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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As is usual the case, the month of May is coming in with a flurry. First, on behalf of Post #379, I would like to wish all our mothers a very happy Mother's Day. A lot of us would be completely lost without you.

A reminder our General Membership meeting on the first Thursday of May will be the last time that you can "come off the floor" for a Post position. After being vetted by Jim Grau, 1st Vice Commander, you will be placed on the ballot. Only the ones that have been vetted will be allowed on the ballot. On the first Thursday in June, you, with your membership card, will be allowed early voting from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We are still in need of members, so be aware of anybody who have served and invite them to the Post.

I have scheduled a flag retirement service on May 15th. We have an over-abundance, as usual, of flags that need to be retired. Any volunteers would be appreciated.

We are starting to see a pre-COVID19 attendance back into the Post. I believe with the vaccine shots having been taken, our members are feeling "comfortable" coming back. For this, I am thankful. We are having a lot of new members coming in and it is great seeing and talking to each of them. On behalf of the Post, thank you for your service and thank you for being a member!!!!

Congratulations to the Ladies Auxiliary for another successful "Cancer Research" day in the month of April. With a tip of my hat, they did a super job again. More importantly, thank you to all, who donated whether in their time and/or pocket!!!! Another example of the Post family coming together as one.

Another reminder, Jeff and Debbie McKee will be doing Legion Steak night on the first Saturday in May. I wish to invite all to come and enjoy their cooking. We also need

volunteers to "step-up" and cook. The more that we have the less that you will have to cook. Please give it your consideration.

As of now, I will close as I am getting close to my last article, but for now please remember:

But, please remember:
FOR GOD COUNTRY and POST 379 PROUD.

Bob Roberts – Post 379 Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies

Greetings Auxiliary Members. It was so good to see such a great turn out for our second part of Cancer Research Benefit April 9-11, 2021. The weather once again was good to us and people were able to visit with each other in a more relaxing manner than in October. Our "poppers" once again were a big success raising over \$850 on Sunday. Also, the awesome "booze basket" graciously donated by an anonymous individual raised \$1900. Many thanks to everyone that was able to volunteer in any capacity; as well as those who were able to support us through bar sales, to go dinners as well as dining in, basket donations, items for our live auction and of course the many tickets sold throughout the weekend. My personal thank you to the SAL and Riders for their generous donations and Commander, Mike McCrady and the bartenders for cooking up Bobs Burgers and serving adult beverages for all to enjoy. Ronnie Mac flipped Texas sized pancakes Sunday morning that are always a hit. Italian night and Mexican night dinners brought in a crowd both evenings. Again Post 379 worked as a family to make this benefit a huge success. When donations and expenses are finalized, we hope to send a check to Department in the amount of \$15,000 for cancer research programs at

M.D.Anderson in Houston to be used for student grants of \$5000 each.

Girls State is once again being held virtually. Judy Davidson has spent hours checking applications and interviewing the most qualified girls to attend this event. Through preparing and serving countless meals throughout the year, enough money was raised to sponsor 9 students this year.

Theresa Winslow has remained busy throughout the year handling membership again. Even with COVID-19 challenges she has done a bang up job. We are on a race to meet our goal of 400 Auxiliary memberships. Today we are less than ten people from our goal. Please talk it up and help us meet our goal. There's still time.

AUXILIARY ELECTIONS TO BE HELD THURSDAY, MAY 20TH 7:00 PM PROCTOR HALL

The sign up sheet is on display inside the front door. Please consider a position and join us at the meeting. Your membership must be current and membership card shown at meeting that evening to be eligible to vote.

Please continue to check the calendar for events and what is on the menu each day along with daily specials. This is a great way to help each entity raise money to sponsor great causes and have good fellowship with members and visitors as well.

Thanks and remember:
Service not Self

Sheryl Frydenberg – Unit President
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From the desk of the SAL COMMANDER

Greetings Post Family! We will be conducting elections at our May meeting in order to elect new officers for the 2021-2022 year.

Catfish Fry is back in all its glory on the first Friday of the month! This month we will be serving catfish on Friday, May 7th and the same rules apply as always.

Our Membership Goal for the year is 152 and we have met that goal. Great job to everyone involved in recruiting new and existing members! We have not been working our programs due to the COVID shutdown but that is slowly changing. The Saturday Meat Raffle has resumed with five rolls per Saturday. We are looking to increase

that to the usual ten but we need everyone's help in increasing Post attendance.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7 PM. I would like to see the attendance increase. Once again, we will be conducting elections that night. Call me with any questions.

Joey Cook - Squadron 379 Commander
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RIDER NEWS

Greetings Post Family! Riding season is rapidly approaching. Chapter 379 had been rocking and rolling along. I sincerely hope everyone is staying safe during these trying times.

We have been back to cooking our normal schedule. As for May, we are solely scheduled to cook our World Famous Chicken Fried Steak Dinner on Friday, May 28th from 5:30 – 8:30 for a cost of \$10.

One of our Riders had some family members who suffered a house fire and, unfortunately, lost everything in the blaze. As a result, we are conducting a Benefit Poker Run on Saturday, May 15, 2021 that will start and stop at Post 379. Please mark your calendars and come out for this worthwhile event and lend your support to one of our own. For more information, look for our flyer on the video screen behind the bar.

Additionally, the next Riders meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 7th at 20:00 – the same night as the SAL fish fry so I look forward to seeing a packed house so we can make some money for our post. We will be conducting our annual elections that night as well.

"Ride Safe and Keep the Rubber Side Down.

Joey "Crash" Cook, ALR Director
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER†

Well ladies and gentlemen the month of April just flew by as usual.

Within 2 weeks we will have added 7 new wall tags on the honor board just inside our front door. Those gentlemen are:

Patrick Hinde	Larry Vogl	David Scholl	Ron Mick
Dan Burger	Ken Butler	R.B. Paine, Jr	

Two wonderful holidays are coming up in May. Mothers Day on May 9 and Memorial Day on May 31.

As Mother's Day approaches, I'm reminded of the myriad of emotions each of us experiences on the day set aside to honor mothers. Yes, on Mother's Day the spectrum of emotions runs deep and wide based on our past and present relationships with our own mothers, our children, or those that haunt us most... the relationships we wish we'd had. But despite it all, we know whose son or daughter we are. Thank you ladies one and all. There are hundreds of mothers across this country who are also Veterans--thank them twice. Many are still active duty. At this point, I want to stop and pay tribute and state my utmost respect for all of our brave and courageous female veterans in Post 379 who have served admirably in the U.S, armed forces while either being a mother, becoming a mother, wife, aunt, foster mother or later on experiencing the joy of being a grandmother.

My late mother in law was known far and wide for 'doing the best she could with what she had to work with'. This statement best describes the life of a female veteran who is also a mother. She like most mothers in our memories didn't have the use of the Internet with an answer for all of life's questions at her fingertips. The mothers in our memories for the most part didn't had to make do with what they had. There were no Walmart or favorite supermarkets that they could dash off to and pick up what they needed, Or even better order on line on Amazon and sometimes get it delivered to her door on the same day!!! Sometimes we don't do a great job showing our moms or mother figures in our lives our appreciation. If your mother is still alive, think past a Hallmark card or a gift. What can you do to spread joy into her life and share the love of Jesus?

"Father God, thank you for the wisdom of generations of Mothers since you created the very first one. Thank you for your love and amazing grace revealed through those who came before us and those who will come after.

I'd like to end this tribute to the hood (motherhood) with encouragement to continue diligently praying for your children and grandchildren. "Pour out your heart like water

before the face of the Lord. Lift up your hands toward Him for the life off your young children. Lam. 2:19 NKJV

Memorial Day-May 31 is a holiday that used to be known as Decoration Day. Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who served and died while in the military service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize to veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. We might consider how we can support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones left behind.

In days gone past grandparents and parents would grab up the kids early in the day and visit cemeteries where loved ones were buried. Thus... Decoration Day. By placing flowers and bouquets on tombstones for those who had went before them this taught respect to the younger children. Along the way flags were put at Veterans gravesite to also teach the younger generation the respect and honor due to those who served their country.

Many days it was an all day outing with picnics and entertainment for all in attendance. Both Dolores and I can remember this annual pilgrimage with all the kin packed into their cars in a convoy going from cemetery to cemetery.

One big issue that I haven't addressed that after a long, long time period due to the shutdown caused by the virus...Covid 19 is that TEXAS is open for business, friendships and most of all open to restoring ourselves and moving forward.

Our POST 379 by the Grace of our Loving Father has survived all the misery and suffering from the last year plus. One hardship after another has forced anyone of us at one point or another during the shutdown to question our strength and courage to be able to continue to exist. We endured whether it be mental, emotional, physical, and even for some -financial burdens became almost unbearable; but because we are a big family, a strong family we survived.

Ladies and Gents... even in our loneliest of times we helped each other by way of an electronic device, a phone call, or from "6 feet away". we remained a strong unit. POST 379 is OPEN- lets get back to what we do best, helping each other. After all, we are the number one American Legion Post in the State of Texas .See y'all Soon.....

Heavenly Father, we can do everything through Christ who gives us strength. Phil 4:13

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