



American Legion Post 178 May 2026 Newsletter



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Mother's
Day

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American Legion
Post 178





AMERICAN LEGION

CARTER BURDELL HAGLER-POST 178

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

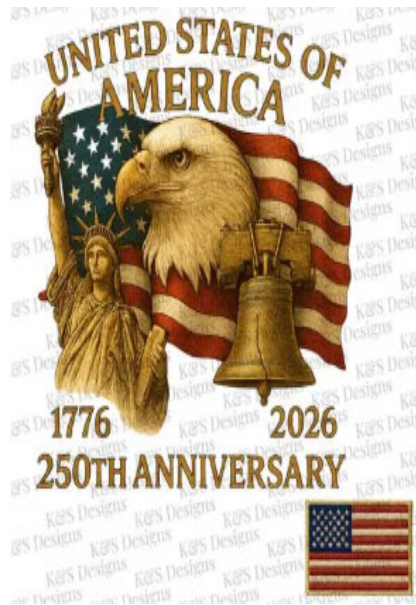


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 2ND. JUNIOR VICE CMDR..... ROBERT CARUSO
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 ADJUTANT..... THERESA BRISKER
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 HISTORIAN..... BRIAN KNUTSON
 CHAPLAIN.....STEVEN "BUCKY" ROGERS



Commander's Message



Membership – New Cards – The 2026 cards are waiting for renewal. **At the present time we have 363 members paid to date which brings our membership percentage to 110%. 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!**

Transforming Health Care for Veterans, Revolutionizing Health Care for All - VA is transitioning to a new Electronic Health Record (EHR) system — the software that stores health information and tracks all aspects of patient care. The Federal EHR connects VA medical facilities with the Department of War (DOW), the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and participating community care providers, allowing clinicians to easily access a Veteran's full medical history in one location. The VA EHRM Integration Office manages deployment of the new system.

Information for Caregivers - The VHA Office of Finance, Payment Operations is responsible for the administration of Primary Family Caregiver benefits which includes calculating and processing the stipend payment for eligible Primary Family Caregivers. Stipend payments are based on a tier-level rating determined by the Veteran's Centralized Eligibility and Appeals Team (CEAT). The application process for the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC)–VA Caregiver Support Program is facilitated by the local Caregiver Support Program Team.

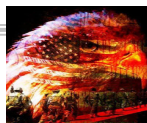
Caregiver Support Line - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Caregiver Support Line (CSL) is a toll-free number 1-855-260-3274 for caregivers, family members, friends, Veterans, and community partners to contact for information related to caregiving and available supports and services. Our dedicated CSL team provides information on caregiver support services, counseling, educational services, and referrals (electronic notification) to local Caregiver Support Program (CSP) staff at VA medical centers (VAMC). Call VA's CSL Monday-Friday 8:00am-8:00pm at 1-855-260-3274 to learn more about the support that is available to you and for assistance connecting with the Caregiver Support Team at your local VA Medical Center.

POST NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS – *2nd Nominations will be held May 12th, 2026, at the (General Membership Meeting (19:00 Hours) and the Elections will take place on Saturday May 16th, 2026, from 12N – 6:45 PM. You must Present a Current 2026 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 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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"WE THE PEOPLE"



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

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Carter Burdell Hagler American Legion Post 178 Events: May 2026

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
					1 <u>SILVER STAR DAY</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM <u>AL Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	2 <u>11th District Family Carnival</u> 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM <u>11th District Family Ball</u> 6:00 PM - 12:00 PM
3	4	5 <u>House Committee Mtg</u> 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM <u>Post 178 Exec Meeting</u> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	6	7 <u>National Day of Prayer</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM <u>CLARISA'S THURSDAY SPECIAL</u> 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	8 <u>PAST CDR OSCAR SIM'S BIRTHDAY</u> 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM <u>Auxiliary Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	9 <u>Auxiliary Gen Mbr Mtg</u> 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
10 <u>Voliture Local 719 40&8 Promandes</u> <u>CANCELLED</u> 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM <u>Mother's Day Dinner (SAL)</u> 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	11	12 <u>POST 178 Gen Mbrship Mtg</u> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	13 <u>Chapter 178 Riders Exec Mtg</u> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	14 <u>CLARISA'S THURSDAY SPECIAL</u> 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM <u>GIRL STATE DINNER/BRIEFING</u> 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM <u>SAL GEN MBRSHIP MTG</u> 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	15 <u>Chapter 178 Riders Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	16 <u>POST 178 ELECTIONS</u> 12:00 PM - 6:45 PM
17 <u>11th District Meeting</u> 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM <u>RIDERS GEN MBR MTG</u> 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	18	19	20 <u>AUXILIARY DINNER</u> 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM <u>SETUP OF CROSSES ON VETERANS HILL</u> 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	21 <u>GA WAR BINGO</u> 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM <u>CLARISA'S THURSDAY SPECIAL</u> 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM <u>BOYS STATE DINNER/BRIEFING</u> 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	22 <u>SAL Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	23 <u>FLAGS AT HILLCREST CEMETERY</u> 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM
24	25 <u>VETERAN'S HILL OR REMEMBRANCE</u> 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM <u>MEMORIAL DAY BBQ</u> 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	26	27	28 <u>CLARISA'S THURSDAY SPECIAL</u> 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	29 <u>Happy Birthday Austin Day</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM <u>ALL ORG Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	30
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