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## **NEWSLETTER**

**FEBRUARY 2019**

### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

I would like to urge all Post Legionnaires to be at the General Membership meeting on February 7. We will be voting on an amendment to our current Bylaws that could have an epic effect for the Post.

Next, I wish to apologize to the Post for "meatloaf mania". It did not go as well as I had hoped but would like to congratulate Ronnie Mac for his winning first place. Also, be attentive to the information board, because we will be doing other events.

On February 2, weather permitting, we will be going to Garland for the patio flooring. We are asking for volunteers as the decking is heavy and "kid power" will be needed.

On February 20, we will be hosting members from Charles Schwab & Co for brisket, etc. Please make plans to attend and assist me in giving them a warm welcome.

We need everyone to assist with membership as the end of our goal year is fast approaching and we are approximately 300 members short of our goal. Also, please remember that dues are a calendar year end and in order to be able to enjoy the privileges of the Post and participate in elections, you must have a current year card.

For God and Country,

**Bob Roberts – Commander**  
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### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

At our last General Membership meeting Teka Allen was elected our 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and will be in charge of membership. Thank you, Teka, for stepping up.

Our annual Valentines' Day Dinner will be on February 9 at 6:00 p.m. It will be a four course dinner including soup, salad, prime rib, potatoes and dessert with entertainment

to follow. Tickets are \$25.00 and are available until February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please come out and join in the fun. Last year we had a wonderful time and you will not be disappointed this year.

We will have our Mardi Gras dinner and homemade mask competition on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dinner will be served from 6:30p to 8p or until we run out! Annie Herrington will be coming in from Louisiana to be our chef and Tina Roberts will be her sous chef. We will be serving chicken and sausage gumbo and shrimp fettuccini. There will be a mask contest so start now working on your **home made** mask! Rules are as follow: Make a mask from scratch and bring it to the post by 6pm to be qualified for judging. This will be a blind judging competition. You will bring your mask in to the Post and it will be given a number. Chosen judges will judge your mask based on creativity (you will not be wearing it at the time of judging). There will be three winners and the winners will be called promptly at 7:30pm. We encourage all participants to wear them after the winners are called. So come on down and bring your most beautiful mask!

Our General Elections will be held on May 2. We sure need some new faces to become officers of your Auxiliary. Signup sheets will be posted soon.

Our next General Membership meeting will be February 7th at 7 p.m. Hope to see you here for the meeting.

**Theresa Winslow**  
**ALA Unit # 379 President**

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

Our membership is 1,100, which is 82% of our goal and by 2/5/19 we should be 85%. we need for all members to work together to recruit new members.

shortly we will start making calls to members who have not renewed, we need volunteer to help make these calls. see me if you are available.

For God and Country,

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

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## **AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Hello, Ladies

We am still accepting 2019 dues which are \$35.00. You can either mail your dues to ALA Unit 379, 1245 N. Industrial Blvd, Bedford, TX 76021, or leave them with the bartender. Our membership is currently at 87%! Thank you Ladies for all who have renewed. Help us keep our unit the largest in Texas!

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

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## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

January quieted down somewhat.

Kathy Bigley is in home hospice care. No visitors please. I encourage you to text Terry as this time is extremely difficult. Continued prayers are extremely encouraged for Kathy and the Bigley household. Gods providence and his mercies are urgently needed.

Our dear friend and member, Kenneth L. Ross born 9/19/1929 entered into eternal rest on 1/12/19 after declining health and a lengthy illness. A Post Everlasting Ceremony was held on 1/26 at Post 379 and was extremelywell attended. A moving memorial ceremony service was conducted prior to the Post Everlasting. Your Chaplain was proud to have been asked by Jean, his lovely widow, to do his eulogy. Several out of town relatives,many friends, and of course his Post family were in attendance. A luncheon followed and Jean displayed many of Ken's many mementos, photos, military medals, and family photos. Ken had retired from the Air Force after 20.5 years of service in the intelligence sector. Following his military service Ken worked for the FAA at DFW airport for 14.5 years retiring in 1988. Ken was a proud and dedicated member of Post 379 with great dedication and hard work he built the avenue of Flags which is a great asset to this Post to this day. After 60+ years of marriage, with her beloved Ken Jean now has a tremendous irreplaceable hole in her life. So let us all please remember Jean in prayers, thoughts, loving kindnesses, and most importantly, our love.

Ken was interred at DFW National Cemetery on Monday January 28 with full military honors by the Air Force. Post

379 Riders were in great attendance and escorted Ken to the Pavilion where the ceremony took place. Your Chaplain was again proud to provide Ken's eulogy.

Timo is still in rehab, and Howard Stevens are still in Forum Park Nursing facility. Let us remember how we would feel if no one from 379 came to see us or called. Calls, cards, and most importantly visits are strongly encouraged. May our loving Father hold these two Gentlemen in His loving arms. and lift up their families with strength.

As we have entered a new year our resolve is once again being tested with continuing illnesses, surgeries, sufferings, and final goodbyes we are all reminded that our time is precious and fleeting. So please, each one of you take the time to reach out to someone in need and offer a kind word, encouragements, and most importantly tell those close to your heart how much they mean to you while you still have the opportunity. Time is of the essence, don't let an opportunity get away from you."Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil..For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help". Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NRSV).

"When we were active military we all had to adhere to a strict dress code, and code of conduct that represented our duties and more importantly, our Nation. Now that we are not active but our in our cities and communities we need to exhibit tolerance, patience, and respect for all humanity from American Legion Post 379". Character is not made in crisis, it is only exhibited.

O God: When I don't understand, keep me mindful of your infinite wisdom; and when I don't see, help me to remember your eternal point of view. AMEN.

For God and Country and in remembrance of Ken Ross.

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

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## **SAL NEWS**

Greetings from your Squadron Commander. Everything is going well for the Squadron our membership is on the rise and we expect to make our goal for 2019.

The Fish Fry for January went very well and we ran out of Fish hope to make it up in the next few months.

Keep Kathy Bigley in your prayers as she is home resting.

On the long run of almost twenty (20) years for the Josh Dog Program they are closing their doors of operation. The Squadron will greatly miss this program. Looking for other

programs to donate to so if you have an idea or suggestion please let one of our squadron Officers know.

We will continue with the Vet Dogs of Texas, Tarrant Food Bank and PTSD of American for our programs.

Meat Raffle is going strong and well I want to thank everyone who comes out and supports that program.

February we are planning on running either a Hand Gun or a Shot Gun for the Squadron Annual Gun Raffle. Be looking for the fliers coming soon.

Any suggestion and comments please feel free to bring them to a Squadron Officer for review.

Thank you and have a great Day

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

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## LEGION RIDERS

Thank you everyone for your continuing support in making our program a success. This is a slow time of year as far as rides go. We are searching for Ideas to help local Veterans and we are open to any and all suggestions you may have.

American Legion Post 379 and its Riders are making headlines. Through our hard work raising funds for Red Lion Project our name has gotten around. We have been contacted by Lieutenant Dan from Las Vegas, he has a program called "Lt. Dan's 'Wheelcharrier' Program, this program helps disabled vets at Harley Davidson dealerships. (There is a link on our Facebook Page for more information- American Legion Chapter 379 Riders). Our own Joey 'Crash' Cook will be going to Las Vegas February 5th and picking up a truck load of wheelchairs. On February 6, there will be an escorted ride from Henderson, Nevada to Kingman, Arizona. Crash will be delivering Wheelchairs from Nevada to Texas at Harley Davison Dealerships along the way. Then will continue into Oklahoma and Kansas. We are also working with the Post and other Veteran organization to provide wheelchairs for those in need.

On May 2-5 we will be leaving for The Hill Country Run (Ride) this is in the Fredericksburg, Texas area. If you're interested in joining us, please contact us for more info. Rooms are getting scare so get a reservation soon.

Once again on February 2 we will be serving dinner 5:00-7:30, Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, and desert for \$10.

We still have challenge coins available. Don't forget the Yahtzee game. Everyone benefits from the Winnings.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 PM. Feel free to join us and, as always, send your friends who ride to us.

Be Safe, "Ride Your Own Ride"

**Lahonda "Fireball" Meier – Director**  
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## FEBRUARY AT THE POST

**Friday FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>**

SAL Fish Fry \$11

**Entertainment – Justin Hunter**

**Saturday FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Riders Chicken Fried Steak Dinner \$10

**Friday FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup>**

Chicken Enchiladas by Ronnie Mac

**Entertainment – Marcia Rose**

**Saturday FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>**

Auxiliary Valentine Dinner

Prime Rib, Soup, Salad & Dessert

\$25 per person

**Entertainment – Time Paradox**

**Friday FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>**

Auxiliary Ham, Potatoes & Veggie by T - \$10

**Entertainment – Doug & Ben**

**Saturday FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>**

Auxiliary Scholarship - Baked Spaghetti \$10

**Friday FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Dinner to be Determined by Mike Regan

**Entertainment – Karaoke**

## RECURRING EVENTS

**SUNDAY**

Hamburgers 2 UNTIL 4

**TUESDAY**

Taco Tuesday & Karaoke

**WEDNESDAY**

Pool Tournament 7pm

**SATURDAY**

Breakfast 8:30 – 10:30 \$6

Shuffleboard Tournament 2pm

SAL Meat Raffle 2:30

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER KITCHEN PLANNING MEETING

March 24<sup>th</sup> 2019

**NOTE** The dates of March 22, 23, 29 and 30 are available. If your group is interested let see Karen Averett.