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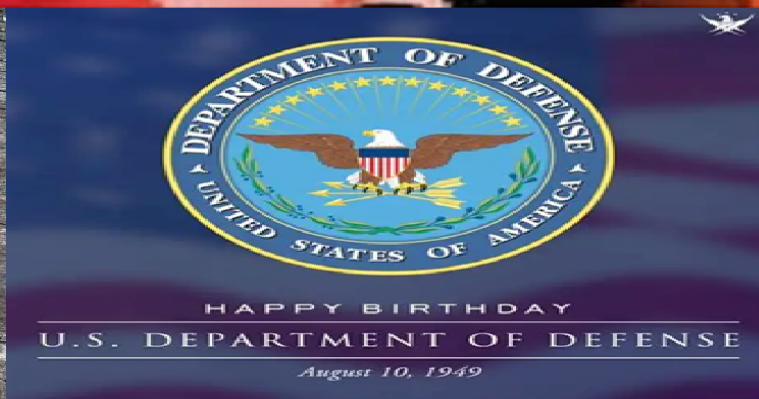
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AMERICAN LEGION

CARTER BURDELL HAGLER-POST 178

Department of Georgia

AMERICAN LEGION POST 178 MONTHLY MEETINGS

AL HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING....1ST TUESDAY 6 PM

AL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING....1ST TUESDAY 7 PM

AL GENERAL MEMBER'S MEETING...2ND TUESDAY 7 PM

AUXILIARY UNIT 178 MONTHLY MEETINGS

AUXILIARY UNIT 178 GENERAL MEMBER'S MEETING....2ND SUNDAY 2 PM

AUXILIARY UNIT 178 JR'S GENERAL MEMBER'S MEETING....3RD SATURDAY 2 PM

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION (SAL) SQUADRON 178 MONTHLY MEETINGS

SAL SQUADRON 178 GENERAL MEMBER'S MEETING....2ND THURSDAY 6:30 PM

AMERICAN LEGION CHAPTER 178 RIDERS MONTHLY MEETINGS

AL CHAPTER 178 RIDERS EXECUTIVE MEETING....2ND WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM

AL CHAPTER 178 RIDERS GENERAL MEMBER'S MEETING....3RD SUNDAY 2 PM



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COMMANDER..... GRANT WHITELEY
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2ND JUNIOR VICE CMDR..... ROBERT CARUSO
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JUDGE ADVOCATE..... HENRY WALTERS
ADJUTANT..... TBA
FINANCE OFFICER..... DAVID MYER
SERVICE OFFICER..... TBA
SGT-AT-ARMS..... MALCOLM DAVIS
CHAPLAIN..... JOHN ELLIS
I.T. OFFICER..... TBA

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LEE GALLOWAY



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ACTIVITIES..... TBA
SAFETY OFFICER..... LEE GALLOWAY
HISTORIAN..... TBA
CHAPLAIN..... TONY TAYLOR
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E-BOARD..... THERESA HAJDUK
E-BOARD..... TBA



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Commander's Message



Membership – New Cards – The 2027 early bird cards are here for renewal I July 2026 for the 2027 year. **At the present time we have 114 members for 2027 paid to date which brings our membership percentage to 34.5%.** Remember the Post Dues are **\$45.00** per member, this year. There are still members out there who have not paid their dues in a couple of years. That could help bring the post up. Please submit your dues either through the Post or on-line. **Renew your membership today and be part of the growing American Legion Family!**

Four ways to help Veterans stay safe in summer heat - Summer heat can be dangerous for anyone, but for Veterans experiencing homelessness, especially those living unsheltered outdoors, extreme temperatures can quickly become life-threatening. Extended hours in direct sunlight, walking long distances to access services, and sleeping in tents or vehicles that trap heat increase the risk of dehydration, heat exhaustion and worsening health conditions. One of the most immediate ways community members, businesses, faith-based organizations and local groups can help is by collecting and distributing supplies that keep Veterans hydrated, cool and protected from the sun. The items below can reduce the risk of heat-related illness and improve comfort during hot weather.

Hydration: - Frozen bottled water; Frozen sports drinks or electrolyte packets; Cups of ice;

Sun protection - Sunscreen and SPF lip balm; Sun hats and visors; Umbrellas;

Cooling - Cooling towels or bandanas; Lightweight, breathable clothing; Portable fans;

Comfort and basic needs - Sleeping mats; New socks and undergarments; Hygiene kits, deodorant, and wipes; Bug and mosquito spray; Non-perishable food items.

Every action makes a difference - These are practical, meaningful ways to support Veterans experiencing homelessness when temperatures rise. Every donation and act of service can make a real difference. If you or a Veteran you know is homeless or at risk of homelessness and needs assistance, during extreme weather or any time of year, contact the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 877-424-3838.

Legionnaires – The post is need of legionnaires who have the skills needed for the following positions: Adjutant, Service Officer, and IT Officer. If you are interested in filling one of the positions, then contact the Post Commander Grant Whiteley at 706-793-1724.

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! Website: (gapost178.org) GBW!**

Our prayers go out to the family members of our veterans who have passed away this year! May God Bless you all and your families.

"WE THE PEOPLE"



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

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Events Calendar August 2026

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
						1 <u>Annual Pony Express Lunch Ride</u> 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
2 <u>Vulture Local 719 40&8 Promandes</u> 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	3	4 <u>COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM <u>House Committee Mtg</u> 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM <u>Post 178 Exec Meeting</u> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	5	6 <u>CLARISA'S THURSDAY SPECIAL</u> 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	7 <u>NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM <u>AL Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	8
9 <u>Auxiliary Gen Mbr Mtg</u> 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	10 <u>Agent Orange Awareness Day</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM	11 <u>POST 178 Gen Mbrship Mtg</u> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	12	13 <u>CLARISA'S THURSDAY SPECIAL</u> 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM <u>11th DISTRICT DEC MEETING</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM <u>SAL GEN MBRSHIP MTG</u> 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	14 <u>Auxiliary Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM <u>Auxiliary Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	15
16 <u>National Airborne Day</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM	17	18	19 <u>AUXILIARY DINNER</u> 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM <u>Chapter 178 Riders Exec Mtg</u> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	20 <u>CLARISA'S THURSDAY SPECIAL</u> 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	21 <u>Internat'l Day of Remembrance Terrorism</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM <u>Chapter 178 Riders Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	22 <u>CYNTHIA'S BIRTHDAY</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
23 <u>RIDERS GEN MBR MTG</u> 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	24	25	26	27 <u>CLARISA'S THURSDAY SPECIAL</u> 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	28 <u>NATIONAL CONVENTION - 2026</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM <u>SAL Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	29 <u>NATIONAL CONVENTION - 2026</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM <u>Marine Corps Reserve Birthday</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM <u>PAUL ANDERSON SR. BIRTHDAY</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
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