

AMERICAN LEGION

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COMMANDER..... GRANT WHITELY
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1ST. JUNIOR VICE CMDR..... IN OUR PRAYERS
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..... TBD
SGT-AT-ARMS..... SCOTT PERRY
CHAPLAIN..... WILLIAM CRAIN
I.T. OFFICER..... TBD

Executive Committee Officers

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

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

PRESIDENT..... MIRIAM STEIN
1ST. VICE PRES.....HEATHER STEWART
2ND. VICE PRES..... SUSAN YOUNG
SECRETARY.....CYNTHIA ANDERSON
TREASURER.....JULIE HUFFMAN
SGT-AT-ARMS.....FRANCES BOWMAN
& IRENE HACKLEY
CHAPLAIN..... ANDREA BATCHELDER
HISTORIAN.....LYLA SILLS
PARLIAMENTARIAN.....JESSICA SPARKS

Prayer for God's Blessings throughout the New Year!

We know that the joy of the Lord is our strength and, as we meditate on Your Word, saturate our hearts.

Teach us to confess what the word says so we can see the manifestation of our prayers.

Your word will not return to You void of fulfillment, but it will accomplish everything for which You sent it.

Remind us to not worry about what is happening around us, but to trust You.

[read full prayer @ christians1.com](http://read.full.prayer@christians1.com)



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

COMMANDER..... WAYNE STEWART
1st VICE CMDR..... DONALD HUFFMAN
2nd VICE CMDR..... JEFF AWALT
ADJUTANT..... JAMES PEBBLES
FINANCE OFFICER..... BRIAN KNUTSON
JUDGE ADVOCATE..... HENRY WALTERS
SGT-AT-ARMS..... ROBERT CARLTON
HISTORIAN.....TRISTAN HALSTEAD
CHAPLAIN..... STEVE ROBERTS



LEGION RIDER OFFICERS

DIRECTOR..... DONALD HUFFMAN
ASST. DIRECTOR.....TERRANCE ALEXANDER
SECRETARY.....CYNTHIA ANDERSON
TREASURER.....JULIE HUFFMAN
ROAD CAPT..... LEE GARCIA
ACTIVITIES MIRIAM STEIN
SAFETY OFFICER LEE GALLOWAY
HISTORIAN.....BRIDGET HIGGINBOTHAM
CHAPLAIN..... HENRY WALTERS
SGT-AT-ARMS..... DAVID HIGGINBOTHAM
JUDGE ADVOCATE.....JESSICA SPARKS
WEBMASTER.....IN OUR PRAYERS

Happy New Year!



Reminder to members their 2022 membership card expired December 31, 2022. Renew Today!



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



Commander's Message



COMMANDER'S MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Our membership goal for 2022-2023 is 375 members making the Post at 100%. At the present time the Post has 291 members who have renewed. We have 54 PUFL's, 6 Honorary members, 53 members renewed on-line, and 178 members mail in who renewed for a grand total 291 members at 77.6% as of December 22nd, 2022. We still have a lot of members who has not renewed to make our quota. This can be felt by no insurance for those who are not current to the strength in numbers for lobbying against congress for the benefits of all veterans. If you don't have a 2023 card in your possession, your 2022 card will expired December 31st, 2022. "There is power in unity and there is power in numbers." It's human nature to seek companionship because, in essence, no one wants to be alone. The American Legion is a brotherhood or a type of social organization whose members freely associate for a mutually beneficial purpose such as for social, professional or honorary principles.

PRAYER REQUEST –The Post has several members that are disable, bed ridden, and number of other things so say a prayer for them to recover from their illnesses. Prayer to Jesus for Healing - *Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you. Allow Your healing Hand to heal them. Touch their souls with Your compassion for others; touch their hearts with Your courage and infinite Love for all; touch their minds with Your Wisdom, and may their mouth always proclaim Your praise. Teach them to reach out to You in all their needs, and help them to lead others to You by their example. Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring them health in body and spirit that they may serve You with all their strength. Touch gently their life which you have created, now and forever. Men.*

VA Benefit Payment Rates Increase - The Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for VA disability compensation benefits programs became effective on December 1, 2022. The 8.7% COLA increase is for the calendar year 2023. Veterans and beneficiaries receiving VA disability compensation will notice an increase in their monthly payments, starting January 1, 2023. This annual increase impacts disability benefits, clothing allowance, Dependency, and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), as well as other VA assistance programs. If you do not see a difference in the amount, you should contact the VA regional office near you. To ask questions about applying for VA disability benefits or appealing a VA decision, reach out to a VA-accredited representative today.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE POST - -"Waving your country flag doesn't make you a Patriot, Be a proud American & a Volunteer!" It is important to volunteer because most non-profit organizations and charities are only partially funded. 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. *"The quality of your life will be determined by the quality of your contribution. When you work to improve the lives of others, your life improves automatically."* – **Kurek Ashley**

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.

"WE THE PEOPLE"



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



Auxiliary Unit 178 Auxiliary President's Message



I want to thank everyone that helped make this year's children's Christmas party a spectacular event. It was one of the largest ever. Our next auxiliary meeting will be on January 8th, 2023 @ 2:00 pm. Please come to see what we have planned for our veterans and families this coming year. If you did not pay your annual dues before 11/31/22 you will no longer be in good standing and will need to renew as soon as possible. For God and country, *Auxiliary President, Miriam Stein*



SAL Commander's Message



Our SAL E-Board meeting will be January 12th, 2023 at 6:00 pm and our monthly meeting at 6:30 pm. Please join us for our SAL Fish Fry from 11 to 2 PM, Fish, French Fries, Buckie's Hush Puppies, Home Made Tartar Sauce and our Turkey Shoot all on January 28th, 2023.

*Strength for Service to God & country ;
Wayne Stewart, SAL Commander*



Rider's Director Message



Happy New Year! Our general membership meeting will be January 15 at 2pm. Our Friday steak night is Jan 20 from 6-8pm. Our turkey shoot will be Sat, Jan 21 from 2-4pm. Please come out to participate in some "trigger therapy" or donate. 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).

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



Lounge Manager's Message



Welcome to 2023 New Year. We are looking forward to yet another great year in the lounge and the Post. Frances & Julio would like to thank everyone who donated and supported the Bartender's Xmas Party who had a great time. Want to thank Austin and Heather for stepping up and to run bar which they did a great job. We would like to welcome back the Blue Goose Veterans and Staff. We missed them all. Their next visit is Jan 11th, 2023. Come out and support them. Look for flyers for upcoming events in the Post/Lounge. We will be organizing a Superbowl Party on Feb 12th, 2023 which we will have finger food and snacks. If you would like to join us, please do! *Frances Bowman, Manager*

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POST 178 CALENDAR of EVENTS – DEC, 2022

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
3	Tuesday	HOUSE & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - CANCELLED
6	Friday	AL STEAK NIGHT. Karaoke 8pm -12am w/Mark Cross
7	Saturday	AL TURKEY SHOOT @ 2 – 4 PM
8	Sunday	11 th DISTRICT MTG 10 AM – 3:30 PM @ AL POST 505 AUXILIARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg 4 PM
10	Tuesday	POST 178 GEN MBR MTG 7 PM
11	Wednesday	RIDER'S EXECUTIVE MTG 6:30 PM
12	Thursday	SAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg @ 6:30 pm
13	Friday	AUXILIARY STEAK NIGHT @ 6 – 8 PM: KARAOKE BILLY & GERTA 8 - 12
14	Saturday	AUXILIARY TURKEY SHOOT @ 2 – 4 PM
15	Sunday	ALRIDERS GEN MBR MTG 2 – 4 PM
18	Wednesday	AUXILIARY DINNEER - CANCELLED
20	Friday	ALRIDERS STEAK NIGHT KARAOKE @ 6-8 PM & KARAOKE 8-12/MARC CROSS
21	Saturday	ALR TURKEY SHOOT @ 2-4 PM; AUXILIARY JR. MTG. 2 PM
27	Friday	SAL STEAK NIGHT KARAOKE @ 6-8 PM & KARAOKE 8-12/"LLL" LEONA
28	Saturday	SAL FISH FRY 11 AM – 2 PM & SAL TURKEY SHOOT @ 2 – 4 PM
February		
3	Friday	AL STEAK NIGHT. Karaoke 8pm -12am w/Mark Cross
4	Saturday	POLAR BEAR RIDE 10 AM – 2 PM AL TURKEY SHOOT @ 2 – 4 PM
5	Sunday	THE FOUR CHAPLAINS CEREMONY 12:30 PM – 4 PM

