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NEWSLETTER

February 2020

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

My how this year is starting to fly by. With the holidays in the past, we hope all had an enjoyable and safe time, it is time to get back to work on our programs, Post and membership. We need approximately 250 members to reach our goal. We are asking you to be diligent in recruiting new members and your help in attaining our goal.

On behalf of the Post, my appreciation for all who attended Terry Bigley's Post Everlasting. It was an outstanding attendance for a great Legionnaire. A reminder, we will have Dan's memorial on February 1st and Tony's on February 8th. Tony's memorial will be family only, at the request of the family. Food will be provided after the services of both. Also, I am very proud of our Honor Guard and the professional appearance they present. These individuals are a key asset of our Post and you should give each a very big "atta-boy" for the work they have done. From the bottom of my heart, a special thank you, Honor Guard members!!!

On February 23rd at 10:00 a.m., I am requesting that the kitchen be shut down and volunteers present to have a kitchen GI party. If you have worked there, you know that it needs a thorough cleaning. I am asking for volunteers to help get the kitchen in shape.

On February 2nd at 5:30 p.m., we will be hosting the Super Bowl at the Post. The Post will be providing sandwiches for your viewing pleasure.

As a close, please remember:
For God, Country and Post #379 Pride.

Bob Roberts – Post 379 Commander
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February 17th

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies:

Our Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance will be on Friday, February 14, 2020, with dinner being served starting at 6:30 p.m. Our menu will be salad, pot roast, vegetables and C.C.'s dessert for \$11.00. Reservations are not required. Doug and Ben will be entertaining us starting at 8:00 p.m.

Anne Harrington will be our chef for the Mardi Gras dinner on February 28th. We will have a handmade mask contest with prizes given for 1st and 2nd place. Come out and enjoy the fun!

The Auxiliary elections for the 2020 – 2021 year will be held on May 7th. If you are interested in running for an office but don't know what each office's responsibilities are please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to fill you in on what is expected of each office.

I am happy to tell you that your Auxiliary was able to award three \$500 scholarships to three grandchildren of our Auxiliary and Legion members. Your participation in our various activities allowed this to happen. Thank you.

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 member and I am extremely pleased to announce that we met our goal for the year already as we currently sit at 147 members. 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 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 Eules Police Association just to name a few.

The February Fish Fry will take place this month on Friday the 7th. It is all you can eat for \$11 as usual. Please come on out and support your local Squadron!

Our next meeting will be March 12, 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
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RIDER NEWS

Greetings Post,

We are all deeply sadden by the loss of our Director, Terry Bigley. Terry was a valued member of both the American Legion Riders and the American Legion Organization as a whole. He will be missed by all.

During the month of February, we will be visiting and delivering toy to Children's Medical Center Dallas.

We will continue collecting items for the Patriot House, Liberty House, and Presbyterian Shelter. Items needed, new men's clothing, hygiene products (travel size), rain ponchos, socks, gloves, and snack items. We will be delivering a hot meal and the men's clothing on February 22 to the Liberty House. The Patriot House and Presbyterian Night Shelter will be delivered in March date TBD.

Rides TBD @ Feb 2, meeting.

Next Riders meeting is Sunday February 2. @2:00

Steak night will be February 8, 5:30-8
Chicken Fried Steak February 21, 5:30-8

Lahonda " Fireball" Cook Chaplain
Chapter 379 Riders

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A tough loss this month. Terry Bigley, a great friend to many and a terrific patriot passed away on Monday January 13. He had been in HEB Hospital for many. His viewing was held on January 23rd at Greenwood Chapel with services on the 24th and burial at D/FW National

cemetery. A wonderful crowd was in attendance and a line of vehicles close to 2 miles long followed the awesome NTX Patriot Guard and Post 379 Riders to the cemetery for his burial service. A Post Everlasting was held on the 25th

February is also going to be busy. Saturday February 1, at 1:00 p.m. there'll be a Post Everlasting ceremony conducted for Dan Burger. Saturday February 8 at 1:00 pm there will be a Post Everlasting ceremony held for McDebs brother, John Daniel (Danny). Your attendance at both functions would be greatly appreciated by the families and the Post.

The three above mentioned men served their country when called with distinction and honor. Their families shall miss them until they meet again in Paradise with their Maker. Honor them always.

"My brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil days, and having all, to stand!" Ephesians 6:10.

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 2 Corinthians 2:14-15.

In many countries, they are trying a new pilot project for people that are lonely and depressed and feel that they have no one to talk to. It is called the Friendship Bench project. I might add that it has proved to be quite successful. People who are perhaps lonely and in despair and feel that they have no one to talk to can go there and find someone that will actually listen and talk with them. 379 has a bench. Right inside the entry door. In fact 379 is a Friendship Bench in and of itself. We are noted throughout the state as the friendliest Post in the state. Come in. I guarantee that there will be someone ready to listen and talk. Just like when we first entered the service, wishing that we were back home in our comfortable beds we soon found a stranger to talk with and listen to.

None of us know when we wake up whether that it will be our last day on Earth. Step out and touch a stranger or a friend in need. You will reap a great reward for your effort. Let's use every minute we have to better ourselves, our families, our community, our Nation, and our Post.

Do you read me loud and clear?
Over and Out

Craig Smith – Smitty
Chaplain - Post 379