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## **NEWSLETTER**

**December 2019**

### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

On behalf of the Post, we hope you had a very Happy Thanksgiving and enjoyed the holiday. We, also, want to take the opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and safe New Years. If you have no plans for New Year's eve, we would like to invite you, family, friends and guests to the Post. It will be Casino night with a band, food and, of course, black-eyed peas at midnight. If you have other plans, please be safe and careful.

We want to extend our sympathies to Past Department Commander Herb Odell on the passing of his wife, Marian. Also, to Darla Scholl on the passing of her husband, David. Arrangements for both will be December 2. Additional details on posted on the Wade Funeral website. Our prayers are with each with an open invitation to the Post, whenever they want to come.

In closing, we, again, want to wish each and all a happy and safe Christmas and New Years.

For God, Country and Post #379 Pride.

**Bob Roberts – Post 379 Commander**  
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### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello Ladies:

THANK YOU.....to all of our American Legion Family members who helped with and participated in the annual bake sale on November 23, 2019. We raised over \$500 which will pay for one girl to go to Girls' State. For those of you who don't know what Girls' State is, it is an opportunity for high school senior girls to go to Sequin for one week in June and learn how our government works. Judy, as usual you did an outstanding job.

The Toys for Tots run will be held on December 14, 2019 from 10 to 4. Please bring unwrapped new toys down from now to December 14th.

Your Auxiliary has scholarships available for family members. Applications must be turned in to the Post by January 15, 2020, to be eligible for a spring semester scholarship. Applications are available at the Post.

December 31 is the last day to pay your 2020 dues. Our dues remain at \$35.00 and you can leave your payment with the bartender. We pay for all of our juniors and I am in the process of getting those done.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....Your Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance on February 14, 2020. More info to follow. Our next General Membership meeting will be on January 2, 2020, at 7 p.m. with the Executive Board meeting at 6 p.m. Hope to see you here.

**Theresa Winslow**  
**ALA Unit # 379 President**  
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### **From the desk of the SAL COMMANDER**

Greetings Post Family! Squadron 379 had another highly successful month and it is my pleasure to share the results of our hard work and the fruit of our labor to you all.

Our membership goal for 2019-2020 is 145 members, but I would like to see us hit at least 150 members for the year. Our membership currently sits at 114. It takes new members to help strengthen our Squadron. And please remember Legionnaires – if your father or grandfather served, you are eligible to be a "dual member" and your yearly dues for the SAL would only be \$10.

Our Meat Raffle is back and is just as popular as ever. Please keep in mind that on December 14th, we will be doing 2 for 1 spins for Christmas Turkeys so thanks in advance for your support. Additionally, the Auxiliary will be conducting the Meat Raffle on December 21st and they will be doing 2 for 1 spins for Christmas Hams. Please come on out as this money helps support our programs.

We now have seven organizations that we make monthly donations to so things are going very strong in that

regard. We are working the PTSD Service Dog Program, the Equestrian Program in Roanoke and the Euless Police Association just to name a few. Toys For Tots will be held this month as well so please come on out and support this worthwhile cause by donating a new unwrapped toy for a needy child this Holiday Season.

Gisela's German Night was a HUGE success as we sold 48 meals. Thanks to everyone who came out to support us! The December Fish Fry will take place this month on Friday the 6th. It is all you can eat for \$11 as usual. Please come on out and support your local Squadron!

Sadly, we had to discipline one of our members for his conduct in our post. I want to remind everyone that strong language, loudness, vulgarities, or drunken behavior of any kind will not be tolerated in our post. We are family and must be respectful of one another. Additionally, new members are visiting and joining all of the time and this is not the message we want them to receive as far as how we conduct ourselves. Let's all work together to make Post 379 not only warm and welcoming, but the friendliest Post in the State of Texas.

Our next meeting will be December 12, 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.

**Joey Cook - Squadron 379 Commander**  
**817.891.8774**

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## **RIDER NEWS**

Happy Holidays Post,

We would like to thank all who came out to support the Bad Ass Chili Challenge. Thank you to our Judges. Mike Regan 12 District Commander, Glenn Moore Post 516 Commander, Sean Fay Bedford Fire Chief, Caleb Fay Bedford Fire Department, Wes Rhodes Euless Fire Department, Gary Landers Euless Assistant Police Chief, and Mike Brown Euless Police Chief. A shout out to Joe Tucker for the music and entertainment. Thank You Rob "Rob Dawg" McKay for Hosting as MC you did a great job.

We had 12 participants this year. Prizes went to the top 3 Chefs, 1st prize was Rane Hayden, 2nd Tony "Chief" Spalding, and 3rd Ronnie "Mac" McClendon. Special mention to Joey "Crash" Cook for once again the HOTTEST Chili, 2 years running. Through your Support we raised \$650.00. the proceeds will fund a meal and goodie bags for the Patriot House, Liberty House, and Presbyterian Shelter.

November 22, Chicken Fried Steak night raised \$350.00, proceeds to be donated to DFW Wreaths Across America. To be held December 14, 11am at DFW National Cemetery. If you would like to learn more, donate, or

volunteer, there is a link on our Facebook page. (American Legion Chapter 379 Riders)

November 24, Riders Participated in the Coat Ride. With 11 Riders in attendance, the support of the Post and Women's Auxiliary, we provided 28 Coats /Hoodies to Texas Schools for Children in need.

We will be participating in The Texas Toy Run on December 8. More info. Will be available following our December 1, meeting. Please watch the board for details.

Please keep our Director Terry Bigley in your thought and prayer for his healing and recovery from heart related issues. Also, the Allen family during this time, their son Parker will undergo surgery December 2, for the removal of a tumor on his kidney.

**Riders Meeting December 1 @2.** December 14th Riders steak night, December 27 Chicken Fried Steak

## **Holiday Prayer**

Heavenly Father, Christmas -time is a blessed season of the year as we remember the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in a stable in Bethlehem, and how we thank You for giving Your only begotten Son to be born into this world... so that by His death and resurrection, He could become our Savior, and we could become Your children.

We thank You for the wonderful hope that the Christmas message instills into each of our hearts, and the glorious message of the gospel of peace-peace with God to all Who believe in His name and the peace with God for all who have become Your children.

Help us to never minimize the importance of that time. Lord thank You from the bottoms of our hearts for all Your goodness, grace, and for Loving us. So that we might be identified with Your righteousness. Praise Your Holy Name. Amen

Remember the Reason for the Season, Have a Safe and Blessed Holiday,

**Lahonda " Fireball" Cook Chaplain**  
**Chapter 379 Riders**

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**TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION DAY**  
**Saturday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**



## AMERICANISM

Dear Legionnaires,

First, I would like to thank those that have helped us this year in making the Americanism group a very worthwhile effort at the Post. Our Vice Commander, Mr. Jim Grau helped us this year in connecting with several of the High Schools in promoting both the Boys State and the Oratorical Scholarship Programs. This Quarter, we visited with the High School Counselors at Colleyville Heritage, Covenant Christian, Grapevine High, Grapevine Faith, Trinity HS, LD Bell, Treetops and Harmony Science Academy.

The Boys State Program continues to be the most popular Scholarship event. Students who look for an academic challenge and an opportunity to gain scholarship funds, the Oratorical Program is a great option. Students learn about our country's Constitution in a contest that has been held by the American Legion for more than 80 years. Baseball and Junior Shooting are two other programs that continue to draw interest.

In regards to the Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout organizations that Post 379 sponsor, the Eagle Scout Project for Scout Logan Woosley was completed on 16 November. At your convenience, please visit the Flag Retirement area and see what a professional and badly needed project gave our flag retirement area such an improvement.

The Scout Pack conducted a folding flag event at the Post and presented it to MS Eileen Polen and Gio Vinco. Thank you so much Eileen and Gio for your participation of the flag folding event. It meant a lot to the Scouts!



Those of you that would like to work with us in the Post 379 Americanism team, please contact me directly at [rjsanta@tx.rr.com](mailto:rjsanta@tx.rr.com).

With best regards,

**Raymond J Santa Americanism Chairman**

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Howard Stevens passed away after a lengthy illness. Your Honor Guard provided casket guards on 11/9 at Forest Ridge Funeral Home. On 11/10, a Post Everlasting Ceremony was held in Proctor hall in honor of Howard to a standing room only crowd-a very honorable tribute. For those of you who attended, myself, Marie, and the family thank you on Howard's behalf.

Terry Bigley entered HEB hospital on 11/13 with heart problems. They used a dye during one of his tests which impacted some chemical readings on his liver so they kept him for a couple of extra days. He was discharged on the 18th and felt good. They are going to install a pacemaker at a later date when the test results are more favorable. Also a stint will be installed. Terry was again admitted on the 28th. I will be visiting him on the 29th for more details. Visitors are always welcome.

Josie Teal had shoulder at Alliance Medical Center and is healing fine at her daughters.

Dan Burger passed away at Legends rehab on 11/17 from numerous complications. Please keep Michelle and their family in your prayers. Services will be held sometime in January.

David Scholl passed away in mid November. Services will be held on Dec 2 @12:30 at Wade Funeral Home in Arlington. Address is 4140 W. Pioneer Parkway. At procession to D/FW national will follow at 2:30. Your honor guard will be participating at both services. Please include the family in your prayers.

A wonderful Thanksgiving meal was provided at the post on the afternoon of November 28th. A good turnout and the chow was great. If you missed it, we will do it again in 2020 so plan ahead.

I pray everyday that all the silliness and killing that is going on in many parts of the world will miraculously stop. And, someday it will. It will stop by the hand of the Almighty One. No questions asked and no prisoners taken. That day may be today, next week, or Christmas. Who knows? Please be ready.

Please have a safe and wonderful December.

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