

# AMERICAN LEGION

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## JUNE-2024 NEWSLETTER



### POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER..... GRANT WHITELY  
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1ST. JUNIOR VICE CMDR..... MATTHEW FUNSCH  
2ND. JUNIOR VICE CMDR..... ROBERT CARUSO  
3RD JUNIOR VICE CMDR..... JAMES BRENDLE  
JUDGE ADVOCATE..... HENRY WALTERS  
ADJUTANT..... TERESA BRISKER  
FINANCE OFFICER..... DAVID MYER  
SERVICE OFFICER..... TBA  
SGT-AT-ARMS..... TBA  
CHAPLAIN..... JOHN ELLIS  
I.T. OFFICER..... TBA

#### Executive Committee Officers

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

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



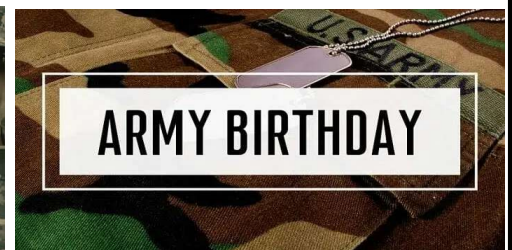
### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

COMMANDER..... BRIAN KNUTSON  
1st VICE CMDR..... DONALD HUFFMAN  
2nd VICE CMDR..... DAVID A HIGGINBOTHAM  
ADJUTANT..... MICHAEL LAMIE  
FINANCE OFFICER.....JEFF AWAIT  
JUDGE ADVOCATE.....ROBERT BRIZIUS  
SGT-AT-ARMS..... ROBERT CARLTON  
HISTORIAN..... TRISTAN HALSTEAD  
CHAPLAIN.....TBA



### LEGION RIDER OFFICERS

DIRECTOR.....DONALD HUFFMAN  
ASSIST. DIRECTOR.....TERRENCE ALEXANDER  
SECRETARY.....ALLEAN HARRINGTON  
TREASURER.....JULIE HUFFMAN  
ROAD CAPT..... LEE GARCIA  
ACTIVITIES .....MIRIAM STEIN  
SAFETY OFFICER ..... LEE GALLOWAY  
HISTORIAN.....JUDY EASTMEAD  
CHAPLAIN.....TBD  
SGT-AT-ARMS.....DAVID HIGGINBOTHAM  
JUDGE ADVOCATE.....JESSICA SPARKS  
WEBMASTER.....JOHN HARRINGTON



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RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



# Commander's Message



**Membership** – Renewal for 2024 is at a remarkable **426 members** making our percentage at **113.6%**. 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.

**Post Elections** - Went great and all the officers from last year are stepping forward another year plus a new Chaplain – John Ellis and a new Historian – Robert Inham. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL POST OFFICERS, AUXILIARY OFFICERS, SAL OFFICERS AND CHAPTER RIDERS.

**The Legion's role in immigration reform** - Illegal immigration is a topic of high importance to The American Legion. It has tracked border policy for decades and remains committed to engaging in dialogue on the evolving issue. Not only is illegal immigration a national security issue, estimates say that 40% of border patrol agents are veterans. As members of Congress politicize the issue, states fight to exert control and immigrant children face the threat of exploitation, The American Legion is leading the way in forging a solution.

"There has been a lot of political showmanship and conjecture related to illegal immigration across our southern border," American Legion National Commander Daniel Seehafer said. "But those talking points, used by both sides of the debate, don't actively work to solve the problem. That's why The American Legion has conducted multiple trips to the border to get a first-hand look at the issue, learn from those at ground zero and use these fact-finding tours to get a comprehensive understanding of what's at stake."

**How to find a doctor** - Finding and researching doctors is easier than it used to be. Today, there are a variety of websites you can turn to that provide databases of U.S. doctors, their professional medical histories, and ratings and reviews from past patients based on several criteria. Here are some good tips to help you find the right doctors. Searching Tips The first step is to get referrals from trusted friends, or any doctors, nurses or other health-care professionals you know. You should also check with your insurance provider, who can provide a list of approved doctors or confirm whether the doctor you are considering is in-network. If your enrolled in the original Medicare, you can use the care compare tool at [Medicare.gov/care-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare) (click on "Doctors & Clinicians"). This will let you find doctors by name, medical specialty or geographic location who accept original Medicare.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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



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First and foremost, I would like to Thank all those who ran for Officers positions, as well as those who came out and voted. I look forward to a year of continued success and growth. As your new Auxiliary President, trust that I'm continuing to learn under the tutelage of our Past President as well our other senior Officers of the Auxiliary. Exciting things coming up for the month of June are the Army Birthday as well as Flag Day on June 14, please join us for cake at 5 pm then on June 16 we invite all Fathers out for our Fathers Day luncheon beginning at 1 pm till 3. Remember ladies our meeting is at 2 pm on June 9th. Please be aware that we are currently trying to recruit more Juniors into the program so bring out your children or grandchildren. It promises to be a fun and educational experience. Our 178 Junior are Eager Beavers to help Veterans. Stay Safe and Be Blessed. Positive vibes for a prosperous future. Kind Regards!

*..God and Country,  
Teriann (TC) Leblanc, Unit 178 President*



We will have our monthly meeting on the 13th. we will be cooking on the 28th. I want to THANK everyone that came out and placed flags on the graves at Hillcrest and cooked the hamburgers and hotdogs at the post! Come down to the post and enjoy a cold beverage and some socializing!

*Take Care, and May God Bless  
Brian "Yank" Kunston, SAL Commander*



Thank you to all who came out to volunteer or participate at our many events last month; it was a very busy month. Instead of our lunch ride on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be supporting the Redemption Riders benefit. We are meeting at Post 178 at 8:45am with KSU at 9am. General membership meeting is June 16 at 2pm. Our Friday steak night is June 21 from 6-8pm. We also continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Fort Gordon Battle Buddy program. It has also been expanded to accept other items such as diapers and school supplies. 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*



Hey everyone - Another month in the history books. May was a busy month for the Post. June is a little less hectic but we still have lots going on here at Post 178. In addition to the regularly scheduled Steak Nights and Karaoke Nights, Father's Day, and Flag Day. So, get out to the Post and enjoy. Check the calendar and the event flyers we have in and around the lounge. As always, remember you bartenders and have a great time. And please, leave any attitudes at home or in your vehicle. We are here to enjoy, not get on each other's last nerve.

*"Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better."  
Lounge Manager, Frances Bowman*

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## POST 178 CALENDAR of EVENTS

### *June 2024*

2	Sunday	40/8 V-719 MTG 12 NOON
4	Tuesday	HOUSE COMMITTEE MTG @ 6PM& E-BOARD MTG @ 7PM
7	Friday	AL STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM
9	Sunday	AUXILIARY GENERAL MBR MTG – 2 PM
11	Tuesday	AMERICAN LEGION MBR MTG 7 – 8 PM
12	Wednesday	RIDERS EXEC MTG @ 6:30 PM ( <i>WOMENS VETERANS DAY</i> )
13	Thursday	SAL GEN MBR MTG 6:30 PM
14	Friday	AUXILIARY STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM; <i>ARMY BIRTHDAY; FLAG DAY!</i>
16	Sunday	RIDERS GEN MBR MTG 2 PM; ( <i>FATHER'S DAY – AUXILIARY</i> )
19	Wednesday	JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY
21	Friday	RIDER'S STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM
23	Sunday	COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BIRTHDAY
27	Thursday	PTSD AWARENESS DAY
28	Friday	SAL STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM; DEPT OF GA CONVENTION