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October 2022 Newsletter

Notice: In accordance with the Greater Fort Worth American Legion Post 516 Bylaws this notice of a special election is being sent to all Post 516 Legionnaires. <u>A special election will be held on the Seventeenth Day of November 2022 (11/17/22) to fill the position of Second Vice Commander</u>. The election will be held at the General Membership Meeting starting promptly at 1900 (7:00 pm) in the Post Meeting Room at 6801 Manhattan Blve, Fort Worth, Texas 76120. For more information please call the post at (817) 451-7222.

Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade in Fort Worth

The parade will be on Friday, Nov. 11 assembling at 8 am in Panther Island Pavilion (meet at the post and carpool, very limited parking). We can always use more help, it is fun and you meet and mingle with some great folks. You can join in riding on our float, on your bike or watching along the route. For more details and volunteer opportunities contact Marsha Srader, Bill Putman or Ken Cox.

From our Post Commander

Each of us have certain skills. And we keep those skills sharp by constantly using them and refining them.. I know we have all heard it..."USE IT OR LOSE IT". That is true about skills, and it is also true about you American Legion Post. We survive financially by your participation in the activities and you patronage of our Post. It is a Catch 22 situation. I hear "we need more activities", but to get more activities we need more participation. Embrace and participate in what we have going on, and we can do a lot more. Got an Idea... let it be known

Post 516 is a great place. We have a lot to offer. Noooo... we are not perfect, but at least we are doing something.

Greater Fort Worth American Legion Post 516...." USE IT OR LOSE IT"

See you at the Post....HOPEFULLY

David Fenn, Commander

From Our Auxiliary:

Happy Fall Unit 516!

We had a very windy, but successful Fall Festival on October 22. I can still hear the laughter and squeals of delight. It made my heart glad to hear, "This is so much fun, Grandma.", "Can we play this game again.", and "I want to come back again." Thank you to all the vendors who braved the wind to sell their goods. Our very own Taylor Gallant was selling hand crafted resin items, handmade bath bombs and bath salts. I have to admit to purchasing a few items for myself.

All of our volunteers were amazing. Several volunteers need special recognition. Jan and Ken Cox donated the fun games for the kiddos to play and earn prizes. Jan worked the ladder throw all day. Jan's sister, Nancy, donated four beautifully decorated home-baked cakes for the cake walk. Needless to say, they were chosen first. Our president donated fifteen plus packs of home-baked cookies. Mary Jane's face painting was very popular. Karen did an awesome job managing the welcome table and cake walk. Legionnaires, Bobby Gallant, Darin Bell, Ken Cox, and Tinker Srader worked the games and took photos. Several of our non-member supporters worked the bounce house and corn hole games. Many thanks to Albert Delaney, Cliff Mace, and "Bear Pup". One of our newest members came by to offer help and support. Welcome, Xinia Whitler.

We have continued our 3rd Friday dinners. These have been very nice. The karaoke patrons have fully supported this and purchase a plate each time. If you haven't visited the post on a Friday night, you are missing some excellent singers.

Please watch for the signup sheet for our Thanksgiving Pot Luck on Friday, November 18. This will replace our 3rd Friday dinners. Please plan to join us. We will have a good time visiting and giving thanks for all of our blessings.

.Marsha Srader

ALA Unit 516 Secretary / Treasurer

<u>SAL Squadron meeting</u> - 7:00 pm before darts every second Wednesday <u>Legion Riders meeting</u> Noon on the first Saturday. Ride following the meeting.

Historian and Hubmaster notes

If you know someone that wants to get these communications from our post, ask them to fill out the form at www.post516.org/NewMem.html and they will be subscribed.

Legion Diner news: great selections on the menu!

We are here to serve Veterans and our local community not just our members. Our diner is open from 6:30 in the morning until 2:00 in the afternoon every day except Sunday and Monday; invite your friends. All profits are used for The American Legion local and Veterans programs. November 2022 Post 516 Newsletter - page 3 of 4

Membership

Latest listing for the state shows our Post Family membership at: AL – Now working on 2023 goals, check here to find progress: https://txlegion.org/web_reports/Membership%20Report.pdf ALA – Now working on 2023 goals, check here to find progress: https://alatexas.org/membership/membership-reports/ SAL – Now working on 2023 goals, check here to find progress: https://saltexas.org/member/detmembership2022.pdf You can make your payment in person at Post 516, by US mail or **Online at:** American Legion – American Legion Auxiliary

Event and Meeting schedule:

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 516: first Thursday (temp) at 7PM Post 516 Executive Board: first Thursday at 7PM Sons of The American Legion Squadron 516: Second Wednesday at 7PM American Legion Riders: First Saturday at noon American Legion General Membership: third Thursday at 7PM Every Wednesday: Blind Draw Darts 7 pm sign up, 7:30 pm start Every Friday night Karaoke at the Post 7:00 pm

Second Saturday Pancakes with the Commanders and President: 8 am to 11 am

President: Roxan Faison

Vice President: Karen Lomas

Treasurer: Marsha Srader

Historian: Janice Cox

Sqt. at Arms: Erica Goosby

Chaplain: Mary Jane Savage

Executive Board: Polly Garner

Executive Board: Becky Moore

2022 – 2023 OFFICERS:

They are volunteering their time for you, please help them. Legion ALA

Commander: David Fenn

First Vice Cmdr: "Doc" Savage

2nd Vice Cmdr: Vacant Secretary: Marsha Srader Adjutant: Dave Etter Finance Officer: **Darin Bell** Judge Advocate: Richard Srader Historian: Ken Cox Chaplain: Vacant Sqt. at Arms: Adrian Keeble Service Officer: James Thrasher Member at Large: Glen Moore

SAL

Commander: Dennis Williamson Vice Commander: Roger Clough Finance Officer: Bill Putman Adjutant: Bill Putman Chaplain: "Pistol Bob" Eaton Sqt. at Arms: Cecil Forshee Historian: "Pistol Bob" Eaton

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Director: Bill Putman Asst. Director: "D-Man" Williamson Finance Officer: "Toothpick" Forshee Secretary: Erica Goosby Chaplain: Jeff "4-F" Langdon Sgt. at Arms: James Thrasher Run Coordinator: Erica Goosby

| November 2022 - Greater Fort Worth Post 516 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | 1/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Auxiliary Unit 516 | 2/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts | 3/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Legion Exec Board | 4/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Karaoke | 5/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 12 noon Legion Riders Parades |
| 6/ Post Closed | 7/ Post Closed | 8 /Diner open 7 am to 2 pm | 9/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm SAL 7:30 Darts | 10/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm | 11/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm Parade Flag Retire | 12/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm Pancakes *TCVC |
| 13/Mother's Day ^{Post Closed} Massing of The Colors | 14/ Post Closed | 15/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm Homeless Veteran Stand Down | 16/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts | 17/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Post Membership meeting | 18/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm Thanksgiving Dinner Karaoke | 19/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 12 noon *** Submarine Veterans |
| 20/ Post Closed | 21/ Post Closed | 22 /Diner open 7 am to 2 pm | 23/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts | 24 / Diner open 7 am to 2 pm | 25/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 <i>pm</i> Karaoke | 26 / Diner open 7 am to 2 pm |
| 27/ Post Closed | 28/ Post Closed | 29 /Diner open 7 am to 2 pm | 30 /Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts | | | District Convention And Party |
| Be sure to check our <u>on line schedule</u> for the latest updates, links and more * Tarrant County Veterans Council Veterans Day Parade Planning Meeting Thanksgiving Pot Luck on Friday, November 18 *** 3rd Saturday at noon, Submarine Veterans Cowtown Base | | | | | | |

--- Current and Coming special events in our District:

Nov 5 (Sat) - Mansfield Veterans Day Parade

Grapevine Veterans Day Parade

Nov 11 (Fri) - TARRANT COUNTY VETERANS DAY PARADE

Flag Retirement Ceremony; 5:15 pm at Post 516

Nov 11–15 (Fri-Tues) – <u>USS Texas Mobil Museum</u> at Haltom City Post 655 Nov 13 (Sun) - Annual Massing of the Colors, Birchman Baptist Church – 2:30 pm Nov 16 (Wed) - <u>Annual Cowtown Homeless Veteran Stand Down</u>

Dec 3 (Sat) – Legion Convention and District Christmas Party at our Post 516

- 0800 District Executive Committee meeting at Post 516
- 0900 Fall Convention at Post 516
- Once Convention ends, Christmas party begins at Post 516