
American Legion S. Mike Lacy Post #554

Family Newsletter

THE PATRIOT



March 2023

Website: leaguercitylegion554.org

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

My sincere thanks to those who participated and attended the rededication of the Post as the American Legion S. Mike Lacy Post 554. With a new name comes a hope for a new future for the Post. A future of inclusion and involvement in your Post. YOUR Post can only be successful with everyone's work and participation. If you see something that needs to be done or think of something that would be fun for the Post, please let me know. Working together, we can all make our Post a fun and successful place.

Here are some important events for March 2023:

Thursday, March 2, 2023 @ 7:00 pm - Legion General Membership Meeting. We will establish a nominating committee for upcoming officer elections in May. If you are interested in being nominated for an officer position, please make plans to attend this meeting.

Thursday, March 16, 2023 @ 7:00 pm - Legion Executive Committee Meeting

Friday & Saturday, March 24-25: Spring BBQ Cookoff (See www.leaguercitylegion554.org for details)

I hope to see you all at the Post!

For God and Country

Tim Dohr, Commander Post 554

Service Officer

PACT ACT UPDATE

Two new presumptive conditions associated with herbicide exposure have been added to the list. They are as follow: Monoclonal Gammopathy and Hypertension (also known as High Blood Pressure)

If you were in any of the locations during a certain time frame and have been denied benefits for any of the presumptive illnesses, you are urged to reapply. More information can be found on the VA website:

www.va.org/resources/the-pfact-act-and-you-benefits/

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH CLAIMS OR ANY VA ISSUE YOU CAN CONTACT Accredited Galveston County Veterans Service Officer at 409-766-2448 and make an appointment. Location: 9850 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway, Texas City, TX. 77591

Have you renewed your Texas Driver's License and had a Veteran imprint?

Have you taken your DD214 to Galveston County Tax Office and had it scanned in County Records? You will receive a certified copy for yourself and your DD214 will be safely recorded

For God and Country

Ron Kinney, Post 554 & 9th District Service Officer

Chris's Corner

I want to thank everyone for all their fantastic help in getting the Post renaming ceremony underway. It was an amazing success and from all the responses we received from attendees they were all well pleased and complimented everything, including the decorations the food and the ceremony itself, The Auxiliary did a wonderful job on decorating the hall as it looked absolutely wonderful. I believe Mike Lacy would be very proud of how we honored him.

On Sunday March 10th the Riders will be making our Jell-O Shots for the BBQ Cook Off as our fundraiser. Anyone who wants to help out please stay after the meeting and help us in the kitchen

Our Rider's next meal you can look out for is on Good Friday April 7th. We will be hosting our annual Fish Fry, with Fried Catfish, Hush puppies, Coleslaw and French Fries. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. Cost is TBD but will be somewhere between \$10 - \$15 depending on market price of the fish and sides. Please put it on your calendar for April 7th and come join us.

For God and Country
Chris Smith, Director ALR

Son's

Good day all,
Hope to see all S.A.L members at the next S.A.L meeting on Thursday March 23, 2023, 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.

I would like to give a huge shout out to all of the Members of the Legion, Legion Riders, Auxiliary and S.A.L. who volunteered their time to help clean up the post y'all are amazing and the post looks good.

Once again it is time for officer nominations for the S.A.L. If you can come out and be involved in your officer nominations, you might decide you would like to be an officer.

There will also be a young-uns cook off during the cook off in March. If you would like your young-un to participate, see the sign-up paper at the post or on the website for more information.

We will be doing a Burger dinner on Thursday March 23rd before the S.A.L. meeting starting at 5:15PM ending at 6:50 PM.

You will see 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.

Starting August 2022 for the 2023 membership cycle dues membership cost are as follows. 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 aged 18 yr. to 1 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.

For God and Country
Thomas Coldwell II, Sons of the American Legion Commander

Chaplain's Corner

Greetings to all,
I'm proud that this will be the first newsletter for the S. Mike Lacey Post. I hope that everyone attended the Post name changing ceremony. We have a great example of selfless service left to us by Mike Lacey. I hope we can all live up to Mike's standard of service to the Post.

God has changed the name of people throughout the Bible. Abram was changed to Abraham, which meant father of many. Jesus changed his disciple's name from Simon to Peter, which meant rock. The names that God changed were to point out to the people around them that God thought that the name change was to give that individual something to be proud of that change and to provide notice to all around that God gave a new name.

We, as a post, have decided to change from Post 554 to the S. Mike Lacey Post. A new name that we can all be proud of and strive to work as hard for our Post as Mike did.

For God and Country
Bill Day, 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 March, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of You!**

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2 nd Vice Commander	Open Position
3 rd Vice Commander	John Wilson
Post Adjutant	David Dean
Chaplain	Bill Day
Finance Chair	Ron Armer
Service Officer	Ron Kinney
Historian	Laszlo Nyerges
Judge Advocate	Doug Kamien
Sergeant at Arms	Chris Edgar
Asst. Sergeant at Arms	Jim Heldt
Members at Large	Tony Hughes
	Gloria Lewis
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Chaplain	Sara Lacy
Historian	Donna Brooks
Sergeant at Arms	Virginia Hughes
Asst. Sergeant at Arms	Wendy Heldt
Members at Large	Joan Swiatkowski
	Lois Hayman
	Karen Wiggins
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Asst. Jr. Director	Open Position

Sons of the American Legion #554 Officers 2022 - 2023

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