

American Legion S. Mike Lacy Post #554

Family Newsletter

THE PATRIOT



May 2023

Website: leaguecitylegion554.org

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

There are several important things happening in May.

On Thursday, May 4th we will hold our Annual Meeting for the Legionnaires. This is for the general membership and we will hold elections for your new officers to lead the Post through the upcoming year. If you are interested in running for an officer position, please reach out to John Wilson or me. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor, during the meeting. (Also, make sure to bring your 2023 membership card, as the Sgt-At-Arms will be verifying current membership for voting eligibility).

Saturday May 13th is the Auxiliary's Ice Cream Social in honor of Mother's Day. Social starts at 1:00 and will end at approx 3:00. Come on out with the family and kids and enjoy your sundae's, and or cones made by you the way you like them.

Sunday, May 14th is Mother's Day. Start it off by bringing Mom to the Post for breakfast from 8:30-11:00 am.

Saturday, May 20th is Armed Forces Day. This is a day of appreciation for all who are actively serving in our armed forces. Remember to buy them a drink, as they carry on our legacy of service.

Sunday, May 29th is Memorial Day. There will be a memorial ceremony for those who have gone before us at 10:00 am at the Fairview Cemetery (901 N. Kansas Street, League City, TX 77573). Afterward, we will host an open house with refreshments at the Post (open to the public).

Earlier, I mentioned membership. As a reminder, if you have not yet taken care of your 2023 membership dues, now is the time. In June, your membership will be removed by National and you will lose your years of continuous service to the American Legion. Please take care of this by contacting Post Adjutant David Dean or you can pay your dues in the Canteen. We value our members and want you all to remain at our Post.

I hope to see you all at the Post.

For God and Country

Tim Dohr, Commander Post 554

Service Officer

VETERANS BENEFITS:

Veteran benefits aren't just a nice perk- they are something you earned through service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Space Force, Air Force or Coast Guard. But knowing what your benefits are and how to use them is not a simple task.

Obtain information on your VA benefits from below website.

Department of Veterans Affairs at www.va.gov

Obtain information on your benefits from the below website:

Texas Veterans Land Board at website: vlb.texas.gov

Another valuable resource is: Military.com

Don't forget to ask for your veteran discount when shopping. You will be surprised how many merchants offer discounts

Enroll in VA Medical, simply take your DD214 to Texas City Out Patient Center and see Patient Advocate. They will sign you up or you can do it online.

Didn't get any volunteers to assist in Veteran Food Distribution

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

The 2023-24 scholarship application period is open until April 21st. Four applications have been received to date. High school award ceremonies will begin on May 2nd. We are looking for Rider volunteers to do the presentations.

The next off-site meeting is Saturday, May 13th at 1100 hrs. at the "Want More Bait Bar & Grill", (formerly the Water's Edge, 7827 2nd Street, Hitchcock (409) 927-5917. A food truck will be on-site. This is Vote Day for new officers for the upcoming fiscal year. Please be in attendance. Nominations presented so far are; Director-Chris Smith, Vice-director- Billy Ward, Treasurer- Martinas Smith, Secretary- Doug Kamien, Chaplain- Laszlo Nyerges, SGT-At-Arms- Kyle Vickers and Chad Crawford, Historian- Mike Lee, Road Captain(s)(3)- Ron Kirby, Chris Gunning, Jimmy Woods

The new S. Mike Lacy Post 554 patch is available for \$15.

Next Rider dinner: A roast beef and pulled pork sandwich dinner will be held on Friday May 12th. Diners can choose either sandwich with French Fries. Serving time 1730-1900 hrs. \$10 per plate, dine-in or take-out.

Rider crawfish boil on Saturday June 3rd at the Post. Serving will start at 1300 hrs. Preorders are required in order to purchase sufficient amount of crawfish. Boil will be open to all Post members (Legionaries, S.A.L, Auxiliary) to include their family and friends. Pricing to be determined for market price, the week before the boil.

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 May 25, 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.

It is time for vote night for officer's for the new year 2023-2024 for our the S.A.L.'s faction. If you can come out and be involved in your officer nominations and voting please come out. If you'd like to still be nominated it still can be done from the floor on election night.

We will be doing a Burger dinner on Thursday May 25th before the S.A.L. meeting starting at 5:15PM ending at 6:50 PM.

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

Chaplain's Corner

Greetings to everyone,
I hope that everyone is ready for summer. Hard to believe that May is already here. It seems that time is marching faster & faster. I can hardly get used to the idea that I'm approaching close to three-quarters of a century. The positive side is that I've lived this long. The old saying that with age comes wisdom is true, but it sure would have been nice to have a bit more wisdom when I was younger.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend our General Meeting on May 4th at 7 pm/1900 hrs. We will be having nominations for next year's officers.

The Bible states in 1 Chronicles 16:34, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever." God loves us unconditionally. His love lasts for eternity, and we can't out-love God. Rest in His comfort, and know that His rest and peace are there for you.

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 May, **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

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

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

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
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