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## **NEWSLETTER**

**JANUARY 2023**

### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year Family!

A new year means new beginnings. That said, during 2023 you can help me make the post better by focusing on M&M...membership and mentorship. We are currently 14% behind on membership or roughly 191 people. Therefore, I am again asking you to identify one eligible veteran that you know who is not a member of our post and invite them to become a member. Although we would love for them to come in to the post to enjoy our facilities and help work our programs, we really need their membership (even if its passive) so that when our Legion representatives talk to our local, state and national politicians about veteran and/or social issues, they hear us. Special shutout to chess master Jim Hollingsworth for his recruiting efforts. If we had nine more Legionnaires like Jim out in the community recruiting, we would be alright.

I also need you to identify a member of our post who will be your mentor and a member who will be your mentee. Your mentor should have a better understanding and working knowledge of the Legion than you and your mentee less than you. Implementing this mentorship program makes us stronger Legionnaires which will help us to not repeat the mistakes of the past and position many of our members to better serve at the district, division, department and national levels. Thank you in advance for your membership and mentorship support.

I would like to congratulate Steve Strickert for being elected to the open Executive Committee-at-Large position. At our post, the three Executive Committee-at-Large members double as the Canteen Committee. The next item on their list is to IMMEDIATELY begin improving canteen operations, focusing on inventory and quality control. The canteen is where we earn the majority of our funding. So, the more we make, the more Legion programs we are able to support. I believe that we will always be able to keep the lights on but the real question is how much of an impact will we make on the community, state and nation before we transition to Post Everlasting.

Thanks to those who helped with our two flag retirement ceremonies over the last three months. We are now zero

balance on what used to be about a thousand rain-soaked flags. Let's not wait another two plus years to conduct another retirement ceremony. So, let's plan the next flag retirement in March.

I would also like to welcome the newly founded Scouts BSA Troops 379 B and G, and Girl Scout Troop 1565. I am so grateful to have them as part of our family along with the members of the newly revived Marine Corps League Tarrant County Detachment #731.

As a friendly reminder, we have two youth from our post that will compete in the 12<sup>th</sup> District Oratorical Contest on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at Post 569 starting at 9am. Feel free to come out and help me support your champions.

Texas Hold'em is now twice a month! Beginning in January, tournaments are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 11am - 2pm.

Please take time to fill out the electronic survey that came with this month's newsletter via MailChimp. I will use your survey responses as my initial talking points during our next Post townhall meeting on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm.

Please take a look at the recommended Post Constitution and By-laws that also came with this month's newsletter via MailChimp. We will vote on their acceptance at the January membership meeting.

Respectfully...

**Joseph Campbell - Post 379 Commander**  
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### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Happy New Year 2023. As we welcome in a new year, may we work hard as a Post 379 family coming together sharing new ideas and successfully completing our programs planned throughout the coming year. We have many new members offering their time and new ideas within each entity.

December was filled with giving from Post 379 from all entities working together to make all events such as Toys 4 Tots along with the Riders Coat drive delivering new hoodies/coats plus a monetary donation a success. Many thanks to everyone helping to make Christmas a happier time for many less fortunate by giving from your hearts.

While January is often a time to reflect and establish personal goals, the Auxiliary is already at work planning activities for the upcoming months. A DONATION BOX will be set in place in the lobby soon requesting all types of hygiene and health items for those in need. Please donate new packaged products as your time and budgets allow DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY with things such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors and shaving cream, body wash, bars of soaps and any other hygiene items you can think of. Tissues and toilet paper are always appreciated as well as mouthwash and dental floss. Items are needed for children as much as adults. If you prefer, monetary donations can be put in a sealed envelope addressed to the Auxiliary Health/Wellness Drive and given to the bartender. Proceeds will go to purchase needed items by an AUXILIARY MEMBER/TEAM.

A list of items will be available at the box location and posted as permitted within the canteen. Please consider and help start our year off on a positive and giving note.

DATE TO REMEMBER: 3rd Thursday of each month: JANUARY 19, 2023 with Exec board meeting 6 pm/General Membership meeting beginning at 7 pm. Please plan on attending and bring your ideas and suggestions with you.

Thank you.

In Service not Self.

**Sheryl Frydenberg - Unit 379 President**  
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### FROM THE SAL COMMANDER

Praying that everyone out of Post 379 and your families have had a very pleasant and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

I am pleased to report that the SAL Gun Raffle drawing finally took place on Saturday December 10th after all 100 tickets were sold

and accounted for, the lucky winner was Ms. Debbie White. CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. WHITE!!! A big THANK YOU to all who participated in purchasing tickets for this raffle as the proceeds go to further supporting our monthly sponsored programs.

We are happy to report that both the Toys for Tots and Coats for Kids drives by the Auxiliary and Riders respectfully, were successful events. Thank You all that supported these groups with your generous donations.

Currently our Membership drive is at 60% of our goal. If you haven't renewed your membership by now, please do so. Prospective new members are urged and welcomed to join our organization.

Temporarily we are postponing our First Friday of the Month Fish Fry until at least March due to the weather and installation of the new fryers. Stay tuned as to what Ronnie Mac and crew have in stored instead on January 6th and February 3rd. Regardless of what they cook up, we're sure you will not be disappointed.

For God, Country and Post 379

**Carlos Gardea - Squadron 379 Commander**  
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### RIDER NEWS

The riders would like to thank everyone that came out for our Riders Rib's Night on. The turnout was actually more than we expected, and we ended up serving a little longer than the 7:30pm cutoff time.

I heard nothing but positive reviews of the food that night and that is attributed to the hard work of the following members so next time you see them show your appreciation.

- Lahonda "Fireball" Cook
- Joey "Crash" Cook
- Harold "Cajun" Hanks
- Paul "PD" Hill
- John "Kraken" Husch

We would like to congratulate the winners of our "Holiday Date Night" raffle, Ronnie and Suzie McClendon. Judging by the pictures with the ear-to-ear grins I saw on Facebook I believe they both enjoyed the experience.

The Riders would also like to thank everyone that participated in the raffle. Although we did not meet our goal on ticket sales the Riders are by no means

disappointed and we now a metric by which to plan the next raffle. The Greatest Generation Aircraft Company conducts observation flights during Christmas, Valentines Day, and I believe Father's Day so expect to see this as a raffle price again.

Our next project after the new year is to focus our attention to supporting Valor Ranch. For those that do not know Valor Ranch is a non-profit that supports female veterans, first responders, and their families.

The owner were judges during our Chili Challenge in October and many of those from the Auxiliary and SAL that met the owners seemed to show a sense of desire to help also. So, based on input and feedback I have received the Riders will set up a day that is convenient with Valor Ranch and the Auxiliary/SAL for an onsite tour of the facility in Decatur. Expect to see more information about this after the New Year.

**Glynn "Gunner" Olsen - Chapter 379 Director**  
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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**

Happy NEW YEAR 2023!

Have you ever tried the ONE WORD CHALLENGE?



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 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.

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."

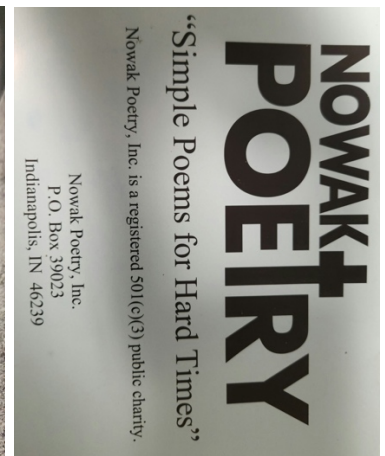
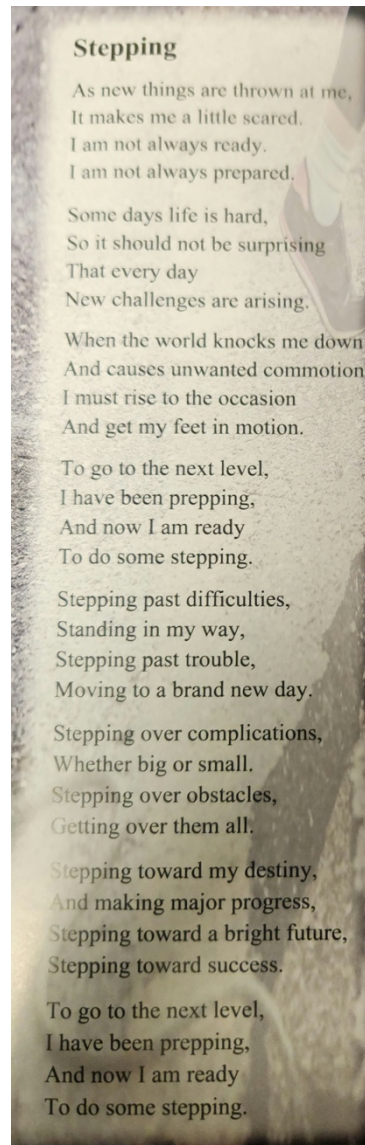
DECEMBER, Friday the 9th, Birthday Benefit- "Who walked in these BOOTS?"

Fun Times! We raised \$340.00 to the Auxiliary American Legion #379 to support our Veterans through the Buddy Check-IN.

We will continue to have a BUDDY CHECK- IN 1st Sundays of the month, 12-1pm; Auxiliary Chaplain or another designated member will be available.

Continuing to be humbled,

**Diane Hunt - Auxiliary Chaplain**  
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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	10 am - Midnight
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 pm Post Opens 1 pm Meal: Black Eyed Peas, Cornbread and Cabbage - Ronnie Mac		7 pm Scouts BSA Meeting	6-9 pm Karaoke 6-7:30 pm Judy Davidson Cooking	6 pm Legion Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm Legion Membership Meeting	SAL Meal: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Brown Gravy and Dessert - Ronnie Mac Music: Justin Hunter Band	9 am District Oratorical Speech Contest @ Post 569 2 pm Shuffleboard Legion Meal: Loaded Bake Potatoes with all of the fixings - Jimmy Jam Music: Double Trouble Band
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2 pm ALR Membership Meeting		11-2 pm Texas Hold'em 7 pm Scouts BSA Meeting	6-9 pm Karaoke 6-7:30 pm Judy Davidson Cooking	7 pm Post Town Hall	ALR Meal: Enchiladas - Lahonda Cook Music: Mystic Moonlight	2 pm Shuffleboard Legion Meal: Grilled Chicken Fettuccini, Tossed Green Salad and Dessert - Lance Cabados Music: Marsha Rose
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
2 pm Girl Scout Meeting		7 pm Scouts BSA Meeting	6-9 pm Karaoke 6-7:30 pm Judy Davidson Cooking	6 pm ALA Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm ALA Membership Meeting	Legion Meal: Tacos with Rice and Beans and all of the Fixings - Jon Christensen Music: Back Beats Bands	2 pm Shuffleboard Legion Meal: Spaghetti with Meatballs, Garlic Bread and Green Salad - Lance Cabados Music: Broke Till Friday
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		11-2 pm Texas Hold'em 7 pm Scouts BSA Meeting	6-9 pm Karaoke	7 pm Marine Corps League Meeting	Legion Post 14 Meal: Burgers, Fries and Dessert - Bill Deal Music: Diamond Dou	2 pm Shuffleboard ALR Meal: Chicken Fried Steak - Lahonda Cook Music: Double Trouble
29	30	31				
2 pm Girl Scout Meeting		7 pm Scouts BSA Meeting				