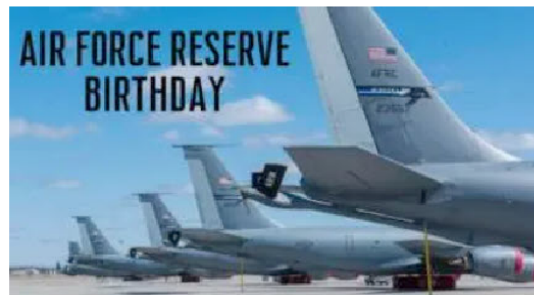
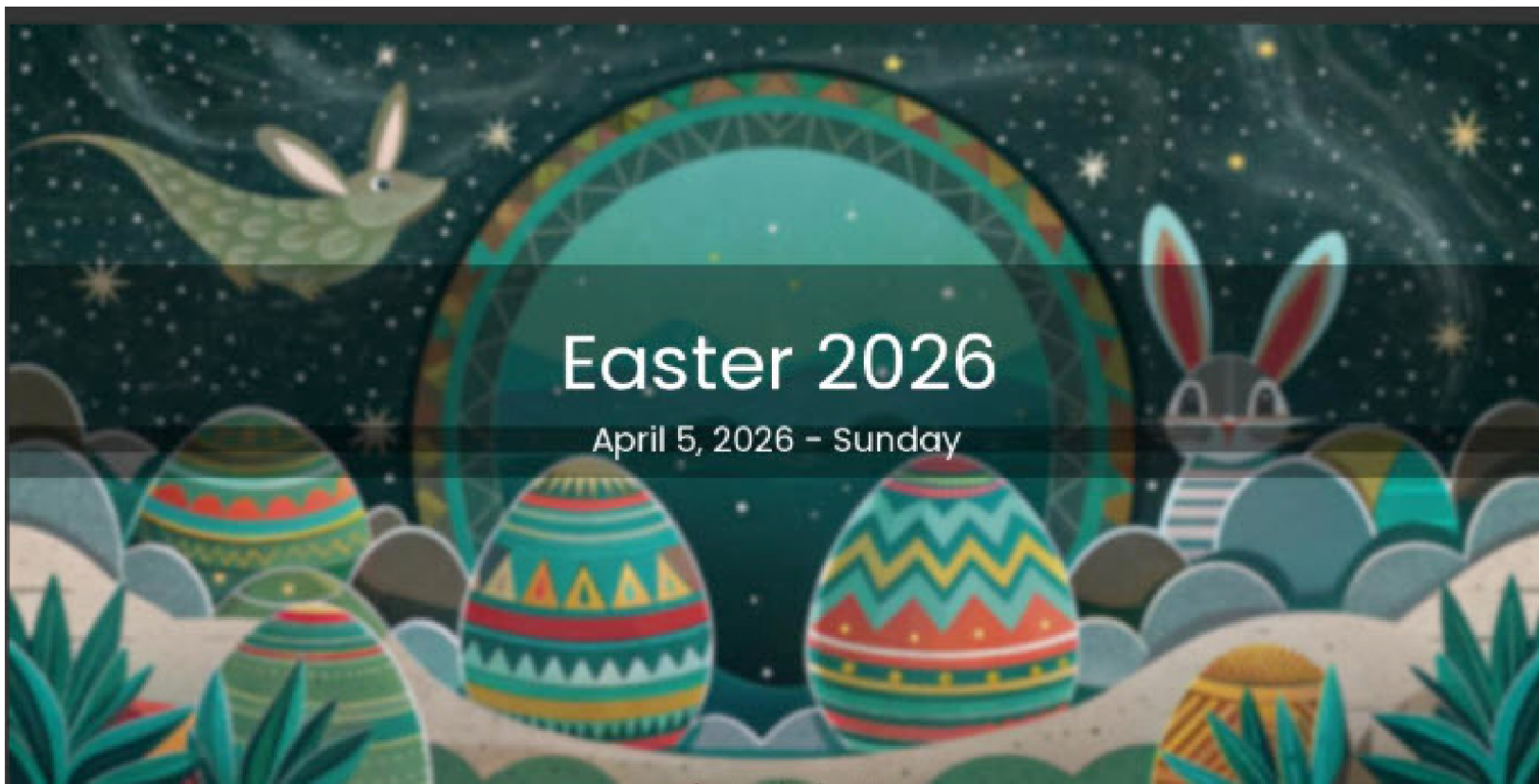




American Legion Post 178 – April 2026 Newsletter





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Department of Georgia

AMERICAN LEGION POST 178 MONTHLY MEETINGS
 AL HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING....1ST TUESDAY 6 PM
 AL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING....1ST TUESDAY 7 PM
 AL GENERAL MEMBER'S MEETING...2ND TUESDAY 7 PM

AUXILIARY UNIT 178 MONTHLY MEETINGS

AUXILIARY UNIT 178 GENERAL MEMBER'S MEETING....2ND SUNDAY 2 PM
 AUXILIARY UNIT 178 JR'S GENERAL MEMBER'S MEETING....3RD SATURDAY 2 PM

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION (SAL) SQUADRON 178 MONTHLY MEETINGS
 SAL SQUADRON 178 GENERAL MEMBER'S MEETING...2ND THURSDAY 6:30 PM

AMERICAN LEGION CHAPTER 178 RIDERS MONTHLY MEETINGS

AL CHAPTER 178 RIDERS EXECUTIVE MEETING....2ND WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM
 AL CHAPTER 178 RIDERS GENERAL MEMBER'S MEETING....3RD SUNDAY 2 PM



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Commander's Message



Membership – New Cards – The 2026 cards are waiting for renewal. **At the present time we have 341 members paid to date which brings our membership percentage to 103%. CONGRATULATIONS MEMBERS!**

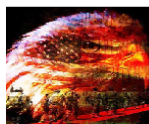
Remember the Post Dues are **\$45.00** per member, per year. There are still members out there who have not paid their dues in a couple of years. That could help bring the post to 150%. Please submit your dues either through the Post or on-line. **Renew your membership today and be part of the growing American Legion Family!**

VA, DOJ sign agreement to improve care for nation's most vulnerable Veterans - WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Justice have signed a memorandum of understanding that will help some of America's most vulnerable Veterans get the ongoing care they need. VA cares for hundreds of Veterans who are unable to make their own health care decisions and have no family or legal representation to help them. This includes some Veterans who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness. The MOU gives DOJ the authority to appoint VA attorneys as special assistant U.S. attorneys. That appointment will give VA attorneys the legal authority to initiate and participate in state court guardianship or conservatorship proceedings in cases where a legal decision-maker is required for post-acute transitions of care for these vulnerable Veterans. The appointment of a legal guardian or conservator can be a lifeline for Veterans in this situation. Among other things, a legal guardian or conservator can help Veterans avoid unwarranted continued hospitalization, protect their rights, and promote appropriate transitions of care from VA hospitalization to other forms of VA care or care in the community, if appropriate. "Our new partnership with the Justice Department reflects our ongoing commitment to ensuring that every Veteran receives timely, appropriate care, even in complex cases," said VA Secretary Doug Collins. "The Department of Justice is proud to partner with the Department of Veterans Affairs to support our nation's brave Veterans by ensuring that they have the best legal resources available when it comes to making medical decisions and receiving timely care," said Attorney General Pam Bondi. "We owe our Veterans a debt we can never fully repay — but we can give them the support they deserve." This milestone is one of many landmark VA achievements during the second Trump Administration, including: Opening 33 new VA health care facilities, expanding health care access for Veterans around the country. Reducing the backlog of Veterans waiting for VA benefits by 63% since Jan. 20, 2025, after it increased 24% during the Biden Administration. Completing 82,083,918 direct care appointments in FY2025, up 4.1% from FY2024. Offering Veterans more than 2.2 million appointments outside of normal operating hours, giving Veterans more timely and convenient options for care. Permanently housing 51,936 homeless Veterans across the country in FY2025, the highest total in seven years.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE POST - If you are interested in volunteering, then contact the Post Commander Grant Whiteley at 706-793-1724. I am always grateful to all my officers, our management, the Ladies Auxiliary, the 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**. We need a volunteer for Service Officer. Please step up to the plate and support us. **Thank You! Website: (gapost178.org)**

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Events Calendar April 2026

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
			1	2 <u>CLARISA'S THURSDAY SPECIAL</u> 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	3 GOOD FRIDAY 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM <u>AL Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	4
5 <u>American Legion Unit 178 Auxiliary Children's Easter Party</u> 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	6	7 <u>House Committee Mtg</u> 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM <u>Post 178 Exec Meeting</u> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	8	9 <u>CLARISA'S THURSDAY SPECIAL</u> 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM <u>11th DISTRICT DEC MEETING</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM <u>SAL GEN MBRSHIP MTG</u> 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	10 <u>Auxiliary Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	11
12 <u>Voiture Local 719 40&8 Promandes</u> 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM <u>Auxiliary Gen Mbr Mtg</u> 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	13	14 <u>POST 178 Mbrship Mtg</u> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	15 <u>AUXILIARY DINNER</u> 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM <u>Chapter 178 Riders Exec Mtg</u> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	16 <u>GA WAR BINGO</u> 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM <u>CLARISA'S THURSDAY SPECIAL</u> 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	17 <u>Chapter 178 Riders Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	18
19 <u>RIDERS GEN MBR MTG</u> 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	20	21	22	23 <u>CLARISA'S THURSDAY SPECIAL</u> 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	24 <u>SAL Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	25
26	27	28	29	30 <u>MAGGI'S BIRTHDAY</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM <u>CLARISA'S THURSDAY SPECIAL</u> 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM		