

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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NEWSLETTER

JULY 2024

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello 379 Family,

It is an honor to have been re-elected to serve you as Commander, Post 379. It is very humbling, and I do not take this responsibility lightly.

Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Legion Board:

Commander: Rich Wiltshire

First Vice: Brandon Williams

Second Vice: Paul "PD" Hill

Adjutant: Mike Sivers

Finance Officer: George Eckert

Judge Advocate: Dave Eagan

Service Officer: Lauren Kelly

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jon Christensen

Chaplain: C "Smitty" Smith

Historian: Robin York

EBoard at Large: Dennis Gossett

EBoard at Large: Jim Grau

EBoard at Large: Bill Collins

Immediate Past Commander: Joseph Campbell

To Bill Chapman, Steve Soltis, Steve Strykert and Eileen Regan – Thank you serving on the Board during 2023-2024 and for making our Post what it is today. I appreciate everything you have done, big and small, to make this the best Post in Texas!

Last year I laid out my 3 top priorities for the Post, and I will continue them.

1. Take care of our Members - We are here to serve you. Period. We take care of our Members, they take care of the Post. For example, all the new tables and chairs – the Post did not spend a dime. You did, our Members. What a great thing for our Post!

2. Consistency – in our message, in our vision, in all the groups working together. This one is tough, and we are still working on it!
3. If it becomes about you, you are doing it wrong. – Every decision we make as a Board and Membership must be what is best for 379. Every time.

Important Dates:

July 9-24 – Department Convention in Austin
July 20, 3pm – Installation of 2024-2025 Officers. I am excited to announce Past State Commander Gene Toohey will be presiding.

I am looking forward to a fantastic 2024-2025!

Now that we are in the beginning of triple digit temperatures, please stay cool and hydrated!

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

Humbly in your service, not self

Rich Wiltshire
Post 379 Commander
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AUXILIARY NEWS

I hope everyone is having a fabulous summer as we head into the hottest part of the year. Please remember to consider the heat difficulties for your pet(s) both inside and out. Take walks earlier in the day before the pavement gets hot. Paws burn easily just like your bare feet on a hot day. Those with heavy coats can overheat like you would having your wool coat on in the summertime. Be sure and leave plenty

of food and cool water as well as shade for those outside if they're unable to be inside during the heat of the day.

Congratulations to Jodie Chapman for once again accepting the position of Third Vice/Membership for the upcoming 2024-2025 term. The Auxiliary will have installation on Saturday, July 20, 2024 along with the Legion, SAL and Riders at 3:00 pm. Our current Department President, Holly Heatly will be installing The Auxiliary at that time.

There's still time to pay your 2024 membership to be in good standing with Post 379 and enjoy your voting rights during general membership meetings as well as your privileges in the canteen. The bar staff will be happy to accept your payment or paying online is still available as another option. Your support is welcome, and funds are used for various programs throughout the year.

THERE IS NO EXECUTIVE BOARD NOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS IN JULY. Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 15th, 2024.

Please mark your calendar for our LADIES OF THE LEGION CHRISTMAS IN JULY CELEBRATION ON THURSDAY, JULY 18. This is open to all ladies whether an Auxiliary member or not. Please consider bringing a guest to enjoy the evening. Further details to follow. Please keep watch on the boards at the Post, flyers and Facebook.

In Service Not Self

Sheryl Frydenberg – Unit President
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SAL NEWS

S.A.L. will not be having a fish fry this month due to the holiday weekend. If you haven't renewed your membership please do so asap we are still looking to recruit more people.

Ben Apodaca SAL Commander

RIDERS NEWS

Happy Summer in Texas - which pretty much means motorcycle rides need to be accomplished between about 8 pm and noon!

As with the other Post families, we had our Riders elections last month and we now have a full slate of Rider's Officers for this coming year:

Director: Paul 'PD' Hill

Assistant Director: Brad 'Stinky' Finger

Adjutant: Rockin' Robin Schultz

Finance Officer: Harold 'Cajun' Hanks

Sargent-At-Arms: James Beasley

Road Captain: Art 'Sasquatch' Rutherford

Safety: James Beasley

Chaplain: Judy 'Sassy' George

We have two new members of your Post 379 Riders, so please welcome Don "DMOS" Moss, and Robin York!

Last month your Riders sponsored a Boy's State candidate, and then participated in escorting both the Boys State and Girls State representatives out of town and on their way to Austin. Thanks to Historian (and now Rider) Robin York for riding along and recording the rides.

The Texas State Riders Rally was held the weekend of Jun 14th – 16th in Mount Vernon, TX. There were 24 Riders Chapters represented, raising \$30,271 for the Veterans and Children's Foundation. Next year the Rally will be in Kerrville and moved up to the 1st week of May.

Our Post 379 Riders Plaque is back! Rescued from temporary duty at Post 22 Corsicana. We thank them for taking such good care of it.

Our next Riders meeting is set for Sunday, July 7th at 4:00 pm.

Our July Cooking dates are Friday, July 12th with Riders famous Chicken Fried Steaks, and Saturday, July 2th serving up Burgers and Dogs.

We are currently looking to put a committee together along with the 82nd Airborne to put on an all-day event to include a Car/Bike Show along with a tail-gate party and BBQ cook-off. We are looking at September date. All Post Family are encouraged to participate!

Please remember to bring in any new or gently used items for donation to the Liberty House, supporting homeless and otherwise disadvantaged vets.

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

"PD" Hill - 379 Riders

FROM THE LEGION CHAPLAIN

Summer is now upon us. Our preheat season is over and now the temperatures will start to rise. Please remember if you are outdoors to hydrate. I pray that everyone that will be traveling on vacations will be safe and return home healthy.

Congratulations to all re-elected officers and to the newly appointed. May we all strive to keep Post 379 the best post. A prayer for installation:

For the privilege of serving, You and our country, O God, we thank You. As we invoke Your blessing upon all gathered here, we particularly ask Your blessing upon the one we honor, Grant the elected Your wisdom as they lead us throughout the year. Give us Your grace to be an extension of their leadership and guidance, that together we will be used by You for the betterment of our association together for You and our country. Amen

Please continue to pray for those that are ill. Scott Gosset while he is recovering as well as his parents, Dennis and Edith Gosset.

I would also like to wish everyone a Happy 4th of July!!

Almighty God, we pray to You to help us have faith in God and country, and to keep the freedom we have cherished for well over 2 centuries. With this freedom, we may continue to grow in all our undertakings. Also, help us with the friendships we have made to learn to love one another so that harmony may be with us always in this great land ours. We ask this in Your name. Amen

Jon Christensen - Vice Chaplain

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
 July 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
<i>We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness</i>	1 God Bless American and God Bless our Troops!	2	3 6-9 PM Karen's Kraze Karaoke	4 4th of July No Legion Meeting due to Holiday	5 No Meal - Holiday Weekend Music: Mystic Moonlight	6 2 PM: Shuffleboard Queen of Hearts No Meal - Holiday Weekend Music: Trinity River Ramblers
7 3 PM - Riders Executive Meeting 4 PM - Riders Membership Meeting	8	9 Department of Texas Convention in Austin 11 AM - 2 PM Texas Hold'em 7 PM - Boy Scouts Meeting	10 Department of Texas Convention in Austin 11AM-2PM Diane's Hot Dogs 6-9 PM Karen's Kraze Karaoke	11 Department of Texas Convention in Austin 7 PM SAL Membership Meeting	12 Department of Texas Convention in Austin ALR Meal: Chicken Fried Steak Music: Justus Cats	13 Department of Texas Convention in Austin 2 PM Shuffleboard Queen of Hearts Meal: TBD Music: Diamond Duo
14 Department of Texas Convention in Austin	15	16 11 AM - 2 PM Texas Hold'em 7 PM - Boy Scouts Meeting	17 11AM-2PM Diane's Hot Dogs 6-9 PM Karen's Kraze Karaoke	18 No ALA Meeting Ladies of the Legion Christmas in July party in Proctor Hall	19 AUX Meal: Baked Spaghetti presented by Sheryl and Sharon Music: Back Beats Band	20 10:30 AM - 82nd Airborne Meeting 2 PM Shuffleboard 3PM Installation of Officers presided by Past Department Commander Gene Tooley Queen of Hearts Meal: BBQ Ribs presented by Tommy Cox Music: Ben & Doug
21	22	23 11 AM - 2 PM Texas Hold'em 7 PM - Boy Scouts Meeting	24 11AM-2PM Diane's Hot Dogs 6-9 PM Karen's Kraze Karaoke	25 7 PM - Marine Corps League	26 Meal: TBD Music: TBD	27 Boy Scouts Breakfast 2 PM Shuffleboard Queen of Hearts ALR Meal: Burgers & Dogs Music: Marcia Rose
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