



LEGION NEWS 245 January- February- March 2018



COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Happy New Year to all our members. 2017 is gone and we are in a new year. We had a good turnout for the joint Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park. Our annual Legion Christmas Party had a good showing and everyone had a good time. We will be celebrating the American Legion Birthday on March 10, 2018, starting at 5:00pm with the meal at 6:00pm. There will be a sign up at the Post and if you plan on attending, you need to sign up. The meal is being catered, so we need a count on the number attending so we can order enough meals for everyone. If you haven't already paid your dues for 2018, please get them sent in. Your 2017 membership card expires December 31st. Come and join us at our regular meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month, at 7:00pm with a meal at 6:00pm. Hope to see everyone 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. We are currently at about 55% of renewals for our membership goal for the year. Please remember that our membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

Jim Barnett

2nd VICE COMMANDERS REPORT:

The local Oratorical contest was held and the winner will be advancing to the District contest. Boys State will start processing in January.

Mindy Messinger

CHAPLAINS REPORT:

The new Chaplain is working on all aspects of his new job with Post 245. Come to the meeting and welcome him and get to know him. He has a very demanding job as Chaplain.

Victor Patterson

ACTIVITIES:

We will have our American Legion Birthday Party on Saturday, March 10, 2018, starting at 5:00pm with the meal at 6:00pm. We will have a signup sheet at the Post in February. If you plan on attending, you need to sign up for the party.

Reno Reiley

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 held a successful Poker Run, raising over \$3000 for veterans' programs. The Riders also hosted their 2nd Annual Trunk-or-Treat/Haunted House with over 300 children attending. They also participated in numerous Veterans Day celebrations at TLU, San Marcos, and participated the Seguin Veterans Day Parade, winning 3rd place. They also entered a float in the Seguin Holiday Stroll Christmas Parade. The riders visited Veterans at two local nursing homes and presented them ball caps. The Riders made several visits to the Frank Tejada State Veterans Home and supported three fundraisers for the Sutherland Springs Baptist Church shooting victims. The Riders raised \$1,830 and collected two boxes of toys in their Annual Toy Drive for the Blue Santa Program. The Riders delivered toys to 13 children housed at the Guadalupe Family Violence Shelter over the Christmas Holiday. They also served dinner to 150 families at the annual "Feed My Sheep" holiday dinner. The Riders played prominent roles in this year's Wreaths Across America Program, leading a 75-motorcycle escort of the truck convoy carrying the wreaths and spearheaded the presentation of the Military Service Wreaths at the Ceremony. The Riders will be visiting veterans at the local nursing homes on Christmas Eve again this year.

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 6:30pm. If you are a SAL member, please come and join us at the meeting. We want to thank everyone that purchased a raffle ticket for our raffle.

Reno W. Reiley

ADJUTANT:

Another calendar year is nearly gone. **We have some suggested changes to our constitution and Bylaws that will be voted on in January.** Please try to attend the meeting and vote. Those that have paid membership dues more than once have my apologies, I wish the National headquarters would update records more rapidly to stop the redundant membership renewal requests.

Robert Jackson



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
H. U. WOOD UNIT 245
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
January, February & March 2018**



Dates to Remember:

Jan. 2 - Executive Meeting 6:30 pm
Jan. 4 - Regular Meeting 6 dinner 7 meeting
Jan. 29 - Executive Meeting 6:30 pm
Feb. 1 - Regular Meeting 6 dinner 7 meeting
Feb. 26 - Executive Meeting 6:30 pm
Mar. 1 - Regular Meeting 6 dinner 7 meeting
Mar. 10 - Legion Christmas Party
YOU MUST SIGN UP AT THE POST

Hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holidays!
We wish you all the best in the New Year!

POPPY DAYS

Poppy Days in Seguin were held on Friday, Nov. 3rd and Saturday, Nov. 4th. This year we were at the Valero at Kingsbury & Austin St. and Arlan's. We collected \$1008.00. Thank you to all of the people that volunteered to help the Veterans!

LEGION CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Legion Christmas Party was held on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Thank you to Jeff Messinger for being our DJ. Karaoke and Dancing were the entertainment for the night. The dinner was catered by Su Casa. Thank you Felisa Rameriz for all your effort put into making the party a success!

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chair Cheryl Grove reports we are in a new membership year. 2018 dues are now due. \$25 for Senior members and \$5 for Junior members. Dues may be mailed to ALA Unit 245, PO Box 971, Seguin, TX 78156 or dropped off at the Legion. Please advise Cheryl of any address, phone or email address changes so you won't miss any correspondence.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Auxiliary applications for 2018 will be available in the Legion on the 1st of February. Department and National applications forms may be found & downloaded online. Please stop by to pick up Unit

Scholarship application forms at the Post. Hours of operation are Monday thru Saturday 1pm to 7pm.

LEGION BIRTHDAY PARTY

This year the Legion Birthday Party is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th. This is a catered affair and **you must sign up to attend the party, DEADLINE MARCH 5th.** Sign up sheet will be in the Post Lounge on February 1st.

BLUE STAR BANNERS

If you have children or grandchildren currently serving in our Armed Forces, please contact Cheryl at 830-660-6895, so they may be honored at the Legion Birthday Party.

PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLAY

The Auxiliary Member of the Year for 2017 will be voted on at the General Meeting held on Thursday, January 4th, 2018. The winner will be presented with a plaque at the Legion Birthday Party.

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

5 years: Cheryl Grove, Emily Orsingher, Amy Fairchild, Mary Styblo, Angela Styblo, Glynda Barnett, Debra Crow; 10 years: Sofia Delanney, Vicki Pattillo; 15 years: Sarah Patterson; 20 years: Elizabeth Witten, Betty Eckols, Cynthia Hoagland; 25 years: Maria Sandoval, Sharon Riggs; 35 Years: Myrtle Voss; 40 years: Viginia Moeller; 65 years: Lucille Bading; 70 years: Doris Alves, Ann Patek, Viola Patek.

Happy Birthday Wishes to all our Ladies who have a birthday in January, February & March. We wish you many more!

For God and Country

Jan Doss, Auxiliary President

Jan

Jan 2- Executive Board Meeting at 6:30 PM

Jan 4- Regular Meeting, meal at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM

Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 30- Bridge at 1:15 PM

Jan 4, 11, 18, 25- Dominoes at 2:00 PM

Jan 8- SAL Meeting at 6:30 PM

Jan 23- Legion Riders Meeting at 6:00 PM

Jan 29- Executive Board Meeting at 6:00 PM

Feb 1- Regular Meeting, meal at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 P

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27- Bridge at 1:15 PM

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Feb 12- SAL Meeting at 6:30 PM

Feb 27- Legion Riders Meeting at 6:00 PM

Feb 26- Executive Board Meeting at 6:30 PM

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Mar 10- Legion Birthday Party

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Mar 27- Legion Riders Meeting at 6:00 PM

BINGO EVERY FRIDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHT AT 7:15 PM

Jan. Bingo Workers--

Friday Nightsô L. Fey, J. Emery, K. Ybarra, J. Tuton, D. Neinast

Events-Mary Lou, B Aguirre

Sunday Nightsô N. Szekely, M. Warus, D. Neinast, V. Roberson, J. Tuton

Events- R. Reiley, B. Aguirre

Feb. Bingo Workers—

Friday Nights-- , L. Fey, J. Emery, D. Neinast, J. Tuton, K. Ybarra

Events- Mary Lou, B. Aguirre

Sunday Nights-- N. Szekely, M. Warus, D. Neinast, N. Shelling, J. Tuton

Events- R. Reiley, B. Aguirre

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Events- Mary Lou, B. Aguirre Floater N. Szekely

Sunday Nightsô N. Szekely, D. Neinast, J. Tuton, M. Warus, V. Roberson

Events- R. Reiley, B. Aguirre Floater L. Fey

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LIST OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP PINS

(This list is based on members that have paid dues for 2018; there are several of these members that have not yet paid 2018 Dues and should do so to be eligible for the continuous membership pin.)

65 Years- Alton Staats

60 Years- Wilhelm Kalmus, Ross Langley, Clifton Micheli

55 Years- Edward McCoskey

50 Years- Leo Johnson, Kenneth Patek, Louis Wahl Jr., Arthur Woytek

45 Years-Samuel Weinstein

40 Years- Hugh Berthot, Wallace Felsing, Robert Henze, Albert Jandt, James Reininger

35 Years- David Baenziger, Barry Crist, Valdo DeLaGarza Jr., R.F. Finch Jr., Edgar Glenewinkel, Edward Henk

30 Years- Joseph Columbus, Leland Potter Jr., Robert Stansberry

25 Years- James Carroll, Donald Causey, Richard Fleming, George Hyatt III, Frank Pagel, Jose Salas, Regan Springs

20 Years- Charles Crees, Jennie Henry, George Hext, Charles Hoagland, Theodore Holtz, W. G. Janak, Maynard Kolb, Donald Myers, Peter Rico, Ira Whitlock, Bessie Wilson

15 Years- John Behrendt, James Cathey Jr., Robin Huffman, Andrew Jackson, Alfredo Jiminez, Victor Jones, Eliseo Machedo, Irene Sanchez, Robert Swift, Royce Tollman

10 Years- Guillermo Aguirre, Frank Balderson, Kristin Cazares, Atlee Fritz, Ronald Graham, Robert Haseloff, Benjamin Jarrell, Douglas Kappmeyer, Kenneth Stevens, Daryl Styblo, Louis Szekely,

5 Years- Claborn Baker, Gerald Burns, Leroy Fey, Jeffery Harrison, Roy Haze, Lee Heiser, Verlon Massey Jr., Joe Rosas, George Ullmann, Gary White, Antonio Zavala

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR PINS OR HAVE SOMEONE YOU TRUST TO GET IT FOR YOU—THEY WILL NOT BE SENT IN THE MAIL