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JUNE - 2025 NEWSLETTER



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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



AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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BE THE ONE



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



Commander's Message



Membership – New Cards – The 2025 cards are being processed. At the present time we have 390 members paid to date which brings our membership percentage to 109.6%. Remember the Post Dues is now at **\$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 the post to 150% along with the new members. Please submit your dues either through the Post or on-line. **Renew your membership today and be part of the growing American Legion Family!**

Newsletter Organizations Input – **1st Place Riders on 5/25/25 at 08:32 AM; 2nd Place AUXiliary on 5/26/25 09:30 AM; 3rd Place Lounge on 5/28/25 at 9:11 PM and SAL Input Missing!**

Why Is a DD-214 Important? – This separation document contains information normally needed to verify military service for benefits, retirement, employment and membership in veteran organizations. This form also gives civil and government agencies the information needed to apply any federal and state laws relevant to members who separate from the military. A DD214 generally is needed for the following: Home loans; Civilian employment; Veteran organizations membership; Social Security; Burial/flag; Education; Homeless veteran services; Medical services; Deals and discounts for veterans (sometimes); The [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) (VA) uses the form to determine eligibility for specific benefits. The Department of Labor uses DD214 to determine eligibility for unemployment compensation. Additionally, the form will be used to determine reemployment rights. Inaccurate information on the DD Form 214 could result in a delay or denial of benefits. The surviving [spouse](#) of a military veteran also needs to know how to access the DD214 in order for the service member's funeral service to receive patriotic honors. These include the folding and presentation of the United States burial flag; and the sounding of taps, at no cost to the family.

What Is the Fastest Way to Get a DD214? To receive a DD214 as quickly as possible, visit the [eVetRecs website](#) and, as you go through the dropdown menus, select "Emergency Request" in the dropdown menu under: "Which of these categories best describes why you're requesting the records?" You won't see this option until you begin going through the records request process and get to the "Service and request details" section. You may also fax a record request using Form **SF 180** to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) at 314-801-9195. Make sure to specify the emergency in the "Purpose" section of Form SF 180 before faxing it. If you have any questions, you may call 314-801-0800, but note that hold times can be long. YOU can get a copy of the SF 180 form to fill out and faxed from this post. (See the Commander)

Mail Request: [Download and complete the Standard Form SF-180, then mail it to the National Personnel Records Center \(NPRC\).](#)

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! GBW!**

"WE THE PEOPLE"

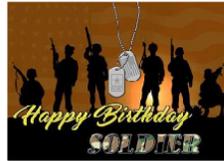


RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



Summer is here. This month is all about education. Please join on the 6th for Men's Health at 6 pm. Our meeting is thr 8th at 2 pm, looking forward to seeing you there. That's also departure for Boys and Girls state. The 12th is Women's Veterans day come on out and let's celebrate these fine women of service. Auxiliary steak night is the 13th as well as alzheimers awareness program at 6 pm. The 14th is ARMY'S BIRTHDAY, and flag retirement. Come on out and join us as the Auxiliary cooks for Fathers day on the 15th from 1-3 PM..

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



*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. Our lunch ride Saturday, June 7th we are meeting at Post 178 with KSU at 10am. We will be supporting ALR 192 & 71 with Koala bear ride on June 14 meeting at Post 178 at 9:45 with KSU at 9:30. General membership meeting is June 15 at 2pm. Our Friday steak night is June 20 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*



Happy Father's Day June 15th the Aux will be cooking for our father's here at the post. I want to ask for more prayers for Cody Bolin and family for the loss of his father Joe Bolin better known as Bama Joe. We also lost another close friend Geno they both will be greatly missed! Please keep Robert Caruso (Julio) and Bill Reed in your prayers as well. Thank you all for your support and God Bless!

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

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POST 178 CALENDAR *JUNE 2025*

1	Sunday	40&8 Meeting 12:30 PM; JR. SAL CAMP MAY 31 ST – JUNE 6 TH , 2025
3	Tuesday	HOUSE COMMITTEE MTG @ 6PM& E-BOARD MTG @ 7PM
6	Friday	AL STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8PM; KARAOKE 8 – 11 PM
8	Sunday	AUX GEN MBRSHIP MTG – 2PM
10	Tuesday	POST 178 GEN MBRSHIP MTG 7PM
11	Wednesday	<i>RIDERS EXEC MTG 6:30 PM</i>
12	Thursday	SAL GEN MBR MTG 6:30 PM; WOMEN VETS CEREMONY 5:45 PM
13	Friday	<i>AUXILIARY STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8 PM; KARAOKE 8 – 11 PM</i>
14	Saturday	<i>ARMY BIRTHDAY 12 - 2 PM; AUXILIARY JR'S MTG 2PM; FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY 4:30 PM</i>
15	Sunday	FATHER'S DAY 1 - 3PM; Riders General Membership Mtg 4 PM
20	Friday	RIDER'S STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM
26	Thursday	DEPARTMENT OF GA CONVENTION (June 26 – 29, 2025)
27	Friday	PTSD DAY; SAL Steak Night 6 - 8 PM
29	Sunday	COMMANDER RETURN FROM DEPARTMENT OF GA CONVENTION