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NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Season's Greetings Family,

Please join me in congratulating Mike Sivers for being elected as our new Post Adjutant. Although he has been on the job for a about a month, he is already performing in an exceptional manner.

During the next general membership meeting on Thursday, December 1st, we will receive an update on the membership directed forensic audit. In addition, we will elect another member to the Committee-at-large. At this time candidates are Larry Burks, Jeff Kaiser, Dee McIntosh, Mike Regan and Steve Strickert.

Our next flag retirement is Friday, December 2nd at 10am followed by our annual Toys-for-Tots drive on Saturday, December 10th from 10am to 4pm.

The post will close early at 6pm on Sunday, December 11th and we will finally renovate Proctor Hall the 14th and 15th.

The next kitchen meeting is on Sunday, December 18th at 1pm. So, please come prepared with the meals that you want to cook and the dates that you want to cook those meals during the January through March timeframe.

We remain 10% behind on membership. So, please talk to those who allowed their membership to expire and those who honorably served any time after December 7th 1941. Membership dues can now be paid online by visiting the post website and scrolling down to the bottom of the page. Payment methods include PayPal, Venmo and Cash App.

Respectfully...

Joseph Campbell - Post 379 Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Holiday greetings to everyone. I do hope y'all had a pleasant and safe Thanksgiving. We all may be a few pounds heavier, but it's that time of year. The Annual Bake Sale was held November 19th to benefit Girls State. The goodies were beautiful and the live auction was a huge success. This event raised over \$1100. Thanks to everyone for donating baked goods and attending the event clearing our tables of delicious treats enjoyed by many.

Annual Marine Corps Toys 4 Tots Drive – Saturday, December 10th from 10-4. This is an exciting time to come together to help youths of all ages. A signup sheet will be close to the front door for volunteers to help during the day. Lunch is provided for all volunteers working the event. New unwrapped toys and/or gift cards for ages 0-18 are greatly needed. Please don't forget the teenagers. Check the stores and online now for the best deals. Monetary donations are secured and given directly to the Marines on hand for our event day. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

Mark your calendar for New Year's Eve party, Saturday, December 31st. Dog and Ben will be our live entertainment. Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite "snack" to share since there is no dinner served that night. As always, a big pot of good ole "dressed up" black eyed peas along with cornbread will be served at midnight.

There will be NO executive or general membership meeting in December.

Best Wishes, Be Blessed, Be Kind and stay safe during the upcoming weeks.

For Service not Self

Sheryl Frydenberg - Unit 379 President
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FROM THE SAL COMMANDER

Hoping and Praying that everyone had a pleasant Thanksgiving, spent with family and friends.

Unfortunately, as of 11/21 there were approximately 35 unsold tickets for the SAL Gun Raffle. To those who have already purchased tickets, we thank you and appreciate your contribution and support. In order for this event to be successful we are in need to sell the remainder of these tickets (100 total) to offset the purchase price as well as replenishing our monies to continue to support our monthly donations to various organizations. Your continued patience and participation in the gun raffle is very much welcomed and needed.

Currently our Membership goal is at (+/-) 50%. If you haven't renewed as of yet, please consider doing so by December. Prospective new members are always welcomed and encouraged!!!

December 2nd would normally be our regularly scheduled Fish Fry, but with the anticipated colder weather upon us and the uncertainty of having the kitchen fryers replaced and operational by then, we will have an Enchilada Casserole dinner with beans and a dessert instead, prepared by Ronnie McClendon and company.

In closing, one can only hope that the AL Riders had a successful Coats for Kids fundraiser which was held on 11/27. The SAL supports this program by giving a monetary donation. Also, please remember and take note that the AL Auxiliary is preparing and accepting donations for their Toys for Tots program set for Saturday December 10th 10 am - 4 pm. This is another program that the SAL supports by giving a monetary donation. Please give generously - make someone's Christmas extra Special.

The SAL wishes each one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year!!!

"May the Miracles of Christmas fill your heart with wonder and joy."

Sincerely,

Carlos Gardea - Squadron 379 Commander
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RIDER NEWS

November and December are historically a busy time of year for organized motorcycle associations and ALR 379 is no exception. Here are a few events that we are primarily focused on and any help or contribution given is deeply appreciated.

Coats for Kids Ride on 27 November. Weather permitting, we will be riding from the post to North Central Texas College in Corinth for staging. At 11:00 am the event will proceed to The Truckyard in the Colony where the coats will be handed over for distribution throughout local school districts to children in need. Anyone interested in donating can contact an ALR officer or member.

The Legion Auxiliary has graciously donated \$1000 to the ALR to put towards the Coats for Kids Drive. In addition to the coats the ALR will donate, we will also give a monetary donation so that the organization can purchase any shortfalls that may exist.

Tickets are currently on sale for a raffle that the ALR has dubbed as a "Holiday Date Night". The flyer below gives the pertinent details. The drawing will be on 10 December and the event taking place on 17 December. I will notify the winner and details/times line will be discussed then.

I have personally taken this Holiday Light Flight twice and each time was an experience that I hope to never forget. The ALR's desire is that the winners have a wonderful experience also.

Happy Holidays!

Glynn "Gunner" Olsen - Chapter 379 Director
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CHAPLIN'S CORNER

Hello everyone. November flew by very quickly didn't it? We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving this year as this was the first year to be together since the pandemic started. Most all felt it was safe once again to celebrate with their family and friends. A huge Thanksgiving meal was prepared and served November 24th at the Post. Once again, this year our doors were open to all Veterans and their families. A get together with great food, great conversations, and the feeling of camaraderie was shared by all that attended. This annual event draws many to our Post each year not only for a great meal but often

for many a way to spend time with other Veterans and others.

After having travel shut down for so long and not being able to hold celebrations with our families, most are intent on spending this year's holidays with their families and thinking that there are very few risks to our health out there. Just last week during a physical with my Dr. He warned me that there is an abnormal amount of flu going around. He advised me to be cautious while being around others. I urge you to do the same.

I am very saddened to report that Gary Schuff a longtime member of our Post of Ardmore, OK passed away in late November. He is survived by Glenda, his wife and was the step father of Christine Roberts. Our condolences and prayers go out to his family and friends. We are also sad to report that we have several among us that are facing some serious health challenges. I ask you to lift up the following gentlemen along with their loved ones in prayer: Steve Hutchison, Mike Regan, Dennis Gossett, and Ray Santa.

December is upon us and sadly this year we saw Christmas decorations going up in the stores before Halloween. The commercialization of Christmas will soon be starting before September at the rate it is moving now. We are bombarded everywhere we look whether it be in person or on TV with 20, 30, all the way up to 75% off just to entice us to spend more than what we need to. Moreover, and more, this year we need to get back to celebrating Christmas. Christmas is celebrated for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Without that, I think that the world as we know it would be in much worse condition than it is now. All too sadly and shocking it seems our daily news is permeated with one savage killing and murder after another. With all the breakdown of respect for human life, it becomes harder and harder to find a reason to celebrate. Let us try to remember the "reason for the season" this month of December. I hope that we can all enjoy a happy and joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25th.

On December 7, 1941, the Japanese Navy sent over 200 planes to attack Pearl Harbor. Major damage was incurred on many battleships and smaller vessels. The battleship Arizona, was sunk as well as many others. The loss of life and suffering incurred will forever be in our minds. This heinous attack on the United States was the catalyst that drew us into WW2. During WW2 over half a million US servicemen and women died. On June 6, 1944 Allied forces from around the world invaded Europe. This date in history 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. As Veterans and Veterans families, we must all pray that this unthinkable tragedy may never happen again.

As we move into the last month of the year, December - our minds and hearts go to scripture and we read and reread the story of the birth of JESUS CHRIST...GODS gift to mankind.

May this Christmas bring happiness into our homes, peace within our lives and Jesus into our hearts. Help us remember this season is about the birth of your Son and his love for us. We ask for you to humble our hearts and bless us this Christmas. AMEN.

After Christmas is over, wrapping paper and bows picked up and thrown away, items returned to stores that didn't work out for whatever reason and we all vow to never eat that much again...our minds start thinking about the new year to come. January 1, 2023 is a chance to start anew for all of us and we will get together to celebrate the new year coming in and heralding the celebration of a year gone by and a new year starting with festivities all around. We will make our resolutions and hope we stick to them this year.

Let's all work very hard in this coming year to come together and make our Post 379 the #1 in the state. If we all work very hard and pull together...I think we have got a great chance. If we work together as a team-it can happen.

LORD, YOU make all things new. YOU bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank YOU for this new year and for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame...so that in our time, many will see the wonders of GOD and live forever to praise Your glorious name. AMEN.

Dolores and I wish you and your family the best of holidays this year. May you all have good health and be safe through the holidays and year end.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Peace be upon you.

For GOD and country,

Pastor Smitty - Post 379 Chaplain
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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

"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, On Sunday, November 6, 2022 in HONOR of Veteran's month; Michele Burger and I adventured out to visit our local Veterans to deliver care packages. The care packages were inspired by our ALA Family Member TEE with her massive puzzle donation. Sweets, handwritten letters with drawings from our Legion children were added to the care packages. Off we went to share hugs, prayers, smiles and love on behalf of our American Legion#379 Family. Our adventure was a huge Tarrant County loop. Initial drop off was at the Patriot's House in Fort Worth. Then we moved to Haltom City for a few drop offs with our WWII Veteran, heading out of HC we stopped by the infamous Stagecoach (I might have to come back and stay awhile to learn a few new dance moves? 🍷) where we surprised a female Navy Veteran with her care package. Looping back around to three Assisted Living Homes, meeting for the first time our own renowned Former Auxiliary Chaplin Ms. Marie. She was waiting for us at the door all because Ms. Jean Ross notified her we were on our way. What great team work!! Wrapping up our journey, we stopped off to say "Hi" to "Killer" Deb Kay's husband. Michele said he is doing very well speaking better than expected. Woohoo, along with background stories from Michele, laughter and life reality talks, we made it back home with our #379 Family.

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 ALL continue to pray, call and/or send cards to our homebound, hospital and/or recovering hearts of our American Legion Post #379 Family!! Or if you need support or care PLEASE reach out to your American Legion Family, so we can love you well.

Holidays can be tough for those that have lost loved ones or are alone. Loneliness can rear its head in different ways. Please let us be cognitive and sensitive to hearts.

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you

and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."

Isaiah 41:10

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."

DECEMBER, Friday the 9th, Birthday Benefit- "Who walked in these BOOTS?" Details will be coming soon!! 🍷 All proceeds go towards BUDDY-CHECK IN - American Legion Auxiliary Unit #379 🍷

Continuing to be humbled,



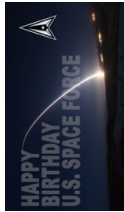
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 am - Midnight	10 am - Midnight	10 am - Midnight	10 am - Midnight	10 am - Midnight Bands 7 pm - 11 pm Dinners Served: 6:00-8:00 pm	10 am - Midnight Bands 7 pm - 11 pm Dinners Served: 6:00-8:00 pm	10 am - Midnight Bands 7 pm - 11 pm Dinners Served: 6:00-8:00 pm
						
4 2 pm ALR Membership Meeting	5	6	7  6-9 pm Karaoke 6-7:30 pm Judy Davidson Cooking	8 7 pm SAL Membership Meeting	9 10 am Flag Retirement SAL Meal: Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Refried Beans and Dessert - Ronnie Mac Music: Justin Hunter	10 10 am-4 pm Toys for Tots 2 pm Shuffleboard 6pm ALR Raffle Drawing SAL Meal: Chili, Cornbread and Dessert - Libby McBurnett Music: Marcia Rose
11 Post Closes at 6pm	12	13 11-2 pm Texas Hold'em	14 6-9 pm Karaoke 6-7:30 pm Judy Davidson Cooking	15 6:30 pm Armed Forces Bowl 7 pm Marine Corps League	16 ALA Meal: Beef Stroganoff Casserole, Garlic Bread and Dessert - Judy Davidson Music: Back Beats	17 2 pm Shuffleboard ALR Raffle Prize Awarded ALR Meal: Chicken Fried Steak - Glynn "Gunner" Olsen Music: Diamond Duo
18 1 pm Kitchen Meeting	19	20 	21 6-9 pm Karaoke	22 6:30 pm Armed Forces Bowl 7 pm Marine Corps League	23 No Meal Scheduled Music: Trinity River Ramblers	24 2 pm Shuffleboard No Meal Scheduled No Music Scheduled
25 Post Closed	26	27	28 6-9 pm Karaoke	29	30 No Meal Scheduled Music: Broke Till Friday	31 2 pm Shuffleboard 7 pm ALL bring snacks to share - No Meal Scheduled Music: Doug and Ben 12 am Black Eyed Peas and Cornbread