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## **NEWSLETTER**

## **NOVEMBER 2023**

#### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Happy November!!

Thanks to our Veterans, November 11.

Thanks to our Early Bird Members, November 11.

Thanks for all we have, November 23, 2023.

I am thankful we have an organization called the American Legion – a place where all veterans can be a part of camaraderie, care, fun and support.

Veterans, please send a picture of you when you were in the service to me, richwiltshire@gmail.com. I am making a slide show with these pictures for everyone to guess who you are.

Please join us in celebrating our Veterans starting at 6pm on November 11.

Ronnie Mac will be providing meat for us on Veterans Day. Please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert or both.

Do you like to cook? We are asking for volunteers to cook on Friday and Saturday evenings, Saturday lunch time. See Mike and Diane Sivers.

The Queen of Hearts is Back!! Every Saturday! \*Fun Fact – The American Legion started the pot with \$500!!

Congratulations to our new SAL Officers!!! See the SAL Comments for more information.

Don't forget to renew!! See your friendly Bartender for more information.

Most of all, I am grateful for you, our 379 Family!!! We are 379!!

Rich Wiltshire Post 379 Commander

#### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

HAPPY FALL, YA'LL!!! Hasn't the weather been fabulous lately? And how about those Rangers?? They certainly showed up and PLAYED BALL this past season.

With the leaves changing colors and a crispness feeling in the early morning air, the Auxiliary continues to be hard at work planning events for everyone to attend and enjoy. Grab your pens and calendar and get ready.

REMINDER: Jodie Chapman, Membership Chair, is hard at work processing 2024 memberships. Please get yours paid on or before Early Bird Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for your FREE adult beverage ticket. This ticket is only good November 11<sup>th</sup>. (Veterans Day).

Please join us Saturday, November 11, 2023, Veterans Day, and give our Veterans a well deserved THANK YOU for their dedication and loyalty through our branches of service. Folks nowadays get busy and forget these brave souls are the reason we have such liberty and freedoms we have every day. Shake their hands, give a hug and show your appreciation. Educate our young people the true meaning of Veterans Day, the sacrifices our military gives as well as the sacrifices their families also give for us to be safe and free.

A sign up sheet will be up November 1<sup>st</sup> regarding the Veterans Day luncheon to be served. Please take a moment to stop and sign up to bring a favorite side dish or dessert or even both. Ronnie Mac will be cooking the meats again this year consisting of smoked chicken thighs and his popular sausage along with coleslaw. Hope to see many folks enjoying the food and activities.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> our monthly Auxiliary General Membership Meeting at 7 pm. Exec Board meets at 6 pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> FROM 11-4 AUXILIARY ANNUAL BAKE SALE HAPPENING: We

hope to have many home baked goodies such and cookies, cupcakes, brownies, full size desserts enough to feed a crowd on Thanksgiving Day. There will also be a few surprises, so be sure and join us. For those that like to bake and would like to help us out, please bring your item(s) packaged, wrapped or covered in disposable containers or a server you don't want back. If you like to be fancy, wrap that cake in a glass plate from the Dollar Store. We may even have a few to auction again this year. A great idea to buy extra to serve on Thanksgiving Day.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 2023 THANKSGIVING DAY LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED. MEAT WILL BE PROVIDED. We need folks to bring sides and desserts to make this the success it always is. A sign-up sheet will be posted after November 11<sup>th</sup>. WATCH FOR EXACT TIME SERVED TO BE POSTED. We need volunteers to help set up tables, serve and clean up. PLEASE bring your dish in disposable containers.

In Service, Not Self

Sheryl Frydenberg – Unit President Aux alpost379@att.net-

#### **SAL NEWS**

The S.A.L. will be having its monthly first Friday Fish Fry. Please some down and show your support. Our membership is at 100% and always looking to recruit more. With the exception of Finance, all of officer positions are filled. If you are interested, please reach out to me. The next S.A.L. meeting will be on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Please show up and if interested sign up to run.

We will be discussing the return of the meat raffle. We will need a lot of participation from the Post to make this happen.

## **Ben Apodaca - SAL Commander**

#### **RIDERS NEWS**

I'd like to start thanking everyone for your support for our Riders Badass Chili Challenge, held this last weekend on October 28 th. We had 12 chili challengers competing for this year's Badass bragging rights. Judges from Bedford Fire Department and the Cowtown Warriors picked John Garza as cooking up the top Badass Chili this year, with Victor Weil taking 1st Runner up. We had 23 People's Choice ballots cast, and in agreement with our Judges, John Garza's chili won People's Choice as well. Combined with the 50/50 and liquor basket raffle, 379 Riders were able to donate \$1,000 to Cowtown Warriors, whose mission is to serve and honor wounded veterans in North Texas. The 379

Riders also matched another \$1,000 to Valor Ranch, whose focus is on supporting female veterans recovering from service-related traumas.

This month, 379 Riders will be collecting coats for the Coats-4-Kids Benefit Ride again this year. We will begin collecting coats commencing November 4th at the Post, for delivery with the Benefit Ride on November 25th . Please remember they only except new coats (with tags) for kids of school age. They ask that we also remember the older or larger kids, and that older boys tend to prefer hoodies over coats.

With several Veterans Day activities being planned, the 379 Riders focus will again be in support of the Grapevine Veterans Day Parade. The 2023 Veterans Day Parade will be held on November 11 from 10 AM - 12 PM, with a Veterans Fair being held thereafter. It will be located in Historic Downtown Grapevine on Main Street between Wall Street and Hudgins Street.

We are also looking forward to supporting the Post's Toys for Tots collection activities, scheduled to be picked up December 9th.

Our next cooking dates are November 10 h, and December 8rh. 379 Riders will be in the kitchen cooking up Riders Chicken Fried Steak.

As always, we are grateful for all the support and love you show us.

## "PD" Hill, 379 Riders

#### FROM THE LEGION CHAPLAIN

I hope this finds everyone doing well and enjoying the nice weather. As November is here and everyone is getting ready for the holidays I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Let's lift our prayers for the following people. Steve Soltis and family in the passing of his brother. Sherry Buchanan who is recovering from stomach surgery at Arlington Memorial. May the Lord comfort and heal those with needs.

O God, our Heavenly Father, as we seek by Your grace to be good Legionnaires, help us do justice in all our ministrations to the sacred memory of all veterans of all wars, but especially to give our all to eliminate the necessity for their being in days to come-those greater scourge by which people are beset today: poverty, addiction, disease and indifference toward the things of the Spirit. For we pray in your holy name. Amen

## Jon Christensen – Vice Chaplain Post 379

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 2023

Canteen: 817.267.6047 Office: 817.571.9319

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11am - Midnight	10am - Midnight	10am - Midnight	10am - Midnight	10am - Midnight	10am - Midnight Bands 7PM - 11PM Dinners Served: 6:00-8:00pm	10am - Midnight Bands 7PM - 11 PM Dinners Served: 6:00-8:00pm
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VETER	ANS		6-9 pm Karaoke	Legion Executive Meeting	SAL Meal: Fish Fry presented by Ronnie Mac	Queen of Hearts
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		10.		Meeting		Music: Diamond Duo
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						2 pm Shuffleboard
3PM - 82nd Airborne Pistol			CO www.Kawaaka		ALD Mante Chinkon Fried Stock	Queen of Hearts
Pete's BBQ Cookoff		7 PM	6-9 pm Karaoke	7 PM	ALR Meal: Chicken Fried Steak presented by Lahonda Cook	***VETERANS DAY**
3:25 Cowboys vs Eagles		Scouts BSA Meeting	6-7:30 pm Judy Davidson Cooking	SAL Membership Meeting	Music: Mystic Moonlight	Meal: BBQ by Ronnie Mac/Sides by Auxiliary 3pm-7pm or until food runs out
						Music: Marcia Rose
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						2 pm Shuffleboard
		Texas Hold'em		6PM		Queen of Hearts
3:25 Cowboys vs Giants		11 am - 2 pm	6-9 pm Karaoke	ALA Executive Committee Meeting	Meal: TBD	11am-4pm Auxiliary Annual Bake Sale
		7 pm Scouts BSA Meeting	6-7:30 pm Judy Davidson Cooking	7 PM ALA Meeting	Music: Back Beats Band	Meal: Pulled Pork Sandwiches and the fixins presented by Sharon and Sheryl
						Music: Trinity River Ramblers
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				Happy Thanksgiving		2 pm Shuffleboard
12:00 Cowboys @		7 PM	60 nm Karaaka		Meal: No Meal - Holiday Weekend	Queen of Hearts
Panthers		Scouts BSA Meeting	6-9 pm Karaoke	3:30pm Cowboys vs Washington Commanders	Music: Diamond Duo	Meal: No Meal - Holiday Weekend
				Luncheon		Music: Marcia Rose
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		Tarras Haldlans		7:15 PM Cowboys vs Seattle Seahawks	LEGION	DENEM
		Texas Hold'em 11 am - 2 pm	6-9 pm Karaoke			RENEW
		7 pm Scouts BSA Meeting			BETHEONE	NOW!!!