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AL MEMBERS MEETING.....2ND TUESDAY - 7:00 PM
AL EXECUTIVE MEETING..1ST TUESDAY - 7:00 PM
AL HOUSE COMMITTEE.....1ST TUESDAY - 6:00 PM
AL AUXILIARY MEETING...2ND SUNDAY - 2:00 PM
SAL MEMBERS MEETING..2ND THURSDAY-6:30 PM
AL RIDERS MEETING.....3RD SUNDAY - 2:00 PM
AL AUX JRS MEETING.....3RD SATURDAY - 2:00 PM



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BE THE ONE



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



Commander's Message



Membership – New Cards – The 2026 cards are being processed. At the present time we have 172 members paid to date which brings our membership percentage to 45.8%. Remember the Post Dues is now at **\$45.00** per member, per year. There are still members out there who have not paid their dues in a couple of years. That could help the post to 150% along with the new members. Please submit your dues either through the Post or on-line. **Renew your membership today and be part of the growing American Legion Family!**

Newsletter Organizations Input – 1st Place: Auxiliary Unit 178 Friday, Aug 22 at 5:29 PM; **2nd Place:** Riders Tuesday 8/26/2025 2:42; **3rd Place:** Lounge Thursday 8/28/25 1:37 PM; **4th Place:** SAL Thurs 8/28/25 1:37 PM.

VA benefits for family and caregivers: As the spouse or dependent child of a Veteran or service member, you may qualify for certain benefits, including health care, life insurance, or money for school. As the survivor of a Veteran or service member, you may qualify for added benefits, including help with burial costs and survivor compensation. If you're caring for a Veteran, you may also be eligible for support to help you better care for the Veteran—and for yourself. Find out which benefits you may qualify for and how to get them.

Who's eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery?: Veterans, service members, spouses, and dependents may be eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery, as well as other benefits, if they meet one of these requirements. **One of these must be true:**

The person qualifying for burial benefits is a Veteran who didn't receive a dishonorable discharge, **or**

The person qualifying for burial benefits is a service member who died while on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty for training, **or**

The person qualifying for burial benefits is the spouse or surviving spouse of a Veteran (even if they remarried after the Veteran's death), **or**

The person qualifying for burial benefits is the minor child of a Veteran (even if the Veteran died first) or, in some cases, the unmarried adult dependent child of a Veteran

VA burial benefits and memorial items: VA burial benefits can help service members, Veterans, and their family members plan and pay for a burial or memorial service in a VA national cemetery. Family members can also order memorial items to honor the service of a Veteran. Find out how to apply for the burial benefits you've earned, and how to plan for a burial in advance or at time of need.

DIRECT LINE FOR STEAK NIGHT – The Kitchen has a direct line for ordering Steak Dinners on Friday Night – **It is 706-364-1769**. Please call this number for quicker service instead of calling the lounge who are very busy and might not be able to answer your call.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE POST – If you are interested in volunteering, then contact the Post Commander Grant Whiteley at 706-793-1724. I am always grateful to all my officers, our management, the Ladies Auxiliary, the 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 1st 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. Please step up to the plate and support us. Thank You! GBW!**

"WE THE PEOPLE"



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Did you know this month is suicide awareness month? Remember to Be the One and check on loved ones. This month's steak night is the 12th. We will be having a 9/11 ceremony on the 13th starting at 1 PM. Our meeting is still on the 14th but will be at 4 PM and in the Auxiliary building. GA War will be coming to the post on the 18th to play bingo and to celebrate The Air Force Birthday. It starts at 10 AM. The American Legion Family will be having a luau on the 20th from 1 PM-6 PM. If you would like to help please see myself or Heather Stewart. Gold Star Family day will be on the 27th at 1 PM.

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



SAL General Membership Meeting is September 11th at 6pm, please plan to join us. Please come out on September 26th from 6pm-8pm for our Steak Night followed by karaoke. Thank-you to all our volunteers and patrons for continuing to support all our SAL Steak nights and fundraisers. Make sure to join us on September 20th starting at 1pm for our Hawaiian Luau all proceeds go to our Breast Cancer and Flag funds. I appreciate everyone for supporting our SAL Raffle and special thanks to all the bartenders for selling the tickets!

*Take Care, and May God Bless
Wayne Stewart, SAL Commander*



Please come out Sept 13 to celebrate our 21st Annual Anniversary and Poker Ride. Registration and breakfast starts at 8am and leaving at 9:30am. We will have 20th anniversary t-shirts for sale as well as sheets for poker run. You don't have to own a motorcycle to participate - cages (cars) are welcome. Donations are greatly appreciated. On Sept 14 we will be having a District ALR meeting at Post 178 starting approximately at 10am. On Sept 19 we are having a POW/MIA ceremony at 5pm. This is also the same day as our steak night from 6-8pm. Please come out and support our Riders. We will be supporting the Red Knights poker ride on Sept 20, meeting at Gas Pro on HWY 25/88 with KSU 9:30am. Our next general membership meeting is Sept 21 at 2pm. We are collecting school supplies and snacks for Freedom Park Schools (Elementary and Middle). Donations can be dropped off at Post 178 in our Battle Buddy collection box. We will also accept monetary donations if you wish. Your support is greatly appreciated. Ride Safe!

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



I want to start out by welcoming aboard our new bartender Angel to our Legion Family. If you haven't met her yet, then get on over here and do so. Monday Sept 1st is Labor Day the Post will be selling BBQ plates. Sept 19th come out and wish Ms. Andrea (Young Bird) A Happy Birthday. Party will be in the hall. Sept 20th come join us for our family luau from 1:00 - 6:00 Dont miss it going to be a great time! Dont forget to rent the hall for any event you have coming up.

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

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POST 178 CALENDAR *SEPTEMBER 2025*

1	Monday	LABOR DAY BBQ & FUNDRAISER 11 AM – 4 PM OR SOLD OUT
2	Tuesday	NO HOUSE COMMITTEE MTG OR E-BOARD MTG
5	Friday	AL STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8PM; KARAOKE 8 – 11 PM
9	Tuesday	MENTAL HEALTH BRIEFING – 11:45 AM POST 178 GEN MBRSHIP MTG 7PM
11	Thursday	SAL GEN MBRSHIP MTG 6 PM 11 th DISTRICT SAL MTG 7 PM
12	Friday	<i>AUXILIARY STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8 PM; KARAOKE 8 – 11 PM</i>
13	Saturday	<i>RIDER'S ANNIVERSARY RUN 9AM – 4PM</i> <i>PATRIOT DAY (REUNION) 12 – 2PM</i>
14	Sunday	11 th DISTRICT MTG 9AM – 4PM AUXILIARY GEN MBRSHIP MTG – 4PM
17	Wednesday	<i>CHAPTER 178 RIDERS EXEC MTG 6:30 PM</i>
18	Thursday	Air Force Birthday
19	Friday	RIDER'S STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM; POW CEREMONY 5PM
20	Saturday	FAMILY LUAU 1PM – 6PM
21	Sunday	CHAPTER 178 RIDERS GEN MBR MTG 2 PM
26	Friday	SAL STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8 PM; KARAOKE 8 – 11 PM
27	Saturday	POST CHAPLAINS RETREAT 9-12 AM