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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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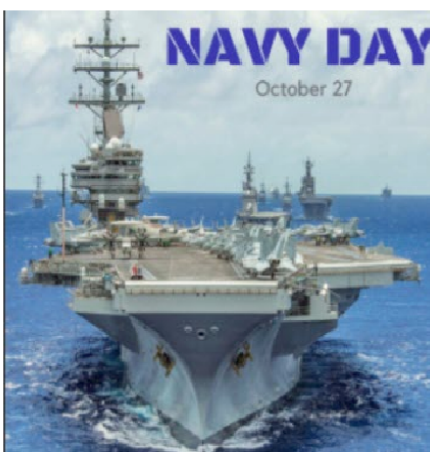
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RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



Commander's Message



Membership – New Cards – The 2026 cards are being processed. At the present time we have 180 members paid to date which brings our membership percentage to 53.9%. 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, Sept/22/2025 7:46 PM; **2nd Place:** Riders Tuesday Sept/26/2025 12:21 PM; **3rd Place:** SAL Thurs Sept/29/25 4:57 PM; **4th Place:** Lounge No Input.

The SECURE Act 2.0 has introduced significant changes to retirement benefits, particularly concerning required minimum distributions (RMDs) and the Social Security Fairness Act. Here are the key updates:

RMD Age Increase: The age for RMDs has risen to 73, with a further increase to 75 starting in 2033. This change allows savers to compound their money for a longer period before withdrawal.

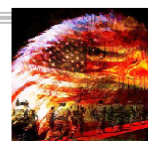
Social Security Fairness Act: The Act ends the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO), increasing Social Security benefits for certain workers. Beneficiaries will receive a one-time payment to cover the increase in their benefit amount back to January 2024. These changes are part of a broader effort to enhance retirement savings and benefits for savers and retirees. It is essential for individuals to stay informed about these updates and their implications for their retirement planning.

Major Social Security Changes Coming in October 2025: What Retirees Must Know - October 15 will be a pivotal date for the 67 million Americans who depend on Social Security (SS). On this day, the government will announce new figures that will define monthly benefit adjustments, tax thresholds, and retirement age rules for 2026. While President Trump's agenda emphasizes "protecting" Social Security without cutting benefits or raising the retirement age, upcoming 2026 adjustments reflect broader economic realities and regulatory updates that retirees and future beneficiaries must closely monitor.

The Reality Behind the 2026 Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) - Experts project a 2026 COLA increase of **about 2.7%**, aimed at keeping benefits aligned with inflation. For the average retiree, this equals **around \$54 more per month** or roughly \$650 over the year. However, rising Medicare Part B premiums are expected to absorb much of this gain. With premiums projected to rise by **over 11% (about \$26.50 more monthly)**, nearly **40% of the COLA increase** could vanish, leaving many retirees with just \$32 extra per month on average. Critics argue that the current COLA formula — based on the CPI-W, which tracks urban wage earners — fails to reflect the true cost increases seniors face, especially in healthcare and housing.

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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First and foremost, I want to extend my sincerest gratitude for everyone that contributed to the Hawaiian Luau. It was a smashing success, and I am so grateful to all of you. Remember that this month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the ribbon cutting is on the 1st with Ms. Theresa Brisker. We also need to start collecting candy for the Children's Halloween Party. Our steak night is on the 10th. We will be having a Navy celebration on the 11th at 1 PM. Our meeting is on the 12th at 2 PM. The Navy birthday is on the 13th. The 16th is when GA War will be coming to the post for bingo at 10 AM. The Childrens Halloween party will be on the 26th from 2 PM- 4 PM in the hall. Please sign your children up in the lounge

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



General membership meeting on October 9th, and the last SAL steak night of the year will be on October 23rd. We thank everyone who came out to support the American Legion Family Luau which was a great success.

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



We will be having our monthly lunch ride on Oct 4 with KSU 10am. Our steak night is Oct 17 from 6-8pm. Our general membership meeting is Oct 19 at 2pm. We are collecting school supplies 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. In addition, be thinking about the Fisher House Ride on Nov 1 and donations to support it. We have also started Wreaths Across America campaign to collect sponsors. If interested in donating, sponsor sheets will be at the Legion or see any rider for more information. Ride Safe!

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



*Clarrisa's Ham & Cheese
Thursdays
11 AM – 1PM
With Potato Salad*



Donations go to Miracle Walk Cancer Awareness Project

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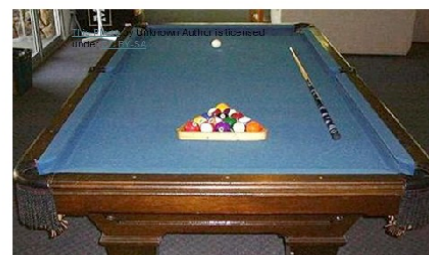
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**Commander's 8 Ball Pool Tournament
Membership Drive & Fundraiser**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18th, 2025 ,2PM - Until?
\$5.00 Entry Fee – Elimination TBD UPON SIGN UP
(Single vs Double)

MUST BE A CURRENT LEGION OR VFW – CARDS WILL BE
CHECKED - NEW MEMBERS WITH BURDEN OF PROOF
(DD-214) – RENEWALS WILL BE PROCESS ON SITE!



**PRIZES: 1ST PLACE \$300.00: 2ND PLACE
\$200.00: 3RD PLACE \$100.00**

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Events Calendar

October 2025



Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
			1	2	3 <u>AL STEAK NIGHT</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	4 <u>CHAPTER 178 RIDERS LUNCH RIDE</u> 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
5 <u>Voiture Local 719 40&8 Meeting</u> 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	6	7 <u>House Committee Mtg</u> 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM <u>Post 178 Exec Meeting</u> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	8	9 <u>SAL GEN MBRSHIP MTG</u> 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	10 <u>Auxiliary Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	11 <u>FOUNDERS DAY</u> 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
12 <u>Ms Veteran America Pageant</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM <u>Auxiliary Gen Mbr Mtg</u> 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	13 <u>COLUMBUS DAY</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM <u>NAVY BIRTHDAY</u> 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	14 <u>POST 178 Mbrship Mtg</u> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	15 <u>Chapter 178 Riders Exec Mtg</u> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	16 <u>GA WAR BINGO</u> 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	17 <u>Chapter 178 Riders Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	18 <u>COMMANDER GRANT WHITELEY'S BIRTHDAY</u> 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
19 <u>RIDERS GEN MBR MTG</u> 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	20	21 <u>SUBCHARTER 178 BIRTHDAY</u> 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	22	23	24 <u>SAL Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	25
26 <u>NATIONAL DAY OF DEPLOYED</u> 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM <u>CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY</u> 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	27	28	29	30 <u>FINANCE OFFICER DAVID MYER BIRTHDAY</u> 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	31 <u>ALL Organization Steak Night</u> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM <u>ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY</u> 8:00 PM - 12:00 PM	