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NEWSLETTER

December 2020

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

My fellow Legionnaires and family,

Another month has passed us by and we are one month away from leaving the year 2020 in the dust. But the COVID-19 is not going away any time soon. If you have been watching the news, the prognosis is not looking good. Judge Whitley has extended the mask ruling to February 28, 2021 and at the last count, the hospital count is at 20%. If you remember, Governor Abbott stated that if the count is 15% or more for seven straight days, then he will close the State again. If this happens, we will continue to have "take-out" at the Post. I am hoping that this does not happen.

On a happier note, Tina and I hope that each of you had a very enjoyable and blessed Thanksgiving day.

Based on current events, I have decided not to have an Executive Board or General Membership meeting on December 4th. A decision on the remaining December events, i.e. Officer's Christmas Party and New Year's Eve will be determined at a later date, but I am not optimistic that we will be able to have these either. Please read the Facebook page or emails.

We have had several cases of the COVID-19 from Post members and/or family. We are hoping for a speedy recovery for each and every one. From all indications, it appears everyone is being diligent in complying with the State mandates. But remember, to please continue wearing the face masks, washing your hands and the 6 foot distance.

Also, it is getting the time when we need to start thinking about our Post elections. If you are interested in holding a Position, see me or Mike McCrady, Adjutant, to see what a particular position requires. We are also in the process

of having a Post Financial audit done and, hopefully, the results will be out soon.

Until we meet again, remember
FOR GOD COUNTRY and POST 379 PROUD.

Bob Roberts – Post 379 Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies

Season's Greetings to everyone. November was a busy month for the Auxiliary. Our early bird was held Saturday, November 14. Thanks to all that have renewed membership for 2021 and were able to attend and enjoy their free adult beverage. Lunch was delicious with contributions of sides and desserts generously donated by the Auxiliary. Thank you for your contributions.

Our Annual Bake Sale was Saturday, November 21. A big thank you to Carol Cantrell for spear heading in Judy Davidson's absence. Also many thanks to Suzie and Erin for giving a helping hand during the day and clean up later. Judy generously offered for proceeds to go toward Cancer Research this year. Thank you Judy!! With the great baked goods on display we were able to make \$609 that afternoon. Again many thanks for your support and generosity.

Thanksgiving dinner was served Thursday, November 26 at the Post. The table set with turkey and dressing, ham, with a variety of delicious side dishes and topped off with desserts. A big thank you to all who were able to contribute a dish as well and help serve and clean up. An enjoyable time and many blessings felt amongst those in attendance while practicing social distancing and our masks as necessary.

The Auxiliary is sponsoring a family of six this year at Christmas. Our family this year is for a family of six with an 85 year old army veteran of the Korean War and his wife raising four of their grand kids. Theresa Winslow is heading this project up, so please reach out to her with any questions.

Dates to remember:

Saturday, December 12th, Toys 4 Tots being coordinated by Judy Davidson. Time is 10-4 with lunch provided for all volunteers. Please take advantage of the donation box that is available inside the front lobby doors to drop your donations.

Thursday, December 17, NO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AND NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

May everyone stay safe and have a blessed holiday season.

Sheryl Frydenberg – Unit President
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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Ladies, I have mailed out all of the membership renewals that have paid as well as the over 75'ers which your Auxiliary pays for. As of now we are at 80% of our goal of 400 members. Just a reminder, if your 2021 dues are not paid by December 31, 2020, you will not be allowed to buy drinks at the bar.

We have set up an Angle Tree with the names of a Korean Veteran, his wife and their four grandchildren that they are raising. Please help us help this family this year. Monetary donations are also being accepted to help provide them with a Christmas Dinner.

Theresa Winslow
Auxiliary 3rd Vice President

From the desk of the SAL COMMANDER

Greetings Post Family!

Squadron 379 has weathered the pandemic, the reopening, the second wave of the pandemic and the second shutdown yet here we are still standing. To refresh your memory, here are the results of our last elections and here are your 2020-2021

Officers: Commander – Joey Cook, 1st Vice Commander – David Owens, 2nd Vice Commander – Michael Allen, Finance – Charlie Gardea, Adjutant – Daniel Fallon, Sergeant at Arms – Ronnie McClendon, and Historian and Chaplain are open for the moment. If you know of any of our members who would be suitable fits for these positions, please let me know and also please congratulate these officers when you see them as they all work hard for our post.

Catfish Fry is back in all its glory on the first Friday of the month! This month we will be serving catfish on Friday, December 4th.

Our new membership drive began on July 1st and our goal for the year is 152 and we currently sit at 110 members so we will once again be pushing to meet our quota for the year. We have not been working our programs due to the COVID shutdown but that is slowly changing. As a result, we are tentatively looking at restarting our weekly meat raffle after the New Year.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7 PM. I would like to see the attendance increase. Call me with any questions.

Joey Cook - Squadron 379 Commander
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RIDER NEWS

Greetings Post Family! Chapter 379 has been rocking and rolling along. I sincerely hope everyone is staying safe during these trying times.

The Riders were able to receive and distribute 68 coats for the Kids 4 Coats Drive on extremely short notice. Thank you to Kegs N Mugs, Teka Allen and everyone else who made this annual event a huge success.

We have been back to cooking our normal schedule. As for December, we are solely scheduled to cook our World Famous Chicken Fried Steak Dinner on Friday, December 11th from 5:30 – 8:30 for a cost of \$10. This might be cancelled so be on the lookout for updates.

Additionally, the Riders will not be conducting a meeting this month..

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello everyone. November flew by didn't it. We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving, however you celebrated it. Ours was quiet. I picked up two fine meals from the Post which we enjoyed immensely. And then watched the hometown football team. Enough about the hometown boys.

Jose Hinohosa passed away in late November. Services were held at Bluebonnett Cemetery on Saturday November 28.

Don Hollowell passed on the 27th of November. Don was a long time member of 379 and will be sorely missed. No funeral details are available at this time.

Ray Santa is still dealing with some health issues. His surgery was in early November so he is ready to be released and get back to normal. Prayers are welcome and appreciated.

Dennis and Edie Gossett tested positive for Covid 19 last week. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers during their quarantine days. Give them a call. Don't let them feel forgotten or that they have been put on the back burner.

On December 7, 1941, the Japanese Navy sent over 200 planes to attack Pearl Harbor. Major damage was incurred on many battle ships and smaller vessels. The Arizona was sunk as well as many others. Luckily all aircraft carriers were out to sea on maneuvers and were saved from the holocaust. The loss of life and the suffering incurred on that day will forever be etched in our minds. During WWII, over 500,000 U.S. service men and women died. On June 6, 1944, the Allied forces invaded Europe. This is more commonly known as D Day. Those who died were either drafted or volunteered for duty. Regardless, their lives were lost forever never to be forgotten. Because of the fortitude, strength, determination, and bravery we in this country are able to live in a free and sovereign nation where freedom is guaranteed by the Constitution.

Monday is December 1 already. Let us all continue to wear our masks for virus protection. Please be careful during your shopping trips, eating out, or visiting friends to wear that mask. No one knows how long this Pandemic is going to last. The news media tells us that the vaccines are coming. At this time no one knows, not even the scientists how long the Pandemic will last. Even with the vaccines, how long it will take for everyone that is responsive to the vaccines to be vaccinated? It will take months and months for everyone to receive the injections.

Christmas is celebrated for the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ. Without that I think that the world as we now know

it would be in much worse condition than it is now. Yes I know that there are armed conflicts in many parts of the world now. Even in the U.S. there're protests and rioting still going on in many of the big cities. Anarchy by some can only lead to trouble for many.

Keep in mind the "reason for the season". I hope that we can all enjoy a happy, joyous, celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25th.

The Savior suffered torture humiliation, and tremendous pain prior to his conviction and sentencing all for our benefit. At least for those who believe in his teachings. "He who believes in Me shall have everlasting life". Treat all others as you wish to be treated. No matter what the situation. Actually, if you read and follow the Ten Commandments you can stay on track.

This long ongoing Pandemic has and is testing all of us. It has tested the best of friendships and relationships. Even the strongest willed people are starting to see cracks in their determination and resolve to stay strong, even tempered, and patient. All of us need to continue looking inside ourselves and rely on our faith, our families, and our circle of friends however small or large it might be. Remember to reach out and stay connected. Please don't isolate yourself for that is not healthy for mind or spirit. NO MAN IS AN ISLAND.

As members of American Legion Post # 379 let all of us not go through one day without doing some good deed for someone. Please think about your decision very carefully to gather together for festivities during this season's celebrations. We all must consider the risks involved. I know we are all very weary and so tired of being told when and where we can go. If you decide it is a must for you to leave your safe and comfortable "bubble" please follow the protocols for your safety and others. BE SAFE AND BE WELL!!!!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,

PEACE BE UPON YOU

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

CHAPLAIN SMITTH
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