

# AMERICAN LEGION

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## SEPT, 2023 NEWSLETTER



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COMMANDER..... GRANT WHITELY  
SENIOR VICE CMDR..... BRUCE EARLY  
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2ND. JUNIOR VICE CMDR..... ROBERT CARUSO  
3RD JUNIOR VICE CMDR..... JAMES BRENDLE  
JUDGE ADVOCATE..... HENRY WALTERS  
ADJUTANT..... TERESA BRISKER  
FINANCE OFFICER..... DAVID MYER  
SERVICE OFFICER..... TBA  
SGT-AT-ARMS..... SCOTT PERRY  
CHAPLAIN..... WILLIAM CRAIN  
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



### 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



September



National  
Suicide  
Prevention  
Awareness  
Month

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RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



# Commander's Message



**Membership** – Renewal 2024 has kicked off for the new year. Please get your dues to the Post or pay online. Either way, the Post gets the credit and you the satisfaction of supporting your Post during this annual membership run.

**American Legion News** – The American Legion Riders went out on a record note in fundraising for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund for the final time. With more than \$880,000 being donated on The American Legion National Convention floor in Charlotte, N.C., on Aug. 29, this year's Legacy Run raised a record \$1,551,631 – smashing last year's record by more than \$227,000. All told, the Riders have raised nearly \$20 million for the fund after adding in this year's total. More than \$667,000 was raised during and prior to the Legacy Run, including \$211,000 from The American Legion Department of Maryland and \$121,000 from the Department of Virginia. And then on the national convention floor, another \$884,000 was presented. The Department of Minnesota American Legion Family led the way with \$162,000, while both Indiana and Michigan each donated more than \$83,000. Also among the top donors on Tuesday were South Carolina with nearly \$79,000, California and Missouri with more than \$67,000 and Ohio with more than than \$57,000.

**September 2023 Suicide Prevention Awareness Month** - Compared to civilians, veterans are twice as likely to commit suicide, with approximately 6,000 veterans dying by suicide annually. This has been a concerning issue over the past few years as veterans struggle to deal with the ramifications caused by global conflicts and nationwide crises. As a result, veterans feel progressively hopeless, tired, isolated, and not understood, as indicated by reports of increased substance use and diagnoses of depression and anxiety further aggravating pre-existing health concerns. Veterans Crisis Line WebThe Veterans Crisis Line serves Veterans, service members, National Guard and Reserve members, and those who support them. How It Works Available 24/7: Dial 988 then Press 1, chat live, or text 838255

**Turkey Shoot** – The season starts on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 2PM. Please follow the posted safety rules and regulations.

**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 Mike Dwyer at 706-360-1764.

**NOTE** - 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!

**"WE THE PEOPLE"**

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



**RENEW YOUR LEGION MEMBERSHIP TODAY!**



The Auxiliary would like to thank all volunteers for the help in the kitchen and for the work around the post. If you would like to join the volunteers' please let us know. We are taking membership which is now raised to \$40.00 a year. Out Steak Night will be Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at **4 PM**

*God and Country,  
Miriam Stein, Unit President*



Our monthly meeting is on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. We will be cooking our steak night on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are having a fish fry on Oct 7<sup>th</sup> serving at 1 check flyers for menu! Thanks to all who have supported our steak nights and to all who have helped make them a GREAT success!! Thanks to all the veterans! Take Care and God Bless

*Strength for Service to God & country,  
Brian Kunston, SAL Commander*



This is a busy month. Please come out Sept 9 for our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion and Poker Ride. Breakfast starts at 8am and leaving at 10am. You don't have to own a motorcycle to participate - cages (cars) are welcome. Donations are greatly appreciated. On Sept 10 we will be having a District ALR meeting at Post 63 starting approximately at 10am. On Sept 16 we are having a POW/MIA ceremony at 5pm. This is also, the same day as our Bike Night from 4-8pm at Post 178, party on the deck. Along with our steak night from 6-8pm. Please come out and support our Riders. Our next general membership meeting is Sept 17 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. Your support is greatly appreciated. Ride Safe!

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



It's September already and it's still 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.

*Lounge Manager, Frances Bowman*



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## POST 178 CALENDAR of EVENTS

### *September 2023*

<i>SEPT</i>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1	Friday	AL STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8 PM; KAROKE 8 – 12 PM MARK CROSS
3	Sunday	40/8 V-719 MTG 12 NOON
4	Monday	LABOR DAY BBQ 11 AM – 4 PM OR UNTIL SOLD OUT
5	Tuesday	HOUSE COMMITTEE Mtg @ 6 pm. E-BOARD Mtg @ 7 pm.
8	Friday	AUXILIARY STEAK NIGHT 6 – 8 PM. Karaoke 8pm-12am w/Billy & Gerda
9	Saturday	RIDERS ANNUAL POKER RUN 8AM – 2PM @ POST 178
10	Sunday	AUXILIARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg @ 4pm. DISTRICT MTG @ POST 63 9AM – 4PM HOSTED BY POST 178
11	Monday	PATRIOT DAY/REUNION 9AM-2PM
12	Tuesday	LEGION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg @ 7 pm.
13	Wednesday	RIDERS EXEC MTG @ 6:30 PM DWYER'S LUNCH SURPRISE 11AM – 1PM
14	Thursday	SAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg at 6:30 pm.
15	Friday	RIDERS STEAK NIGHT 6 - 8 PM; RIDERS BIKE NITE/POW CEREMONY 5PM KARAOKE 8-11 PM MARK CROSS
17	Sunday	ALR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Mtg. @ 2 pm
18	Monday	AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY CAKE IN LOUNGE
22	Friday	SAL Steak Night 6 - 8 PM Karaoke 8pm-12am w/DJ Long Legged Leona
24	Sunday	GOLD STAR MOTHERS FAMILY DAY