

AMERICAN LEGION

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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



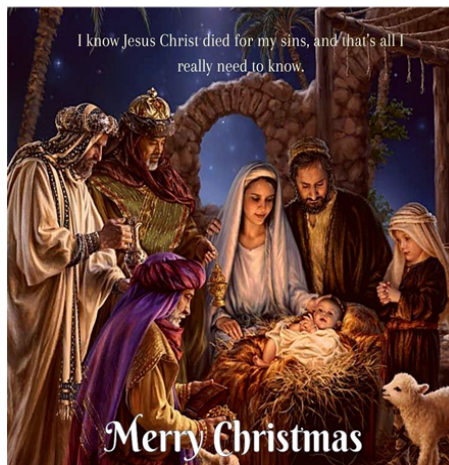
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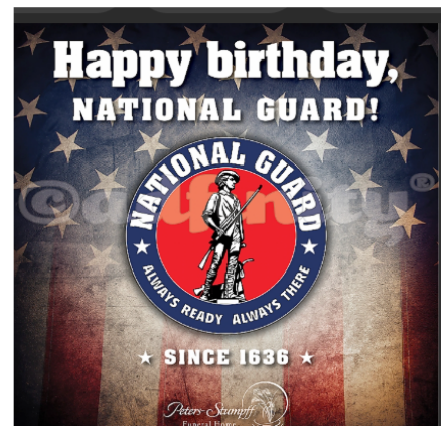


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BE THE ONE



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



Commander's Message



Membership – Renewal 2024 is at a remarkable **288 members** making our percentage at **81.1%**. Please get your dues to the Post or pay online. Either way, the Post gets the credit and you the satisfaction of supporting your Post during this annual membership run.

Aluminum Handicap Ramp – Used Aluminum Handicap Ramp looking for a new home. Ramp was disassemble for storage and can be reassemble. If interested, please call the Commander Whiteley (706) 793-1724.

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.**

3.2% COLA – **Military retirees and veterans** can expect a 3.2% cost-of-living adjustment in their retirement pay and veterans disability pay. This is the same increase provided in Social Security, and it was calculated by the Labor Department’s Bureau of Labor Statistics based on changes in consumer prices.

What to Watch: Military members and federal workers would receive a 5.2% pay increase under the 2024 budget pending before Congress. This increase is calculated to keep pace with private sector pay. **The increase for retirees and veterans should first appear in December pay**, while the military raise would take effect Jan. 1.

Veterans Day – Buddy Check – November 11th, 2023 – Buddy Check - American Legion posts are also strongly encouraged, by resolution, to make Buddy Check calls during **Veterans Week (mid-November)** and **American Legion Birthday Week (mid-March)**. If you know a Vet, please check on him/her wellbeing and if needed, turn the name, address, and phone number to be included in our monthly Buddy Check System.

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 Mike Dwyer at 706-360-1764.

NOTE - 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! _____ **(NO NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2024)**

"WE THE PEOPLE"

Grant B. Whiteley
Commander
American Legion Post 178



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



The ladies Auxiliary would like to thank the volunteers on steak night. Membership renewals are due by December 31st. We are in need of volunteers in the kitchen.

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



Reminder to pay membership dues before the end of December. General membership meeting will be Dec 14 at 6:30pm. Turkey shoot will be Dec 23. .

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



The Department VA hospital tours will be Dec 8-9. ALR 178 will be responsible for the escorts on Sat, Dec 9 meeting at Double Tree at 8am. Post 178 will be hosting the lunch same day. Our Friday steak night is Dec 15 from 6-8pm. Saturday, Dec 16 will be a busy day. The Wreath's Across America ceremony will take place at Hillcrest at 12pm. Thank you to everyone that purchased a wreath. The turkey shoot will be 2-4pm. Please come out to participate in some "trigger therapy" or donate. The ALR General Membership meeting will be Dec 17 at 5pm following the Children's Christmas. 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). Reminder to pay 2024 membership dues before Dec 31. Your other organizational dues must be paid first. Ride Safe!

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

**Post 178 Lounge
Fundraiser**



Fireball, 5 1/2 4PCS Rock Glasses, 3PCS Shaker Set, 2 1/2 Liter Lite Cups & Bucket, Budweiser Glass Bar, 6PCS Bar Set, Jim Beam Vodka & Crown Whiskey, Car Navy, Small Cups, 4 Word Glasses, Small & Full Size Mat, 1 Case of Miller Lite, and 2 Bottles Misc Liquor.

**Tickets \$5 for 1
or \$10 for 3
Drawing New Year's Party**

Let the Christmas Holidays Begin! Lots of things are going on this month from Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Dec 7th, Wreaths Across America Dec 16th, our Kids Xmas Party Dec 17th (2 – 4 PM). On Dec 22nd, is our Bartender's Xmas Party starting at 7 PM. Come on out and celebrate with the Lounge Team. Happy Birthday to Pedro & EB Raymond Johnson on the 23rd of Dec! In addition, on the 23rd of Dec is Chinese Xmas Gift Exchange starting at 7PM. Lots of Fun for everyone. The Lounge will be open on Christmas as always and the hall will be serving Christmas Dinner for the Veterans from 1–3 PM. Our Lounge Fundraiser, a Home Bar fully loaded with all kinds of goodies, is currently going on in the lounge. Get your tickets from the bartender on duty. The Management wants to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Lounge Manager, Frances Bowman



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POST 178 CALENDAR of EVENTS

December 2023

<i>DEC</i>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1	Friday	AL STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8 PM. Karaoke 8pm-12am w/Billy & Gerda
2	Saturday	AL TURKEY SHOOT 2 – 4 PM
5	Tuesday	HOUSE COMMITTEE Mtg & E-BOARD Mtg CANCELLED
7	Thursday	PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY
8	Friday	AUXILIARY STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8 PM.
9	Saturday	AUXILIARY TURKEY SHOOT @ 2 – 4 PM VA VISIT PARTICIPANTS STOP AT POST 178 FOR LUNCH
10	Sunday	11 th DISTRICT MTG POST 63 @ 9 AM – 4 PM AUXILIARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg @ 4 PM.
12	Tuesday	LEGION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg @ 7 PM.
13	Wednesday	RIDERS EXEC MTG @ 6:30 PM
14	Thursday	SAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg @ 6:30 PM.
15	Friday	ALR STEAK NIGHT @ 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8pm-12am w/
16	Saturday	RIDERS TURKEY SHOOT @ 2 – 4 PM WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA @ HILLCREST 11 AM
17	Sunday	ALR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg. @ 2 pm KIDS XMAS PARTY 2- 4PM
22	Friday	SAL STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM BARTENDERS XMAS PARTY 7 PM - ?
23	Saturday	SAL TURKEY SHOOT @ 2 – 4 PM GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST 2 PM - ? CHINESE XMAS GIFT EXCHANGE 6 – 7 PM
25	Monday	CHRISTMAS DAY VETERANS DINNER @ 1 – 3PM
31	Sunday	NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY – LOUNGE 8 PM - ?