

# AMERICAN LEGION

**CARTER BURDELL HAGLER-POST 178** (Dept.. of GA) [Code: 811322]

## SEPT- 2024 NEWSLETTER

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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

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RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



# Commander's Message



**Membership – New Cards** – The 2025 cards are being processed. At the present time we have 185 members paid to date which brings our membership percentage to 49.3%. 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!**

**Members & Guest Responsibilities** – All members and guest are responsible for signing in as well as behavior in the Post. That means no PROFANITY and respect the Post and its members and properties. In addition, the Post has elected Vice Commanders within the post of designated areas (Lounge, Kitchen, & Hall) for your convenience for any kind of complaints, recommendations or just come to the meeting but don't voice your concerns while you are consuming alcohol in the Post. Service can be denied to anyone who violates Post rules and regulations. This Post has a unique set of officers and management which keeps this Post thriving and continuing one of the best American Legion Post in the CSRA community.

**9/11 REMEMBRANCE** - This year marks the 23rd anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. It's a time in history that The American Legion will never forget. For over two decades, American Legion posts have conducted ceremonies on 9/11 to ensure that their communities don't forget the lives lost that day or those lost while fighting the global war on terrorism prompted by the attack. Join our website: [Carter Burdell Hagler American Legion Post 178 \(gapost178.org\)](http://CarterBurdellHaglerAmericanLegionPost178(gapost178.org)).

**BEER & LIQOUR PRICES INCREASED** – Due to the increase in cost of vendors products, Lounge Prices increase will be determined at the next meeting and will be implemented in October 2024.

**AMERICAN LEGION SPONSORING ARMY-NAVE GAME** - The American Legion is proud to announce an official partnership with the Army-Navy Football Game presented by USAA, which will be played for the 125th time on Dec. 14, 2024. The American Legion becomes the first veterans service organization (VSO) to sponsor "America's Game" in its history. The Army-Navy Game is among the longest standing and most storied rivalries in college football history. This new partnership aligns with the Legion's core values of service, patriotism and camaraderie. (For full details, go to <https://gapost178.org/site/americanlegionnews.php?article=1> .)

**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 Matthew Funsch, at (706)798-9562. 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 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 and Sgt-At-Arms. Please step up to the plate and support us. Thank You! GBW!**

**"WE THE PEOPLE"**

Grant B. Whiteley  
Commander  
American Legion Post 178



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It's almost that time again, time for school to start. If you would like to donate school supplies to our juniors or to the kids of Fort Eisenhower please come see me or Miriam Stein. Our Junior Awards program is the 3rd from 11 AM- 2 PM. It's sure to be a great time as we honor our juniors for all that they have accomplished. Coast Guard birthday is the 4th, the auxiliary will have a cake in the lounge at 5 PM, all are welcome. We will be having a program for Purple Heart Day on the 7th at 12 PM. BIG NEWS!!!! GA WAR IS BACK. We will be hosting GA War on Thursday August 8th at 11 AM. if you would like to volunteer, please contact me at 706-360-8941. Steak night this month is the Aug 9th. We can always use volunteers for either prep work or steak night itself. Our meeting is the Sunday following our Steak night on the 11th at 2

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



We will have our monthly meeting on the 12th. We will be cooking on the 27th. Thanks to all who come out and support us on steak night and who help us out! Come on by the post for a drink and some good company during football season!

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



On Sept 8 we will be having a District ALR meeting at Post 178 starting approximately at 10am. Please come out Sept 14 to celebrate our 20th Anniversary and Poker Ride. Registration and breakfast starts at 8am and leaving at 10am. We will have 20th anniversary t-shirts for sale as well as sheets for poker run. You don't have to own a motorcycle to participate - cages (cars) are welcome. Donations are greatly appreciated. Our next general membership meeting is Sept 15 at 2pm. On Sept 20 we are having a POW/MIA ceremony at 5pm. This is also the same day as our steak night from 6-8pm. Please come out and support our Riders. We will be supporting the Red Knights poker ride on Sept 28, meeting at Post 178 at 8:45 am and KSU 9am. We are collecting school supplies for Freedom Park Schools (Elementary and Middle). Donations can be dropped off at Post 178 in our Battle Buddy collection box. We will also accept monetary donations if you wish. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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



It's September already and it's still the hottest that I can remember. Everyone please stay hydrated and cool. Thank You to everyone who continues to support us. Thank You to our Lounge Team for all your hard work. God Bless you all and remember we're here for you seven days a week.

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

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**POST 178 CALENDAR of EVENTS**  
*September 2024*

1	Sunday	40/8 V-719 MTG 12 NOON
2	Monday	40/8 V-719 MTG 12 NOON; <b>COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY</b>
3	Tuesday	HOUSE COMMITTEE MTG @ 6PM& E-BOARD MTG @ 7PM --CANCELLED
5	Friday	AL STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8PM; KARAOKE 8 – 11 PM
8	Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> DISTRICT MTG 9AM – 4PM; AUXILIARY GEN MBR MTG 4 PM
9	Monday	AUXILIARY GIRL SCOUTS MTG - 6 PM Troop #20329
10	Tuesday	POST GEN MBR MTG – 7 PM
11	Wednesday	<i>RIDER'S EXEC MTG 6:30 PM</i> ; PATRIOT DAY REUNION 9 AM – 2 PM 9/11 REMEMBRANCE
12	Thursday	SAL GEN MBR MTG 6:30 PM
13	Friday	<i>AUXILIARY STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8 PM</i> ; KARAOKE 8 – 11 PM
14	Saturday	<i>RIDERS POKER RIDE 9 AM – 2PM</i>
15	Sunday	RIDER'S GEN MBR MTG 2 PM
18	Wednesday	<i>AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY &amp; AIR NATL GUARD BIRTHDAY</i>
20	Friday	ATL POW/MIA DAY 5 PM RIDER'S STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM
27	Friday	SAL STEAK NIGHT 6-8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM
28	Saturday	AUX JR'S MTG 2PM
29	Sunday	Gold Star Mother's Day 2 PM