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NEWSLETTER

December 2023

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas and may the joys of the holidays surround you!!

We had a fantastic November:

- * First Annual Pistol Pete's BBQ Cookoff,
- * Veteran's Day Activities – We participated in the Fort Worth Parade, Grapevine Parade, AT&T Stadium First Veterans' Day Festivities, and handed out free meal coupons at Texas Roadhouse and the Auxiliary hosted an amazing day with Ronnie Macs World Famous BBQ.
- * Auxiliary Annual Bake Sale - Always a great time with great goodies

Now that Turkey coma's are behind us, Welcome to December!

A couple of dates to note:

December 2, 2023 – 10am – Flag Retirement
December 3, 2023 – The Post will close at 6pm
December 9 – Toys for Tots

Christmas Day 1pm-6pm - My wife, Sharon, and I will be bartending. Come join us for laughter and camaraderie!

New Year's Eve – Come join in the fun bringing in 2024

If you haven't renewed for 2024, you need to do so before January 1, 2024. Bartenders will be checking membership cards. If you are not renewed, you will not be served.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season!

We are 379!!

Humbly in your service, not self

Rich Wiltshire
Post 379 Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Greetings to everyone. November was another busy month for the Auxiliary. With the help of our post family, we enjoyed a sumptuous luncheon with each other, handed out "goodie bags" to our veterans as a thank you along with many cards provided by local students from area schools. Whether you were at Post 379 or somewhere else recognizing and thanking our veterans, the day was memorable for all.

Many thanks to everyone who provided their talents with home baked goods in support of our annual bake sale. The day was enjoyed with many selections for raffle and live auction. Auxiliary along with others filled three eight-foot tables with selections. Thanks to the bakers along with the volunteers providing their time and energy to offer folks the opportunity to pick up tasty items. Many thanks to the generous folks who once again opened their wallets to help the Auxiliary raise almost \$1000.

Thanksgiving Day was filled with lots of food, folks and laughter at Post 379 recently. The tables were filled again with good meats, side dishes and desserts enabling many to gather together and enjoy the beautiful day. Many thanks for the volunteers for stepping up to help make our day successful. Folks enjoyed the afternoon.

Toys 4 Tots is scheduled for Saturday, December 9th. Please come and enjoy another fun day at the Post. New unwrapped toys are requested for all ages, especially the teenagers who are often forgotten. It's amazing what a new basketball, makeup, or hair accessories or even gift cards will do to lift a teens spirit that we often take for granted. These years are challenging for our youth, so please consider a monetary donation if you're not a shopper. All funds are placed in a locked secure box given directly to the Marine Corps representatives where they can buy in bulk the needed items to help make Christmas merrier for those less fortunate.

REMINDER: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$40 IS PAID BY DECEMBER 31, 2023. THIS IS SO VERY IMPORTANT FOR OUR PROGRAMS, VOTING RIGHTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO BE SERVED IN THE CANTEEN TILL CURRENT. UNDER TABC RULES THE BARTENDERS ARE NOT TO SERVE YOU IF DUES ARE NOT CURRENT ON JANUARY 1ST. A LIST IS GENERATED AND LEFT WITH THEM FOR VERIFICATION. PAYMENT ACCEPTED JANUARY 1ST. Please reach out to Jodie Chapman or me with questions or concerns. Messages given to the bartender will be forwarded to us. Thanks.

THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER BOARD OR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN DECEMBER. Again, many thanks to our members for all you do throughout the year. Nothing is too small and ever appreciated by the Auxiliary and those we serve. Remember our veterans and their families during this time that are separated from each other. Pray for peace and be thankful for our freedom that is often taken for granted. Be safe in all travels and remember "In Service Not Self". See ya'll in 2024.

Sheryl Frydenberg – Unit President

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SAL NEWS

S.A.L. will be having a dinner this Friday so please come out and support. Memberships are at 100% and we are still looking to recruit more. We now have every officer position appointed for the S.A.L. S.A.L. meeting coming up on the 14th so all SAL members please show up. We will still be discussing when to bring back the meat raffle but need a lot of participation from the post to make this happen.

Ben Apodaca SAL Commander

RIDERS NEWS

First, my apologies to our friends at the Euless Fire Department. It was Euless that supported our Chili Challenge last month with judges, not Bedford! They had to leave on a call in such a hurry, we never got a chance to thank them.

Last month 379 Riders participated in both the Ft. Worth and Grapevine Veterans Day Parades and activities. It was great to see the outpouring of support for our veterans all along the parade routes.

Thank you to the Post for supporting your Riders and the Coats-4-Kids Benefit Ride again this year. We collected numerous coats that were delivered during the November 25th ride, along with a Riders cash donation of \$500.

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

December 16th is the annual Wreaths Across America event, where volunteers assemble at cemeteries across the nation, and American military cemeteries around the world, and place a wreath on veteran's graves. Your 379 Riders will be sponsoring \$500 worth of wreaths this year as well as participating in the wreath laying ceremony. If interested in joining us, please reach out to a Rider for more information.

Our last Riders Chicken Fried Steak cook night set a new Riders record with 51 CFS meals being served.

Our next cooking date is Friday, December 8th and we will again be in the kitchen cooking up Riders famous Chicken Fried Steaks. Come on out and join us.

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

"PD" Hill - 379 Riders

FROM THE LEGION CHAPLAIN

Howdy brothers and sisters. I truly hope everyone's Thanksgiving was spent with friends and family. Hopefully no one has an overabundance of leftovers. Now that we are heading into the Christmas season, let's all remember the reason we celebrate. The birth of Jesus Christ. May we all have a blessed Christmas.

No names on sick call board that I am aware of. Let's all say this prayer:

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of the sufferers, mercifully accept our prayers on behalf of our comrades and loved ones who are ill or shut-ins. We know not what is best for them, but You know. Grant them patience and endurance, relief from pain and suffering, and, if it be Your will, the blessing of a swift recovery, and that eventually they may dwell with You in life everlasting. Amen

May we all have a safe and Merry Christmas.

Now to close with a Christmas prayer:

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary and the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the Angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen



Jon Christensen – Vice Chaplain Post 379

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
December 2023

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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
<div>  <p>Memberships must be renewed by December 31!!</p> <p>Renew now with the Bartender on Duty!!!!</p> <p>MERRY Christmas</p> </div>						
3 3 PM - Riders Executive Meeting 4 PM - Riders Membership Meeting 6pm Post Closed - Boards/Employee Christmas Party	4	5 7 PM Scouts BSA Meeting	6 6-9 pm Krazy Karaoke	7 6PM Legion Executive Meeting 7PM Legion Membership Meeting	8 Meal: Riders Chicken Fried Steak Music: Mystic Moonlight	9 Toys for Tots 2 pm Shuffleboard ALA Meal: Chicken and Rice Broccoli Bake presented by Sharon Nesterlak Queen of Hearts Music: Marcia Rose
10 7:00 PM Cowboys vs Eagles	11	12 Texas Hold'em 11 am - 2 pm 7PM Scouts BSA Meeting	13 6-9 pm Krazy Karaoke 6-7:30 pm Judy Davidson Cooking	14 7 PM SAL Membership Meeting	15 Legion Meal: Meatball Stew, Cornbread and Dessert presented by Mike and Diane Silvers Music: Back Beats Band	16 2 pm Shuffleboard Legion Meal: Chicken and Dumplings presented by Jon and Judy Christensen Queen of Hearts Music: Trinily River Ramblers
17 3:30 pm Cowboys @ Bills	18	19 7 PM Scouts BSA Meeting	20 6-9 pm Krazy Karaoke	21	22 No Meal Holiday Music: Doug & Ben	23 2 pm Shuffleboard No Meal Holiday Queen of Hearts Music: Diamond Duo
24/31 New Year's Eve Meal: TBD (But come Hungry) Entertainment: Brian Shuck and the Local Legends	25 Post Open 1-6  Bartenders: Rich and Sharon	26 Texas Hold'em 11 am - 2 pm 7PM Scouts BSA Meeting	27 6-9 pm Krazy Karaoke	28 7 PM Marine Corps League	29 No Meal: Music: Diamond Duo	30 2PM Shuffleboard No Meal Queen of Hearts Music: The Fun Band