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NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I would like to remind everyone that for the year 2019, we have adopted "early voting" from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on June 6th, the day of our Post elections. If you are rushed for time, you can come in during these times and vote on a pre-printed ballot. Afterwards, you are welcome to attend the meeting, but will not be able to vote again. Also, if you are interested in a position on the Executive Board, you need to be "vetted" by the Election Committee before your name can be placed on the ballot.

On April 1st, we will be starting Rock-n-Roll Bingo at the Post. It is a new venture that will be held on Monday nights. Please consult the Post reader board for more details. From what I have been told, it is going to be a lot of fun. We hope that you will mark your calendars and come and enjoy with our fellow family members.

Have you noticed that our new sign is up and looking "great". I would like to extend my appreciation and a big "thank you" to Mike McCrady for the design.

We have started the sign-up for our annual golf tournament slated for May 13th at Riverside Golf Course. There are plenty of spots available and several hole sponsors available. Please see the sheet at the front entrance and come enjoy the fun.

On May 11th, we will be having a "Crawfish Broil" in Mayhon Park. More details will be available soon.

As I close, please remember:
For God and Country and Post #379 Proud!

Bob Roberts – Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies:

Our General Elections will be held on May 2 at our General Membership meeting. I will not be running for President and the National Auxiliary Constitution and By-Laws state that if an Auxiliary Unit doesn't have a President, Secretary and Treasurer the Unit will lose its charter. It would be unfortunate if the largest Auxiliary Unit in Texas lost its charter. If you would like to know what duties are required for a particular position, please get with me and I will share the info with you. We sure need some new faces to become officers of your Auxiliary. Signup sheets have been posted in the bar area.

We will be selling our adult Easter eggs on Friday, April 19, starting at 5:30 p.m. with the proceeds going to our cancer fundraiser. Teka has volunteered to spearhead a children's Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 20 from noon to 3 p.m.

Our Auxiliary will be hosting the meat raffle once a month and we need volunteers to help. Please get with me if you have the time to help.

Our next General Membership meeting will be April 4 at 7 p.m. with the Executive Board meeting at 6 p.m. Hope to see you here.

Theresa Winslow
ALA Unit # 379 President



1ST VICE UPDATE

The membership is 1,282 which is 96.17 % of our goal. We have called members who have NOT renewed membership for 2019, left messages or spoke with some members. Hopefully we will be getting some renewals. During April we will make calls to members who have not renewed in several years. We need volunteers to assist in making the calls.

For God and Country,

Jim Grau - 1st Vice Commander

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Hello, Ladies

As 3rd Vice for the Auxiliary I'm pleased to report we are at 91.85% membership! If you bring in a new member and I am in the Post, please introduce them to me. I want to welcome as many members in person as I possibly can.

Here is an update on the Easter Egg Hunt/Canned Food Drive for the American Legion Post 379. If anyone has plastic eggs or other items they would like to donate please contact me at the Post Sundays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

There will be a Volunteer Meeting on Monday, April 8th at 7pm to stuff eggs and prepare for the event. Please feel free to bring a snack to share and join us for an evening of volunteering.

Easter Egg Hunt Info

Date: Saturday, April 20th time 12pm to 3pm.

We are seeking volunteers and donations of all kinds.

Taka Allen
3rd Vice President

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

March has been a quiet blessing. We only have 2 Post Members on sick call.

Howard Stevens is still in the nursing home arguing with the staph infection he has had for months. Marie would appreciate prayers, calls, and visits for Howard.

Timo is still trying to get his diabetes under control. I have not been to see him for a while-shame on me although he was in great spirits. Just wants calls, visits, prayers and anything else you can think of.

I am totally aware that we all have busy lives. Oddly it seems that the older we become, the busier we get. Seems like it should be the other way around, doesn't it?

We are finishing up our Flag Disposal Ceremony on Saturday April 6 at the Post at 9:00 a.m. We have quite a few left. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Some of these flags are car dealership size and they require about 6 men to get them safely into the fire pit. If you are free the 6th at 9:00 a.m. come and join in. The Honor Guard would appreciate your help.

Speaking of the Honor Guard, we need some additional members. I am mentioning this on behalf of Mike Sivers. He works very hard with buying new equipment, pins, shirts, etc. We sometimes have a difficult time getting 4 members to be available to participate. I know that members schedules clash with H. G. duties. Like I said 4 new bodies would be great. Believe me, if I can do the maneuvers, so can you. Call Mike and talk it over with him.

Like Teddy Roosevelt said, walk softly and carry a big stick.

For God and Country.

God Bless our Troops everywhere.

Craig Smith – Smitty
Chaplain - Post 379

From the desk of the SAL COMMANDER

The April Fish Fry will be on Friday, April 7, 2019. And the cook of the Day will be Terry Bigley.

We are now a 100% squadron for 2019 with 145 members. We are also number 3 in the Detachment (State).

The first Thursday of each month the Squadron is serving Coney Dogs from 5:30 to 7:00 or they are all gone for a donation.

The Squadrons election will be May 9 and a sign-up sheet will be posted soon.

The meat raffle will going on for a few more weeks when we take our summer vacation. The last raffle will be May 11, 2019.

The Sheriff's Department cleaned our Park and property in March.

On a personal side, I would like to thank the American Legion Family for all of the support I was given the past 9 months while I was taking care of Kathy your actions did not go unnoticed. God bless each of you.

Don't forget we are a family, let's support each other.

Our next meeting will be May 9, 2019. 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
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LEGION RIDERS

I would like to thank Joey "Crash" Cook for the time and effort he has put into The Wheelchairer Project delivering Wheelchairs in Texas to the Harley-Davidson dealerships.

Riders were able to bless Bishop Davies Nursing home with 14 wheelchairs donated to us by Dearborn National along with 5 wheelchairs to MHMR Tarrant County Health Clinic, and a few local individual veterans who had a need.

Thank you, Lex "Grumpy" Johnston, for the Ride to Gainesville to the National Gold Star Memorial Monument and lunch, a great time was had by all who were able to attend.

The ALR will be supporting AL Post 624 April 13, participating in their Spring Poker Run. On April 27 we will be supporting the Sikh Riders participating in their annual ride. If you are interested in attending, please feel free to contact me or speak to one of the riders for details.

This month back by popular demand, Chicken Fried Steaks will be on the dinner menu for Friday April 26.

We still have Challenge coins available for \$15.00, please see a Rider officer if you would like to purchase one. Don't forget the Yahtzee game. Everyone benefits from the winnings.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7, at 2pm.

Have a Blessed and Happy Easter.
"HE HAS RISEN"
Be Safe, "Ride Your Own Ride"

Lahonda "Fireball" Meier – Director
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APRIL AT THE POST

Friday April 5th

SAL Fish Fry \$11

Entertainment – Justin Hunter

Saturday April 6th

Dinner – To be Determined

Friday April 12th

Dinner – To be Determined

Entertainment – Marcia Rose

Saturday April 13th

Legion Steak Night \$15

Entertainment – Time Paradox

Friday April 19th

Good Friday – Auxiliary Dinner to be Determined

Easter Eggs for Adults @ 5pm

\$2 Each or 3 for \$5



Entertainment – Doug & Ben

Saturday April 20th

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Afternoon – Sloppy Joes

Friday April 26th

Riders – Chicken Fried Steak \$10

Entertainment – High Tech Rednecks

Saturday April 27th

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.