



The American Legion
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NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Family,

Congratulations to the newest members of our team! Rich Wiltshire is our new First Vice Commander and George Eckart is our new Finance Officer. We are still looking for a Vice Chaplain to assist Chaplain Smitty. If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested, please send them my way.

For the last two years, we reached approximately 86% of our Department assigned goal of 1,366 members. As the second largest post in Texas, I am going to need your help if we plan to reach 100% this year. This is a formal call to arms! If you know of any Veteran who served honorably after December 7th, 1941, please send them our way or YOU may sign them up yourself using one of the membership applications located in the admin office or behind the canteen. Signing up online will place new members in the Texas holding post which will not link them to Post 379 and also means that we will not receive credit for their membership. Over the last two months, I have personally signed up nine Legionaries. So, I know without a doubt that you can find at least one honorably discharged Veteran to join our ranks to help us support the four pillars of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. New members can actively support the four pillars by joining one of our many post committees or they may passively support by simply becoming an annual member for \$36.

The next flag retirement ceremony is Saturday, October 15th at 8am. Since we have over 800 flags to retire, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

The next kitchen meeting is Sunday, October 16th at 1pm. During the meeting, I'll introduce the new Kitchen Manager, Jimmy Jam, and his Vice and wife, Ira Fox. We will plan the meals and entertainment for November and those who want to cook beyond November may assign themselves the dates and times that they would like to use the kitchen.

In the next few days, the Building & Grounds team, headed by Kenny Mings, will start to beautify Proctor Hall. If you are interested in helping them, please let myself, ALA President Frydenberg or SAL Commander Gardea know so that they can point you in the right direction.

See you in a few days at our annual Cancer Research Benefit events or at the Legion membership meeting on the 6th!

Respectfully...

Joseph Campbell - Post 379 Commander

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CHAPLAIN SMITTY

Hello October. Fall is here. Cooler days and nights. Pots and pots of chili will be served at gatherings. Texas football rules. Halloween is coming so let us all do our best to make it a fun and safe time for all the kiddos both small and "large". Our Post once again will be having our annual Halloween party.

As of this posting we as our Post family only have two members that have recently been very ill. I am very happy to report that both John Petit and CeeCee Cantrell, are recovering and doing much better.

Two members passed in September.

Jack Winslow passed on 9/1/22. Jack was a fine gentleman, loyal member to our Post, and a member in good standing.

Past Commander Phil Rasnick passed on 9/18/22. Phil was a former Commander serving 2008-2009. Phil was a loyal member of our Post, true patriot and a member in good standing.

Please pray for the families in their time of grief.

The loss of a loved one can be a shocking and desperate time, whether it was sudden or foreseen. Losing someone you love is a long and winding journey. Grief is unpredictable and can feel extremely lonely. It is important in times of mourning and sadness to recall the truth of GOD'S love and faithfulness.

I find myself crying out to you day and night. You calm my soul even as I turn my heart to you. May I long for you as the deer longs for streams of water. May I thirst for you even as the tears flood my face. Psalm 42:1-3. AMEN.

As veterans and members of our Post, we all adhere to several ideals that unite us. Utmost is our patriotism to our country. All of us adhere to the dedication and continuity of our great Post.

The American Legion was created in 1919 and was chartered by Congress. Over its hundred plus years, our bylaws have been changed over and over but one concept has remained the same...continuity. All members are volunteers and give selflessly of their time and resources. We are a patriotic organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. Continuity has remained the same in our great organization all our years since our charter and inception in 1919 and for this we give thanks.

As we recently saw time after time for 10 days on TV in Great Britain, one of our closest Allies...service and dedication to ones country is paramount in the success of the country's survival. Queen Elizabeth II, the longest living Monarch in history who reigned just over 70 years was the epitome of true dedication of service to one's country. Here in our great Nation, we too have and have had countless examples of bravery, true patriotism, dedication, and service to our great nation. Our cemeteries are filled with countless numbers of patriots. Our lives are filled with everyday Americans that are Veterans and patriots that don't outwardly demand a pat on the back or applause. Their reward is in just knowing that they served and defended their country well.

None of us know as we are aging when we will have more days, months, or years or whether it will be our last day on Earth. Step out and touch stranger or a friend in need. Pay it forward with your kindnesses and resources and you will reap great rewards for your efforts. Let us use every minute we have to better ourselves, our families, our community, our Nation, and our great Post.

Our Father and our GOD, we pray that in this period of crisis in our world that the Holy Spirit will use it to remind us of our need of THEE and we pray that if our relationship is not right with you that we'll make it right through Jesus Christ our Lord who came to die on the cross because he loved us. For we ask it in his name. AMEN.

Remember, as your Chaplain my door is always to you.

For God and Country

Chaplain Smitty—Post 379

AUXILIARY NEWS

Fall greetings to everyone. The weather is slowly changing to cooler weather and football and other fall activities are in full swing across the Metroplex.

My deep appreciation to everyone that was able to join us for the Cancer Research Benefit. Your continued support through volunteering, donations of money as well as baskets, gift cards and auction items made this event possible. The total amount raised is being counted at printing. The countless hours of volunteer hours it takes to plan any event is worth the effort when seeing how much enjoyment folks have each year. Many thanks again.

Membership is taking off for the 2023 year. Michelle Birkett is busy preparing letters, cards and mailings for renewed and new members at this time. We would appreciate any updates you might need to make such as change of address, phone number, an email address and your date of birth. Folks are working on updating records and trying to establish a way to reach out to members easily. Please consider this to be kept update with our programs, fundraisers and general information for our Post and Auxiliary alike.

The car/truck/bike show held earlier in the year was enjoyed by many. We collectively worked on this project and was able to send a check for \$5000 to Patriot Paws for Veterans and be able to name a dog. The name chosen is "BEDFORD". Another big thank you to Kim Payne for chairing and everyone that worked hard to make this event a success. We would love to add this organization to our list of annual event fundraisers.

Halloween is just around the corner. Please make plans to join us Saturday, October 29th for a "howling good" evening of live entertainment, dancing, cold adult beverages and good folks to fellowship with. Dinner will be goulash with bread and dessert starting at 6pm. A costume contest with cash prizes will be done. Dress up, come down and have a fun evening. Time to be posted soon.

DATE TO REMEMBER:

Auxiliary general membership meeting: Thursday, October 20 at 7 pm. Exec Board meets at 6pm

Please plan to attend our meetings. They are an excellent way to know what is happening within our Auxiliary on all levels from local up to National. This past month we were honored to have four of our sponsored young ladies that attended Girls State, one of which was elected to represent Texas at National Girls State, spend time sharing their experiences. Photos, stories and lots of laughter was enjoyed by everyone present. It was so nice to hear their feelings what this honor meant to them. Also, thank you to everyone who enjoyed the meals cooked, bake sale and other activities to raise the money needed to sponsor and send these fine ladies to Seguin each year. Judy Davidson does a fine job chairing this program and with the help of others we are to have good representation for our unit/post each year.

For Service not Self

Sheryl B. Frydenberg - Unit 379 President
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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"You must LOVE the LORD your GOD with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength, and all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

BUDDY CHECK-IN- September we set up a BOX for a good old fashioned DEPLOYED CARE PACKAGE.

A \$100.00 in monetary and gifts were donated. We bought snackS: smoked oysters, beef jerky along with a variety of interesting snacks. Plus, great suggestions of Bibles, inspirational notes and crosswords were added. The final touches of the package were the handmade pictures from the Family Corner done by kiddos during our 1st Annual Car Show. Then a signed Halloween card with a BONUS (American Legion POST #379 Souvenir decorative coin) from American Legion Family #379.

If you know of an Active #379 American Legion Family Member that is deployed or his/her squadron, let an Executive Officer know. We would love to send another care - package out before the holidays or in the Spring 2023. ♥

Let us continue to pray, call and/or send cards to our homebound, hospital and/or recovering hearts for POST #379 Family!! PLEASE reach out to let us know how we can support you!

What is BUDDY CHECK in?

<https://www.legion.org/buddycheck/about>
The Buddy Check program was launched in March 2019 as a "comradeship campaign "to encourage posts to reach out to veterans in their areas – members, former members and others – to see what The American Legion could do for them."

OCTOBER--> ROCK on Sheryl and crew for the CANCER AWARENESS!!

For God ... Country

Diane—Unit 379 Chaplain

SAL NEWS

September was a fairly good month for SAL Squadron 379. Both dinners and the Meat Raffle were successful.

Speaking of the upcoming Meat Raffles ... October 1st, 8th and 22nd will be sponsored by the SAL. The Auxiliary will host the one on the 15th and the Riders will do the same on the 5th Saturday of the month which will be on the 29th of October. Your continued support for our Organizations helps support the charities that each one of us donate monies to. THANK YOU !!!

The SAL Monthly Fish Fry will be on Friday October 7th and will be prepared by SAL Member Ronnie McClendon and company.

Our General Membership meeting will be on Thursday October 13th at 7 pm and we will meet every other month thereafter, which means we will next meet on December the 8th, February 9th and April 13th 2023. In all likelihood we will meet in May since that is when Elections are normally done.

Currently our Membership Early Bird Drive a third of the way with 51 paid members. We are hopeful that within the next few weeks our numbers will increase.

We will be finalizing our plans and commitment to the Annual Gun Raffle which will be taking place in the next few months. Stay tuned for upcoming information and date.

If you are a SAL Member and would like to volunteer to serve as an Officer, several positions are open and posted on the Bulletin Board.

One shouldn't have to make this request but ... please keep in mind that this is a Post that we should all be proud of for our Members, Family and Guests. At all times we should be respectful of each other and ...as the posted signs indicate ... PROFANITY IS FORBIDDEN !!! Please refrain from using profanity at any time and anyplace while on Post property.

Last but not least, if you know of anyone who could use a Buddy Check or just someone to talk to, do not hesitate to contact the SAL Chaplain, Fredrick James (817)480-6005.

Thank You All for our continued success .



For God ... Country ... and Post 379

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Calendar of Events
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[Facebook: groups/hebtbpost379](https://www.facebook.com/hebtbpost379)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 am - Midnight	10 am - Midnight	10 am - Midnight	10 am - Midnight	10 am - Midnight	10 am - Midnight Bands 7 pm - 11 pm Dinners Served: 6:00-8:00 pm	10 am - Midnight Bands 7 pm - 11 pm Dinners Served: 6:00-8:00 pm
						
2 9-12 am Pancake Breakfast - Steve Vincent and Libby McBurnett 1-3 pm Legion Meal: Bud's Burgers Mike McCrady 2 pm ALR Membership Meeting 4 pm Basket Drawing/Auction	3	4	5 6-9 pm Karaoke 6-7:30 pm Judy Davidson Cooking	6 6 pm Legion Executive Meeting 7 pm Legion Membership Meeting	7 SAL Meal: Fish Fry - Ronnie Mac Music: Justin Hunter Band	8 2 pm Shuffleboard SAL Meat Raffle Legion Meal: BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches - Jimmy Jam Music: Marcia Rose
9	10 Columbus Day Indigenous People's Day	11 11-2 pm Texas Hold'em	12 6-9 pm Karaoke 6-7:30 pm Judy Davidson Cooking	13  7 pm SAL Membership Meeting	14 ALA Meal: Chicken, Spaghetti and Garlic Bread Judy Davidson Music: Mystic Moonlight	15 8 am Flag Retirement Ceremony 2 pm Shuffleboard ALA Meat Raffle SAL Meal: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Pasta Salad and BBQ Beans - Ben Apodaca Music: Break Till Friday Band
16 1 pm Kitchen Meeting	17	18	19 6-9 pm Karaoke 6-7:30 pm Judy Davidson Cooking	20 6 pm ALA Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm ALA Meeting	21 ALA Meal: Soup and Salad Bar - Judy Davidson Music: Back Beats Band	22 2 pm Shuffleboard SAL Meat Raffle ALR Meal: Chicken Fried Steak - Lahonda Cook Music: Trinity River Ramblers
23	24	25	26 6-9 pm Karaoke 6-7:30 pm Judy Davidson Cooking	27 7 pm Marine Corps League	28 Meal: Beef Stroganoff and Salad - Mark Willoughby Music: Doug & Ben	29 2 pm Shuffleboard ALR Meat Raffle ALA Meal: Goulash - Sheryl Frydenberg 7 pm Halloween Party Music: Brand Stinson Band
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