

# AMERICAN LEGION

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## JULY-2024 NEWSLETTER



### POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER..... GRANT WHITELY  
SENIOR VICE CMDR..... BRUCE EARLY  
1ST. JUNIOR VICE CMDR..... MATTHEW FUNSCH  
2ND.JUNIOR VICE CMDR..... ROBERT CARUSO  
3RD JUNIOR VICE CMDR..... JAMES BRENDEL  
JUDGE ADVOCATE..... HENRY WALTERS  
ADJUTANT..... TERESA BRISKER  
FINANCE OFFICER..... DAVID MYER  
SERVICE OFFICER..... TBA  
SGT-AT-ARMS..... TBA  
CHAPLAIN..... JOHN ELLIS  
I.T. OFFICER..... TBA

#### Executive Committee Officers

PAUL ANDERSON, SR. PST CDR OSCAR SIMS  
CAROL WHITLOCK RAYMOND JOHNSON  
HENRY KING

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



### INDEPENDENCE DAY



### AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT..... MIRIAM STEIN  
1ST. VICE PRES..... TC BENZEL  
2ND. VICE PRES..... ANDREA BATCHELDER  
SECRETARY.....STEPHANIE BISHOP  
TREASURER..... JULIE HUFFMAN  
SGT-AT-ARMS..... FRANCES BOWMAN  
& IRENE HACKLEY  
CHAPLAIN.....JONI DWYER  
HISTORIAN.....SUSAN BAURS  
PARLIAMENTARIAN.....JESSICA SPARKS



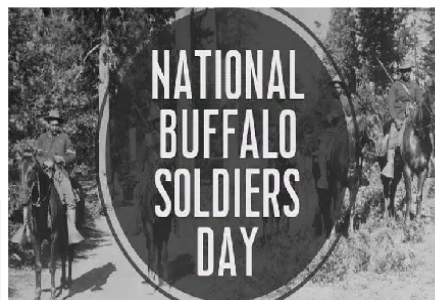
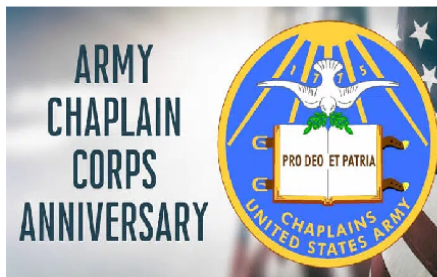
### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

COMMANDER..... BRIAN KNUTSON  
1st VICE CMDR..... DONALD HUFFMAN  
2nd VICE CMDR..... DAVID A HIGGINBOTHAN  
ADJUTANT..... MICHAEL LAMIE  
FINANCE OFFICER.....JEFF AWAIT  
JUDGE ADVOCATE.....ROBERT BRIZIUS  
SGT-AT-ARMS..... ROBERT CARLTON  
HISTORIAN..... TRISTAN HALSTEAD  
CHAPLAIN.....TBA



### LEGION RIDER OFFICERS

DIRECTOR.....DONALD HUFFMAN  
ASSIST. DIRECTOR.....TERRENCE ALEXANDER  
SECRETARY.....ALLEAN HARRINGTON  
TREASURER.....JULIE HUFFMAN  
ROAD CAPT..... LEE GARCIA  
ACTIVITIES .....MIRIAM STEIN  
SAFETY OFFICER ..... LEE GALLOWAY  
HISTORIAN .....JUDY EASTMEAD  
CHAPLAIN.....TBD  
SGT-AT-ARMS.....DAVID HIGGINBOTHAM  
JUDGE ADVOCATE.....JESSICA SPARKS  
WEBMASTER.....JOHN HARRINGTON



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BE THE ONE



RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



# Commander's Message



**Membership – New Cards** – The 2025 cards are in at the Department of Georgia and the post will be processing membership for 2025 as soon as the cards have been delivered to the Post. Remember the Post Dues is now at **\$45.00** per member. Any dues received short will be held until full payment has been received. The renewal notices should signify the change in the Post dues.

**Post Installation of Officers** – All personnel attending should be comfortable wearing legion casual attire for the weather. No shorts, sandals or flip flops. Each organization officers should have a theme tee shirt or polar type, of that organization worn to identify that organization to be install. Most important, wear your organizational cap when being installed.

**American Legion News** – Effective July 1, The American Legion's national per-capita dues will increase from \$18.50 to \$23.50. The 11<sup>th</sup> District and Department of Georgia did not raise their dues for the upcoming year but will in 2026. This means National is \$23.50, the Department and District is \$11.50 and Post 178 maintains theirs at \$10; bringing up the Post renewal rate of being **\$45.00** total.

**What you need to know about a multiyear membership:** 1. The three-year membership sign-up is only available on the national American Legion website ([legion.org/renew](http://legion.org/renew) and [legion.org/join](http://legion.org/join)). Current or potential members cannot renew or join for a three-year membership at the post level or through MyLegion.org. 2. Payment for the three-year membership is upfront. 3. There is not a discounted rate with the three-year membership. 4. Membership cards will still be sent annually by Legion posts. 5. Those who sign up for a multiyear membership will not receive a renewal notice during the time they have signed up for the multiyear membership.

**"The Women": Author, Vietnam nurse describe book's effect** - Kristin Hannah, author of the 2024 historical novel - *"I have written a lot of books," Hannah told attendees, many of whom were cradling hardcover copies of "The Women" and "Healing Wounds." "I have been doing this a long time, and I have never seen anything like this. Yes, I think it's the book, but mostly, I think it's the time ... we were ready to hear this story and embrace this story. I think the vets have been waiting a long time to have this conversation."* You can find more information on this novelist at American Legion New ([American Legion News \(gapost178.org\)](http://American Legion News (gapost178.org))).

**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. Thank You! **GBW!**

**"WE THE PEOPLE"**

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



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Exciting things coming in July, The Legion is hosting a BBQ for the Fourth of July and the Auxiliary is making homemade ice cream and pound cake. Please come out and support the American Legion. It's sure to be a great time. The monthly Girl Scouts meeting is on the 8th at 6:00 PM. Our steak night is July 12th. We will be decorating the hall for installation on the 13th, asking for all volunteers that can come help, Installation will be on the 14th at 1:00 PM. Korean War day is the 27th and we will be having a ceremony and a lunch starting at 1:00 PM. We still need volunteers for all the various activities. Please come see me if you are interested. Remember to Thank a Veteran today. Stay Safe and Be Blessed. Positive vibes for a prosperous future.

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



We will be having our monthly meeting on the 11th. We will be cooking on the 26th. We will start our fund-raising raffle for a 36" griddle along with a cooler and some extra goodies. Remember the installation on Sunday, July 14th! THANKS to all who continued to keep volunteering and supporting the post! Remember to join us on 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Take Care and God Bless!

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



Our installation and awards will be on July 14. Our Friday steak night is July 19 from 6-8pm. The next general membership meeting is July 21 at 2pm. I want to say a special thank you to everyone that has helped with our steak nights, rides and other functions this past year. Looking forward to another Great Year! Ride Safe!

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



Hey, each and every day here at the Post is another opportunity to spend time with your Legion friends and family. We have lost many of our family members this past year. Let's remember them don't forget them. Always keep them in your heart. We have a lot of things going on here all the time. You just never know who you will run into. If you haven't been here in a while you also see a lot of changes as we have revitalized the post in so many ways!

The **Commander** is asking anyone in the Legion Family if they would like to be trained as a Bartender on call to fill in when one of the bartenders is unable to come in. In addition, looking for a couple of maintenance type to fill in on call basis. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Vice Commander Robert Caruso and/or the Manager, Frances Bowman here at the post.

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

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## POST 178 CALENDAR of EVENTS

### *July 2024*

2	Tuesday	HOUSE COMMITTEE MTG @ 6PM& E-BOARD MTG @ 7PM
4	Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> OF JULY FUNDRAISER 12 – 4 PM
5	Friday	AL STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM
7	Sunday	40/8 V-719 MTG 12 NOON
9	Tuesday	AMERICAN LEGION MBR MTG 7 – 8 PM
11	Thursday	SAL GEN MBR MTG 6:30 PM
12	Friday	AUXILIARY STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM
14	Sunday	<i>INSTALLATION OF POST OFFICERS 12:30 – 4 PM</i>
17	Wednesday	<i>RIDER'S EXEC MTG 6:30 PM</i>
19	Friday	RIDER'S STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM
21	Sunday	RIDER'S GEN MBR MTG 2 PM
25	Thursday	NATIONAL HIRE A VETERANS' DAY
26	Friday	SAL STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; KARAOKE 8-11 PM
27	Saturday	National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
28	Sunday	National Buffalo Soldiers Day
29	Monday	Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary