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NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Family,

Please join me in congratulating the 2023-2024 Post 379 elected officers / Executive Committee! Not listed below are the Appointments and other nonelected Chairpersons which all are selected by the Post Commander.

Commander – Rich Wiltshire (newly elected)
First Vice Commander – Bill Chapman (newly elected)
Second Vice Commander – Joe Red Eagle (incumbent)
Adjutant – Mike Sivers (incumbent)
Finance Officer – George Eckert (incumbent)
Judge Advocate – Dave Eagan (incumbent)
Historian – Daniel Fallon (incumbent)
Chaplain – R. Craig Smith (incumbent)
Sergeant-at-Arms – Lauren Kelly (incumbent)
Service Officer – Brandon Williams (incumbent)
Building & Grounds – Jeff McKee (newly elected)
3x Executive Members-at-Large – Eileen Regan (incumbent), Steve Soltis (newly elected), Steve Strickert (incumbent)

You are cordially invited to an event celebrating our 2022-2023 accomplishments on Sunday, 09 July 2023 at Post 379. Our celebration starts right after the Auxiliary, SAL and Riders' installations which begin at 1pm. The Legion installation date and time has yet to be determined.

Our next Kitchen Meeting is at 1pm on Sunday, 04 June 23 in Proctor Hall. If you are interested in cooking for any of your programs, please come prepared with the dates that you want to cook and your menus for the months of July, August and September.

Our next Flag Retirement Ceremony is Saturday, 24 June 23 starting at 8am. So, please come out and help us properly retire our national colors. We'll take all of the help that we can get since there are several flags that need servicing. We should be complete by noon.

If you are interested in attending the Department Convention in Austin, 12-16 Jul 23, you must sign up as a Delegate on the bulletin board at the entrance of the male bathroom at the Post. Although the convention technically runs from Wednesday to Sunday, you are welcome to come and go as you please. At a minimum, I recommend that you attend Saturday and Sunday. The convention is usually over by noon on Sunday.

Respectfully,

Joseph Campbell - Post 379 Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello to everyone. I hope everyone is getting in the mood for summer weather as it has already given us a taste of the hot weather to be prepared for. Kids will be outside more now, so please remember to check behind your vehicle for toys, bikes and even small children. Please remember not to leave kiddos or pets in a closed-up vehicle. It only takes a short time for the heat inside your vehicle to become dangerously hot even if you "crack" your windows and have shades up.

I am honored once again to be the President for Unit 379 Auxiliary another year. Several new ideas are in the planning and I'm excited to be working with another great group of members again this year.

President – Sheryl Frydenberg
1st Vice – Judy Davidson
2nd Vice – open
3rd Vice/Membership Jodie Chapman
Secretary – Jennifer Kearney
Treasurer – Suzie McClendon
Sgt at Arms – Cheri Butler
Chaplain – Diane Hunt
Historian – Leanne Couch
Executive Board
Eileen Polen, Karen Burks and Mona Scarborough

Please reach out to these ladies and thank them for their valuable time commitments necessary in serving this 2023-2024 year.

The Auxiliary installation will be held Sunday, July 9th at 1pm. Please make time to attend and show support for a valuable group of ladies within Post 379.

Our General Membership meeting will be held at 7 pm, Thursday, June 15th. This will be the last general meeting before our break in July. Executive Board meeting at 6 pm.

Again, I look forward to a busy and very rewarding year for our Auxiliary and Post.

In Service not Self.

Sheryl Frydenberg - Unit 379 President
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FROM THE SAL COMMANDER

Greetings from the desk of the SAL Commander, I want to thank all who came out for our elections of the Squadron officers, and the new current board are as follows:

Commander: Ben Apodaca
1st Vice and 2nd Vice are OPEN
Finance: Carlos Gardea III
Adjutant: Daniel Fallon
Chaplain: Frederick James
Sgt @ Arms: Ronnie Mac
Historian: OPEN

Congrats to all and welcome new member and Commander Ben Apodaca.

We made our goal of 165 for the current year 2022-2023 Squadron stands at 172 members I want to thank everyone who renewed their dues in a timely matter. My hopes for the new officers for 2023-2024

renew their dues early and by the end of the year at December 2023.

We currently still support several of our programs and in the hopes to continue on as long as we continue to get the support of our post and its members.

We hope to restart the SAL meat raffle this summer if we can get its members back in the post to support SAL programs. It is a fun event to raise money for our programs, everyone has a great time.

In the near future we will be putting on another gun raffle so any input from the members on what they would like for a raffle please feel free to let a Sal officer know.

We will continue with our monthly dinners on the first Friday of each month with a Fish Fry and other dinners throughout the year according to the month. Out dinner for May we ended up serving 30 dinners which is right in the middle of what we are used to doing. Thank you all who continues to come out and support our dinners.

Daniel Fallon - Squadron 379 Adjutant
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RIDER NEWS

Elections are in the History books, time to move on to the next project. Joey "Crash" Cook is the next Director and Lahonda "Fireball" Cook is Adjutant. Best of luck to all our officers along with a thank you. This is a winning team and should continue with much success. Lots to say about last year's successes. As always, our Post membership has been steady in supporting our missions by having dinner with us and the other crews that feed us.

Have stuff you would be willing to sell, Friends and family and any vendors are welcome join us at our Swap meet/ Garage sale. Invite your friends and neighbors. Might be a good gathering anyway.

June 3rd

8:00 AM-2:00 PM.

12 x 12 areas for \$20, Larger areas available.

Burgers and hot dogs served 11-2

Contact... Harold "Cajun" at Post 11-2 M-Th, Paul "PD" 817-992-1751, Lahonda "fireball" 214-886-4725

We are also happy to announce that our ride to Valor ranch to meet the staff, eat and tour the site went very well. If you are not familiar this is a small out of the

way ranch with a big mission to support single Female veterans and non-veterans from their community. The residents are in need of help getting a new start. They are responsible for a small but very cozy, clean, well-kept cabin to call home. The caretakers are willing to work with the residents to find work, build relationships with staff and residents. The facility has an amazing Hydroponics Garden inside a building where they grow all of the vegetables and some fruit in for the ranch and they support Tarrant county food bank with huge amounts of fresh Garden fare when their facility is at peak crops output. Residents are requested to help with the maintenance of the facility. A huge group kitchen community house, a meditation spot on a tree lined creek, a unique firepit where the underlying event occurring was national Burn the Bra Day. Interesting but quite approvable by most wives as they were not worn and removed but brought there as spares. I personally would like to thank our previous director for bringing this facility to our attention. We presented Terry the manager and owner with a special donation. As Y'all Know our recent ride with the Sikh riders is an event where we combine donations for a common cause and we chose Valor Ranch for this year's benefactor and presented them with a combined \$2,500 check. During the presentation Terry announced that Home Depot is on board now to help with what they need to grow this facility. First up are three steel barns to house materials and to work out of. An awesome day with awesome people. Thanks to PD and Roy for sharing a day out with me as Post 379 Riders representatives.

We have many other annual and unique rides and events we will participate in both here at our post and out and about. Here is a list of our main events which rides are open to members in cages if you are interested.

Blue Bonnet Memorial Ceremony

May 29th

Swap Meet / Garage sale

June 3rd

Boy State Escort Ride

June 11th.

Girls State Escort Ride Pending

June 18th

Post 379 Poker Run

September 9th

424 VA ride

October 14th

Bad Ass chili challenge

October 28th

Coat ride

Nov 25th / 26th TBD

Toys for Tots
December 9th
Plaque ride to Tyler
ASAP

I was impressed by our new scout troop. They have completed some projects out in Mahon Park as well as our volunteers that are from Community and corporate volunteers. I think we are truly lucky for the support we get and give. Thank you and looking forward to future endeavors.

Art "Sasquatch" Rutherford - Chapter 379 Director
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CHAPLIN'S CORNER

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this finds everyone doing well. Summer is on its way and the high temps are coming. Please stay hydrated.

Please lift the following people and their families up in your prayers.

Kenneth Kendall passed away on May 11th. No further details at this time.

Terri Moenck going through chemo for lung cancer. Doing well. Prayers and good thoughts.

Chuck Bay service at DFW National Cemetery Friday May 26th at 1:30 pm Please arrive by 1:15 pm.

Scott Godley is at a Dallas hospital for treatable cancer. Continued prayers.

Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for another day, another day to enjoy the many blessings of Your great love. Help us to show our gratitude by our efforts in meeting the many challenges if this meeting as we strive to enhance our American legion, Auxiliary, SAL and ALR programs. Give us wisdom, guide and direct us in every action, word, deed and thought thereby giving honor and glory to You, our Lord and Redeemer. In Your precious name we pray. Amen.

Jon Christensen - Post Vice 379 Chaplain
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 am - 6 pm	10 am - Midnight	10 am - Midnight	10 am - Midnight	10 am - Midnight Bands 7 pm - 11 pm Dinner 6 pm - 8 pm	10 am - Midnight Bands 7 pm - 11 pm Dinner 6 pm - 8 pm	10 am - Midnight Bands 7 pm - 11 pm Dinner 6 pm - 8 pm
4 12 pm ALA Buddy Check 1 pm Kitchen Meeting 2 pm ALR Membership Meeting 2 pm Girl Scouts Meeting	5	6 7 pm Scouts BSA Meeting	7 6 pm - 9 pm Karaoke Judy Cooking	8 6 pm Legion Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm Legion Membership Meeting	9 SAL Meal: Fish Fry - Ronnie Mac Music: Just Us Cats ALR Meal: Grilled Chicken or Chicken Fried Steak, Green Beans and Mashed Potatoes - Lahonda Cook Music: Mystic Moonlight	10 2 pm Shuffleboard ALA Meal: Sloppy Joe's Potato Salad, Cobbett's and Dessert - Sheryl Frydenberg and Sharon Nesteriak Music: Marcia Rose
11	12	13 11 am - 2 pm Texas Hold'em 7 pm Scouts BSA Meeting	14 6 pm - 9 pm Karaoke Judy Cooking	15 6 pm ALA Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm ALA Membership Meeting	16 ALA Meal: Chicken Pasta, Veggies, Garlic Bread and Dessert - Judy Davidson and Molly Coyle Music: Back Beats Band	17 10:30 am North Texas "All Airborne" Meeting 2 pm Shuffleboard Legion Meal: Chili Dogs, Chips and Dessert - Judi and Jon Christensen Music: Trinity River Ramblers
18	19	20 7 pm Scouts BSA Meeting	21 6 pm - 9 pm Karaoke Judy Cooking	22 7 pm Marine Corps League Meeting	23 Legion Meal: Lasagna, Salad and Dessert - Diana and Mike Sivers Music: Ben & Doug	24 8 am Flag Retirement 2 pm Shuffleboard ALR Meal: Grilled Chicken or Chicken Fried Steak, Green Beans and Potatoes - Lahonda Cook Music: Dimond Duo
25	26	27 11 am - 2 pm Texas Hold'em 7 pm Scouts BSA Meeting	28 6 pm - 9 pm Karaoke	29	30 All Airborne Meal: Burgers and Fries - Dana Troyer Music: Marcia Rose	