



LEGION NEWS 245
April- May- June 2017



COMMANDER'S REPORT:

We celebrated The American Legion's 98th birthday at our Legion Birthday Party on March 11th. During the evening we also recognized members with continuing membership pins and announced the Legionnaire of the Year. The Legionnaire of the Year for 2016-2017 is Jerry Ramirez, who is the Legion Sergeant-at-Arms and also the ALR Director. Donald Larsen was awarded a Certificate for Distinguished Service to the American Legion over the years and his name was added to the Distinguished Service Honor Roll Plaque.

The American Legion Scholarship applications are available at the Post and are due back by April 1st. The selection process has already started for Boys State, which will be June 11 to June 16 in Austin at the University of Texas Campus.

Our joint Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 29th, at 11:00am, at Guadalupe Valley Memorial Park on Highway 46. More information will be available at the Post before the event.

We are planning on having a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day, June 14th at the Post. Details and time of the event will be available at the Post before the event.

Hope to see you at the Post.

Reno W. Reiley

1st VICE COMMANDERS REPORT:

Help your Commander and the Post reach our membership goal; send your dues renewal in.

Jim Barnett

2nd VICE COMMANDERS REPORT:

Boys State selection has started and at this time there are 14 boys being interviewed.

Felisa Ramirez

CHAPLAINS REPORT:

I will be visiting the veterans in nursing homes as frequently as possible. Please call with any news about members.

Bob Grafe

ACTIVITIES:

Make plans for the Memorial Day ceremonies on May 29th!!

SERVICE OFFICER:

Should you have questions concerning your status for assistance as an eligible vet, please contact Bill MacAllister at 830-379-8870 in Seguin or 210-945-9708 ext. 3 in Schertz respectively.

LEGION RIDERS:

The ALR had a busy quarter with some of the Riders supporting many events in the surrounding community: ALR Meet and Greet at Post 460. We had 12 Riders participate in the 2016 Wreaths Across America clean-up, picking up thousands of wreaths. Six Riders did landscaping and later participated in the Key Ceremony for a Homes For Our Troops (HFOT) build for a wounded warrior. We also took part in an HFOT Community Kick-off Ceremony for another HFOT build. Two Riders provided a flag line at a home for a wounded warrior built by Operation Finally Home. We delivered meals to the Guadalupe Family Violence Shelter. Riders visited with VA patients at Post 593 the last 3 months. Several Riders participated in multiple Patriot Guard events. Riders missions for our fallen heroes, veterans, and homeless veterans. Eight Riders rode in the 2nd Annual Chris Kyle Memorial Ride. Six Riders served meals at a wounded warrior luncheon at Post 489 in Leakey, TX. Several members played key roles in Seguin Art League's Veterans' Art Exhibit at our Post. Riders assisted with poker ride during the Sam "Machine Gun Preacher" Childers event in Seguin. Riders supported many other events this quarter: nursing home visits, Trinity Oaks Guadalupe River Camp, two community cancer benefits, Haven for Hope Outreach Programs to name a few. Congratulations to Riders, Dottie Trotts, ALR 245's Rider of the Year, Cheryl Grove 2016-17 Unit 245 Auxiliary Member of the Year and Jerry Ramirez, Post 245's Legionnaire of the Year for 2016-17.

ALR General Membership meetings are held every fourth Tuesday at 1800 hours

Jerry Ramirez ALR Director

SONS OF THE LEGION:

Our SAL meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. Please make arrangements to attend. If you have not already paid your 2017 dues, (\$15.00), please send them in.

Reno W. Reiley

ADJUTANT:

No more room, see you at the Post.

Robert Jackson



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
H. U. WOOD UNIT 245
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
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Dates to Remember:

April 3 - Executive Meeting
April 6 - Regular Meeting
May 1 - Executive Meeting
May 4 - Regular Meeting
May 29 - Memorial Day
May 29 - Executive Meeting
June 1 - Regular Meeting

BECAUSE WE CARE: Our deepest sympathy goes to the families of deceased members Carla Mergele, 18 yrs.; Ruby Linsey, 51 yrs. & Honorary Life Member; Sharon Vogel, 15 yrs.; and Florence Blakeney, 14 yrs. Please keep all those who are ill in your prayers.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership Chairman Fran Altherr reports the Unit 245 Auxiliary Members have received their Continuous Membership Certification Card at Post 245 American Legion Birthday Observance on March 11, 2017: 65 yrs. - Ruth Mittag; 40 yrs. - April (Neumann) Ellingson; 35 yrs. - Lauren Neumann, Irene Bretzke, Della Stevenson, Myrtle Voss; 25 yrs. - Glenda Totten, Evelyn Bender, Lean Vaughan, Nicole J. Alvarado, Eileen Schneider; 20 yrs. - Delores Zella, Cynthia Hoagland, Sarah Zamora, Peggy Zoboroski, Rose Vigil; 15 yrs. - Crystal Engelke, Erica Herzik, Heather Herzik, Blanche Ramos, Joyce Schriewer, Harley Thornton, Vera Thornton; 10 yrs. - Jan Doss; 5 yrs. - Elliott Mergele (Jr.) Hadley Mergele (Jr.), Madeline Robinson (Jr.), Amy Fairchild, Wendy Boutwell. Congratulations Ladies! If you haven't paid your dues, please do so. They can be mailed to ALA Unit 245, PO Box 971, Seguin, TX 78156 or dropped off at the Legion. Please advise Fran of any address, phone or email

address changes so you won't miss any correspondence.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarship applications for Unit 245 Scholarships will be available in the Legion Office. Department and National application forms may be found & downloaded online. Please stop by to pick up Unit Scholarship application forms during Post hours, Monday thru Saturday 1 to 7 pm. Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2017.

PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLAY

Cheryl Grove was elected as our Auxiliary Member of the Year for 2017 at the General Meeting held on Thursday, January 5, 2017. Congratulations Cheryl for all your hard work!

BLUEBONNET GIRLS STATE

The purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State is to educate our young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. This years Bluebonnet Girls State will be held at Texas Lutheran University on June 11th thru the 17th.

Please Remember our members & veterans in nursing homes & hospitals, also our military personnel on active duty and keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

A Very Happy Birthday to all of our Birthday Ladies born in April, May and June, Congratulations!

For God and Country

Jan Doss, Auxiliary President

Apr
Apr 3- **Executive Board Meeting at 6:30 PM**
Apr 6- **Regular Meeting, meal at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM**
Apr 4, 11, 18, 25- Bridge at 1:15 PM
Apr 6, 13, 20, 27- Dominoes at 2:00 PM
Apr 10- SAL Meeting at 6:30 PM
Apr 25- Legion Riders Meeting at 6:00 PM

May
May 1- **Executive Board Meeting at 6:00 PM**
May 4- **Regular Meeting, meal at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 P**
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30- Bridge at 1:15 PM
May 4, 11, 18, 25- Dominoes at 2:00 PM
May 8- SAL Meeting at 6:30 PM
May 23- Legion Riders Meeting at 6:00 PM
May 29- Memorial Day Ceremonies

Jun
May 30- **Executive Board Meeting at 6:30 PM**
Jun 1- **Regular Meeting, meal at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM**
Jun 6, 13, 20, 27- Bridge at 1:15 PM
Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29- Dominoes at 2:00 PM
Jun 12- SAL Meeting at 6:30 PM
Jun 22- Legion Riders Meeting at 6:00 PM

BINGO EVERY FRIDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHT AT 7:15 PM

Apr. Bingo Workers--

Friday Nightsô J. Blakeney, J. Emery, N. Szekely, K. Ybarra, J. Tuton
Pull Tabsô A. Marek Events-Mary Lou, B Aguirre
Sunday Nightsô J. Warus Jr., R. Gutierrez, M. Warus, J. Blakeney
Pull Tabsô A. Marek Events- R. Reiley, B. Aguirre

May. Bingo Workers—

Friday Nights-- J. Blakeney, J. Emery, R. Jackson, J. Tuton, L. Fey
Pull Tabsô Events- Mary Lou, B. Aguirre
Sunday Nights-- J. Warus Jr., M. Warus, J. Blakeney, R. Gutierrez
Pull Tabsô Events- R. Reiley, B. Aguirre

Jun. Bingo Workers--

Friday Nightsô J. Blakeney, J. Emery, C. Hoagland, L. Fey, K. Ybarra
Pull Tabsô T. Kemp, C. Kypfer Events- Mary Lou, B. Aguirre
Sunday Nightsô J. Warus, D. Neinast, J. Blakeney, A. Camacho
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