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From the Post 179 Commander



Fellow Legionnaires,
To be honest, June was both a great and a not-so-great month for your American legion!

We started out great with a wonderful local sponsor, "Heavenly Paws", allowing us to respectfully and with dignity retire over 120 worn and tattered flags in their incinerator. We thank them so much. We then had a public flag retirement ceremony at the post that evening, and we thank those who attended in the brutal heat!



Figure 1 Finance Officer Pete Johnson, with help from Sharon Ingram, respectfully retires one of our Nation's Flags.

The annual ALR "Spargel" dinner was amazing with lots of great asparagus-themed food! And then our 1st Annual car and Bike Show was a huge hit for all those



Figure 2 Post/ALR Chaplain Charlie Clopper won first place in the three-wheel category with his 2005 HD trike.

who attended. Thanks to Jay MacLeod and John Jellison for orchestrating that great first event, and all the Sons of the American Legion who came out and worked hard on a brutally hot day! The ALR served up delicious hamburgers and was able to beat the heat with indoor dining. Much thanks to all who supported those two events.

Then that evening, we held our 1st annual "50's themed Sock Hop" that was a rip-roaring success due to the efforts of Stacy Stover, Sharon Ingram, Joni Jellison, Sylvia Hester, Jo Graner, and so many others who contributed their time and energies. The "T-Bird" ladies were in full swing that night!

The not-so-great part is due to some unhealthy interpersonal relationships, misunderstandings, and miscommunication, we lost some incredibly talented and valuable members of our post. I am truly sorry they chose to leave, but we wish them well as they move to other posts and endeavors, and I sincerely thank them for their contributions to the post, the veterans we serve, and our community at large.

Because of the loss of some of our most active members, we must now hold another special election to fill some very critical roles within the Post. We need a 1st Vice Commander, Adjutant, Sgt-at-Arms, and an executive committee member. If you are interested in becoming more active in our post, please let us know so we can put you on the ballot. The special election will be held during our August meeting, with nominations beginning during our July general membership meeting.

So, what does July hold for us? If you have not yet made plans for this Monday morning, please consider coming out to the City of New Braunfels' 4th of July parade!. The American Legion will have Ed Taylor's decorated truck as well as Chris Ackerman's trailer with hay bales to sit on and we would love to have you, your friends and kids ride along the parade route with us! Simply stop by the staging area in the Saints Peter and Paul parking lot area and find the Legion at 0830ish (we won't be hard to find 😊). The

American Legion Riders will also be there so they will be easy to spot! C'mon out and enjoy the parade with your American Legion!. So, if you'd like to "represent" our Post, please come by the Saints Peter and Paul staging area and hop-on.

We also have Lisa Rector returning soon after an ankle injury to take over as Bar Manager, and we welcome Erika Reesy-Williams as our newest bartender! Stop on by and see them both and grab a cool refreshment when you get a chance!

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

WHAT A MONTH

For all you ol' coots who don't think there's anything going on at your Post to be of interest to give you an excuse to get out of your easy chair or off the sofa and come down to the Post, well you missed out big time this month.

To kick off on June 3rd there was the Platinum Jubilee event for Queen Elizabeth. In case you hadn't noticed, that old gal just keeps on rockin'. On the 6th we acknowledged WWII D-Day, while also celebrating the Queen's quadzillion birthday, and then again on the 13th. Ever noticed how once women reach a certain age, they really love to party? And, having a birthday gives them a great excuse to celebrate for a month, if not longer. Now, why do I bring up the Queen of England. Well, for one basic reason, our forefathers on behalf of the good ol' USofA fought a war and won its independence from England and so coming up shortly, we will be celebrating that victory.

The second reason and pretty much equally as significant the Post crowned its King and Queen of the Sock Hop on the 25th. And shame on you for sitting at home and not having the fun that a fairly raucous crowd had. While not all of us got up and danced the twist, because most of us haven't ridden that bike in about 40 years, or so, and haven't had professional dance lessons, when DJ John Jellison played Elvis' "I Can't Help Falling In Love With You", the dance floor filled up with slow dancers doing some serious hugging and main squeezing. Even Ken Gardner tried his slow shuffle and was impressive. While Ken couldn't handle the twist or other fast dance tunes of the '50's and '60's, his wife certainly knows how to bust a move. She's good. While the Commander was resting up (and occasionally snoozing) from all the activities, his wife was grabbing me and others

to dance with her. That woman has lots of energy, and she loves to dance. Don can dance too, but he must hold his side when he does the fast songs.

And, in fact lots of the Auxiliary ladies brought their main hugs, who obviously had been practicing, and hardly a song played that didn't have someone on the dance floor. Which brings me to thanking all of those Auxiliary members who worked especially hard on the decorations, food serving, drawing gifts and silent auction. You did really good, and



Figure 5 "Margie"

everyone enjoyed it immensely. My wife, Linda, along with her 65-year-old Revlon doll, dressed in matching outfits, were honored by the ladies in a shout out, which certainly made her evening. (Linda's doll is named Margie and the outfits that Linda and Margie wore were made when Linda was a high school sophomore.) Yours truly even got a gift card for his ice cream soda jerk outfit. So far, Linda has purchased with my winnings a bag of Spectricide, a sprinkler



Figure 4 Post/ALR Chaplain Charlie & Auxiliary Member Barbara Clopper pose with their 50's regalia.

for the back yard, a new curtain rod and some hangers for wall art. So, thanks again Auxiliary, it was a really great time.



Figure 3 2nd Vice Ed Taylor poses in his Ice Cream Soda Jerk Outfit.

Flag Day was on the 14th. Heavenly Paws Crematory assisted the Post in laying to final rest about 130+ flags. We had a meaningful ceremony with their assistance and concluded the day with the retiring of more flags in the lower lot in keeping with our traditional flag day ceremony.

On the way home that evening I got to hear the following song. It had a been a while so I thought since we recognized National Flag Day you might enjoy it too. At the next general meeting if you come up and tell me the name of the singer/songwriter who

made that song a number one hit for many a year, I'll buy you a beer. (Hint: He's known as "The Man in Black".)

*"I walked through a county courthouse square.
On a park bench an old man was sitting there.
I said, your old courthouse is kinda run down.
He said, naw, it'll do for our little town.
I said, your old flagpole has leaned a little bit
And that's a ragged old flag you got hanging on it.
He said, have a seat, and I sat down.
Is this the first time you've been to our little town?
I said, I think it is.
He said, I don't like to brag
But we're kinda proud of that ragged old flag.
You see, we got a little hole in that flag there
When Washington took it across the Delaware
And it got powder-burned the night Francis Scott Key
Sat watching it writing ". . . say can you see?"
And it got a bad rip in New Orleans
With Packingham and Jackson tuggin' at its seams.
And it almost fell at the Alamo
Beside the Texas flag, but she waved on though.
She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville
And she got cut again at Shiloh Hill.
There was Robert E. Lee, Beauregard, and Bragg
And the south wind blew hard on that ragged old flag.
On Flanders field in World War one
She got a big hole from a Bertha gun.
She turned blood red in World War Two.
She hung limp and low a time or two.
She was in Korea and Vietnam.
She went where she was sent by Uncle Sam.
She waved from our ships upon the Briny foam.
And now they've about quit waving her back here at home.
In her own good land here she's been abused.
She's been burned, dishonored, denied, and refused.
And the government for which she stands
Is scandalized throughout the land.
And she's getting threadbare and wearing thin
But she's in good shape for the shape she's in.
'Cause she's been through the fire before
And I believe she can take a whole lot more.
So we raise her up every morning,
We take her down every night.
We don't let her touch the ground and we fold her up right.
On second thought, I do like to brag.*

'Cause I'm mighty proud of that ragged old flag!"

You should be reminded that out of the 50/50 split at the general membership meeting, 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 in the "Big Kitty" membership drawing.

Again, with summer rapidly coming on, we seriously need someone to step forward to water and maintain the yard. Let's not be an embarrassment to our neighbors. Shout out to an officer if you are willing to do so.

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

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. (Ed) Taylor
2nd Vice

The Chaplain's Corner

Post Everlasting:



Ronald Gilbert Newman, - February 20, 1938 – June 3, 2022 .

He served active duty in the Navy from 1955 to 1959 and in the reserves for four more years.

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

Speaking as the Post and ALR Chaplain, I have to say that I'm devastated by the loss of so many valued members of Post 179. I had sincerely hoped that we would be able to "disagree without being disagreeable". However, that obviously was not the case. **God willing**, I'm hopeful that we can fill the vacated positions with members who are dedicated to the continued advancement of Post 179 and who can lead the Post to a prosperous future—dedicated to **"God and Country"**!

Charles K. Clopper
Chaplain

From the Post 179 Auxiliary, Unit 179



Several members will be attending the Department Convention in Austin this July. Patsy and Sandi will be attending pre-convention DEC meetings. Department Activity Chairman along with Department Officers and Division Presidents will be giving end of year reports and handing out awards. Sandi will be awarding plaques to first and second place histories submitted for competition. Also available to attendees is the 160-page Book of Reports that Sandi compiled and had printed for delegates. Within are reports from Department Officers, Division and District Presidents, Activity and Standing Committees as well as VA Reps.

Scheduled to speak at the convention is our Texas National Veterans Creative Arts Festival Competition Winner Mr. Rogelio "Roy" Cervantes who won First Place in the Short Story Essay Contest. The Department Poppy Fund donated \$1,200 and units donated dollars so that he and his wife could attend the NVCAR workshops in Florida later in July.

Five resolutions for the constitution, bylaws and standing rules changes are being proposed: (1) by National Executive Committeewoman Christine Trahan regarding unit C&Bs, (2) Past Department President Shay Kuehner regarding the location of Department Headquarters, (3) the Finance Committee regarding the National Delegate Chairman, (4) the Membership Committee proposal Department Vice President's duties with Unit 345, and (5) changes to the standing rules proposed by the C&B Committee. Saturday evening a reception will be held for the candidate for Department President Myra Cooper with elections to follow for Department Officers on Sunday. The Unit Member of the Year will be announced. There will be lots of raffles to enter, T-shirts and presidential pins to buy, and handouts for delegates. Also, it's a lot of fun to look at the entries submitted for competition for scrapbook, press book, prayer book, history and poppy contest. It should be a fun packed weekend.

Also, at convention the Juniors will be having a raffle and a school supplies drive for the children in Uvalde, so bring a few items to contribute. The Poppy Committee is also soliciting donations of detergent for the next food distribution day Armed Services YMCA in Killeen. Department this year donated \$30,000 toward the Armed Serves YMCA that purchase over 20,000 pounds of food for needy veteran and military families on Ft. Hood.



Our Girls State Citizens are (L to R) Natalie Bourret, Kayla Carolina Moczygemba, Madeline Seebeck and Caroline Perches. Not pictured are Citizens Madison Migura and Julianna Kay Micklitz.

Girls State was held this past weekend and we are anxious to hear what experiences our six Citizens had. We will invite them to a future meeting to share their experiences. Texas Bluebonnet Girls State has updated their website and it is bold and colorful. Take time to visit it at

<https://www.girls-state.org/> .

We will see you at our next meeting on Thursday, July 14 followed by our installation of officers in late July.



July 1 our unit will be hosting an Ice Cream Social and Birthday Party at Eden Hill. We will be serving sugar free ice floats. Anita purchased birthday bags for the 6 women and 3 men celebrating birthdays in July. Thank you to the members who will be volunteering at the social and to those who contributed to the birthday bags.

We wish all of you a safe and fun summer.

In "Service Not Self"

Sandi Schendel, President

From the American Legion Riders

Our program was filled with rides, community service, and fundraising. Our fun rides included rides to Wimberley and Guadalupe County. We also supported our community at the Homes for Our Troops key ceremonies for SPC Johnny Nguyen and SSG Oscar Guerra. In addition, we supported ALR 245 with their fundraiser for the victims of Uvalde tragedy.



Figure 6 Enjoying the "Spargel" Dinner.

Our ALR cook team prepared burgers for the post car and bike show. Our Spargel (asparagus) Social was a complete hit. Plan to attend our Zwiebel (onion) Social, which will be in October, so start looking up some recipes.

This summer is going to be a hot one, so drink plenty of fluids and stay hydrated. Due to all the recent hot days, we have no

planned long rides.

Ray Sanchez is leading the 4th of July parade, so be on the lookout for an e-mail regarding this event. Thank you all for your contributions...

Don't forget to document and turn in your voluntary hours.

Jay Grady, Director
ALR, Post 179
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From the Editor/Publisher

Our newsletter is a bit smaller this month due to, unfortunately, a lack of input. Thanks to all who provided input.

Charlie Clopper
Editor/Publisher
The Post 179 Citizen

Post 179 Officers – 2022-2023 (Tenative)

American Legion

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)
Service Officer	James Hollon
Historian	Ken Schatte
Executive Committee	James Hollon, David Rohm (Vacant)

Appointed Positions

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

Suzanne LeClair	(Vacant)t
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

Commander	(Vacant)
1 st Vice Commander	(Vacant)
2 nd Vice Commander	Mark Stiger
Adjutant	(Vacant)
Finance Officer	(Vacant)
Sergeant at Arms	(Vacant)

Chaplain
Historian
Judge Advocate

Lawrence Intrau
Dennis Crabill
Jay Grady

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
(Vacant)
(Vacant)
Mark Hester
Charlie Clopper
(Vacant)
(Vacant)
Jay MacLeod
Scott Karcher
Pam Grady
John Hannigan
(Vacant)
(Vacant), Rich Vassi, David Rodriguez

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
9 Sep.	Inaugural Post 179 Golf Tournament	Landa Park Golf Course	8 A. M.	Shotgun Start Recurring
29 Oct	Wurst Run	Post		ALR 179

AMERICAN LEGION WALTON F. HOFFMANN MEMORIAL POST 179

INAUGURAL VETERAN CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT




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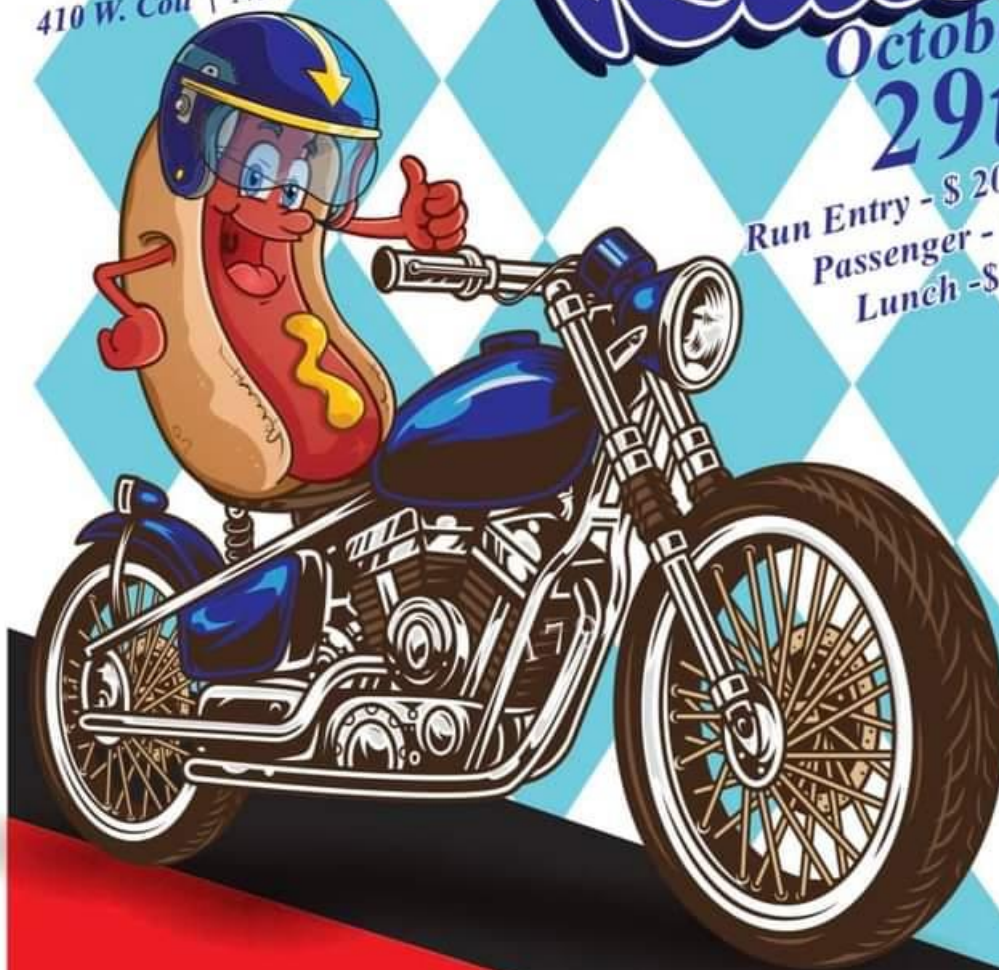
Saddle up and Ride

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October
29th

Run Entry - \$ 20 Rider
Passenger - \$10
Lunch - \$10



*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 AER 179's Masskrugstemmen 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.