
American Legion S. Mike Lacy Post #554

Family Newsletter

THE PATRIOT



September 2024

Website: leaguecitylegion554.org

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Another month has come and gone. My theme for this year is Communicate, Educate, and Participate.

This month I would like to focus on communicating. To have more effective communications we must have effective methods of getting information out to our members. In this day and age, a large majority of people have email, but there are still many that do not have email, or their email addresses are not correct or so full of messages their inbox is closed to new emails. Let's get a spring cleaning going a clean out those inboxes! If you have left your company or other change, make sure we get your new email. If you don't have email and are getting this newsletter mailed, then consider creating an email. This will enable you to get current information as it comes out. If computers and email are not in your wheelhouse we now have the minutes from the Legion meetings posted in the Canteen.

Agendas for upcoming meetings will be posted on the bulletin board prior to the General Membership meetings. The direction of the Post is a membership decision. To get a voice on our direction is a right for every Legionnaire. But just like elections and lotteries you have to play to win! Participate in the General Membership meeting that is held the first Thursday of every month. If you haven't been in a while come on back. If you have any suggestions on improving our post, send me an email at JimPost554@gmail.com or drop a note off at the Post Canteen. Be sure and check our calendar of events at our website, <https://leaguecitylegion554.org>

For God and Country

Jim Heldt, Commander Post 554

Service Officer

This month I provided resources to veteran family member. Her son, a disabled Veteran, required emergency care while out of town visiting a friend in the Houston area. Key takeaways learned are if you are enrolled in VA Health Care and require urgent or emergency care in the community make sure to contact your primary care provider as soon as possible and also contact community care at 877-881-7618 to make sure that the VA covers the community care.

There will be a learning workshop at the Legion on September 25. We will be going over va.gov and how to set up an intent to file for a claim.

For God and Country

Jonathon Willis, Service Officer

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Rooster's Corner

Looking forward to a great month for September. It has been extremely hot outside. If you are out in it, stay hydrated! Also kids are back in school so please be aware of school zones.

Our next meeting is Sunday, September 8th at S. Mike Lacy Post 554, in the hall at 11:45AM.

We have our Blessing of the Motorcycles and Poker Run on September 21, 2024, registration starts at 8:30AM for the Blessing. Kickstands up at 10:00AM for the Poker Run. All wheeled vehicles welcome. We will be serving food after the Poker Run as everyone may be hungry after riding to all the Poker Run stops or just anyone attending the blessing of the bikes, all vehicles are definitely welcome to come and be blessed.

We will also be selling tickets for our raffle and also drawing the winning tickets for our annual raffle on the same day as the Blessing of the Motorcycles. Please continue to drive raffle tickets until then.

For God and Country
Mike Lee, Director ALR

SON's

Good day all,
The S.A.L will be having a raffle to promote the 2024 Army Navy game on December 14th. Look for flyers to start early September. Eligible new member dues are \$25.00. If you are eligible and are wanting to be a dual member, dues are \$20.00. Dues for eligible members that are 1 yr of age to 18 yr are \$20.00. If an eligible new member joins before his first birthday his first-year dues will be waived.

TheLit.com is legionnaire care life insurance for legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion members, and American Legion Auxiliary Members. It is free to sign up. For more details see the website.

Hope to see all S.A.L members at the next S.A.L meeting on the FOURTH Thursday Sept 26th at 7PM.

For God and Country
Steven Bradford, Squadron 554 Commander

Chaplain's Corner

Currently the Post has no elected Chaplain, if anyone is interested in being the Post Chaplain please get in touch with Jim Heldt the newly elected Commander. You can get in touch with Jim via email at jimpost554@gmail.com if you are interested in filling this position.

In the meantime, May God watch over all of us keep us healthy and safe, I pray your angels over you in all your travels and healing prayers to anyone who is ill.

For God and Country
No current 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 September, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of You!**

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Historian	Garrett Jones
Judge Advocate	Joe Grindel
Sergeant at Arms	Harold Sample
Asst. Sergeant at Arms	Open Position
Members at Large	Tony Hughes Mike Lee Larry Reynolds

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