



American Legion S. Mike Lacy Post #554

Family Newsletter

THE PATRIOT

August 2023

Website: leagucitylegion554.org

COMMANDER'S CORNER

I want to open by congratulating our Post 554 Legion Baseball team. Our team won the state tournament, with the final game going into extra innings against our neighbors up the road, Post 490. Our team will be headed to the Regional Tournament in Fairfield, CA From August 2nd through 6th. We will have the games streaming live in the Canteen, so come out and cheer on our team. Our team also won that tournament last year. If they are victorious this year, they will proceed to the American Legion World Series in Shelby, NC August 10-15

Friday, August 4 - Coast Guard Birthday: All Coasties come out to the Post and enjoy our drink specials in your honor.

Monday, August 7 - Purple Heart Day: A day to reflect on all our service men and women who were wounded in combat to protect our freedoms.

Sunday, August 20 - 12th Annual Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive: Come out and enjoy static displays and a live speaker reflecting on his experiences in WWII.

We still have vacancies for 2nd Vice-Commander and Judge Advocate positions. If you are interested in fulfilling either of these positions, please let me know. Additionally, Virginia Hughes has stepped down as Kitchen Chair, after several years of service. We need a new Kitchen Chair ASAP, so if you are interested in this position, please let me know or get with Post Adjutant David Dean, who is heading a committee to look at some ways we can move the kitchen forward.

That's about it for this month. I hope to see you all at the Post

For God and Country

Tim Dohr, Commander Post 554

Service Officer

Hello everyone, My name is Chad Crawford, I am the new Veterans Service Officer for S.Mike Lacy post 554. I want to thank the outgoing VSO Ron Kinney for his devotion to always helping Veterans in their time of need. I was one of those Veterans that needed help with my disability, and Ron put me in touch with the right people in Galveston County. He was the reason I wanted to volunteer for this position. I am looking forward to giving back to my fellow veterans this next year and with your help as veterans and our supporters be successful. I am continuously learning about this position so I can best serve you.

I will leave you with this....."In war, there are no unwounded soldiers"--- José Narosky

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Chad Crawford, Post 554 Service Officer

Chris's Corner

Congratulations to all of the new Riders Officer's, Director- Chris Smith, Vice Director – Billy Ward, Treasurer – Martin Smith, Secretary – Lois Hayman, Chaplain – Laszlo Nyerges, SGT-At-Arms – Kyle Vickers, Historian – Mike Lee, Road Captains – Ron Kirby, Chris Gunning and Chad Crawford. Installation was a great event, not it's time to get to work!

Our next Rider's meeting is Sunday August 13th at S. Mike Lacy Post 554 in the hall at 11:45 am, please be there. Don't forget August 1st is early bird for dues. Please renew your major faction dues and then renew your Riders dues. The dues for the Riders is \$15.00 per Rider.

If you have not picked up tickets for our fundraiser, please get them ASAP. We would like to see 100% participation. Drawing is September 23, 2023 at the 2nd Annual Blessing of the Motorcycles. 1 is \$20.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$100.00. 1st Drawing – Beef Package, includes 300 Lbs of Beef & 19.7 CU FT Frost Free Upright Freezer. 2nd Drawing – Remington Arms R84148 700 SPS 6.5 Creedmoor Caliber with 4+1 Capacity. 3rd Drawing – Ruger 16401 “Ruger-5.7”, 5.7X28mm w/4.94 Barrel, 30+1. 4th Drawing – Kel-Tec KSGBLK KSG Black 12 Guage 18.50” 3” 14+1.

The Blessing of the Bikes and Poker Run is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 23rd. The event is a fundraiser to contribute to the cost of buses for transporting the Children of the Fallen Soldiers from San Antonio to the Kemah Salute to Military Service weekend event. Please spread the word! All vehicles are welcome for the blessing of the Motorcycles event. The Prayer Blessings will be supported by the Hell Fighters MC.

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 August 24th 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 August 3rd before the Legionnaire meeting and Thursday August 24th before the S.A.L. meeting starting at 4:30PM ending at 6:40 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 2024 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, Sons of the American Legion Commander

Chaplain's Corner

Hello Everyone,

My name is László and I'm the newly elected Chaplain for Post 554. First things first, let it be known that I believe in the Good Lord above and through him all things are possible (reference to Matthew 19:26). I believe in the power of prayer, not only by whomever may be the Chaplain at the time, but by each and every one of us. I will place a Prayer list clipboard in the Canteen and if any of you need to be prayed over or know of someone that needs to be on the list, please write the name down. I will also include envelopes for those that wish to remain a little more discreet. Everyone please take the time to look at the list and add those names to your own prayers.

I will take this opportunity to thank the membership for trusting me with this responsibility. While I'm at it, I would also like to extend a really big thanks, on behalf of everyone, to Bill Day for all the years of dedicated service as our Chaplain. I will strive diligently to uphold to the standards that Mr. Day has set forth by his example over these past several years and I'll attempt the best I can to fill his shoes, all awhile hoping I don't let you all down, the Auxiliary, the Sons, the Riders, Friends, and the Legionnaires of Post 554. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and may God richly bless each and everyone of you.

For God and Country

Laszlo Nyerges, 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 August, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of You!**

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Legion Post #554 Officers 2023-2024

Commander	Tim Dohr
1 st Vice Commander	Chris Smith
2 nd Vice Commander	Open Position
3 rd Vice Commander	John Wilson
Post Adjutant	David Dean
Chaplain	Laszlo Nyerges
Finance Chair	Doug Kamien
Service Officer	Chad Crawford
Historian	Mike Lee
Judge Advocate	Open Position
Sergeant at Arms	Harold Sample
Asst. Sergeant at Arms	Jim Heldt
Members at Large	Ron Kirby
	Tony Hughes
	Tommy Coldwell

Auxiliary Unit #554 Officers 2023-2024

President	Sara Lacy
Vice President	Martinas Smith
Treasurer	Carrie Hendricks-Helm
Secretary	Ashli Sample
Membership Chair	Lois Hayman
Chaplain	Jean Reaves
Historian	Connie Mack
Sergeant at Arms	Virginia Hughes
Asst. Sergeant at Arms	Wendy Heldt
Members at Large	Brenda Bonneau
	Karen Wiggins
	Rhonda Dohr
Junior's Director	Open Position
Asst. Jr. Director	Open Position

Sons of the American Legion #554 Officers 2023 - 2024

Commander	Thomas Coldwell II
Vice President	Bill Bellinghausen
Finance Officer	Johnny White
Judge Advocate	Travis Bergh
Adjutant	Rich Huntley
Chaplain	Joe Lacy
Historian	Open Position
Sergeant at Arms	Tony Hughes
Asst. Sgt. at Arms	Open Position

Legion Riders Post #554 Officers 2023 – 2024

Director	Chris Smith
Asst. Director	Billy Ward
Treasurer	Martinas Smith
Secretary	Lois Hayman
Chaplain	Laszlo Nyerges
Historian	Mike Lee
Sergeant at Arms	Kyle Vickers
Advertising Chair	Martinas Smith