
American Legion S. Mike Lacy Post #554

Family Newsletter

THE PATRIOT



April 2023

Website: leaguacitylegion554.org

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

Thanks to all who participated in the Spring BBQ Cook-off and especially to Buster and Karen Wiggins for organizing the event for us again this year.

District Convention will be held on April 22-23, 2023, at Sea Star Base Galveston. Anyone who is interested in being a delegate for the convention, please contact me.

A reminder for anyone who is interested in running for an executive position. Contact the Nominating Committee Chair John Wilson. We will have officer elections next month at the General Membership Meeting on May 4, 2023. This is your chance to have a voice in your Post.

Here are some notable dates for April 2023:

Wednesday, April 5 - Gold Star Spouses Day

Saturday, April 8th – Auxiliary Kid's Easter egg Hunt – 11:30

Sunday, April 9 - Easter (Reminder - There will be no breakfast served on Easter Sunday)

Sunday, April 9 - National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day

Tuesday, April 11 - National Submarine Day

I hope to see you all at the Post.

For God and Country

Tim Dohr, Commander Post 554

Service Officer

VA LIFE PROGRAM:

VA's newest life insurance program, Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALIFE) increases access to life insurance for more service-connected Veterans than ever before. Enrollment for VALIFE opened on January 1, 2023, for veterans aged 80 or under with any level of service-connected disability (0-100%). Veterans aged 81 or over may also qualify if they meet certain conditions. Learn more at VA website.

NEEDED: A Few Good Men

Part of the American Legion legacy is giving back to the community. On the 3rd Wednesday of each month Combined Arms, Serve and The Connection Foursquare Church distribute food to Veterans and their family. Anyone that could spare a few hours to unload truck and help loads food in vehicles would certainly be a worthwhile cause and appreciated. The address is 9300 Emmett F Lowry Freeway in Texas City next to VA Clinic. If interested, please let me know.

THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE? Veteran, family or friends. Dial 988 and Press 1- Suicide Crisis Hot line 24/7

For God and Country

Ron Kinney, Post 554 & 9th District Service Officer

Chris's Corner

Riders,

Thanks for all that stepped up to help out with the Post name change to S. Mike Lacy Post 554. It was a wonderful event. Thanks for all of your help, an event worth working towards.

Our next meeting is on Sunday, April 9th in the Hall at the Post. The meeting will be held at 11:45AM. This will be first nominations for the new leadership year. If you want to run for office or nominate someone, please be there!

Our annual Good Friday Fish Fry is Friday, April 7th, starting at 5:30PM. It will end, either by 7:00PM or when supplies run out. \$12.00 - Fried Catfish Filet, Hush Puppies, French Fries and Cole Slaw. We will need volunteers to cook, serve and clean up after. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Don't forget, our annual fundraiser is coming up. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting so that we can finalize what we want to do!

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 April 27, 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.

Once again it is time for the second round of 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.

We will be doing a Burger dinner on Thursday April 27th before the S.A.L. meeting starting at 5:15PM ending at 6:50 PM.

Congratulations to the winners of the Young-uns cook off y'all did an amazing job your entries looked amazing.

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 ages 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 want to thank all who volunteered their services for the Cook-off. It was a huge success in no small part due to everyone's efforts. Congratulations, and thanks once again.

The efforts of those folks that helped with the cook-off brought to my mind the verse in Proverbs 27:17 " As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." As one friend urges and advises their friend, just as steel sharpens steel. To hone themselves to be better versions of themselves.

In a few cases, the friction and the heat can be painful, but everyone benefits from the work in the end.

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

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Legion Post #554 Officers 2022-2023

Commander	Tim Dohr
1 st Vice Commander	Open Position
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
	Open Position

Auxiliary Unit #554 Officers 2022-2023

President	Brenda Bonneau
Vice President	Martinas Smith
Treasurer	Carrie Hendricks-Helm
Secretary	Ashli Sample
Membership Chair	Lois Hayman
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
Junior's Director	Open Position
Asst. Jr. Director	Open Position

Sons of the American Legion #554 Officers 2022 - 2023

Commander	Thomas Coldwell II
Vice President	Open Position
Finance Officer	Johnny White
Judge Advocate	Dennis Swiatkowski
Adjutant	Rich Huntley
Chaplain	Travis Bergh
Historian	Open Position
Sergeant at Arms	Brad Dillon
Asst. Sgt. at Arms	Tony Hughes

Legion Riders Post #554 Officers 2022 - 2023

Director	Chris Smith
Asst. Director	Billy Ward
Treasurer	Martinas Smith
Secretary	Doug Kamien
Chaplain	Laszlo Nyerges
Historian	Mike Lee
Sergeant at Arms	Chris Edgar
Advertising Chair	Martinas Smith