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NEWSLETTER

March 2020

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Another month has quickly faded away and we are approaching the end of our year. This is the time to start thinking about running for an office in your Post. I would like to encourage you to get a copy of the Officer's manual and see each position's duties and consider adding your expertise to the Board. The 2nd Vice Commander duties has been expanded to include more social media reporting, i.e. signs update, Facebook, etc.

The month of March is starting to fill up to. On February 29th, we will have a flag retirement ceremony starting at 9:00 a.m. It will be a sunny day, so please make plans to attend. On March 14th, we will have Post Everlasting for Ken Butler at 1:00 p.m. On March 21st and 22nd, I have rescheduled the kitchen clean up. We will be moving all appliances, power washing and painting. I am asking for volunteers to be on hand to assist.

After reviewing the kitchen cooking schedule over the past several months, I have noticed a trend in the lack of volunteers to cook meals on the weekend and instead are relying on the bar menu. A reminder this was not the intent of developing the bar menu. If this continues, I will ask the Executive Board to lease the kitchen for weekend meals to accommodate our members, families and guest.

As I have said before, I welcome your thoughts and or ideas to make our Post even better.

For God, Country and Post #379 Pride.

Bob Roberts – Post 379 Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Our Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance was a huge success and we thank everyone who participated and helped.

If you haven't renewed your 2020 membership, please do so as soon as possible. There will be the 12th District Coffee Tour starting at our Post at 7:00 a.m. on March 14th and I would like to have as many renewals and/or new members as possible ready to hand over to our 12th District President.

As everyone knows, we have had several Post Everlasting ceremonies over the past month and I would like to thank all of our Auxiliary members who were kind enough to bring food down for the after ceremonies gatherings. It was very much appreciated by the families.

We will be selling Adult Easter eggs on Good Friday, April 10. More info to follow.

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 will have the signup sheet posted in March.

Our next General Membership meeting will be on March 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Theresa Winslow
ALA Unit # 379 President
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Legion Membership Update

Our membership is 1,188, our goal is 1,366. We are at 87% (.8696%) Our goal for March 11th is 90%. We are barley holding our own. The last 178 members of our renewals or new members is going to be a real challenge.

We need our members to help retain our goal. Roll up sleeves and each member bring in one new member.

For God and Country

Jim Grau - 1st Vice Commander

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 and our membership currently sits at 150. Thanks to our members for ensuring we met our membership goal for 2019-2020. 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.

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.

Speaking of programs, the Victory Therapy Center (Equestrian Program) wrote a very nice letter of thanks to our Squadron for our monthly donations in their February Newsletter. Copies of this are on the bulletin board between the restrooms so please take a moment and read this awesome article as it is always nice to be recognized for what we do in the community to help our veterans.

The March 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!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, 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

We are all deeply saddened 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. As a result of his passing, we conducted an emergency election for the position of Director. I will be taking over as Director for the remainder of the year and I am honored to do so.

On February 22nd we delivered a meal to the Liberty House along with all of the clothing items that were donated by members of our Post. We want to send a special word of thanks to everyone who donated.

This leads us to our next charitable cause which will take place on Saturday, March 7th. On that date we will be delivering a meal to the Patriot House. Once again, we would appreciate your generous donations of lightly used men's clothing for that shelter as well. We will continue collecting items for the Patriot House. Items needed, new men's clothing, rain ponchos, socks, gloves, and snack items.

Rides TBD @ March 1st meeting.

Next Riders meeting is Sunday, March 1. @ 2:00

Steak night will be March 14th, 5:30-8 Chicken Fried Steak will be March 27th 21, 5:30-8

Joey “Crash” Cook, ALR Director
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Well February flew by and we were very busy with Post Everlastings and funerals.

On February 1 we conducted a Post Everlasting ceremony for our friend Dan Burger. Dan was a Navy veteran reaching the rank of E-7 during his career. He was well liked by his co-workers, many of whom attended his

service at the city park that he and his employees built. The Post Everlasting ceremony in Proctor Hall was pretty much standing room only, a great tribute to our friend.

We also conducted a Post Everlasting ceremony for Mr. Danny Martinez-McDebs brother. Mr. Martinez was a Marine veteran. He was a member of 379 for a number of years. The ceremony was also well attended by many and a meal was served.

Your Honor Guard once again performed flawlessly at a Flag raising ceremony in Hurst late February and a Flag burning ceremony is scheduled on March 1. Many flags to dispose of so come one come all.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives his power to the weak, And to those who have no might, He increases strength.

Therefore, let this who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy-meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you always.

None of us Veterans are getting any younger obviously. One older Soldier once said "When I die, do not play Taps over my grave. Instead play Reveille, the morning call--The Summons to arise".

And finally, Douglas MacArthur said to both houses of Congress, "Us old soldiers don't die, we just slowly fade away".

Let us be kind to one another like we want to be treated. Life is too short to add to the misery of other people. As Bob Dylan once sang "The times they are a-changing.

Peace my friends.

Craig Smith – Smitty
Chaplain - Post 379

HAPPENING IN MARCH

Friday March 6th

Bar Menu Noon until 2pm
SAL Fish Fry \$11

Entertainment: Rough Creek

Saturday March 7th

No Dinner /No Entertainment

Friday March 13th

Chicken Alfredo \$10

Entertainment: Marcia Rose

Saturday March 14th

Bar Menu Noon until 2pm
Riders Steak Night @15

Entertainment: Justin Hunter

Friday March 20th

Chicken Enchiladas \$10

Entertainment: Doug & Ben

Saturday March 21st

40 & 8 "Tailgate Party"
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
Noon until 6pm / No Charge

Entertainment: Rough Creek

Friday March 27th

Riders chicken Fried Steak \$10

Entertainment: Back Beats Band

Saturday March 28th

Bar Menu Noon until 2pm

No Dinner / No Entertainment

PRIMARY ELECTIONS 2020



TUESDAY MARCH 3RD