



The Legionnaire

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Commander's Comments

My Fellow Post 159 Family,

Well it's the end of January and I'm still trying to stay true to my resolution. My daughters bought me a Fitbit for Christmas and I'm attempt to walk a couple miles a day. As we age it gets harder to keep moving, but that's what we all need to do. Keep moving during the Covid, take a walk around the block and get some fresh air.

The post calendar is coming together even though we are not sure how Covid will continue to affect us. The vaccine is slowly rolling out. If you are currently in one of the groups that can get the vaccine at this time, I hope you are going to take the opportunity to get it. The VA in Temple was offering it to those over 75. The Red Cross and St. Joseph's are planning to do a large-scale vaccine program at the Brazos Center in February pending the arrival of a large shipment of the vaccine to this area. According to the local VA clinic they are awaiting a shipment of the vaccine but will only be offering to their staff at first. They will let us know when it will be available to local veterans.

Post business for the coming year includes Boys and Girls State. As of this writing the

plan is still to hole this event in Austin. Both the Legion and Auxiliary are currently soliciting funds to support these great programs. If you would care to donate to help fund one of these fine students, please do so. You can contact myself or the post finance officer.

Post 159 was requested to host the 2nd Division Convention on June 5th and 6th. All legionnaires can attend. If you are interested in how the sausage is made let me know so we can add you to the list of attendees.

I would also like to thank Legionnaire Roger Smith for stepping up as the post Service Officer. Roger is working to get up to speed on his duties and is available to answer your questions dealing with the VA and other issues. His contact information is listed inside the front page of this newsletter.

Stay safe and healthy. If the post can be of any help, give us a call and will do our best. The Legion will stay true to our motto, Veterans serving veterans.

As always thank you for allowing me to serve as your commander.

Tom Marty

Quick Look

4 Post General Meeting 1800
18 Exec Com Mtg 1800

Every Thursday, Veterans Coffee
by ALA, 0800-1000 hrs
Every Tuesday, BSA Troop 159
meeting, 1800 hr.

February meal: Boxed meals with beef tips and rice, green beans, sweet potatoes and cobbler.

Post Eternal

Leroy H. Simons (101)
18 Sept 20
US Army, WWII
32 year member

Lawrence ""Larry"" Fred Huet
(96)
26 Nov 20
US Navy, PTO WWII
33 year member

Richard Warren Aldrich (97)
27 Dec 20
US Army Air Corps WWII
11 year member

Holly Rees (94)
28 Dec 20
US Army, PTO WWII
2 year member

Bobby Wayne Smith (83)
3 Jan 21
USAF VN era
1 year member

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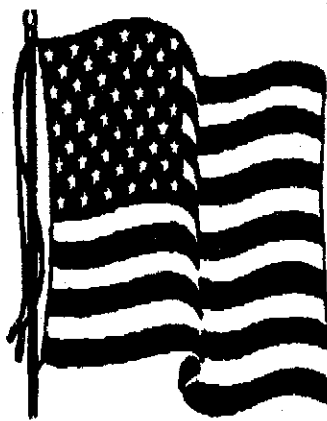
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Adjutants Call

This round of Buddy Check is almost over but that doesn't mean you've missed your chance. Everyone can always call or contact one another! It's nice to know that someone is thinking of you. If you didn't receive a call please let me know. In changing from one computer program to another some information was lost and we don't want to lose track of anyone.

Membership is what keeps our post going and keeps this newsletter going out to you. Unfortunately, if you have not renewed for 2021 this will be your last newsletter until you do so. Please call or email if you have an issue or need to check on your membership. Currently we have 614 members, our goal is 743. That means we are around 83% of our goal. Thank you to all who have renewed!

Dale Hutchcraft
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Chaplains Corner

Wow! One month into 2021 already and what a time it has been. The Post has seen some great things happen (membership is at 80-something %) and we held a blood drive in support of the Auxiliary.

As we move into February, we will need to remember the 4 Chaplains that gave up their lives to save others. This is a National request as it happened on February 3, 1943. As we think of these men's bravery, let us think of what we can do to sacrifice for someone else. As it says in Romans 5:7 "For rarely will someone die for a just person-though for a good person *perhaps* someone might even dare die". Who would you make the ultimate sacrifice for?

To continue from last time, we have some new names to add to our prayer list. Please remember:

Danny Scaper

Joe McNair

Family of Roger Sheridan

As always, if you need prayer, please reach out to me by either phone or email. The email is chaplain@alegion159.org and my phone number is listed below.

Donald Hutchcraft

Chaplain

979-204-0006

Junior Shooting Sports Program

February 2021

The youth are finally shaking out the dust after their Christmas break. It's always amusing to see those first few targets after Christmas. The post-vacation lesson they are learning is that precision shooting is a perishable skill.

I want to issue a heartfelt thank you to all who supported the JSSP fall raffle. The New Year got off to a bang for the lucky winners of the Ruger 9mm PC Carbine, Ruger 10/22 rifle, the 80th Anniversary Commemorative edition Daisy Red Ryder BB rifle and the other prizes. Sixth District Commander Steve Kim was helpful in being the official for our drawing. Thanks!

The friendly "side competition" for most tickets bought was won by "Team Navy". Navy team co-captains based on their generous support were Thomas Powell and Bill Oliver. The other teams in order of tickets bought were: Coast Guard, Air Force, Army and Marines. Many thanks to all! Special congratulations to Team Navy for taking the lead on helping the Legion's youth have needed supplies in a tough fundraising environment.

"Team Red, White & Blue" (the civilians) barely nudged out "Team Legion" (all Legion groups combined) for overall bragging rights. Alan Rudd is named "Team Legion" captain, based on his generous support. Based on their generous support, the Bullock Family (Bill and Shannon Bullock--parents of a JSSP youth) are named co-captains of "Team Red, White & Blue".

Again, thank you to all who supported the JSSP raffle. Most of the youth shooting sports programs I've talked with lost money on their 2020 fundraisers. We made about \$1000 less than last year, but we actually cleared a few hundred dollars for

operating expenses. Since so many others were losing money, we'll call ours a win. The B-CS community and our veterans are awesome!

You may have heard about the NRA declaring bankruptcy and planning to move its state of incorporation from New York to Texas. After reading the letter from the NRA chairman at www.nraforward.org/waynesletter it appears that both items are part of the NRA plan to deal with problems with the State of New York. The NRA statement says these actions will not impact NRA membership benefits. Since I'm not a lawyer, I'll let you do your own research beyond that. For what little weight my one voice carries, I've let my contacts at the NRA know that Bryan, TX would make an excellent headquarters for the NRA as they consider their options.

The NRA Foundation (which is a different 501c3 nonprofit corporation, unique from the NRA membership organization) plans to continue business as usual with their support of youth programs like the Post 159 JSSP, plus firearm safety, education, training, support of law enforcement, etc.

Our local NRA Foundation affiliated group, the Brazos Valley Friends of NRA, will hold its annual banquet Friday, March 26th, 2021 at the Brazos Center.

The kickoff for BVFNRA banquet ticket sales and 12 gun raffle tickets will be Saturday morning, February 13 at Post 159. This local fundraiser directly impacts several local groups like Post 159's JSSP, 4H, plus the TAMU & Corps of Cadets programs. Steve Yeldell is our local contact at 979-695-9729 or smexia@yahoo.com. Please consider supporting this effort.

Would you like to see your name or your business' name on the large banner on the wall in the main Legion hall? JSSP Annual Banner sponsorships are

available through the end of February, with the new JSSP banner going up in March. For more information, reach out to James at 979-571-7834 or JSSP159@gmail.com

We need a few new score keepers for the JSSP. You can volunteer for Monday or Wednesday nights on either an occasional or a regular basis. For more details, use my contact information listed above.

For God & Country,

James Andrews

Auxiliary News

What did you think about that snow we got? Wasn't it wonderful? It was just like a winter wonderland. Yes, I know the weight of the snow broke tree branches and many lost power for days, but how often does this happen in Texas.

Our February 4th meeting will have a boxed dinner available after the meeting. It will consist of beef tips, rice, green beans, and sweet potatoes. I hope those of you who could donated blood on January 16th. Jeanne Prestwood, our chaplain, organized this great event. And please keep her husband in your prayers, he is now over 90 days in the hospital/rehab with covid.

Our blanket project is off to a great start. Sharron Rosenthal was able to get a grant from Thrivent and has purchased 100 blankets. And the crocheting of the edging has begun.

Please remember to send in your membership dues.

Keep safe,

Marjean Neve, President



NRA/JSSP Pancake
Breakfast Sat. Feb. 13



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 1800 JSSP	2 BSA Troop Mtg 1800	3 1800 JSSP	4 0800 Coffee and Donuts / General membership meeting 1800	5	6 0800 Quilts of Valor
7	8 1800 JSSP 1000 Quilts of Valor	9 BSA Troop Mtg 1800	10 1800 JSSP	11 0800 Coffee and Donuts / 1200 Vietnam Veterans of America Exec Com. 1800 Troop Box Packing	12 1700 JSSP 2nd Amendment Friday	13 0700 NRA pancake Breakfast
14	15 1800 JSSP	16 BSA Troop Mtg 1800	17 1800 JSSP 1800 Auxiliary Exec Com	18 0800 Coffee and Donuts 0900 Trustees mtg 1800 Exec Committee meeting	19 ** newsletter articles due** JSSP Instructor Training	20 JSSP instructor training 0900 BV Submariners mtg
21 JSSP instructor training	22 1800 JSSP 1000 Quilts of Valor	23 BSA Troop Mtg 1800	24 1100 newsletter prep / 1800 JSSP 1800 Wreaths Across America	25 0800 Coffee and Donuts 1730 Vietnam Veterans of America 1800 JSSP	26	27
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