.

ALR is looking forward to the New Year. We have plans for some great rides in the works. We are really excited about The Hill Country Run May 2-5. Please contact us if you are interested in the details.

We are on the Cooking Schedule for the next 3 months. Starting with Saturday January 5. We will be cooking Chicken Fried Steaks, mashed potatoes, vegetable, and desert for \$10. On the second Saturday of the month starting January 12th Mike Allen will be cooking Filet Mignon served with salad, bake potato, and desert \$15. Proceeds for these meals will go toward sponsoring a Boy and a Girl to State.

ALR have Challenge Coins for sale. They are \$15. We are working on getting some in the display case or ask one of the Rider officers if you are interested in purchasing a coin.

The next Riders meeting will be January 6th at 2pm at the Post.

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

Be Safe, "Ride Your Own Ride"

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Timo Navidonskis is still in Forum Park Nursing Home fighting severe diabetes and possible loss of limbs. Needs, wants, visitors and Prayers.

Kenny Wendt passed away on 12/4. A Post Everlasting Ceremony will be conducted on 1/5/19 @ 1100 hours. A Post Everlasting will also be conducted on the same date and time for Jim Jordan who passed in early December also. Please attend in honor of both of our brothers and their families.

Rosie Kelly is in CV Baylor after surgery and is doing well and resting comfortably. No calls please.

Betty Kedy passed away and services are on 12/31 @ Forest Funeral Home Viewing is from 1000 hrs to 1100 hrs. Funeral is 11:00 hrs to 1200 hrs.

Karl Kuney, age 92, passed in late November. At this point no funeral details are available.

Edmond Fyfe, age 88, passed to his reward earlier this month. No funeral details are available.

Jean Ross had a toe removed 12/27 at HEB. Will update with more info when available. Prayers Please

Ken Ross is still recuperating in Forum Park Nursing Home and is beginning to terrorize his caretakers. Obviously doing better.

Howard Stevens is still in Forum Park battling the staph infection he has had for at least a year. Please pray for Howards recovery and strength for him and Marie.

Kathy Bigley is at home now with hospice care. A severe illness is being fought. Please pray for Kathy, her daughter, her elderly mother, and of course for Terry. The next few months will be terribly difficult for all. These folks are part of our family so let us not let them down. Jesus said, "Ask and thee shall receive". Let us ask for mercy and healing in our prayers.

As one year draws to a close and a new year approaches, let us all take time to reflect on those members that we said our final good byes to and keep them in our minds and hearts with fond memories. Pray for their loved ones that were left behind. May we all keep our prayers going who had serious medical challenges this year. And, also, assist in any way we can, call and visit those with current health issues. Each life is precious and with each new day none of us know what or how the day will unfold, only the Master does.

The limitless unfailing love of God is difficult to grasp. But, as we all look forward to this new year, all any of us can do is to stay focused, faithful to our loved ones,

our tasks at hand, our goals, but, most importantly step aside and let the Master Planner do His will..... for His plan is the best and without fail.

All of life is a test. As we live each new day, the tests we face are valuable. We may feel like we seem to go backwards more than we can go forward. Let us not focus on the failures of this past year. Instead start each new day with positive thoughts and expectations.

My wish for you and all of us is to not be afraid to make mistakes. Don't worry that it is not good enough or not perfect for none of us are. ONLY the Master in charge is. So go forward in life and work proud for we are ALL GODS children.

For God and Country and in God we trust,

Have a Blessed New Year.

Chaplain Smitty, Post 379

JANUARY AT THE POST

Friday January 4th

SAL Fish Fry \$11

Entertainment – Justin Hunter

Saturday January 5th

Riders Chicken Fried Steak Dinner \$10

Friday January 11th

Meatloaf by Commander Roberts \$10

Entertainment – Marcia Rose

Saturday January 12th

Legion Steak Night by Mike Allen \$15

Entertainment – Time Paradox

Friday January 18th

Auxiliary Chicken Spaghetti by T - \$10

Entertainment – Doug & Ben

Saturday January 19th

Dinner to be Determined

Friday January 25th

Dinner to be Determined by Mike Regan

Entertainment – Karaoke

Saturday January 26th

Dinner to be Determined

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

Breakfast served Saturdays from 8:30 Until 10:30.