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January 2024 Chapter, Squadron, Unit and Post 516 FAMILY Newsletter

From our Post Commander

New Year. New Resolutions. New Life. Which one is for you?

The New Year gives us the chance to start fresh. I heard a wise man say one time "you can't grab the future if your hands are full of the past." It's time to let things go. No More "THATS HOW WE'VE ALWAYS DONE IT". It apparently is not working so it's time to start fresh.

The American Legion is a volunteer organization. But we seem to have lost our volunteers, SO...Fresh Start... You tell me what it would take for you to come down to your American Legion and pitch in. We could use your help in so many ways. Clean up in and around the Post. Offer to help at different events here at the Post. Even be an officer in the post. You could even help by coming up with ways to raise funds or maybe participate in things at the post like the PUFL Fundraiser or the Memorial Brick Fundraiser. Bring the family in for breakfast in the diner or even bring an old buddy in for a drink. Darts on Wednesday evening or get your sing on with Karaoke on Friday nights.

I'm not asking for all of your time, just a little of it now and then.

See you at the Post

David Fenn

Commander

What you enjoyed or missed and can enjoy at your post

[Secret Santa Christmas gift distribution at Post 516, December 16, 2023](#)

As I get time I will be posting pictures from several events at the post and our fun at the Veterans Day parade. Check our [Scrapbook](#) for these and more.

PUFL raffle

We now have a PUFL raffle going for \$10 a ticket. The winning ticket will get a Paid Up For Life membership in the Legion or Auxiliary. As soon as we sell 250 tickets we will have a drawing at a public event at our post. You do not have to be present at the drawing or a member of this post to buy tickets and win.

From Our Auxiliary:

Greetings,

2023 was a very busy year for auxiliary. We welcomed new members and said good-bye to others. Unit 516 made a donation to Patriot House that included coats, gloves, hats, socks and other warm clothing. We purchased 100 survival blankets and had donations of fleece blankets as well. We continue to collect coats, blankets, clothes and toiletries. Dr. Vu and his staff at Star Dental donated 2 dozen toothbrushes and a box of sample size toothpastes. These will be delivered to Patriot House during January.

Post 516 hosted the Opal Lee Foundation for their toy giveaway on December 16th. They provided gifts for 500 children and teens who are being raised by a grandparent. Our commander cooked 600 hot dogs and a Legionnaire donated bags of chips. Every child and adult received a meal along with their Christmas gifts. If you missed this, you missed a blessing. Everyone was so appreciative and thankful. The dance party was pure joy.

Our Holiday Dinner was well attended. The auxiliary want to extend a special thank you to a legionnaire who gave a large cash contribution to this meal. He was the reason we could provide this meal at no charge. Thank you to everyone who chose to donate money. This will help us to provide more meals at our post.

Auxiliary is continuing to provide a meal on the third Friday of each month. We really could use some help from other members of our family on the other Friday nights. Darlene and Jimmy are providing a roast beef meal on the 29th of December. We need someone to provide the meal on additional Friday nights during Karaoke. The prices vary so we can cover the cost of the purchased food. Please see David Fenn or Marsha Srader if you are willing to prepare a meal (or help with part of a meal).

Auxiliary did not have a meeting in December since everyone one was so busy. We will meet at 7 pm on Thursday, January 18. Please contact Marsha if you want to participate via ZOOM. We will get you the log on information.

Our membership year ended on December 31, 2023. Please pay your \$35.00 dues for 2024. This can be in person, mailed to 6801 Manhattan Blvd, Fort Worth, Texas 76120, or online at <http://www.legion-aux.org/renew>.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Marsha Srader
Secretary - Treasurer
ALA Unit 516

SAL Squadron meeting - 7:00 pm before darts every second Wednesday

Legion Riders meeting 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. All profits are used for The American Legion local and Veterans programs.

Commemorative Brick Program

News; some of our actual bricks are now on display at the post.

We are filling the area around our flag pole with commemorative bricks purchased to honor any person or group you may wish to have remembered. Personalized bricks are on sale for \$65 each. You do not have to be a member this post to buy a brick to be permanently installed at the Post 516 flagpole. [Here are the details and available logos](#); click here for the [brick order form in "pdf"](#) or the [brick order form in "doc"](#) format (to turn in at Post 516 with payment).

2023 – 2024 OFFICERS:

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

Legion

Commander: **David Fenn**

First Vice Cmdr: **"Doc" Savage**

2nd Vice Cmdr: **Erica Goosby**

Adjutant: **Dave Etter**

Finance Officer: **Darin Bell**

Judge Advocate: **Richard Srader**

Historian: **Ken Cox**

Chaplain: **Bruce Cordett**

Sgt. at Arms: **Ron Whitaker**

Service Officer: **James Thrasher**

Member at Large: **Mike McCrady**

Member at Large: **Jasper Jones**

ALA

President: **Karen Lomas-Jones**

Vice President: **Rachel Merritt**

Second Vice President: **Tala Hodges**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Marsha Srader**

Sgt. at Arms: **Mary Jane Savage**

Historian: **Janice Cox**

Chaplain: **Mary Jane Savage**

Executive Board: **Becky Moore**

Executive Board: **Darlene Copeland**

Executive Board: **Retha Robbins**

SAL

Commander: **Dennis Williamson**

Vice Commander: **Roger Clough**

Finance Officer: **Bill Putman**

Adjutant: **Bill Putman**

Chaplain: **"Pistol Bob" Eaton**

Sgt. at Arms: **Cecil Forshee**

Historian: **"Pistol Bob" Eaton**

ALR

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**

| January 2024 - Greater Fort Worth Post 516 | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 31/Dec. 2023 Post Closed | 1/Post Closed Happy New Year 2024 | 2/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm | 3/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts | 4/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm | 5/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Karaoke *Dinner* | 6/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 12 noon Legion Riders |
| 7/Post Closed | 8/Post Closed | 9/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm | 10/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm SAL 7:30 Darts | 11/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm | 12/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Karaoke *Dinner* | 13/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm Pancakes |
| 14/Post Closed | 15/Post Closed | 16/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm | 17/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts | 18/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Post and Unit meetings | 19/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Karaoke *Dinner* | 20/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 12 noon Submarine Veterans |
| 21/Post Closed | 22/Post Closed | 23/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm | 24/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts | 25/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm | 26/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Karaoke *Dinner* | 27/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm |
| 28/Post Closed | 29/Post Closed | 30/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm | 31/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts | | | |
| <p>Be sure to check our on line schedule for the latest updates, links and more *Dinner on Friday nights 6 to 8 pm* Submarine Veterans Cowtown Base 3rd Saturday at noon</p> | | | | | | |

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

Jan 6 (Sat) – District Oratorical Contest, 9:00 am at Post 655

Jan 12 – Feb 3, 2024 – Fort Worth [Stock Show and Rodeo](#)

Wreath Clean Up Day, 8 AM at Dallas–Fort Worth National Cemetery

Jan 13, 2024 (Sat) - Fort Worth Stock Show's All Western Parade is scheduled for 11 a.m.

Jan 15, 2024 (3rd Monday) – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 16 – 21, 2024 - Mid Winter Conference- Austin, Texas

Jan 25, 2024 (Wed) - [International Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)

Post Family Events:

Every Wednesday: Blind Draw Darts 7 pm sign up, 7:30 pm start

Every Friday night Karaoke at the Post 7:00 pm (food 6 to 8 pm)

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