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## **NEWSLETTER**

**January 2020**

### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

On behalf of the Post, we are hoping that each of you had a very joyous and Merry Christmas. I wish to thank all for the Christmas gifts. You went overboard and did a great job. On behalf of Tina, we wish to apologize for not being at the party, but at the time, neither of us was feeling very joyous and we thank you for your condolences.

With the coming of the new year, Post elections will be in a short while. You need to start thinking of how you can help the Post. We have a membership goal and need approximately 300 members to attain this goal. So, please, recruit one member and help us reach it.

We hope that you like the improvements being made to the Post and am looking for your ideas to see what else that can be done. If you have any thoughts, please see me or any of the officers.

There will be no Executive or General Membership meetings in January.

In closing, we would like to wish each and everyone a very prosperous and Happy New Year. If you are traveling, please be safe.

For God, Country and Post #379 Pride.

**Bob Roberts – Post 379 Commander**  
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*"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on to them to do the same."* Ronald Reagan

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello Ladies:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has a wonderful year.

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. If they are not paid by December 31 you will be denied admission to the Post on January 1, 2020. Our dues remain at \$35.00 and you can leave your payment with the bartender.

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 February 6th, 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! S.A.L. 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 147 members, but I would like to see us hit at least 150 members for the year. Our membership currently sits at 137. We are just ten members short of our yearly goal and we expect to

reach that number by the end of 2019. 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 come on out on Saturday's at 2:30 PM and support us 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. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported our Toys for Tots Drive as it was a huge success as always.

The January Fish Fry will take place this month on Friday the 3rd. It is all you can eat for \$11 as usual. Please come on out and support your local Squadron!

Our next meeting will be January 9, 2020. 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**

Greetings Post,

We are looking forward to what the New Year will bring. We are starting January off collecting items for goody bags for the Patriot House, Liberty, and Presbyterian Shelter. Items such as hygiene products (travel size), rain ponchos, socks, gloves, and snack items will be appreciated. We will be delivering the bags and a hot meal mid-February date TBD.

Rides for the month are TBD.

Next Riders meeting is Sunday January 5, @ 2:00.

Steak night will be January 11, 5:30-8

Chicken Fried Steak January 24, 5:30-8

Lahonda and Tillie will be Serving Beef Enchiladas January 31, 5:30-8

We ask that you keep the Bigley family and the Allen families in your thoughts and Prayers. Terry Bigley is not

doing well and is suffering from severe heart issues. The Allen's son Parker had surgery in December. He is home and doing well, the tumor removed was malignant. His prognosis is favorable, although he will need a treatment plan over the next year.

### **New Year's Prayer**

Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed. May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Amen

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

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## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

"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. Leave the past mistakes in the past where they belong. Live for today and plan for tomorrow – and laugh a lot. Try it, it is good for you.

As we think about the past month, December 7 was Pearl Harbor Day. On the morning of the 7th, 78 years ago the attack began with 353 aircraft. Over 3000 men were lost that day in the harbor. 4 battleships were sunk although all but 1 were raised and returned to service. The U.S.S. Arizona is now a National Cemetery resting on the sea floor with 1177 sailors entombed within her hull. If you haven't been to the Arizona Memorial, I suggest you go. It will make you realize the sacrifices that were made during WW11.

Terry Bigley is back in the hospital with numerous problems although it seems that the Doctors are finally getting a handle on his issues. He will probably be in HEB room 224 for at least another week. The Doctors are sure they found the cause of his infection and will take care of that soon. Caution abounds. Terry passed on a request. He wants to see more of his buddies from the Post. So far his diet has included exclusively, ice chips and what looks like to me little green suckers (actually they are lemon flavored swabs). Anyway, visitors please. Keep your eyes on the Sick Call board for updates. **Bigley update from his daughter Michelle. They have gotten him up**

and into a recliner and he is watching football. He is ready to eat but no food allowed due to Pneumonia and aspiration problems.

Joey Cook's Aunt, Virginia Tusa passed away in late December at the age of 80. She was interred at D/FW Nat. Cemetery on Friday December 27. Your Chaplain was proud to have conducted her eulogy for a large crowd of relatives and friends. Her husband of 62 years, James survives with wonderful memories with over 6 decades with his beloved Virginia.

Please keep our homeless vets in your hearts. Especially this time of the year. It is not their fault that they are homeless. The Master is at work for these Vets but sometimes it just doesn't seem fast enough. Please include them in your prayers to find suitable employment. They want to be productive citizens. I cannot fathom their embarrassment, shame, loss of pride and dignity that is their norm now-24/7. All of us have had a "hands up" once or twice in our careers and lives so let's all reach deep down inside as we are starting a new year and do what we can for our brothers and sisters..."**the forgotten Veteran**".

A thought from your Chaplain. Our Ladies who are members of the Post never get enough kind words and appreciation especially during the holidays more often than not are taken for granted. So in this New Year let's make an effort to show our appreciation for all the decorations for each holiday, cooking, and hard work behind the scenes around the Post.

As we say goodbye to the past year and decade and face the first day of the New Year and the next decade let all of us simply try to do better. Enough said!

Have a healthy, wealthy, safe, and blessed year.

For God and Country

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



## **2020 AUXILIARY VALENTINE / SWEETHEART DINNER & DANCE**

**Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>**

### **MENU:**

Soup  
Salad  
Prime Rib & Potatoes  
Dessert

### **Reservations**

**\$25.00 Per Person (in advance)**  
A limit of 50 reservations are available

Seating begins at 6:00 pm  
Serving begins at 6:30 pm

**Entertainment by Doug & Ben**  
**8pm until Midnight**

Deadline for Reservation is  
Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>

