



American Legion Post 379
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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

My, My, another month has passed. Aren't we having fun!!

The month of May will be starting with a bang. On the 11th, we will be having a "crawfish broil" in Mahon Park, courtesy of Mr. Dan Peters, SAL. On the 13th, we will be having our annual golf tournament at Riverside Golf course, with tee times starting at 8:00 a.m. We are projected to have the next American Legion National Commander in attendance. If you have not done so, please sign up and come join in the fun. After the tournament, we will meet at the Post for trophies, food and more fun.

Now for my urgent plea – we have started Bingo Rock and Roll on Mondays and have gotten decent activities. This has complimented Karaoke on Tuesday night and hamburgers on Sunday. The necessity is that we need volunteers to "step-up" and cook on both nights. It does not have to be nothing fancy. I would appreciate it is somebody (s) would help out the Post.

Also, we need to be more diligent about who and what is being prepared on Friday and Saturday nights. TBA is not an option. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Remember that our Post elections are coming up on June 6th and if you are interested in holding a position, your intentions and qualifications needs to be to the nominating committee by May 1 to be placed on the ballot. Reminder, we are trying "early voting" on June 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.

As I close for now, please remember:
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY and POST #379 PROUD!!!!

Bob Roberts – Post 379 Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies:

I want to thank everyone who came out and helped with our Adult Easter Eggs and our Children's Easter Egg Hunt. The Adult Easter Eggs and dinner earned over \$700 which will go toward cancer research. So far this year we have sent \$15,000 to M. D. Anderson Cancer Research. The Children's Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success! Thank you, Teka Allen, for all of your hard work.

The Legion annual golf tournament will be held at Riverside Golf Course on May 13 and volunteers are needed to help set up for lunch which is being donated by Chick-Fil-A. Let Jim Grau know if you are available.

Our General Elections will be held on May 2 at our General Membership meeting. You will need to present your current membership card to vote. 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 once again participate in putting flags on veterans graves on May 25 and join in the Memorial Day Activities on May 27 at Bluebonnet Cemetery starting at 10 a.m. Again, volunteers are needed to help on both days. Signup sheets will be posted soon.

Our next General Membership meeting will be on May 2 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

We are approximately 25-28 renewals (or new members) from our goal of 1233 members.

Post Elections for the 2019-2020 year will be on June 6th. Early voting in the Post elections will be from 10am until 6pm. Regular voting will be held during the Membership meeting the same day. We are hoping for a good turnout.

The Golf Tournament will be May 13th at Riverside Golf. We are expecting a good turnout.

We still have tickets available for the current gun raffle. The drawing will be held at the Post after the Golf Tournament.

For God and Country,

Jim Grau / 1st Vice Commander

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Sad to report, another fellow Legion member received his final orders. Perry Harrison, an Army retiree, passed on April 9. Perry retired as an E-8 Master Sergeant. He was born December 31, 1950-only 68 years of age. The viewing was held at Forest Ridge Funeral home in Hurst on April 16th with burial at the D/FW National cemetery on Wednesday April 17th. Your Honor Guard provided casket guarding duties at the viewing with 6 members of the Guard participating. The Army provided a firing detail, Flag Folding ceremony and presenting the Flag to Sandy his widow. The eulogy was performed by Dennis Gossett and he presented Sandy a Bible signed by your Commander.

We should be proud of what our Honor Guard does for these fallen heroes and they always represent Legion Post 379 proudly and honorably.

Carol Bay, wife of Chuck Bay passed on 4/24. A Memorial at the post will be conducted on 5/4 @ 12:00 noon. Burial services at D/FW are pending. No additional details are available at this time.

We just celebrated Easter on April 21st. and we all know what Easter is represented. Please let us keep in our hearts and on our minds the families who have lost loved ones this month. Their hearts are broken and in some cases have lost all hope. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers for they now have a huge hole in their hearts and lives which will never be totally healed. We have a responsibility to stand by these survivors of the lost loved ones. I know that all of us have a minute a day to call, say hello, send a card, or whatever is in your heart, to try to help ease their pain of losing a loved one.

I have a feeling that 2019 is going to keep the Honor Guard busy with helping to honor Post 379's ill or fallen. We are always needing additional members so if you have the time and energy, please speak with Mike Sivers.

In Honor of our Fallen Heroes.

For God and Country

Craig Smith – Smitty / Chaplain - Post 379

From the desk of the SAL COMMANDER

Our elections for 2019-2020 will be held on May 7th, at 7 pm. I encourage all SAL and Dual SAL members to attend and vote to let your voice be heard. If you're interested in running for SAL office to let the people hear your voice; the signup sheet is posted. I encourage you to sign up. We can't be stronger if you choose to sit on the sidelines.

The next Fish fry is pm Friday May 3rd with Ronnie Mac as your chef.

Our membership is at 100% of goal. Thank you to all who have renewed or recruited a new member.

We are supporting programs like PTSD of America, Tarrant Food Bank and Veterans Dogs of Houston. We are still looking to support another program or cause. If you would like to leave a note with the bartenders and we will look into your suggestion. We regret to say that the Josh Dog program in the SAL has come to an end. The manufacture is losing money and can no longer support the program.

Congratulations to Michael Allen on wining the gun raffle.

The last meat raffle will be May 11th. We thank everyone who supported this effort.

For God and Country

Terry Bigley / Squadron 379 Commander
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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

We are at 95.8% membership for the Auxiliary! The Easter Egg Hunt/Food Drive went extremely well. I hope we can continue to do it annually. All the kids had fun. Thank you to all the volunteers and those who donated. We were also able to present 6 Stones with a truck full of needed items as well as a check for \$128 from the hot dogs sold at the Egg Hunt.

Teka Allen / Auxiliary Membership - 3rd Vice

LEGION RIDERS

Greetings,

It's the beginning of riding season for ALR, riders are gearing up for their trip to Fredricks burg Tx. for the Annual Hill Country Run May2-5.

Mike and Teka Allen are doing a fabulous job taking over steak night the 2nd Saturday of the month. May 11, 5 to 7 or until they are gone. This month back by popular demand, Chicken Fried Steaks will be on the dinner menu for Friday May 18, 6 to 8 or until they are gone.

We still have Challenge coins available for \$15.00, please see a Rider officer.

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

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19th. at 2pm. We will be holding our annual election of officers. Please sign ballot if you are interested in holding an office for 2019-2020. Ballots are on bulletin board by the restrooms.

Have a Blessed and Happy Mother's Day,

Be Safe, "Ride Your Own Ride"

Lahonda "Fireball" Meier – Director
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In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*



Thank You ...

Eulless Home Depot for the paint donation used to refresh the parking lot bumpers and railings.

MAY AT THE POST

Friday May 3rd

SAL Fish Fry \$11

Entertainment – Justin Hunter

Saturday May 4th

Dinner – To be Determined

Friday May 10th

Chicken Wings by Mike Regan \$10

Entertainment – Marcia Rose

Saturday May 11th

CRAWFISH BOIL

MAHON PARK

1 UNTIL 6PM

Entertainment – Time Paradox

Sunday May 12th

Mother's Day

Friday May 17th

Dinner – To be Determined

Entertainment – Doug & Ben

Saturday May 18th

Riders – Chicken Fried Steak

Friday May 24th

Holiday Weekend – No Dinner

Entertainment – Diamond Duo

Saturday May 25th

Holiday Weekend – No Dinner

Friday May 31st

Auxiliary – Ham, Scalloped Potatoes & Veggie \$10

Entertainment – Proud Country

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.