



The Legionnaire

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Commander's Comments

My Fellow Post 159 Family,

I am writing this article on February 20, 2021 the first day after the polar vortex. I know that many of you had a rough go of it without power or water or both. I went to HEB Tower point yesterday and it looked like an empty warehouse. The only meat in the places was four packages of pigs feet. Some of you might have enjoyed that, but it is not to my taste. 2020 was bad, but with this start I'm a little concerned for 2021. The post weathered the storm just fine. No broken pipes or water leaks. Lost a couple of tree limbs outside with no damage to other property.

We continue to move forward as a post. Membership is a struggle this year and we are currently about 100 members short of our goal. I understand that many of have lost jobs or other financial means during the Covid-19. I say one thing and then move on. The American Legion is based on membership, and that is what allows us to do the things we do in this community. Thank you for your continued support and your membership is the fine organization. On Thursday March 4th Wreaths Across America will have their touring trailer and display at the post. As you know Thursdays, we are serving coffee and donut as normal. Stop by for a cup of coffee and visit this great exhibit and all the great work Wreaths Across America does for those veterans that have pass to post eternal. Boys and Girls State is still collecting funds to

send these fine young people to an event they will remember the rest of their lives. If you would like to contribute, please do so by sending a check to the post for want ever amount you can afford. I will stop here and wish you all safe and healthy year. With the help of the lord, we will see the end of this Covid sometime in 2021.

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

Tom Marty

Adjutants Call

Post membership is at 86%, thank you for renewing your membership for 2021. We still have 102 members to go in our goal. Let your veteran friends know about the American Legion and what it means to you, encourage them to join. The Commander recently send out a letter reminding those who haven't renewed to do so as soon as possible. 102 seems like a large number but its also not a large number, we can do this!

The next round of Buddy Check is being planned. This is a program where every member is checked on, it's not about renewing it's about each member as a person. We want to know how you are. If you didn't get a call, email, or card in the mail please make sure we have your current contact information. I also encourage you to participate in the program by being

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.

March meal: Boxed meal will be provided.

one of the people who make the calls. Making phone calls might not be something that you normally enjoy doing, but it has been a blessing to hear from members.

Dale Hutchcraft

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Auxiliary News

Our unit chaplain, Jeanne Prestwood, lost her husband on January 30, 2021. Our deepest sympathies and prayers for her and her family at this difficult time.

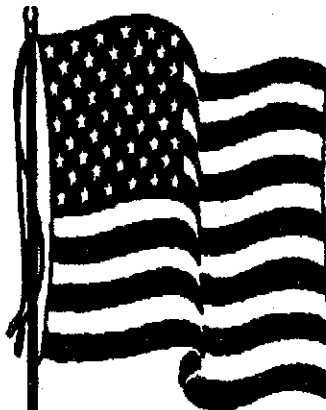
I hope everyone has thawed from the freezing temperatures, and the ice. I know lots were without power or water. I was without water for two days, luckily no frozen pipes, and at this writing, still boiling water to drink. I hope you took this opportunity to check on your neighbors and friends during this winter weather. I personally thought I had left this type of weather back in Kansas.

Since our focus, this year is on membership, I would like to recognize members of our unit for their dedication to the auxiliary by the years they have served. This will take a couple months to conclude, and I am starting with members 30 years or more.

Donna Dixon - 33 years; Lillian Holubec - 34 years; Janet Krupa - 30 years; Barbara Lea - 32 years; Yvonne Pavidas - 31 years; Jeanne Prestwood - 50 years; Gladys Prilucik - 34 years; Agnes Suehs - 33 years; Elvina Suehs - 33 years; Geraldine Vavra - 37 years.

Membership is at 80% and we need you to renew if you have not. If you want to join the auxiliary, we have membership forms for you to fill out.

March is not too early to start thinking of what position you would like to take on with the auxiliary. Our unit is looking for a president,



for sure. I will know later if there are other positions that will need to be filled. We are all here to help one another, so do not feel like you have to do it alone.

Enjoy the sunshine and the warmer weather.

Marjean Neve, president

Chaplains Corner

Here we are entering March already. As we look forward to the warmer weather, trying to forget the last weeks of February, let us reflect on the founding of our great Legion. March 15th will be our 102nd birthday. Let us remember that we still serve our fellow Veterans, service members, community and Nation as we have been called by God to do. Warriors have a special call to be the ones to stand in the gap for those that cannot. Scripture is full of people from humble means that are called to do a mighty work to ensure that others are safe and can live freely. This is something we still do today. Remember, our strength does not come from ourselves, but is a Divine Gift that we are to share with those that are within our sphere of influence.

With Boys and Girls state coming up, where these youngsters learn about our way of government, let us model that to them by being involved where we can. This is our responsibility and is a Natural Right given by God. It is not one granted to us by our government. This is where we are still the warriors God has called us to serve. Our Preamble states:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state

and nation;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

This is what the Legion was founded on 102 years ago. May we never forget!

Add to our Prayer list:

David Frankle

Henry Hawkins

Junior Shooting Sports Program

The youth will be participating in a couple of "virtual matches" this month. This basically means that with so many Wuhan Chinese Communist Virus-related restrictions, our youth will shoot their official targets, under match rules, and in the presence of witnesses, and then scan and upload their targets. Other youth shooting sports competitors from around the country or state will do the same. After the match closing date occurs, the match organizer will score the targets (using the same computer software that Post 159 uses to score our weekly practice targets), match results will be posted online, and awards will be sent to the medalists.

The Brazos Valley Friends of NRA, will hold its annual banquet Friday, March 26th, 2021 at the Brazos Center starting at 5:30pm. BVFNRA banquet ticket sales and 12-Gun raffle tickets are going on now. 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 if you'd like to help out. If you can't attend,

please call and participate in the 12-Gun raffle; they can take credit cards over the phone for a completely contactless transaction.

Cookies! Our youth have agreed to coordinate baking several hundred bags of fresh homemade cookies with other Brazos Valley clubs that have previously received NRA grant funding. The youth and parents will "give back" to our major funder during this tough fundraising season, completely eliminating the cost of dessert at the local BVFNRA banquet.

By providing the dessert (a bag of homemade cookies) to go with each steak dinner served at the NRA banquet, your JSSP youth will help save over \$1000 for this local fundraising effort that has historically helped fund Post 159's youth shooting program. Under Wuhan Chinese Communist Virus restrictions, this event will seat roughly 50% of its normal capacity. With half as many attendees, every dollar saved will help mitigate what will likely be a more modestly successful financial outcome. But the most important thing that will happen from this effort is that youth and clubs that normally compete against each other will unite together to support a Second Amendment cause locally. Family helps family during tough times. This is a GREAT life lesson for the youth in Post 159's Americanism programs to learn!

Banner Sponsors Last Call- Would you like to see your name or your business' name on the large banner next to the stage in the main Legion hall? JSSP Annual Banner sponsorships are available until mid-March when the sign maker finishes the final draft and we approve it. For

more information, reach out to James at 979-571-7834 or JSSP159@gmail.com


Help Wanted- We still need a few new score keepers for the JSSP. You don't need to know anything about shooting sports. We can teach you to operate the target scanning software. 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



Franklin American Legion Post Rummage Sale. April 9-11, 8 am to 2 pm at Old City Park Legion Hall. If you have something to donate contact Commander Skip Jones 979-828-1703



"Congratulations to Legionnaire Joe A. Ferreri, 70 years of Continuous Membership."



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| | 1 1800 JSSP | 2 BSA Troop Mtg 1800 | 3 1800 JSSP | 4 0800 Coffee and Donuts / General membership meeting 1800, meeting 1830, boxed meal 1930 | 5 | 6 |
| 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 / 1830 Quilters Guild | 12 1700 JSSP 2nd Amendment Friday | 13 |
| 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** | 20 0900 Boys State Interviews 0900 BV Submariners mtg |
| 21 | 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 / 1200 CHI St Joseph Orientation / 1730 Vietnam Veterans of America / 1800 JSSP | 26 | 27 |
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