

JULY 2024



## SERVICE CALL

American Legion S Mike Lacy Unit 554-League City TX

Hello Members and welcome to our mid-summer heat wave! We're not seeing steady temps in the 100's...yet! I encourage you at this time of year to stay hydrated and hurricane prepared. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, you know! I've got my Spam and candles ready!

*July* 

Our 23-24 year is coming to a close and we will be installing the new officers for our Unit and the other Post factions on July 20th at 1 p.m. This will be a fun way to observe our Post in action and give you a chance to meet members you don't know yet. There is a short program, happy hour, and meal planned so come join us as we move on with our aims and purposes into the new 24-25 year. Be there!!

I'm proud of our Unit's accomplishments over the past year. We raised funds for cancer victims, we were represented at all Conventions held this past year, we hosted the 13th annual Spirit of '45, held our Christmas bake sale, hosted Matthew Marin of The Birdwell Foundation promoting Be The One suicide prevention initiative, made a terrific float honoring our World Series Baseball team, participated in Wreathes Across America, changed and framed our new Charter, had a great Easter Egg Hunt for community children, raised funds and helped with the annual BBQ Cookoff, sent 10 delegates to Girls State and gave out 2 Scholarships! Whew! Did you get tired of reading all of that? I was tired from all the typing!! In between working on our aims and purposes, we were instrumental in helping other factions with the programs they had for wounded military, hosting the Division Convention with Post 291, the benefits they held for others and their fundraising promotions. Pat yourself on the back! Our Unit did themselves proud in the services we provided. I might mention also that we crossed a threshold of voting in our first male member! We look forward to adding his talents to ours. Next year holds lots of new opportunities and I hope to see you all busy!!

It has been my very blessed pleasure holding the office of Auxiliary President this year at the American Legion S Mike Lacy Post 554. As I entrust the gavel to Ashli Sample and her officers, it will also be my pleasure to continue to promote the "Service Above Self" that we follow in our Unit. You have been delightful to work with and I take fond memories with me as I leave. Build new memories as you move through this next year.

Love you and proud to serve with you, Sara Lacy, President '23-'24



# 4th of July Trivia

1. Name 3 Presidents who died on July 4th.
2. What President was born on July 4th?
3. How many times does the Liberty Bell ring on July 4th?
4. What year was July 4th declared a national holiday?
5. What nickname was used for British soldiers during the Revolution?
6. According to the American Pyrotechnics Assn, how much did Americans spend on fireworks in '23?
7. Where was the first official Independence Day celebration held on July 4, 1777?
8. Who was reigning in England when the colonies established their independence?
9. According to the National Hot Dog & Sausage Council, roughly how many hot dogs are eaten on the 4th of July?
10. During which battle did the British surrender to the Continental Army?



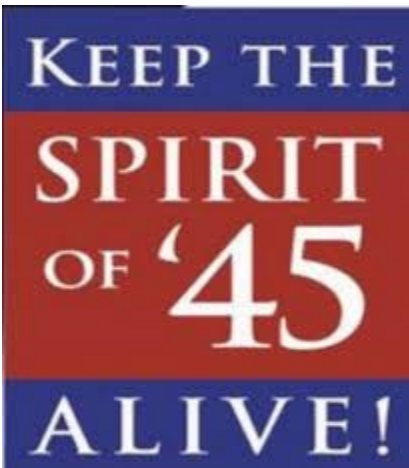
1. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson in 1826 & James Monroe in 1831.
2. Calvin Coolidge in 1872.
3. 13.
4. 1870.
5. Red Coats.
6. 2.3 billion.
7. Philadelphia.
8. King George 9.
9. 150 million.
10. 6.

Chaplain's Corner ~ Jean Reaves

*In the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah said in chapter 53:5, "but he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." Fast forward to the New Testament and in 1 Peter 2:24 we read, "He Himself bore our sins' in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed." In both Testaments we can see that our healing was so important that it was prophesied to come through Jesus by Isaiah and confirmed that it did come through by the apostle Peter. If you've ever doubted how much God loves you, you can see here that He wanted you to be healthy and whole. He told you how healing would come (by the beatings and piercings of Jesus) and that it was manifested in the beatings and piercings suffered before the Crucifixion). If you're praying and believing for a healing, but you don't see it yet? Keep praying! Keep believing. Keep trusting. It's there! Jesus loves you ~ this I know. Please remember in prayer, Joyce Lee, Jim Coldwell, Andy Milburn, Chrystal Smith, Jean & Philip Reaves, Tina, Wendy's dad, Paula Hillman, Hannah Kirby, Roland Hall, Ashli Sample, Larisa, and Carl Davis' family as they travel here to honor his memory.*

## MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES ~ LOIS HAYMAN

Well, we finished our year at 100% and we're happy we had that last minute rush of members join that pushed us over the top. Let's stand ready to do it again in 2024-25! We are collecting now for 2025 and hope to reach our goal early this year. Remember that our dues have increased to \$35. First dues will be sent in Sept. 1st so please hurry your's along. Drop them by the Post or mail them to ALA Unit 554 1650 Hwy 3 South, League City TX 77573. You may also use the paypal on our facebook page to pay them.



### COMING AUGUST 11TH

Honoring all WWII Veterans and members of the Greatest Generation. Start now making posters for the Wall of Honor that highlight your WWII Vets who survived the Depression, fought the Evil Axis, and rebuilt a shattered world. Details coming!!!