

# American Legion S. Mike Lacy Post #554

## Family Newsletter

# THE PATRIOT



September 2023

Website: [leaguacitylegion554.org](http://leaguacitylegion554.org)

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

First off, I want to congratulate our American Legion Baseball Team for their win at the American Legion World Series in Shelby, NC. This is the first for any team in Texas, and is quite an accomplishment. Way to go Team!

Next, I want to apologize for the interruption in kitchen service, especially Sunday breakfast. Amanda Kirby has graciously stepped up to take over the reins in the kitchen and we will be back on-line shortly. Please bear with us. Amanda will be looking for people to help her out in the kitchen, so if you are interested, please let me know.

Saturday, September 2nd is V-J Day. This is a day of remembrance of the Allied Forces victory over the Empire of Japan in World War II.

Monday, September 11th is Patriot Day. A day of remembrance of the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Flight 93. It is also the anniversary of the attack on American personnel in Benghazi, Libya.

Friday September 15th is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. There will be a movie on this topic shown in the hall at 6:00 pm.

That's about all for now, I hope to see you all at the Post.

For God and Country

**Tim Dohr, Commander Post 554**

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### Service Officer

Hello fellow veterans,

I want to take this opportunity to talk to you about something that is close to my heart. Veterans suicide. It can be difficult to let go of the service and begin again. If you are a veteran or know a veteran that is dealing with PTSD, behavioral health, thoughts of hurting yourself or others, or just need someone to talk to, contact the VA crisis line by dialing 988 and press 1 to talk to a person 24/7 who is qualified to help you. We need to continue to support our fellow veterans get the care they deserve. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits to call. Let's continue to change the stigma around this severe subject. The official website is [988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org).

P.S.

"To anyone out there who's hurting--its not a sign of weakness to ask for help. It's a sign of strength." Barack Obama

Be good to one another

For God and Country

**Chad Crawford, Post Service Officer**

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### Chris's Corner

Looking forward to a great month for September. It has been extremely hot outside. If you are out in it, stay hydrated!

Our next meeting is Sunday, September 10th at S. Mike Lacy Post 554, in the hall at 11:45AM.

We have our Blessing of the Motorcycles and Poker Run on September 23, 2023, 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 pulled pork and chopped beef sandwich plates after the event for donation.

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

We are in the process of planning a Benefit for one of our Riders and former League City PD Officer, Tom Blasky. He has been diagnosed with ALS and we are raising funds for home modifications for wheel chair access. We have locked in the date of Saturday, October 14th at Ronnie's Hog Heaven Ice House in Dickinson, TX. Preston Youngblood will provide the BBQ for the Pulled Pork and Chopped Beef for the food. Martin Cortez has already committed to be our auctioneer. Jim Bob Hayman will be putting together the fun run/poker run. We are looking for volunteers with auction items, brisket and pork butt donations. Don't forget, we are looking for a Christmas Family. If you have any ideas for a worthy family, please pass them along to Scoop, Martin.

For God and Country  
**Chris Smith, Director ALR**

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### Son's

Good Day all,  
Hope to see all S.A.L members at the next S.A.L meeting on Thursday September 28th 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.

We will be doing a Burger dinner on Thursday September 7, 2023 Before the Legionnaire meeting starting at 4:30 pm ending at 6:40 pm. There will no longer be a burger night on the 4th Thursday.

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 age 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, S.A.L. Squadron 554 Commader**

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### Padre's Corner

Greetings from the Padre Corner,

I hope and pray that every one of you are doing well. First I'd like to share Numbers 6:24-26; The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

There are two upcoming events at 554 this month that I want to invite all of you to attend. We are celebrating the courage, remembering the sacrifices, and honoring all of the Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action on the evening of Friday September 15th at 6:00 pm. There will be a dedication of the Remembrance Tables followed by food and a movie. Please come out and join us in paying our respects to the P.O.W.'s and M.I.A.'s, they are not forgotten.

The following week on Saturday morning, September 23rd at 9:00, the Legion Riders are hosting the 2nd annual Blessing of the Bikes. Even if you don't have a motorcycle, please still consider coming to this event. Our friends, the Christian Bikers known as Hell fighters will be paying over our motorcycles and even if you don't ride, they'll pray over your car and pray with and for you.

The Blessing of the Bikes is one of the Rider's charity fundraisers & there will be food, music and an auction. This will be a great time to enjoy each other's friendship.

Thank you and I sincerely hope to see each and everyone of you at both these events. Please remember those on our prayer list and may the Lord watch over each and everyone of you.

For God and Country  
**Laszlo Nyerges, Chaplain**

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**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](mailto: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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