
American Legion S. Mike Lacy Post #554

Family Newsletter

THE PATRIOT



April 2024

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

April 30th is Military Brats Day! Come out and join us in the Canteen to Celebrate!

Just wanted to give all of membership a heads up for some Leadership Changes at the Post. As of March 24th of this year, Chris Smith, the First Vice Commander of the Post has been granted temporary authority as Commander for the remaining months leading up to the new Officer Year. The new Officer Year begins every year on August 1st. Thank you all in advance for the support.

The Election Cycle for the Legionnaires has begun. John Wilson, the 3rd Vice Commander of the Post has been nominated and ratified as the Nomination Chair for the Nomination Committee. That being said, he will be inquiring throughout the Legionnaires for potential position placement and nominations. We welcome fresh faces new ideas and great leaders. If you are interested or would like to put someone's name up for nomination, please contact John Wilson.

The Positions up for Nomination:

Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander and 3rd Vice Commander.

Post Adjutant, Chaplain, Finance Officer, Service Officer, Historian

Judge Advocate, SGT. At Arms & Asst. SGT. At Arms

1st Member at Large, 2nd Member at Large and 3rd Member at Large

Our first nominations will be Thursday, April 4th during the General Meeting. 2nd Nominations and votes will occur on Thursday, May 2nd at the General meeting.

Come on out and play free pool on Mondays, enter the darts tournament on Saturday evenings, and have breakfast with us on Sunday mornings! Don't forget about Post Vinyl LP Night on Fridays, starting at 6:30PM. Bring your favorite vinyl album.

Don't forget, our General Meeting is the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:00PM. Our Legionnaires Executive meeting is the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm.

For God and Country

Chris Smith, Acting Commander Post 554

Good day fellow veterans

Service Officer

This month will be an amazing month, a few things I'd like to put out there.

The PACT Act is now fully implemented years ahead of schedule, it allows all veterans who were exposed to toxins while serving to enroll directly in VA health care.

Don't forget to reach out to those Veterans who you haven't seen in a while and say hi, they may need it more than you.

2nd Tuesday of the month is the monthly Texas Veterans Commission Q&A online. 1:30 – 2:30 pm – <https://rb.gy/jscl4>

If you have any issues with claims or benefits, please feel free to contact me.

For God and Country

Chad Crawford, Service Officer

Chris's Corner

I would like to thank all of the Members and Guests who came out for our Good Friday Fish Fry. Thanks to all of the Riders Volunteers. As usual, it was a great event.

Bike Nights have been going great! A special thanks to "Love Tap", Laszlo Nyerges! They will be held every third Tuesday of the month for the foreseeable future! I hope that the event continues to grow! Tell your friends, tell your families!

We are embarking on a new Riders Election Cycle for new Officers. Most of the positions will be open for nominations. Our first nominations will held at the next Riders Meeting at the Post on Sunday, April 14th. Final nominations and elections will be held at the Post during the May 12th meeting. Please consider running to take a position or nominating someone. We would like to see maximum Rider attendance for both meetings. Please plan on attending. Available positions: Riders Director, Asst. Director, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Historian, SGT. at Arms. We will also be looking for three appointments for Road Captain.

Don't forget, the Riders will be serving Chopped Beef Sandwiches, Sausage on a Stick, Hot dogs, Hamburgers and chips at the Cook-Off on Friday, April 26th and Saturday, April 27th. We will need all hands on deck to volunteer and help out. Please talk to our Historian, Mike Lee for details.

We will be making Jell-O shots after our April meeting. If you would like to volunteer t assist, please hang around after the meeting. Get with our Treasurer, Martinas Smith or our Secretary, Lois Hayman for details.

Our next meeting is Sunday, April 14th at 11:45AM. Can't wait to see you all there!

For God and Country

Chris Smith, Director ALR

Good Day All,

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Hope to see all S.A.L members at the next S.A.L meeting on **April 25,2024 at 7:00PM**. We are missing contact information for a lot of S.A.L members. We need updated contact information for your email and phone number. Please update your information

We will be having a Burger dinner on Thursday April 4th, 2024 before the Legionnaire meeting starting at 4:30 PM ending at 6:40 PM. Everyone is welcome so come on out and enjoy not having to cook dinner.

We will have our first round of new officer nominations at our meeting this month on April 25th. Please be thinking about taking an officer position before we meet and have nominations. If you have any questions about officer roles please ask for details.

As you see the little pink piggies on the bar or on the tables at the post in the canteen. These little piggies are hungry for your change. All the change that you feed to these cute little piggies will be donated to the Child Welfare Foundation.

For God and Country

Thomas Coldwell II, S.A.L. Squadron 554 Commander

Padre's Corner

"Hello, how have you've been doing? I just wanted to call and check in with you."

Soon our beloved Post 554 will have a Buddy Check system in place. During a conversation I had with Garrett Jones, the Legionnaire who is spearheading this initiative, he has spoken to me about several benefits checking on our members would bring to S. Mike Lacy Post 554. These benefits could be a simple as showing members we care, or just listening to them, or potentially guiding them to resources they may need. At the base of the Buddy Check is taken the time to care. According to legion.org "As American Legion members, our most sacred responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow veterans." In 2023 Former American Legion National Commander Dave Rehbein was quoted as saying "Buddy Checks are not membership or fundraising calls; they are simple check-ins with veterans in the community to see how they are doing and to learn if the local post can help with anything". This is an opportunity to check on each other. It's another example of veterans helping veterans.

At our last Legionnaires meeting Garrett Jones made a motion and took the initiative to bring a Buddy Check system to our beloved Post. Let's pledge to give him our full support in implementing this program which for the betterment of S. Mike Lacy Post 554. Checking in on each other is what friends and families do and we are both. If you'd like to participate in the Buddy Check, and I strongly encourage you to do so, please reach out to Garrett Jones. Let's all help.

For God and Country

Laszlo Nyerges, Chaplain

NOTE TO MEMBERS: If you have access to a computer and have an email address you can receive the newsletter via email. Be sure you have MS Word or Adobe Acrobat. If you would rather receive the newsletter via email, please let Jeanne Brown, Lois Hayman or any officer know and we will remove your name from the mailing list and put it on our email list. In doing this, we will save money on postage, and you'll receive the newsletter as soon as it is complete. We have a lot of members that are choosing this method of delivery so keep 'em coming! You can email Jeanne Brown at jeannebrown123@comcast.net Oh, the joy of the internet! Also – another note: We are a growing family, and we are giving a big shout out to all our members that have birthdays in April, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of You!**

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Legion Post #554 Officers 2023-2024

Acting Commander	Chris Smith
1 st Vice Commander	Open
2 nd Vice Commander	Laszlo Nyerges
3 rd Vice Commander	John Wilson
Post Adjutant	David Dean
Chaplain	Laszlo Nyerges
Finance Chair	Doug Kamien
Service Officer	Chad Crawford
Historian	Mike Lee
Judge Advocate	Open Position
Sergeant at Arms	Harold Sample
Asst. Sergeant at Arms	Jim Heldt
Members at Large	Ron Kirby Tony Hughes Tommy Coldwell

Auxiliary Unit #554 Officers 2023-2024

President	Sara Lacy
Vice President	Martinas Smith
Treasurer	Carrie Hendricks-Helm
Secretary	Ashli Sample
Membership Chair	Lois Hayman
Chaplain	Jean Reaves
Historian	Diane Walker
Sergeant at Arms	Virginia Hughes
Asst. Sergeant at Arms	Wendy Heldt
Members at Large	Brenda Bonneau Karen Wiggins Rhonda Dohr
Junior's Director	Valerie Coldwell
Asst. Jr. Director	Rebecca Meate

Sons of the American Legion #554 Officers 2023 - 2024

Commander	Thomas Coldwell II
Vice President	Bill Bellinghausen
Finance Officer	Johnny White
Judge Advocate	Travis Bergh
Adjutant	Rich Huntley
Chaplain	Joe Lacy

Legion Riders Post #554 Officers 2023 – 2024

Director	Chris Smith
Asst. Director	Billy Ward
Treasurer	Martinas Smith
Secretary	Lois Hayman
Chaplain	Laszlo Nyerges
Historian	Mike Lee
Sergeant at Arms	Kyle Vickers

