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## **NEWSLETTER**

June 2024

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

Happy Summer!

Summer is here! Please stay hydrated and cool this summer: and don't overdo it.

It's Election Time for 2024-2025 Legion, SAL and Riders Boards

Time/Place: 7:PM during our regular Monthly Meeting at Post 379

### 2024 - 2025 Nominees:

Commander: Rich Wiltshire

First Vice Commander: Brandon Williams Second Vice Commander: Paul "PD" Hill

Adjutant: Mike Sivers

Finance Officer: George Eckert Service Officer: Lauren Kelly Judge Advocate: David Eagan Chaplain: Craig "Smitty" Smith

Historian: Robin York

Sargeant-at-Arms: Jon Christensen

Executive Board At Large Position 1: Open Executive Board At Large Position 2: Open Executive Board At Large Position 3: Open

# Nominations will be taken from the floor. There will be no early voting.

June 2 – 3pm – Riders Elections

June 6 – Post 379 Legion Officers Elections

June 12 – SAL Officers Election

Other important dates:

June 2 – 1pm – Kitchen Meeting

June 8 – 1st Division Convention – Post 453

June 14 – Flag Day

June 16 – Father's Day

Thank you to all who participated in the Memorial Day services at Bluebonnet.

## Special Thank You:

\*\*Michelle "Warden" Birkett for coordinating with Bluebonnet on behalf of 379. Fantastic Job! 
\*\*Ronnie Mac and the Auxiliary for the fantastic luncheon.

## Congratulations to the newly elected 2024-2025 American Legion Auxiliary Board!!

And of course a huge THANK YOU to you, our 379 Family!

Humbly in your service, not self

Rich Wiltshire Post 379 Commander Al\_post379@att.net

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

It was so very nice to see so many folks at our Memorial Day Remembrance Luncheon held Monday, May 27, 2024. Many thanks to those that were able to bring a dish or two to share and to those who gave monetarily. Ronnie Mac and Jeff, your hard work preparing the meats and the beans along with helping in the kitchen cleaning didn't go unnoticed. Faye Chambers and some of our young ladies chosen to represent Post 379 during their week at Girls State gave several hours of their time offering poppies during the ceremony at Bluebonnet and also serving the food to our veterans and their families at the Post afterwards. Such a treat to see your beautiful smiles while offering up selections from the generous spread enjoyed by all. I know I greatly appreciated everyone that helped make this event successful.

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> was Auxiliary elections were held. I'm excited and honored to be President for the 2024-2025 year. Please congratulate the following ladies elected by the general membership for the upcoming year. Several ladies are returning, but it's wonderful to also have some newer faces also. We will be meeting soon and start planning for another successful and beneficial year working several programs.

President: Sheryl Frydenberg

1st Vice President: Judy Davidson

2nd Vice President: Dena Finger

Secretary: J J Kearney
Treasurer: Suzie McClendon

Chaplain: Diane Hunt

Sergeant at Arms: Molly Coyle Historian: Leanne Couch

Executive Members at Large: Eileen Polen, Faye

Chambers, Peggy Waring

Parliamentarian: Michelle Birkett

THANK YOU LADIES AND I KNOW EVERYONE IS ALREADY THINKING HARD ON HOW TO MAKE THIS COMING YEAR BETTER THAN EVER!!!

Please check your card and make sure you are current with a 2024 membership card. Your membership is so important to be able to plan and budget for our many programs that support our Post as well as other programs for our veterans, their families and our community. You must be current to enjoy the purchase of adult beverages and other things offered within the canteen. While visitors are welcome, we are a Private Club.

Our next General Membership meeting will be Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm with the current executive board member meeting at 6 pm. New officers won't take office until after the July state convention in Austin.

In Service Not Self

## Sheryl Frydenberg – Unit President <u>Aux alpost379@att.net</u>

#### **SAL NEWS**

Just a quick note for the newsletter.

S.A.L. will be having fish fry this Friday 6/7 so please come out and support. If you haven't renewed your membership please do so asap we are still looking to recruit more people. S.A.L. participated in the Bluebonnet memorial ceremony this past Monday and it was a great turnout and event. Elections are

coming up and here are the candidates that will be running.

Ben Apodaca – S.A.L. Commander Kevin Casey – Adjutant Finance Officer – Open Jeff Kaiser – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Ronnie Mac – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Fredrick James – Chaplin Tommy Cox – Historian Walker Brown – Sergeant at Arms

Anyone interested in the Finance Officer position please let us know.

## **Ben Apodaca SAL Commander**

### **RIDERS NEWS**

As with the remainder of the Post, we will be having our Riders elections this month with a full slate of good candidates. Results to be posted.

After a thorough review of organizational and financial information, the Riders have settled on the charity of choice to support this year as being the Fort Worth based Liberty House. The Tarrant County Veterans organization is a safe haven for homeless veterans faced with PTSD and substance dependency. There they receive complete support services geared toward independent residential stability, gainful employment and greater selfdetermination. Your Riders will be supporting them financially from fundraisers and collection of goods at the Post. Over 98% of all donations go directly to the veterans, an outstanding performance rating. A collection box has been set up for non-perishable items to be collected and donated monthly to the Liberty House. Please see their needs listing and contribute!

Between the rain, work, injuries, and now vacations, our Rider's Plaque remains at Corsicana Post 22. So, we'll be making the ride down again in the near future.

We have a new member of the Riders, so please welcome Michael "Lambo" Lambert!

Our next Riders meeting is set for Sunday, June 2nd at 4:00 pm. Our June Cooking dates are Friday, June 14th with Riders famous Chicken Fried Steaks, and Saturday, June 29th serving up Burgers and Dogs.

We have been approached by members of the 82nd Airborne to delay our Car/Bike Show until the fall. The idea is to combine it with them as an all-day event to include tail-gate party and BBQ cook-off. The idea

was approved by the Riders and we will be reaching out to our other Family members to make it an entire Post 379 event. Details to follow.

Riders will be escorting our Boy's State representatives on June 9th, and Girl's State on June 16th

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

"PD" Hill - 379 Riders

#### FROM THE LEGION CHAPLAIN

Hello Bothers and Sister, now that we are in Texas preheat for summer, remember to stay hydrated. Enjoy the warmth but don't over do it.

Congratulations to the Auxiliary for their officer elections. Looking forward to another great year.

Please remember those that we are praying for: Scott Gossett and his family as well as Dennis and Edith Gosset.

Dave Eagan for recovering from rehab after surgery. Brian McCormick services were May 24th.

Jim Rushton passed on 5/10. Prayers for his family. Details to follow.

And for all unspoken prayers.

Please keep the families of all in your prayers.

Almighty God, In whom we live and move and have our being, we come into Your presence in hope and thanksgiving. We commit ourselves into Your loving hands and in Your mercy. We ask Your blessings upon us, Your servants of our American Legion. Help.us to be good neighbors with our fellow men. Where we have trespassed against them and sinned against You, we ask Your pardon and forgiveness. For these and all good gifts, we thank you. Your name we pray. Amen

Jon Christensen - Vice Chaplain

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS June 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
2 1 PM - Kitchen Meeting 3 PM - Riders Executive Meeting 4 PM - Riders Membership Meeting	3	4  11 AM - 2 PM Texas Hold'em  7 PM - Boy Scouts Meeting	5 11AM-2PM Diane's Hot Dogs 6-9 PM Karen's Kraze Karaoke	6  ELECTIONS  6PM Legion Executive Meeting  7PM Legion Membership Meeting	7  SAL Meal: Fish Fry presented by Ronnie Mac  Music: Michael Cote Music	1 2 PM: Shuffleboard Queen of Hearts  Legion Meal: Shrimp Alfredo and Ceasar Salad presented by Jon and Judy Christensen  Music: Bar None  8 1st Division Convention 2 PM Shuffleboard Queen of Hearts  AUX Meal: Sandwich Cake presented by Peggy
9	10	11 AM - 2 PM Texas Hold'em 7 PM - Boy Scouts Meeting	12 11AM-2PM Diane's Hot Dogs 6-9 PM Karen's Kraze Karaoke	13 7 PM SAL Membership Meeting	Flag Day  ALR Meal: Chicken Fried Steak  Music: Justus Cats	Music: Mystic Moonlight  15  10:30 AM - 82nd Airborne Meeting  2 PM Shuffleboard  Queen of Hearts  SAL Meal: Ribs, Potato Salad, Beans Presented by Tommy Cox  Music: Trinity River Ramblers
TAPPE FAHERS	17	18  11 AM - 2 PM Texas Hold'em  7 PM - Boy Scouts Meeting	19 11AM-2PM Diane's Hot Dogs 6-9 PM Karen's Kraze Karaoke	20 6PM ALA Executive Committee Meeting 7 PM ALA Meeting	21  AUX Meal: Chicken Cheese Broccolli presented by Sharon Nesteriak  Music: Back Beats Band	22 Boy Scounts Breakfast
23130	24	11 AM - 2 PM Texas Hold'em 7 PM - Boy Scouts Meeting	11AM-2PM Diane's Hot Dogs 6-9 PM Karen's Kraze Karaoke	7 PM - Marine Corps League	Legion Meal: Sloppy Joes, Salad and Desert presented by Mike and Diane Sivers  Music: Renegade Country Band	29 2 PM: Shuffleboard Queen of Hearts Rider Meal: TBD Music: Steve J Rose & Toni