

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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NEWSLETTER

January 2024

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thank you for a fantastic 2023!

As we begin the new year, I have taken a look back. We have accomplished so much!

Our 379 Family is stronger!

Our membership is pretty darn solid.

We have great people volunteering for many events/festivities, both at our Post home and at other venues.

If you have not renewed for 2024 you will not be served and you will be asked to leave...unless you renew. You can renew with the Bartender on Duty.

New Year's Eve Soiree – come on down for fun, friendship and laughs! No Cover Charge!! We will have beans and cornbread at midnight, as well as a Champagne Toast. Meal is pot luck! Bring your favorite dish to share.

I am so appreciative of all of you! Thank you for your support. But mostly, thank you for being!

We are 379!!

Humbly in your service, not self

Rich Wiltshire
Post 379 Commander

friends or spent restful time alone, my wish for the New Year is that my Legion family continue to work together to help our veterans and their families as well as our community and each other. As many have heard me say, IT TAKES A VILLAGE. We couldn't work our programs without your time and support.

FOR THOSE THAT HAVE RENEWED THEIR 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES, I thank you. If you haven't yet paid, please do so as quickly as possible. You can pay at the bar by cash, check or credit card. There is also a QR code available now that allows payment also. The amount for 2024 dues is \$40. While it is an increase, please note this was due to National raising the amount required by each unit. The Auxiliary opted to pay \$1.00 per member to help with the increase. REMEMBER, YOU NEED TO BE CURRENT TO BE ABLE TO PURCHASE ADULT BEVERAGES.

The bartenders will have a current list of paid members and be checking as they do each year. Envelopes are at the bar again this year should you need to pay after December 31st. Please include your name on the outside of the envelope marked ATTN: MEMBERSHIP Renewal. Jodie Chapman has done a great job trying to stay on top of this task. Check with the bartender for your 2024 card. Any concerns, please feel free to reach out to Jodie or myself. Thanks again for your support.

Our next General membership meeting with be Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7 pm. Executive Board please be available at 6 pm. We hope to see you there.

We all will be hard at work planning programs and different fund raisers for the upcoming Spring and summer. More details to follow.

In Service Not Self

Sheryl Frydenberg – Unit President
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy New Years!! I do hope everyone had a joyous holiday season this year. Whether you were with family,

SAL NEWS

Just a quick note for the newsletter. 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 have 3 Officer positions open. S.A.L. meeting coming up so all SAL members please show up. That's pretty much all I have for this month if you think of anything else Rich or Rick please let me know. I hope everybody had a great Christmas and look forward to what this year will bring.

Ben Apodaca SAL Commander

RIDERS NEWS

We hope you had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Last month Riders unanimously elected "PD" Hill as Director; "Rockin' Robin" Schultz as Adjutant and Harold "Cajun" Hanks as our new Finance Officer. These positions will be held until the next general election in June.

Your Riders supported the Post's Toys for Tots collection activities of December 9th, along with donating \$500 to the Marine Reserves. In addition, Riders collected those toys dropped off after the 9th and transported another 120 toys to the Toys for Tots collection warehouse in Ft. Worth.

December 16th was 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 each veteran's grave. Your 379 Riders sponsored \$500 worth of wreaths to the DFW National Cemetery for this very worthwhile cause.

Our last Riders Chicken Fried Steak cook night set another new Riders record with 52 CFS meals being served. Our next cooking date is Friday, January 12th, and we will again be in the kitchen cooking up Riders famous Chicken Fried Steaks. Riders also signed up to cook a second night of the month going forward, which will be the 4th Saturday. This month that's January 2nd, and will serve hot dogs and hamburgers.

In support of the Post's programmable LED Sign upgrade to promote Post activities and events, Riders have pledged \$2,000 to the fund. The new sign is expected to significantly boost Post and community participation by advertising everything from Cook nights and entertainment, to events such as the Toys for Tots collection drives and the Cancer research fundraising drive.

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

"PD" Hill - 379 Riders

FROM THE LEGION CHAPLAIN

Hello again brothers and sisters. I truly hope that everyone had a pleasant Christmas with friends and family. Now the New Year is here I wish everyone a healthy and prosperous one.

Let us pray for all that are feeling ill and those that just need a prayer.

As the old year comes to an end, let us ponder what it held for us. Let us be thankful for the rich experiences it gave us-for every sympathetic smile, for every tear, for moments that brought laughter's melody, for nature's loveliness and for friendships beauty. Let us also ask forgiveness for thoughts and deeds unwise. As we stand on the threshold of a new year, Let us be thankful for the opportunity to stand and peer intently, eagerly, beyond the door to so many challenges that lie ahead. May we have the courage, truth and faith to meet them without flinching and thought of self. Amen

Jon Christensen Vice Chaplain Post 379



- January is the first month of the year in both the Gregorian and Julian calendar.
- January is named after Janus, the roman god of gates and doorways.
- The original Roman calendar had only 10 months. January and February were not included but were added later.
- Julius Ceasar added a 31st day to the month.
- The heaviest snowfall in the world was recorded in Japan on January 12, 1999, when 647.7 inches of snow fell in one hour.
- January is known as the "Coldest Month" due to the fact that it is the coldest month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
January 2024

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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
Memberships must be renewed by December 31!! Renew now with the Bartender on Duty!!!!	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY!!	2 7 PM Scouts BSA Meeting	3	4 6PM Legion Executive Meeting 7PM Legion Membership Meeting	5 SAL Meal: Fish Fry prestend by Ronnie Mac Music: Michael Cote Music	6 2 pm Shuffleboard Meal: TBD Queen of Hearts Music: Diamond Duo
7 3 PM - Riders Executive Meeting 4 PM - Riders Membership Meeting	8	9 7 PM Scouts BSA Meeting	10 6-9 pm Krazy Karaoke	11 7 PM SAL Membership Meeting	12 ALR Meal: Chicken Fried Steak Music: Justus Cats	13 2 pm Shuffleboard Meal:TBD Queen of Hearts Music: Steve J Rose & toni
14	15	16 Texas Hold'em 11 am - 2 pm 7PM Scouts BSA Meeting	17 6-9 pm Krazy Karaoke 6-7:30 pm Judy Davidson Cooking	18 6 pm ALA Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm ALA Membership Meeting	19 ALA Meal: Mexican Casserole, Beans, Sopapilla Dessert presented by Judy Davidson Music: Back Beats Band	20 2 pm Shuffleboard ALA Meal: Chicken/Sausage Gumbo & Rice, Potato Salad & Queen of Hearts Music: Trinity River Ramblers
21	22	23 7 PM Scouts BSA Meeting	24 6-9 pm Krazy Karaoke 6-7:30 pm Judy Davidson Cooking	25 7 PM Marine Corps League	26 Legion Meal: Chicken Alfredo, Salad & Dessert Music: Mystic Moonlight	27 2 pm Shuffleboard ALR Meal: Burgers Queen of Hearts Music: TBD
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