

American Legion S. Mike Lacy Post #554

Family Newsletter

THE PATRIOT



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

It has been a pleasure being the acting Commander for the last four months of Officer Year 2023-2024. Moving forward, you will be in the capable hands of you new Commander Elect, Jim Heldt. I would like to say a personal thank you to Commander Tim Dohr for his dedication, time and efforts to keep S. Mike Lacy Post 554 rolling down the tracks. It must be recognized that being the Commander is a tough position to be in. Three in a half years is a very long time to dedicate. It is much appreciated Commander Dohr! If you see him at the Post, don't forget to give him a handshake and thank you for all that he has given.

Please do not forget that Installation of new Officers will be held on Saturday, July 20th starting at 1:00PM. It will run through about 4:00PM with meet and greet, guest speakers, Installation, mingling before dinner and then dinner. All of the Post is invited. Please contact the Bartender On Duty to give an RSVP for the event.

All new officers should have a garrison cap, black/blue trousers and a white polo or button up shirt. Let's look sharp!!

In partnership with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, S. Mike Lacy Post 554 is hosting a Blood Drive on Saturday, July 6th from 1200 hours to 1500 hours. All Post Members and the public are welcome. Come out and support if you can! It is a great cause!

We are hosting the Department of Texas Senior Baseball Tournament for 2024. The tournament is to be held July 24, 2024 - July 28, 2024 at Clear Creek High School - 2929 Bay Area Blvd, Houston, TX 77058. For further bracketing and scheduling information, contact Rich Huntley, Post Baseball Chairman, (832) 665-8962, commander@txlegiondiv3.org

Starting on June 25th, the Post is once again participating in a Poker Night. This is being hosted by a third party group. They will be hosting Poker every Tuesday evening, except for the 3rd Tuesday of every month, which is Bike Night. There will be food available to purchase for all members of the Post and guests. Sign up starts at 1800 hours and hand dealing starts at 1900 hours. Come out and join the fun.

Don't forget about Darts on Saturday Night starting between 1900 hours and 2000 hours and Breakfast on Sunday mornings from 0830 hours-1100 hours. Bike Night is every third Tuesday of every month!! You don't have to be a Rider to come out and enjoy! All are welcome!

Vinyl night is currently on hold until our turntable is repaired. It is currently out to the manufacturer for warranty. Once it is received back, we will get notice out for it starting back up on Friday nights at 1830 hours.

For God and Country

Chris Smith, Acting Commander Post 554

Service Officer

Hello Veterans,

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for allowing me to learn so much about veterans service. I will be taking a back seat to Jonathan Willis after this month, but I will still be able to help if needed. Please take care of each other and enjoy your 4th safely. Happy Independence Day

VETERANS ARE A SYMBOL OF WHAT MAKES OUR NATION GREAT. AND WE MUST NEVER FORGET ALL THEY HAVE DONE TO ENSURE OUR FREEDOM. "Rodney Frelinghuysen"

For God and Country

Chad Crawford, Service Officer

Chris's Corner

All, we are full steam ahead for our annual scholarship fundraiser. We have our tickets available now. There are tickets behind the Canteen Bar. Please get with your on shift Bartender to sign out a few books. There are additional Flyers on the Riders Director Box in the Canteen storage area. Let's make this one a great one this year!

Reminder, please don't forget about Riders Officer Installation. Event starts at 1300 hours. All new officers should have black/blue trousers and a white polo or button up shirt. Don't forget your vest!!!

Come out and support your new Officers!

Don't forget about Bike Night every 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 1800 hours.

Our next meeting will be held at S. Mike Lacy Post 554 in the Hall on Sunday, July 14th at 1145 hours.

For God and Country

Chris Smith, Director ALR

Son's

I want to Thank everyone for all the support and help you provided over my 7 years, (I believe it was 7), time flies when you're having fun. The new SON's Commander will be Steven Bradford, he will begin his new role on August 1st. Hope y'all give him all the help he needs to lead a fantastic new year.

Hope to see all S.A.L members at the next S.A.L meeting on **July 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

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

Today found me listening to a barrage of songs that pulled my emotions this way and that. Then an older classic begin playing, with the lyrics cutting deep into my soul with the words "When you're sure you've had enough of this life, Well Hang On". It brought me, not to when I first heard this song, but rather to a phone call I received a few years back. On the other end was a long lost friend, someone with whom we had once shared hopes, dreams, fears, anxieties, not to mention the 'what ifs' and the 'how to cope'. On the other end of the line, she was not in a good way, many years had passed since we'd served together and now her new life was crashing in on her. We talked and talked. One call lead to another and another. I will say that despair is an evil all to itself, constantly formulating plans to concur it's victims with such malice that Lucifer could only stand aside in awe. I tried to help, I loaned my ear. I'd offered her a way to return back to Texas. I didn't know just how bad the grip of depression was on her, till the calls stopped. I'm constantly questioning what I should have done.

That classic song continued with the lyrics "everybody cries and everybody hurts sometimes". My tears are... If you or anyone you know is suicidal, seek help. Find help, don't go at it alone. Please don't go at it alone.

The Veterans Crises Line dial 988 then press 1. The call is free and confidential and you decide how much you want to open up. They can put you in touch with a whole plethora of resources.

Love you Diana, wished I'd done whatever it was that would have resulted in a different ending. I'm Sorry.

On another sad note, the Legion on the 28th of July at 2 p.m. will be celebrating the life of Carl 'Snarky' Davis. Please come out as we honor a life well lived and share stories, yes the stories you can fill a book with. A man that lived life in his on terms. Carl, you are greatly missed by everyone.

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 July, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of You!**

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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

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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	Rhonda Dohr
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Sons of the American Legion #554 Officers 2023 - 2024

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Chaplain	Joe Lacy
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Sergeant at Arms	Tony Hughes
Asst. Sgt. at Arms	Open Position

Legion Riders Post #554 Officers 2023 – 2024

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Sergeant at Arms	Kyle Vickers
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