



The Legionnaire

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Commander's Comments

Dear Post 159 Family,
May brings us Mother's Day, graduations, warmer weather, and closes with Memorial Day. A day we set aside to remember those who have served our country and died either in that service or after honorably serving. We will have our Memorial Day ceremony, but I do not have all the details as I am writing this article. We should know by our General Membership meeting on May 4th.

One way we honor those who have died is to place flags on their graves in cooperation with Wreathes Across America. Our Post has been assigned two sections of the Bryan City Cemetery. In one of the two is the final resting place of our esteemed namesake Cyrus Earle Graham. It is a great honor to place flags on the graves of all veterans, especially his. There are only 32-33 veteran graves in the two sections, and it takes about 30 minutes to place all the flags. This has been made so much easier because of a mapping project done by a Boy Scout. I plan to place the flags on May 25th after coffee and donuts. If you'd like to join me, please meet me in the club room. We will also have flags available at our Memorial Day ceremony if you need one to place on the grave of your loved one(s).

I hope that you have been to the Post building and have seen all the nice flowers. Those were donated by Home Depot and put in place by Aggie students participating in The Big Event. I thank all who were involved in that: Legionnaires Kelly Miles, George Weber, and Pete Dibello. I also thank Home Depot for their donations and the Aggies who came, worked hard, and

made the outside of our post look nice!

In June we will hold our elections. There is still time for you to run for an Officer Position or to join the Executive Committee. If you're interested, please let us know.

Now I must mention that there have been a couple of incidents that have made Legionnaires concerned about their safety and the safety of the post. An individual, or possibly two individuals, have come onto post property and their actions made members uncomfortable. Please, if this happens call the police immediately. I know it's hard as a veteran to not "take care of things" yourself but we want everyone to be safe. It is always best to call the police.

For God and Country,
Dale Naomi Hutchcraft
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QUICK LOOK
May Meeting Meal

HELP

The VA shuttle van from College Station VA clinic to Temple VA Hospital is in desperate need of additional volunteer drivers.

Male, Female, Veteran or non Veteran all are acceptable.

Van runs on Tuesday and Thursday if patients are available.

If interested contact Bill Workman at 979-422-9816 or wpwork454@aol.com for details.

POST ETERNAL

Wesley Lee Turnbow (90)
DoD 1 March 2023
USAF Korean Era

Family did not request HG or any FMH.

Earnest N. Laney, Jr. (69)
DoD 26 Sept 2022
US Navy Viet Nam War



Legionnaire Kelly Miles (far right) with Aggie students participating in The Big Event.

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Chaplains Corner

The month of May is one of my favorite times of the year, and is always busy. For many school is coming to and end, we get to celebrate with those who are ending a chapter of their journey as they graduate and move on to greater things, we have the opportunity to celebrate the women in our lives who have been motherly in various capacities and celebrate all they have contributed to our lives, and finally and in many ways most important we have the opportunity to reflect and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in honor of something greater than themselves. Regardless, of which of these three distinct events you wish to reflect on they all have one major thing in common, the faith it takes to live and give beyond one's self.

I know not everyone had the benefit of selecting to serve, but all of us served in some capacity, choosing to give up personal freedoms and even our lives if necessary to defend the rights and freedoms of others. Many of us have been forever changed because of this selflessness, as we have put the needs of others ahead of ourselves which a core value of the American Legion. Yes, we are a Veterans Organization but we also are a service organization that prides itself on promoting values and ideals that are greater than ourselves. This month I challenge each of you to look for ways to embrace this and put it into action. And as you are doing encourage and instill these values in the generations that are embarking on a new chapter of their lives. Cele-

brate with the incredible women veterans in our post and those in the Axillary who whether biological mothers or not have played the role of care giver and sought to bring out the best in so many. And finally, always remember those gave their all, and give new life to their memories and sacrifice as you honor them in living for something greater than yourself.

Ever your Servant,
Walter A Prescher III
Adjutant Post 159



American Legion Auxiliary

Our **membership** continues to climb but is not where we want it to be. We are currently at 89 and our Texas goal is 100. Numbers are important to keep our organization strong but I value our personal relationships. If you are not a member, please consider joining this wonderful organization.

Our **nominating committee** did a great job and all positions have a nominee. Thanks to Ruth, Sharron and Jeanne. I am thrilled to announce all current officers have agreed to serve another year. We will have our election in June so please plan on attending so we have a quorum.

We are still assembling **poppies**. We will distribute poppies May 27th-29th. We will need lots of help to fill all our locations to help distributing these poppies. The money we collect helps with many veteran programs, one of which is our popular Coffee and Donuts on Thursday mornings.

Speaking of poppies, we are giving 15 more **Poppy Lady books** to private schools in the Bryan/College Station area. We are excited to be able to share American History and part of the story of our organization with children.

Girl's State is right around the corner. So far, we are sending 21 girls from 9 schools at a cost of \$425 per girl. We will have a barbeque to send off and celebrate the Boys and Girl State participants on April 22nd 11:00.

Please come join us and meet these wonderful young ladies and men.

When a Unit is deprived of one of its members by death, it is customary to drape the Unit charter with black crepe during the period of mourning. The following ceremony is suggested for the draping of the charter. Plans are being made to **Drape the Charter** at our May meeting for 3 of our members that have died in the past 2 years.

Ronda Ogden
ALA Unit 159 President



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 16:00 Junior Shooting Sports Club	2 18:00 Boy Scout Troop 159	3 16:00 Junior Shooting Sports Club	4 08:00 Coffee and Donuts 18:00 Member Social 18:30 Member Potluck Meal 19:30 Membership Mtg	5 10:00 Quilters Guild Day Retreat	6 10:00 Managing Your Self Workshop 11:00 Voices for
7	8 10:00 Quilts of Valor 16:00 Junior Shooting Sports Club	9 18:00 Boy Scout Troop 159	10 16:00 Junior Shooting Sports Club	11 08:00 Coffee and Donuts 09:00 Troop Boxes 18:30 Quilters Guild	12 09:00 Bluebonnet Quilters Guild 17:00 Junior Shooting Sports Club	13 Resource Fair
14 Mother's Day	15 16:00 Junior Shooting Sports Club	16 18:00 Boy Scout Troop 159	17 16:00 Junior Shooting Sports Club	18 08:00 Coffee and Donuts 09:00 Trustee Meeting 18:00 Post 159 Exec. Com. Mtg.	19	20 2nd Division Convention 09:00 Amateur Radio Club 09:00 BV Submariners Mtg. 11:00 Eagle Scout Court
21	22 10:00 Quilts of Valor 16:00 Junior Shooting Sports Club 18:00 Aux. Exec. Com Mtg.	23 18:00 Boy Scout Troop 159	24 16:00 Junior Shooting Sports Club	25 08:00 Coffee and Donuts 18:00 Junior Shooting Sports Club	26	27
28 12:00 Private Event	29 Memorial Day 16:00 Junior Shooting Sports Club	30 18:00 Boy Scout Troop 159	31 16:00 Junior Shooting Sports Club			