
American Legion Post #554 Family Newsletter THE PATRIOT



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Website: leaguacitylegion554.org

OMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings ,Now that our new officers have been installed, we look forward to getting rolling on some new events and improvements to the Post. If you have any ideas about anything you would like to see at YOUR Post, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the other officers. We will also need help from the membership with committees for these items. if you have the time, please consider getting involved.

Important dates this month are:

Monday July 4th: Independence Day - Come out and celebrate the birth of our nation. We will have an Open House and refreshments will be served from 5-7pm. There will be wings, salad & Baked Beans, bring a dessert if you are able.

Wednesday July 27th - Korean War Veterans Armistice Day - Observing the anniversary of the Armistice agreement with North Korea on this date in 1953.

I hope to see you at the Post.

For God and Country

Tim Dohr, Commander Post 554

Service Officer

Listed below are the many resources available for Veterans:

Homeless Veterans, Women Veterans, Minority Veterans, LGBTQ + Veterans, PTSD, Mental Health, Adaptive Sports and Special Events, VA Outreach Events,

100% Veteran Disability:

There has been confusion from some regarding 100% disability compensation rating. If you are Total and Permanent no compensation and pension exams are required. If you are not total and permanent, you must make any schedule exam or risk having your rating reduced. Check your rating form this important.

55 YEAR RULE

Veterans who receive disability benefits for service-connected conditions are exempt from periodic future examinations once they turn 55 years old. When a veteran reach full retirement age VA's disability payment continues at the same level. Pay is not reduced due to age

THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE: CALL 1-800-273-8255 Press 1 to talk.

For God and Country

Ron Kinney, Post 554 & 9th District Service Officer

Chris's Corner

I would like to say a very warm thank you to all that showed up for the Installation of new Riders Officers. Thank you to Jim Bob Hayman for installing us. We have some new Officers this year that are first time Officers, Laszlo Nyerges, Chaplain, Ashli Sample, Historian and Harold Sample as the Vice Director. We look forward to a very good and productive year for our Riders Organization.

Please remember, we have our Offsite Meeting at Tako N' Tequila on Saturday, July 9th at 11:00AM. We look forward to seeing you all there!

We have settled on our 2022 Major Fundraiser for the Riders, 1/2 Calf, 20.8 Cu Ft Upright Freezer, an AR-15, a .45 ACP 1911 and a Remington 87 12 Ga. Shotgun. All orders have been placed. Tickets should be in before our meeting. Please sign out tickets and support the cause!

August 1st, early bird for dues will start. Please renew your major faction dues and then renew your Riders dues. The dues for the Riders go up to \$15.00 per Rider.

A fundraiser to help pay for buses coming from San Antonio to Kemah carrying the Wounded Warrior families for the "Salute to Military Service" weekend event has passed vote. Bus costs have increased to approximately \$ 9,000 for 2 buses. We will be holding a Blessing of the Motorcycles and a fun run starting and finishing at Post 554 on September 17th. All motorcycle groups will be invited and asked to donate. Donation will be \$ 20 per 1-up bike and \$ 30 for 2-up, \$30.00 for 4 wheels and driver with \$10.00 addition for each additional head count in the vehicle. 100% of the proceeds will go towards the buses.

For all of those that made the ride and spent the weekend at Post 624 in Mansfield, TX for the ALR Texas State Rally. It was a blast. I look forward to doing it again next year!

For God and Country
Chris Smith, Director ALR

Son's Notes

Good day All

Hope to see all S.A.L members at the next S.A.L meeting on Thursday July 28TH 2022 at 7:00PM. We are missing contact information for a lot of S.A.L members. We need updated c information for your email and phone number. Please update your information.

The S.A.L 2022–2023-year Officers are as follows:
Commander- Thomas Coldwell II - Chaplin- Travis Bergh
Adjutant- Rich Huntley - Historian- OPEN
Finance Officer- Johnny White - Sgt. At Arms- Brad Dillon
Judge Advocate- Dennis Swiatkowski - Asst. Sgt At Arms Tony Hughes

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 \$15.00. 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, A new year for the Post. We recently held the installation of officers for the upcoming year. Please help support the Post by supporting the new officers.

We are at a crossroad for our country. An old amendment to the Constitution was recently stuck down. I personally am glad to see it go. I don't need to remind any of us, the oath that we all swore. To protect and defend our nation against all enemies. So the law of the land has reverted to what was in place before Roe vs Wade. In most of the United States it is soon going to be against the law to terminate an unborn baby. Genesis 4:10 God tells Cain that the blood of his innocent brother cries out from the ground. How much more do all of the innocent babies cry out to the Lord?

In 2 Chronicles 7:14 speaks to believers turning and repenting to God. That He will hear from heaven and heal our land. I pray that the repeal of Roe vs Wade is a new beginning for our country, a turning from our wicked way. To a country that recognizes God and how He has blessed our nation.

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 Jean Reaves, 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 currently have over 800 current members! We are a growing family. A big shout out to all our members that have birthdays in July, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!**

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Post Adjutant	David Dean
Chaplain	Bill Day
Finance Chair	Ron Armer
Service Officer	Ron Kinney
Historian	Debbie Evans
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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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

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Legion Riders Post #554 Officers 2021 – 2022

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Chaplain	Laszlo Nyerges
Historian	Ashli Sample
Sergeant at Arms	Chris Edgar
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