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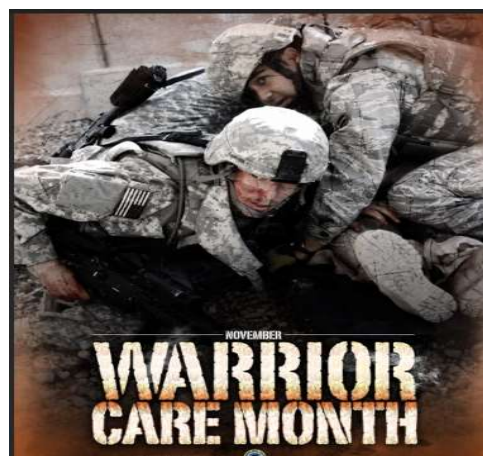


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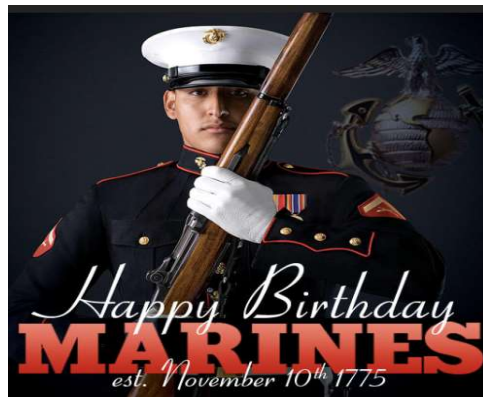
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National Family
Caregivers Month
NOVEMBER



BE THE ONE



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



Commander's Message



Membership – Renewal 2024 is at a remarkable 226 members making our percentage at 63.6%. Please get your dues to the Post or pay online. Either way, the Post gets the credit and you the satisfaction of supporting your Post during this annual membership run.

American Legion News – VA partners with DoD to increase surgery access for Gulf Coast Veterans - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced a new partnership with the Department of Defense to increase access to world-class surgical care for approximately 37,000 Gulf Coast-area veterans. Under this new agreement, these veterans will now be able to receive same-day, outpatient surgical care at a new VA clinic in Naval Hospital Pensacola — a local DoD hospital.

Steak Night – If you are calling in to order a steak on Friday Night, Please Call the Kitchen Direct at **(706) 364-1769** instead of the Bar at (706)793-1724. Bartenders are busy and might not be able to answer the phone quickly. You will get greater service by calling the Kitchen instead of the Bar.

3.2% COLA – Military retirees and veterans can expect a 3.2% cost-of-living adjustment in their retirement pay and veterans disability pay. This is the same increase provided in Social Security, and it was calculated by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics based on changes in consumer prices.

What to Watch: Military members and federal workers would receive a 5.2% pay increase under the 2024 budget pending before Congress. This increase is calculated to keep pace with private sector pay. The increase for retirees and veterans should first appear in December pay, while the military raise would take effect Jan. 1.

Veterans Day – Buddy Check – November 11th, 2023 – Buddy Check - American Legion posts are also strongly encouraged, by resolution, to make Buddy Check calls during **Veterans Week** (*mid-November*) and **American Legion Birthday Week** (*mid-March*). If you know a Vet, please check on him/her wellbeing and if needed, turn the name, address, and phone number to be included in our monthly Buddy Check System.

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 Mike Dwyer at 706-360-1764.

NOTE - 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. Thank You!

"WE THE PEOPLE"

Grant B. Whiteley
Commander
American Legion Post 178



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



The Auxiliary would like to thank all the volunteers for the help in the kitchen for the work around the post. If you would like to join the volunteers' please let us know. We are taking membership dues the amount is now \$40.00. The steak night will be November 10th. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 12, 2023. We also have a raffle going on in the lounge. You can purchase tickets from the bartender and also see the raffle item in the lounge near the TV. Veterans Day will be on the 11th and flags are available to purchase until the 6th. They will go out on the 8th. Thanksgiving Meal will be on the 23rd. We are collecting toys in the hall for military kids until the 3rd week of November. Turkey shoot will be on the 11th.. *God and Country,*
Miriam Stein, Unit President



Strength for Service to God & country,
Brian Kunston, SAL Commander



Our annual Fisher House Ride is on Nov 4th starting at Post 178 at 8m for registration and breakfast. KSU at 10am. Please come out and support the Fisher House either with financial support or non-monetary donation (see the flyer for requested items). We will be going on Fort Gordon for the presentation so please read the flyer for instructions. You do not have to ride a bike to join us, all cages (cars) welcome. Our Friday steak night is Nov 17 from 6-8pm. On Saturday, Nov 18 we will be having a turkey shoot from 2-4pm. Please come out to participate in some "trigger therapy" or donate. Our general membership meeting is Nov 19. We also continue to collect school supplies and 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). We are collecting for Wreaths Across America (deadline is Nov 26th). If you haven't purchased your wreath yet, sheets are at the Legion or see any rider for more information. Ride Safe! *For God and Country,*
Donald "Fix It" Huffman, Director



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your patience as while we renovated the lounge. We really did a massive paint job of the ceilings and the walls. Thank You Ms. Carla for a job well done and it really looks great. Congratulations to Pedro on his 1st place win in our Halloween Costume Contest not to mention its been two years in a row for the win! Happy Thanksgiving everyone and hope you all have a safe holiday. Until next time – (Toot-A-Lo) famous words of Malcom Kelly.

Lounge Manager, Frances Bowman

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POST 178 CALENDAR of EVENTS

November 2023



NOV 3.6	DAY	EVENT	
1	Wednesday	HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR LOUNGE MANAGER FRANCES BOWMAN	
3	Friday	AL STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8 PM. Karaoke 8pm-12am w/Billy & Gerda	
4	Saturday	AL TURKEY SHOOT 2 – 4 PM	Time Change!! Beginning November 6th we will close at 6:00 PM
7	Tuesday	HOUSE COMMITTEE Mtg @ 6 pm. E-BOARD Mtg @ 7 pm.	
9	Thursday	SAL GEN MBRSHIP MTG 6:30 PM	
10	Friday	AUXILIARY STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8 PM. U.S. MARINES BIRTHDAY	
11	Saturday	AUXILIARY TURKEY SHOOT @ 2 – 4 PM VETS DAY PARADE 10 AM LUNCH @178 VETERANS DAY - BUDDY CHECK	Happy Veterans Day!
12	Sunday	AUXILIARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg @ 2PM.	
13	Monday	AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK	
14	Tuesday	LEGION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg @ 7 PM.	
15	Wednesday	RIDERS EXEC MTG @ 6:30 PM	
16	Thursday	11TH DISTRICT DEC MEETING POST 63 @ 6PM	
17	Friday	ALR STEAK NIGHT @ 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8pm-12am w/	
18	Saturday	RIDERS TURKEY SHOOT @ 2 – 4 PM	
19	Sunday	NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK ALR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg. @ 2 pm	
23	Thursday	THANKSGIVING DAY 1 – 3PM	Welcome
24	Friday	SAL Steak Night 6 - 8 PM (CANCELLED)	
25	Saturday	SAL TURKEY SHOOT @ 2 – 4 PM VETERANS GIFT SHOP NOV 25-30 3RD FLR. 9AM	
27	Monday	VA HOSPITAL GIFT SHOP OPENNING PHOTO SHOT @ 8:30 AM	