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NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

On behalf of Tina and myself, I would like to wish each a very happy fourth of July. If you are traveling, please be careful. If not, come to the Post and enjoy a taste of Ronnie Mac brisket and sides. Lunch is scheduled to start at noon.

We have finished a good year, attaining our goals and commitment to the four pillars of the American Legion. I would like to extend my congratulations to the past Executive Board for all they did. It was a job WELL DONE!! We did make strides in our plans, but are not through. I am looking forward to working with the new Board and our family to continue these. Installation of our family officers will be conducted on July 20th. Mr. Ben DuPree will be installing the Legionnaires. MS Tina Hill will be installing the Auxiliary and I will have the honor to install the Sons and Riders. Our Department Convention will be held during the week of July 11th thru 14th in Irving.

Contrary, to what you may have read on social media, this Post is an "elite" Post. Why, because of you, our members, and your dedication! Because, this is a private club does not take away from the fact that each and every day we strive to adhere to the four pillars and I believe if you read the Post Consolidated Report, you will see that this is true. This is equally the same for the Auxiliary, Sons and Riders. In fact, if it was not for the private club atmosphere and the volunteers who have given their time, we would not be able to place any emphasis on training and programs. I also do not believe there is one "coward" in our Post.

We, still, need for volunteers to assist in providing meals at the Post. This is a way to get our members coming back and allowing you to raise monies for your projects. Please get involved and help us.

In closing, remember for:
God, Country and Post #379 Proud!!

Bob Roberts – Post 379 Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies:

We will be serving lunch on Thursday, July 4th, starting at noon. Ronnie Mac will be cooking brisket and sausage. Sides are requested as well as clean up help.

Our membership year ended on June 30 and we reached 99.34% of our goal. So for 2019 we have 451 Auxiliary members and again are the largest Unit in the great state of Texas. Way to go ladies!

The installation of 2020 officers will be held on July 20 at 1 p.m. Ronnie Mac will again be cooking chicken and sausage. Sides are requested and I will have a sign-up sheet posted.

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.

Our next General Membership meeting will be on August 1 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 Department of Texas Annual Convention is July 10 - 14 in Irving, Texas.

We have been a 100% membership post for the last 3 years!!

The 2020 membership cards are now in the our office for anyone wanting to be an early bird.

we are now in the process of working for 4 straight years for 100% membership!!
we can do that with the help of the membership.

For God and Country,

Jim Grau 1st Vice Commander

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Kind of a quiet month so far. Not much left.

Shirley Klozik, Bill Klozik's wife had outpatient surgery on 6/18/19 at HEB hospital. The procedure went well and they thank all for their prayers.

Karen Averett had wrist surgery mid-month. Surgery was a success and she is home. Prayers please for Ms. Karen.

Robert Horsman's sister Becky passed on 6/17/19.. Graveside services for the family only.

Debbie McKee had shoulder surgery this month. No complications and she is doing just fine. Welcome back Debbie. You definitely were missed on Saturday mornings by all of your customers, fellow veterans, and friends.

As you know, Independence Day is coming soon. This day celebrates basically the end of our servitude to Great Britain. Since then they seemingly have never gotten past that. They tried us again in the War of 1812. This war lasted from 1812-1815 and they went back home empty handed again. James Madison, known as the "Father of the Constitution" was the President during the war. Approximately 15,000 Americans died from the war. Disease was the primary cause of death during the War of 1812. Our service members both men and women, have stepped up when called to defend our freedom and liberties as well as numerous other countries around the world.

July 4 has a special coincidence. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence to become Presidents of the United States, died within 5 hours of each other on July 4 1826. 5 years later, the next former US President to die was James Monroe, who also passed on July 4, 1831.

This month, most Americans are celebrating the founding of our country. Flags are flying, Veterans are marching in parades, families are gathering, and fireworks fill the night skies. We do this to show appreciation for our American citizenship and to honor those who sacrificed to provide our freedoms.

We love our country and our liberties which we sometimes take for granted.....Let freedom ring-forever.

Craig Smith – Smitty Chaplain - Post 379

From the desk of the SAL COMMANDER

Congratulations to all of the new officers and I thank each and every one for stepping up. We now have to show the new officers the same respect you showed me.

The 2019 membership was 100%. It is time to start the 2020 membership year. Let's get our dues paid early and beat the rush late in the year.

The meat raffle is on summer break. More on that in the upcoming months.

The July Fish Fry will be on the Friday the 5th. I hope everyone gets a copy of this letter in time, the cook of the Day will be Ronnie Mac.

The installation of all new officers will be July 6 at 5:00 pm. The Department Convention is July 10 to July 14 in Irving.

Our next meeting will be July 11, 2019. I would like to see the attendance increase. To 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.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S SADDLEBAG

Hello everybody. This is the first of a few articles from your new Riders Director.

We will be careering on most of our project and looking for some new ones.

Don't forget Riders Steak Night. The first Saturday of each month. This month July is on the 6th.

We will also be having Chicken fried steak on July 26. Our next meeting will be July 7, 2019 2:00pm. I hope to see you there.

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