

# AMERICAN LEGION

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## AUG-2024 NEWSLETTER



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SGT-AT-ARMS..... TBA  
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DIRECTOR.....DONALD HUFFMAN  
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JUDGE ADVOCATE.....JESSICA SPARKS  
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AL MEMBERS MEETING.....2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY - 7:00 PM  
AL EXECUTIVE MEETING..1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY - 7:00 PM  
AL HOUSE COMMITTEE....1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY - 6:00 PM  
AL AUXILIARY MEETING...2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY - 2:00 PM  
SAL MEMBERS MEETING...2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY-6:30 PM  
AL RIDERS MEETING.....3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY - 2:00 PM  
AL AUX JRS MEETING.....3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY – 2:00 PM



### AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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CHAPLAIN.....TBA



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



# Commander's Message



**Membership – New Cards** – The 2025 cards are in at the post and being processed. Membership for 2025 has started. Remember the Post Dues is now at **\$45.00** per member, per year. Any dues received short will be held until full payment has been received. The renewal notices should signify the change in the Post dues.



**COMMANDER**  
 American Legion Post 178  
 Jr. Vice Commander  
 11th District  
 Department of Georgia

**TIME TO RENEW**  
**2024-2025**  
**DUES ARE**  
**\$45.00 NOT**  
~~**\$35.00**~~  
**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**


**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**


**Tickets**  
 \$5 Each

**Raffle**  
 3 For \$10.00

7 For \$20.00






**Labor Day Drawing**  
**Sept 2nd, 2024**  
 Grill Mat & Cover Included

VA plan would move all services to Uptown Division despite Downtown Division ties with AUMC - The Downtown Division of Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center would see drastic change under a realignment plan by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Most services for veterans in the Augusta area would be consolidated into one of two divisions of the Augusta VA. Previous realignment efforts at the VA have scrutinized closing one or the other VA hospital in Augusta without results. The Downtown Division is also entwined with services at the neighboring AU Medical Center.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE POST** - (Don't stay inside, become a volunteer) If you are interested in volunteering, then contact the Post Commander Grant Whiteley at 706-793-1724 or Auxiliary President Miriam Stein Unit 178 at 706-399-7539. If you want to volunteer to help us in the Kitchen, please call our own Jr. Vice Commander Matthew Funsch, at (706)798-9562. Don't forget our weekly Friday Night steak dinners (6 – 8 PM). I am so grateful to all my officers, our management, the Ladies Auxiliary, SAL and the Riders for all the time and energy they have dedicated into helping the post, the veterans and the community. If possible, all officers need to attend both the executive board meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month and along with the members, the membership meeting on the Second Tuesday of each month. **We need a volunteer for Service Officer and Sgt-At-Arms. Please step up to the plate and support us. Thank You! GBW!**

**"WE THE PEOPLE"**

**Grant B. Whiteley**  
Commander  
American Legion Post 178



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Its almost that time again, time for school to start. If you would like to donate school supplies to our juniors or to the kids of Fort Eisenhower please come see me or Miriam Stein. Our Junior Awards program is the 3rd from 11 AM- 2 PM. It's sure to be a great time as we honor our juniors for all that they have accomplished. Coast Guard birthday is the 4th, the auxiliary will have a cake in the lounge at 5 PM, all are welcome. We will be having a program for Purple Heart Day on the 7th at 12 PM. BIG NEWS!!!! GA WAR IS BACK. We will be hosting GA War on Thursday August 8th at 11 AM. if you would like to volunteer, please contact me at 706-360-8941. Steak night this month is the Aug 9th. We can always use volunteers for either prep work or steak night itself. Our meeting is the Sunday following our Steak night on the 11th at 2

*..God and Country,  
Teriann (TC) Leblanc, Unit 178 President*



We will have our monthly meeting on the 9th. We will be cooking on the 23rd! We have a grill with a lot of goodies for a raffle. PLEASE buy some tickets to support the Squadron! I would like to thank the ladies and everyone who helped to make the installation a huge success! Come on out to the post for some good food, cold drinks and just enjoy some good company!

*Take Care, and May God Bless  
Brian "Yank" Kunston, SAL Commander*



Our Pony Express ride will be Saturday, August 10th meeting at Post 178 at 8:15am and KSU 8:30am. Our Friday steak night is the 16th from 6-8pm. The next general membership meeting is Aug 18 at 2pm. We also continue to collect non-perishable food items for Fort Eisenhower Battle Buddy program. It has also been expanded to accept other items such as diapers and school supplies. Please drop off your donations in the box located in the hall (flyer attached to box for more information). Ride Safe!

*For God and Country,  
Donald "Fix It" Huffman, Director*



It's August already and it is the hottest that I can remember. Everyone please stay hydrated and cool. Thank You to everyone who continues to support us. Thank You to our Lounge Team for all your hard work. God Bless you all and remember we're here for you seven days a week.

*"Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better."  
Lounge Manager, Frances Bowman*

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## POST 178 CALENDAR of EVENTS

### *August 2024*

2	Friday	AL STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8PM; KARAOKE 8 – 11 PM
4	Sunday	40/8 V-719 MTG 12 NOON; <b>COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY</b>
6	Tuesday	HOUSE COMMITTEE MTG @ 6PM& E-BOARD MTG @ 7PM
7	Wednesday	NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY
8	Thursday	SAL GEN MBR MTG 6:30 PM
9	Friday	AUXILIARY STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM
10	Saturday	U.S. Department of Defense Birthday; Agent Orange Awareness Day
11	Sunday	AUXILIARY GEN MBR MTG 2 PM
13	Tuesday	AL GEN MBR MTG 7 PM
14	Wednesday	<i>RIDER'S EXEC MTG 6:30 PM</i>
15	Thursday	<i>11<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT MTG 7 PM, POST 178</i>
16	Friday	RIDER'S STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM
18	Sunday	RIDER'S GEN MBR MTG 2 PM
23	Friday	SAL STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM
30	Friday	ALL ORG STEAK NIGHT 6-8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM