

# AMERICAN LEGION

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## MAR-2025 NEWSLETTER



### POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER..... GRANT WHITELEY  
SENIOR VICE CMDR..... BRUCE EARLY  
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..... CLARISSA M WETHERBEE  
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.....TERIANN BENZEL  
1ST. VICE PRES..... MIRIAM STEIN  
2ND. VICE PRES..... CARRIE LeBLANC  
SECRETARY.....CLARISSA WETHERBEE  
TREASURER..... JULIE HUFFMAN  
SGT-AT-ARMS..... FRANCES BOWMAN  
                                  & IRENE HACKLEY  
CHAPLAIN..... DENISE WIDENER  
HISTORIAN.....TINA JOHNSON  
PARLIAMENTARIAN.....JESSICA SPARKS



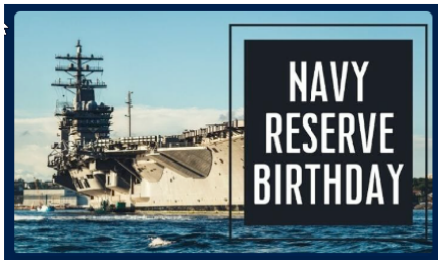
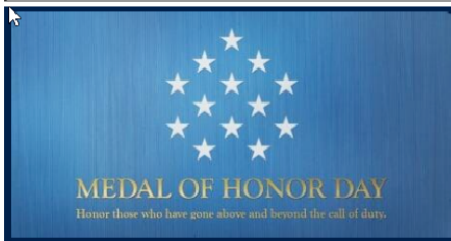
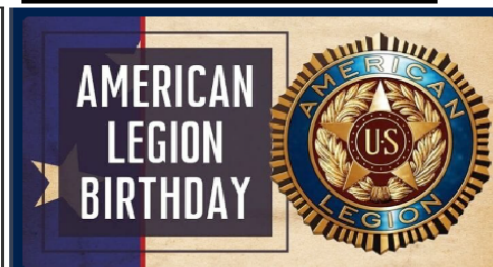
### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

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



### LEGION RIDER OFFICERS

DIRECTOR.....DONALD HUFFMAN  
ASSIST. DIRECTOR.....DAVID A HIGGINBOTHAN  
SECRETARY.....MARY VERRET  
TREASURER.....JULIE HUFFMAN  
ROAD CAPT.....LEE GARCIA  
ACTIVITIES .....MIRIAM STEIN  
SAFETY OFFICER ..... LEE GALLOWAY  
HISTORIAN .....DAVID VERRET  
CHAPLAIN..... BRUCE A. EARLY  
SGT-AT-ARMS..... CLARISSA WETHERBEE  
JUDGE ADVOCATE.....JESSICA SPARKS  
WEBMASTER.....KRIS NICHOLAS



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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 356 members paid to date which brings our membership percentage to 94.93%. Remember the Post Dues is now at **\$45.00** per member, per year. Any dues received short will be held until full payment has been received. The renewal notices have signified the change in the Post dues. Please submit your dues either through the Post or on-line. **Renew your membership today; and be part of the American Legion Family that cares!**

**POST OPERATIONS** – If you call the post anytime and one of our employees answers the phone and you do not say anything (because you were expecting a different person to answer); our management has been informed to block all calls coming into the post that are potential scams or other. Please have the courtesy to speak to the person answering the phone regardless who answers, so your phone number will not be blocked.

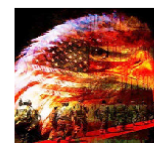
**American Legion National Commander LaCoursiere Jr.s - testimony before a joint session of the Senate and House Committees on Veterans' Affairs** - American Legion National Commander James A. LaCoursiere Jr., called on Congress to "change the narrative" and improve the transition process for veterans as he delivered The American Legion legislative agenda to a joint hearing of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs Wednesday. "Young people who have been told that military service will leave them broken or unsupported in the end will think twice about their propensity to serve at all. And that is a matter of national security," LaCoursiere said. "We need to change the narrative. We can change the narrative." Ranking member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Mark Takano, D-Calif., was one of several members to express concern about recent government layoffs. During his opening remarks, LaCoursiere pointed to waste in electronic health records management as an example of government inefficiency. "Billion's, of our taxpayer dollars have been spent on this," LaCoursiere said. "The result has been completely,, unsuccessful pilot programs, flawed infrastructure and continued inability of the Department of Defense and VA to make transition as seamless as possible for those leaving service and entering their lives as veterans."

**POST LOUNGE RENOVATION** – Renovations have been completely, and the Post is back to full operation. Please feel free to join the post in all of its activities. The Post sill had other projects pending but only on the participation of its members and guest.

**POST NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS** - *Nominations will be held on both April 8th & May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the (General Membership Meeting (19:00 Hours) and the Elections will take place on Saturday May 17th, 2025, from 12N – 6:45 PM. You must Present a Current 2025 Post 178 Membership Card for Verification and Validation to vote.*

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!**



We are Marching towards exciting events. On March 8th its Women's Service Day, we also have a Juniors meeting at 2 P.M.. Our monthly meeting is on the 9th at 4 P.M.. Auxiliary Steak night is the 14th, come see us for an awesome steak dinner from 6 P.M.- 8 P.M., and karaoke starting at 8 P.M. The Legion birthday and Gold Star Day is on the 15th. We will be having a program at 1 P.M. Are you feeling the luck of the Irish cause ST. Patrick's Day is the 17th. Remember myself and the 1st Vice will be at conference from 20th til 23rd if you need anything please contact our 2nd Vice Carrie LeBlanc. Make sure, you come to celebrate our Vietnam Veterans Day, on the 29th at 11 A.M. Be Safe and Be Blessed!

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



We will be having our monthly meeting on the 13th. We will be cooking on the 28th. Come on out to the Post for St.Patricks day for a green beer or 2!! Thanks for the continued support of steak night and all who help make it a great success!!

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



Last month's Polar Bear ride was great and thank you to everyone that donated and participated. Our next lunch ride is March 1st starting at Post 178 with KSU at 10:00am. Our next general membership meeting is Sunday, Mar 16 at 2pm. Our Friday steak night is Mar 21 from 6-8pm. We also continue to collect non-perishable food items and school supplies for Fort Eisenhower 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*



I want to start off by thanking everyone for there patients and support during renovation of the post restrooms and lounge area. They did an amazing job on the restrooms. March 17th Saint Patricks Day. We will be doing cornbeef and cabbage and green beer in the lounge. I also want to officially welcome Maggi Mae back home to the Legion Family!! We sure are happy to have you back on board!! The Hall is back open for event rentals, if you are planning a party the Legion Hall is the perfect place to do so. Call me Lounge manager Frances for more details. Everyone please be safe and as Mr. Malcom would say toodaloo...

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



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**POST 178 CALENDAR of EVENTS**  
*MARCH 2025*

4	Tuesday	HOUSE COMMITTEE MTG @ 6PM& E-BOARD MTG @ 7PM
7	Friday	<b>AL STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8PM; KARAOKE 8 – 11 PM</b>
9	Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> DISTRICT MTG 9AM – 4PM; AUXILIARY GEN MBR MTG 4 PM
11	Tuesday	POST 178 GEN MBRSHIP MTG 7PM
12	Wednesday	<i>RIDER'S EXEC MTG 6:30PM</i>
13	Thursday	SAL GEN MBR MTG 6:30 PM
14	Friday	<i>AUXILIARY STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8 PM; KARAOKE 8 – 11 PM</i>
15	Saturday	<i>GOLD STAR FAMILY DAY 1 - 3PM &amp; AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY</i>
16	Sunday	RIDER'S GEN MBR MTG 2 PM
20	Thursday	DEPARTMENT OF GA CONFERENCE MAR 20 – 23, 2025
21	Friday	RIDER'S STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM
28	Friday	SAL STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8PM; KARAOKE 8 – 11 PM
29	Saturday	VIETNAM DAY MAR 29TH 12 - 3PM LUNCH, PRIZES, & PHOTO