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NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Post, I hope all had a great Memorial Day weekend and that all took a moment to remember the individuals that made the ultimate sacrifice to make this land the home of the brave and the land of the free. May God forever bless our military!!

I want to send a special "thank you" to the members who put out flags to honor our departed veterans at the local cemeteries and the ones, too numerous to mention, who assisted in the disposal of our used flags. Because of you, we were able to complete the entire task in approximately two hours. It was great to have all the assistance. Also, a very heartfelt thanks to Lloyd for the "hard work" he undertook in tending to the flag pit remains. I know he lost about 10 pounds. Thank you very much, Lloyd.

Also, a special "thank you" to Dan Peters for the crawfish and shrimp broil and for the removal of the trees that were blocking our sign and to Dan Fallon for the new fence around the dumpster. This makes the Post property look great.

A reminder, the Legion Post elections will occur on June 6th. This year, the membership will allow "early voting". If your schedule does not allow your attendance at our regular 7:00 p.m. meeting. You can exercise your right to vote by coming to the Post between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and casting your vote on a preprinted ballot. You will need your current membership card to be able to vote.

Unofficially, I would like to congratulate Jim Grau, 1st Vice Commander and Mike McCrady, Adjutant, for meeting the Post goal of membership. While our records indicate we are approximately 6 over goal, the 12th District Commander stated Department indicates we are 2 members short. I believe that, before the deadline of thirty days before Department convention, we will have

the two members. Either way, they merit a great big "atta boy" for their efforts. Great job Jim and Mike!!!
For God and County and Post 379 Pride

Bob Roberts – Post 379 Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies:

We held our elections for the 2018-2019 calendar year and your Auxiliary Officers for the upcoming year are:

President	Theresa Winslow
1 st Vice President	Judy Davidson
2nd Vice President	Wende Zellmer
3 rd Vice President	Open
Secretary	Sheryl Frydenberg
Treasurer	Suzie McClendon
Chaplain	Sherry Williams
Historian	Kim Decker
Sgt-At-Arms	Leslie Horseman
Executive Board	Molly Coyle
Executive Board	Kathy Dabbs
Executive Board	Open

We have some new faces on our Board and I am excited about the many new thoughts being brought forward.

My very special thanks to all of our members who participated in the Memorial Day Celebration held at Bluebonnet. We had a great turn out and thank goodness it wasn't extremely hot!

I will be holding leadership meetings that will delve into the responsibilities required of each of our officers' positions. If you are interested in attending and learning the various responsibilities please let me know. The first such meeting will be held in September. More info to come.

We will not be having meetings on July 4.

Our next General Membership meeting will be on June 6 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 have met our membership goal. We are a 100% Post!!

Remember early voting Thursday June 7th between 10am and 6pm. Regular voting is at 7pm during our general membership meeting.

June 6th is D-Day.

For God and Country,

Jim Grau
1st Vice Commander

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"Leave your past mistakes in the past where they belong. Live for today. Plan for tomorrow". Try it, it's good for you.

The month of May was busy.

Harless Kizer passed May 24. Celebration of Life is June 2 @ 1:00 P.M. at Texas Star in Euless. All are invited. No alcohol will be permitted. No burial details are available at this time.

Timo Navidopolis and Howard Stevens are both still in rehab and would really appreciate visits, calls, cards and prayers. Let us not forget Marie Stevens, she can use special prayers.

Services were held at DFW National Cemetery for Carol Bay, Chuck's wife on May 17. Your Chaplain was honored to preach the eulogy per Chucks request.

Legion member Phillip Phelps was laid to rest Wednesday, May 29 at DFW National Cemetery. Mr. Phelps was an Air Force veteran. Your Chaplain preached his Eulogy and your Honor Guard folded the flag, fired 4 volleys of 3 rounds each and presented Phillip's mother with the Flag and a Holy Bible.

Your Honor Guard provided Casket Guard duty for Navy Veteran Danny Garrison. Guard members

participating were your Chaplain, Jorge De Jesus, Dennis Gusset, Mike Sivers, Loyd Colgin, and our newest member Eric Starnes. Mr. Garrison was a deep sea Navy Diver for over 7 years.

Your Honor Guard also provided the firing detail on Memorial Day for the celebration at Bluebonnet Hills Cemetery in Colleyville. It was a great turn out, weather was perfect, and all the wreaths were carried and displayed by members of Post 379. All in all, American Legion Post 379 was represented very well. Your Post Commander Bob Roberts led the large number of attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Great Day for our Post. Lots of great exposure to the public.

Another month of loss and sorrow for many families and loved ones. Losing our long-time friends and members is not the ideal life that we would like to live with however, time does and will continue to move on. We must make the best of it.

Try not to focus on what lies dimly at a distance rather. Do what lies clearly at hand. "It is always within our power to change" may never be easy but, it is always just at our fingertips".

For God and Country.

We ask for protection for all of Servicemen and Women who are currently deployed around the world.

Peace Brothers and Sisters.

Craig Smith – Smitty
Chaplain - Post 379

From the desk of the SAL COMMANDER

Commander. After our elections at the May meeting the results are:

Joey Cook	Commander
Terry Bigley	1st Vice Commander
Daniel Peters	2nd Vice Commander
Daniel Fallon	Adjutant
Mike Regan	Finance Officer
Open	Chaplain
Stephen Spalding	Historian
Ronnie Mac	Sgt-at-Arms

Congratulations to all of the officers and I thank each and every one for stepping up.

The current membership is 100% Thanks to everyone who renewed in a timely manner.

I want to thank everyone who participated in our meat raffles. They were a great success and we raised enough monies to support our projects. The meat raffle is now on summer break. We will be starting up again in September. An actual date will be posted at a later date. We have been and will continue to support the Tarrant County Food Bank, Veteran Dogs of America, PTSD of Houston. Our favorite, the JOSH DOGS is no longer a program, the manufacturer is no longer producing them because it is no longer profitable

The June Fish Fry will be on the Friday the 7th, I hope everyone gets a copy of this letter in time, the cook of the Day will be Terry Bigley.

Our next meeting will be June 13, 2019. I would like to see the attendance increase. The parents of our junior members, please bring the young men. We can find jobs for them so they can feel they are a part of the origination. Call me with any questions.

For God and Country

Terry Bigley
Squadron 379 Commander
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LEGION RIDERS

Greetings,

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as Director of Post 379 Riders this past year. I would like to thank those who have supported and made this year a success and give an update on our past projects.

Starting with Red Lion, this was a very large undertaking for us that has a happy ending. The Red Lion Project has been fully funded and is in its final stages of completion. Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in the poker runs, donated, and bought meals.

This year we have had quite a few large projects. Frist would be supporting Jacob Redford with his Eagle Scout Project. This amazing young man organized, raised funds, and donations to bless more than 150 homeless veterans in Fort Worth shelters along with a 4-course meal from a renowned local chef. We were honored to participate in the police escorted caravan to the shelters allowing us to help with the deliveries.

Over the Holidays with the help of women's auxiliary and many generous donations from members and the community we were able to bless many less fortunate families with gifts. Our Christmas Project the 29 Veterans of Bishop Davies Nursing Center, the support with this project was amazing. They were blessed with visits, hats, jackets, warm socks, lap blankets, and more.

We have made national news with our participation in the Wheelchairer Program. This is a dream of a man who goes by the name of Lieutenant Dan who gave us the opportunity to be part of his dream of making wheelchairs available for veterans and others with disabilities at Harley Davidson Dealerships. The Riders are close to completing the States of Texas and Oklahoma along with recognition plaques of Post 379. This program opened the door for more donations of wheelchairs that gave us the opportunity to again bless Bishop Davies Nursing Center with 14 wheelchairs, along with Ft Wort Veterans Clinic, the community and some of our members with a need.

Director	Terry Bigley
Assistant Director	Rob McKay
Adjutant	Cindy Hutchins
Finance Officer	Joey Cook
Road Captain	Lex Johnston
Safety Officer	Art Rutherford
Sergeant at Arms	Mike Allen
Historian	Vickie Rutherford
Chaplain	Lahonda Meier

Upcoming rides

Boy state escort June 9

Benefit for Eve June 22.

Riders will serve Chicken Fried Steak Saturday June 1st 5:00 – 8:00.

Saturday June 8, will be Riders Steak night 5:00 – 8:00

Don't forget the Yahtzee Game. Everyone benefits from the winnings. We still have a few Challenge coins available for \$15.00.

Our next meeting is June 2 at 2:00

Be Safe, "Ride Your Own Ride"

Lahonda "Fireball" Meier – Director
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