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From the Post 179 Commander



Fellow Legionnaires,

Raise of hands of who is just about fed-up with 100+ degree days! Whew, its hot out there! I hope you are all staying safe and doing your best to beat the heat. While the recent NBU bills don't help, a really cold libation from the Bar can definitely help! Come on out and enjoy a cold one and let us know what you're thinking!

We will be holding a special election for 1st Vice Commander, Adjutant, Sgt at Arms, and Executive Committee member at the August general membership meeting. If you have been waiting for just the right time to jump-in and help, well, here's your chance. Nominations will be taken from the floor that night, so please come on out and support the post.

We will also be hosting many of the Boy's State attendees on Aug 11th prior to the general membership meeting from 5:30-6:30 pm. Come on by and have some pizza as we hear about the interesting lessons learned while at Boy's State this past year.

This is a very important month for the Legion as we turn-up the pacemaker and buckle down on getting ready for the 1st Annual Post 179 Golf Tournament! We need volunteers to help us out on 9 Sep 22 at Landa Park golf course, as well as Players to fill out the course. If you are a golfer, and a Veteran, you will also receive a discount on the

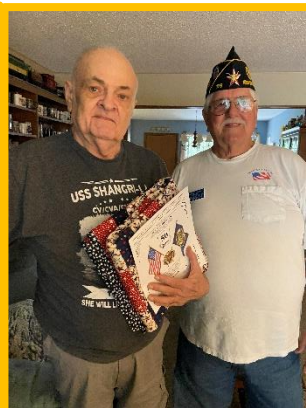
entry fee! So, check out the website as we get ready to “Tee it up for Vets” on 9 Sep at Landa Park Golf Course!

Because our Adjutant resigned, and our elections are not until the middle of this month, the Department of Texas American Legion will not certify us to use MyLegion.com. So, please bear with us a couple more weeks and then we will be able to process all the recent membership renewals, transfers, and new members. This, coupled with the paper shortage, is making membership issues frustrating, but hang in there, relief is on the way.

Finally, big shout-out to our Chaplain, Charlie Clopper and his wife Barbara, for going out and visiting a few very special people this past week. We had four members who have been members of the American Legion for between 50 and 55 years and the ladies down in Gulfport at Post 343 had made them lap blankets before the last District convention. Charlie and Barbara went out of their way to deliver and talk to these long-time members...Thanks Charlie and Barbara!



Comrade Crowder



Comrade Hinman



Comrade Nobel



Comrade Skoog

Please keep your eyes out for important information from our Hubmaster, and our Public Affairs Officer as they communicate to a wider and growing audience. Also check out the calendar of events at www.alpost179tx.org for more information about upcoming events and activities!

Thank you for being members of our Post and Thank you for your Service to our Nation.

For God and Country, God Bless you all!

Don Ingram
Commander, Post 179

From the 2nd Vice Commander

SAD NOTE

Recently, I was informed about the passing on July 24th and asked if I knew Juanita Molina Gonzales, better known to family and friends as Janie. At the moment of discussion, I knew that I knew of her as a member of the Auxiliary, but didn't think of her as a friend, because I couldn't think of much interaction. Upon reflection though I began to realize that she had meant a lot to me.

On numerous occasions in the kitchen and in the hall, either cleaning or setting up or trying to close from some activity, this delightful lady was always there. What impressed me about Janie was that she was a happy person. I think she truly liked herself. She always had a ready smile, and she wasn't bossy to me. However, she did like to inform and instruct me, which I found to be helpful. "This is the way you should do this," she would say. Or, "here, let me help you fold these tablecloths. You take that end, fold it over, hold it up and do it again." She was my instructor. I'll forever be grateful for that. If I had to come up with one word to describe Janie, it would be precise.

For those of us who were honored to have come into her life, she is certainly gone too soon for our liking. For her close friends, church, the Legion/Auxiliary, and her immediate family, we understand your grief over this loss. What cherished memories we know you must have. Why it had to be now, those of us left behind have little understanding. But I like to think that my God felt that Janie was needed for another adventure and more service. And, just maybe someday I'll get to see my instructor once again. In the meantime, she will be sorely missed.

I don't know that the Honor Wall has any restrictions, and if permitted, I'd like to see a plaque with her name on it. I'd contribute to see it done. It would even be nice to have a dedication ceremony upon installation of those who could attend with maybe a little get-together celebration of life afterwards.

GRADUATION AND A NEW BEGINNING



Less than two weeks ago the Post participated in Judge Charles Stephens' II County Court At Law #2, Comal County Veterans Treatment Court graduation ceremony for three military veterans, two young men and one young woman. Talk about impressive and make you proud of your community! I didn't know such a thing existed, (so far, the do-right guys haven't caught up with any of my antics) but after having sat through the ceremony, I was bursting my

chest buttons so proud that Post 179 was hosting this event. I hope the Judge will continue to hold his court's ultimate event in our hall going forward. For those of you in the membership also not aware, please keep up with the calendar and show our support in the future. I felt like a little bit of information regarding the Veterans Treatment Court would be appropriate. It's as follows:

The VTC was established on August 13th, 2015, by the Commissioners Court of Comal County. The innovator behind the VTC is Judge Charles Stephens of the County Court at Law No. 2. Judge Stephens saw a need to provide military veterans with an alternative to the traditional criminal justice system. Thus, the mission of the VTC is:

To help Justice-Involved Veterans by diverting them from the traditional criminal justice system and providing them with the tools they need to reintegrate into a productive, law-abiding lifestyle through a collaborative effort of support, treatment, and accountability that leaves no veteran behind.

VTC is designed to reduce arrests, promote self-sufficiency through sobriety, employment, and education, and to help veterans remain in the community as a productive and responsible member of society. VTC strives to assist veterans in making positive changes in their life. It is their dedication to the VTC's goals and rules that will enable them to effect that change.

Goals:

Provide each participant with a judicially-supervised treatment program using a variety of methods and treatment options.

Promote the achievement of educational, employment, and social goals that promote a healthy and productive lifestyle.

Help each participant become a productive citizen in our community.

Help each participant abstain from the abuse of substances by treating addiction and other underlying factors, thereby reducing contact with the criminal justice system.

As each of the three graduates were awarded their graduation certificates and gifts, they related their experiences with the system and how the Judge assisted in their respective endeavors. Other veterans, police officials and city/county leaders also congratulated the graduates, some in relating the demons they had to overcome. Talk about impressive! As a Post we definitely need to maintain this support.

LOWER LOT - UPPER LOT

Cross your fingers, it looks as if we may have made some progress on the lower lot after finally having a meeting with a firm, certified permit-capable with the city. While it is understood to be a phased in process subject to financial capability, once we receive an assessment workup, we will be bringing it to the executive board and general membership attention. Same goes for the upper lot building. Meetings are also underway

and while it has more complexities, with a structural engineering firm, a foundation solutions firm, and a plumbing business regarding all of the piping and possible water leakage, we will get details to you once provided and reviewed.

WRAP UP

Chaplain Charlie has stepped forward to assist on getting some water on the plants and yard around the building. If you can assist, check in with him. The weather forecast for the month of August is definitely hot with likelihood of little to no rain.

You should be reminded that, out of the 50/50 split, the Commander does, on most occasions, put an open tab (up to a certain cutoff) in the club for free beer and wine. So, you will need to show up for free drinks, sometimes food and to have a chance at winning the \$1,000 "Big Kitty" in the membership drawing. There should be some food to feast on after the general meeting. So, come on - free food - free beer. Doesn't get much better than that.

If you know of anything around your Post that requires attention, please call it to any of the officer's attention.

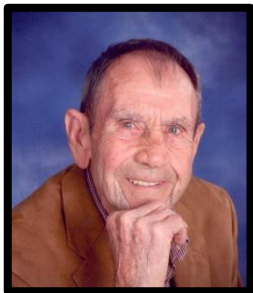
Honor – Courage – Commitment

Semper Fi

J. E. (Ed) Taylor
2nd Vice

The Chaplain's Corner

Post Everlasting:



Clarence Busch - SEPTEMBER 20, 1936 – JULY 9, 2022

Other Post 179 Losses:



Juanita (Janie) Molina Gonzales - December 29, 1946 - July 24, 2022. Janie was a valued member of American Legion Post 179 Auxiliary, but she helped EVERYBODY!

Sick Call & Relief: - Thankfully, nothing to report.

Charles K. Clopper
Chaplain

From the Sons of the American Legion , Squadron 179

As we come to the close of July, we are finishing up a hectic two months for the Walton F. Hoffmann Memorial Squadron 179.

The Car and Bike Show was a challenge, but it was held with a positive result. We learned a lot and hopefully we can put the lessons we learned into an even better event next year.

We had a second election for several positions. There will be a new slate of officers with the return of several past officers back in the saddle. My apology for no pictures this month but it has been a hectic time and I have not had the opportunity to run down some to share here.

With our changes and challenges that have taken place, we Sons are a little behind in our planning for the coming year. We will be trying to get back into the flow of things during the next couple of months. One of our traditional events is to provide parking for the Fair parade. However, if the route of the parade is the same as last year, it will be futile to offer up our lot for use. We have someone looking into the planned route for this year. We will definitely be providing parking when the Wassail Fest takes place in December. As we get more of our plans in place, we will get the information out to everyone.

Membership is also a challenge going into this new year. New membership cards will not be coming for Detachment Sons members until all Legion cards have been sent out to the Departments throughout the country. They are telling us that August is when we should start looking for them but based on recent events, even that may be early. We will be taking dues, marking the member as paid, and then distribute the cards when they arrive.

Finally, as a point of personal privilege, I want to thank everyone that took up the mantle to serve as an officer for this year. Special thanks to Jay Grady for volunteering to take the position of Finance Officer when we were not able to fill the position during the election.

I also want to thank 14th Division Commander Kevin Baker for attending our meeting and election. He conducted the installation ceremony after the election. We had the honor of being the first officers that he installed.

Finally, I am going to be asking for a lot of help this year. I was looking forward to taking some time off while decompressing from my time serving on the state Detachment level for these past four years. However, I was asked to become Commander again and as usual, I forgot how to say, "No." But my current job has me working nights and sleeping days making me basically unavailable from Sunday afternoon until Thursday afternoon. I am searching for a better position, but I don't know when the right situation might arrive. Also, I am due to have several surgeries in the coming months with variable amounts of time that I will be out of commission. We have a good group and many strong volunteers

that get the job done when needed but we may need to have a “Calling all Legion family members” for assistance.

- Eddy Seegers
- Commander, Squadron 179

From the American Legion Riders



July was a semi-active month for our chapter. We started with a celebration of our Country and ended with a celebration of life for one of our own. We kicked it off the 4th of July Parade downtown New Braunfels. It was a fun experience for all who participated and added something special for the spectators.

Our monthly meeting was rescheduled from the last Thursday to the last Wednesday. This change of day was only for the month of July. We will meet on the last Thursday of August next month.

Not knowing God's plan, we graciously accepted the date change for the good of the Legion.

He deconflicted our schedule which provided us an opportunity to attend the Rosary for our honorary member Janie Gonzales on the last Thursday of the month. The family of Janie Gonzales allowed us the privilege of escorting her from our American Legion Post to Holy Family Catholic church Friday morning for the service. Janie Gonzales supported our ALR from the very beginning. She worked alongside of us at



many fundraisers. She was short in stature but a giant in action. If something needed to be done, she would do it herself or teach us how to do it for ourselves. Her presence in our organization will be greatly missed

During our monthly meeting a special election was

held. All newly elected officers were sworn in by the 14th District Judge Advocate immediately. We are in the need of a safety officer. Our Safety officer was elected to serve as Assistant Director, he can only hold one office. (ed. See page 10 for a listing of 2022-2023 ALR officers.)

Saturday morning (30 JUL) we rode with the Buffalo Soldiers in support of a fundraiser for Alzheimer's research.



Please continue to hydrate (Water) yourselves as next month's forecast shows little relief from this heat. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Jay Grady
Director, ALR, Post 179

From the Editor/Publisher

Whew! I'm glad to be able to publish this newsletter in the air conditioning comfort of our home! Enjoy!

Charlie Clopper
Editor/Publisher
The Post 179 Citizen

Post 179 Officers – 2022-2023 (Tenative)

American Legion

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| 87 th Commander | Don Ingram |
| 1 st Vice Commander | (Vacant) |
| 2 nd Vice Commander | Ed Taylor |
| Chaplain | Charlie Clopper |
| Finance Officer | Pete Johnson |
| Adjutant | (Vacant) |
| Sergeant at Arms | (Vacant) |
| Judge Advocate: | Spike Valencia |
| Service Officer | James Hollon |
| Historian | Ken Schatte |
| Executive Committee | James Hollon, David Rohm (Vacant) |

Appointed Positions

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| Public Affairs Officer | Ms Pamela Grady (re-appointment) |
| Security Manager | (Vacant) |
| Honor Guard Commander | (Vacant)) |
| Lower Lot Committee | Mr Ray Sanchez |
| Scholarship Committee | Mr David Rohm |
| Boy State Committee | Mr Bill Morrison |
| Golf Tourney Chairman | Mr Rick Smith |
| Long range strategic planning | Mr Ed Taylor (re-appointment) |
| Hubmaster | Mr Robert Velez (Pri) and Mr Cliff Ormiston (Alt) |

American Legion Auxiliary

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| (Vacant) | President |
| Anita Bishop | 1 st Vice President |
| Pamela Grady | 2 nd Vice President |
| Samantha Everett | Treasurer |
| M. J. Repp | Secretary |
| Sandi Schendel | Historian |
| Sharon Ingram | Chaplain |
| Diana Taylor | Sgt. At Arms |
| Members at Large | Melissa Pannell, Hortencia Franco, Joyce Bauer |

Sons of the American Legion

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| Commander | Eddy Seegers |
| 1 st Vice Commander | Lawrence Intrau |
| 2 nd Vice Commander | Mark Stiger |
| Finance Officer | Jay Grady |
| Sergeant at Arms | Dennis Crabill |

Chaplain
Historian

Lawrence Intrau
Dennis Crabill

American Legion Riders

Director
Assistant Director
Secretary
Treasurer
Chaplain
Membership
Events Coordinator
Ride Captain
Sergeant at Arms
Historian
Service Officer
Safety Officer
Members at Large

Jay Grady
Bob Wolf
Hortencia Franco
Mark Hester
Charlie Clopper
Trish Wolff
Ray Sanchez, Jr.
Pete Johnson
Robert Velez
Pamela Grady
John Hannigan
(Vacant)
Judy Oliver, Rich Vassi, David Rodriquez

Upcoming Events

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Function</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| 4 August | Post Executive Committee Meeting | Post | 6:30 PM | Post Officers |
| 6 August | SCTX Meet & Greet | Post | 8:30 AM | ALR |
| 11 August | Boys State Attendees | Post | 5:30 PM | Meet & Greet |
| 11 August | AL Post 179 Meeting | Post | 7:00 PM | Food After! |
| 25 August | ALR Meeting | Post | 7:00 PM | Potluck Prior |
| 9 Sep. | Inaugural Post 179 Golf Tournament | Landa Park Golf Course | 8 A. M. | Shotgun Start Recurring |
| 29 Oct | Wurst Run | Post | | ALR 179 |

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INAUGURAL VETERAN CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT




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GOLF TOURNAMENT





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SCTX MEET AND GREET

August 6 2022. 8:30 am
American Legion Post 179
410 W Coll, New Braunfels

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**Saddle up
and Ride**
410 W. Coll | New Braunfels, TX

October 29th
Run Entry - \$20 Rider
Passenger - \$10
Lunch - \$10

LEGION RIDERS

Morning Texas Hill Country riding with authentic German food to be served at noon at the post hall.
Festivities to include games, raffles, prizes, silent auction, music, and ALR 179's Masskrugstetten to follow.
Entry includes patch for Rider and Passenger
Registration opens at 9am KSU - 1st group at 10:00am
All funds raised will go toward Veterans programs, and Family, Children and Community needs.

Come to
TACO TUESDAY
at the American
Legion Lounge!

Tuesdays, August 3, 10, and
17th from 5:30-7 pm

Veterans with scheduled appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays please call and take advantage of free transportation to your medical appointments in San Antonio.

Now Available!

Free, non emergency, transportation to
Audie Murphy VA Hospital
Open to Comal County Veterans
and Guadalupe County Veterans with
New Braunfels address

Call 830-221-1170 to schedule

A white patient bus is shown from a side profile, parked on a grassy area. The bus has large windows and a set of double doors at the rear. Text on the side of the bus includes 'Comal County Veteran's Council' in red, 'Keeping a Country's Promise' in small blue letters, 'Patient Bus' in blue, and the phone number '(830) 221-1170' in black. The background shows a clear sky and some trees.