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3RD JUNIOR VICE CMDR..... JAMES BRENDE
JUDGE ADVOCATE..... HENRY WALTERS
ADJUTANT..... TERESA BRISKER
FINANCE OFFICER..... DAVID MYER
SERVICE OFFICER..... TBA
SGT-AT-ARMS..... SCOTT PERRY
CHAPLAIN..... WILLIAM CRAIN
I.T. OFFICER..... TBA

Executive Committee Officers

PAUL ANDERSON, SR. PST CDR OSCAR SIMS
CAROL WHITLOCK RAYMOND JOHNSON
HENRY KING

AL MEMBERS MEETING.....2ND TUESDAY - 7:00 PM
AL EXECUTIVE MEETING..1ST TUESDAY - 7:00 PM
AL HOUSE COMMITTEE....1ST TUESDAY - 6:00 PM
AL AUXILIARY MEETING...2ND SUNDAY - 2:00 PM
SAL MEMBERS MEETING...2ND THURSDAY-6:30 PM
AL RIDERS MEETING.....3RD SUNDAY - 2:00 PM
AL AUX JRS MEETING.....3RD SATURDAY – 2:00 PM



AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT..... MIRIAM STEIN
1ST. VICE PRES..... TC BENZEL
2ND. VICE PRES..... ANDREA BATCHELDER
SECRETARY.....STEPHANIE BISHOP
TREASURER..... JULIE HUFFMAN
SGT-AT-ARMS..... FRANCES BOWMAN
& IRENE HACKLEY
CHAPLAIN.....JONI DWYER
HISTORIAN.....SUSAN BAURS
PARLIAMENTARIAN.....JESSICA SPARKS



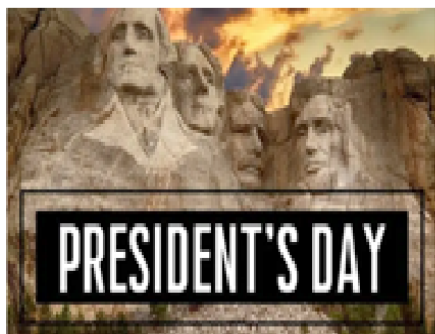
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

COMMANDER..... BRIAN KNUTSON
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2nd VICE CMDR..... DAVID A HIGGINBOTHAN
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LEGION RIDER OFFICERS

DIRECTOR.....DONALD HUFFMAN
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SECRETARY.....ALLEAN HARRINGTON
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ROAD CAPT..... LEE GARCIA
ACTIVITIESMIRIAM STEIN
SAFETY OFFICER LEE GALLOWAY
HISTORIANJUDY EASTMEAD
CHAPLAIN.....TBD
SGT-AT-ARMS.....DAVID HIGGINBOTHAM
JUDGE ADVOCATE.....JESSICA SPARKS
WEBMASTER.....JOHN HARRINGTON



**Reminder
membership
2023 cards
expired
December 31,
2023. If you
do not have a
2024 card,
It's Time To
Renew Today!**



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



Commander's Message



Membership – Renewal 2024 is at a remarkable **379 members** making our percentage at **105.7%**. There are still many members who have not renewed. For the sake of our Post Membership Program, if you don't have a card that states **2024**, you are delinquent in your dues and free insurance. Please renew as soon as possible.

MOH recipient Roger Donlon passes away - Retired Army Col. Roger Donlon, the first Medal of Honor recipient of the Vietnam War, passed away Jan. 25. He was 89. On July 6, 1964, then-Capt. Donlon was the commanding officer at Camp Nam Dong, Vietnam, when a Viet Cong battalion launched a pre-dawn attack. During the next five hours, Donlon repeatedly exposed himself to heavy fire while defending against the enemy, moving ammunitions and weaponry to effective positions, aiding the wounded and rallying his men.

Throughout the battle, he was severely injured several times but persevered and insisted others receive medical attention before him. When the sun finally came up, the enemy retreated into the jungle. Donlon's bravery and leadership had resulted in the defeat of the attackers and preserving the lives of the friendly Vietnamese camp defenders and fellow Americans. Donlon, a longtime member of American Legion Post 172 in New York, was also the first veteran of the Vietnam War to receive The American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal in 1966.

One year, \$18.8 billion in veteran's benefits claims - There are more than 18 billion reasons why our nation's veterans gave thanks to The American Legion during Fiscal Year 2023, which ended in September. That's because American Legion accredited service officers secured nearly 19 billion dollars — \$18,800,997,141.62 to be precise — in benefits claims for veterans. That amount exceeds the \$16 billion that veterans received in the previous fiscal year. (This why you should be part of the American Legion)

Steak Night – If you are calling in to order a steak on Friday Night, Please Call the Kitchen Direct at **(706) 364-1769** instead of the Bar at (706)793-1724. Bartenders are busy and might not be able to answer the phone quickly. You will get greater response by calling the Kitchen instead of the Bar. **DUE TO THE ECOMONY, STEAK PRICES WILL BE GOING UP IN JANUARY 2024. Liquor & Beer Prices will also be going up during the 1st Quarter of 2024 when prices are worked out.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE POST - (Don't stay inside, become a volunteer) If you are interested in volunteering, then contact the Post Commander Grant Whiteley at 706-793-1724 or Auxiliary President Miriam Stein Unit 178 at 706-399-7539. If you want to volunteer to help us in the Kitchen, please call our own Jr. Vice Commander Matthew Funsch, at (706)798-9562. Don't forget our weekly Friday Night steak dinners (6 – 8 PM). I am so grateful to all my officers, our management, the Ladies Auxiliary, SAL and the Riders for all the time and energy they have dedicated into helping the post, the veterans and the community. If possible, all officers need to attend both the executive board meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month and along with the members, the membership meeting on the Second Tuesday of each month. Thank You! *GBW!*

"WE THE PEOPLE"

Grant B. Whiteley
Commander
American Legion Post 178



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



The Auxiliary needs membership renewals in as soon as possible. Our night is February 9, 2024. We need volunteers to help in the kitchen. If you would like to help, please let us know in advance. We appreciate all of the current volunteers that we have each and every month. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 11, 2024. We will be discussing a lot of important information so if you are able to attend, then it will be greatly appreciated.

*..God and Country,
Miriam Stein, Unit President*



Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 8th at 6:30 PM. Our next steak night to cook will be on Friday, February 23rd. Sincere appreciation goes out to Mark, Donald, Julie and anyone else who helped with renovation the hall floor. It really looks fantastic. Grateful appreciation to all those who help and support our steak nights. We thank all our Veterans both Active Duty and retired. Take care and may God Bless You All.

*Strength for Service to God & country,
Brian Kunston, SAL Commander*



Our 20th Annual Polar Bear ride will be February 3rd starting with breakfast served at the Post at 8am. KSU 10:15am. Our Friday steak night is Feb 16th from 6-8pm. General membership meeting will be February 18th at 2pm. We also continue to collect non-perishable food items for Fort Gordon Battle Buddy program. Please drop off your donations in the box located in the hall (flyer attached to box for more information). Ride Safe!

*For God and Country,
Donald "Fix It" Huffman, Director*



SUPER BOWL 58 , SUNDAY, FEB 11, 2024, 6:30 PM. Come watch the game in the Lounge. Finger Food and Snacks will be provided. We appreciate all our customer and member support which helps for more improvement projects in the Lounge. Vice Commander Caruso and Frances have both been working additional improvements in the Lounge in the near future. The Management wish all the Ladies a Joyful Valentine's Day and feel free to stop the Post and pick up your rose from us because you are the roses of the American Legion.

Lounge Manager, Frances Bowman

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POST 178 CALENDAR of EVENTS

February 2024

<i>FEB</i>	<i>DAY</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Black History Month		
2	Friday	AL STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8 PM. Karaoke 8pm-12am w/Billy & Gerda GROUNDHOG DAY
4	Sunday	FOUR CHAPLAIN'S CEREMONY 1 – 4 PM USO BIRTHDAY
6	Tuesday	HOUSE COMMITTEE MTG @ 6PM & E-BOARD MTG @ 7PM
8	Thursday	SAL GEN MBRSHIP MTG 6:30 PM
9	Friday	AUXILIARY STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8 PM.
11	Sunday	AUXILIARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg @ 2 PM.
12	Monday	NATIONAL SALUTE TO VETERAN PATIENTS
13	Tuesday	LEGION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg @ 7 PM.
14	Wednesday	RIDERS EXEC MTG @ 6:30 PM VALENTINE DAY
16	Friday	ALR STEAK NIGHT @ 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8pm-12am w/
18	Sunday	ALR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg. @ 2 pm
19	Monday	Presidents' Day
23	Friday	SAL STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM