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## January 2021 Newsletter

Ladies, gentlemen and children of all ages we are back with a monthly News Letter.

Since the loss of our dedicated member Allen Collet transferring to Post Everlasting several years ago, we have not had a newsletter. We got spoiled to his nagging for input, hours of work composing, making all the copies, folding, printing and sticking mailing labels, sorting for the mailing permit and taking them to the post office. He has been missed.

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# Headlines

## The good news:

Our restaurant is open every day but Monday, see our webpage for details.

#### The sad news:

A.L. McCluney passed away of Covid-19. AL was a Korean War Veteran, a past commandant or the local Marine Corps League, long time member of the Post 516 Executive Board, county Veterans Day Parade Committee and more. Funeral 6 PM on Jan 13 at Lucas Funeral Home in Hurst, burial at the National Cemetery 11 AM on Jan 19.

#### The fun stuff:

## Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 1:00 PM

Drive by 100th birthday for Rev. McConico Thomas Mt Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 2951 Evans Ave Ft. Worth, 76104 He is Post 838's oldest living member. He was a Combat Engineer in WWII and obtained the rank of Master Sergeant. Pictures:  $\underline{1}$ ,  $\underline{2}$ ,  $\underline{3}$ 

## Post Commander and Adjutants notes

Accolades from out District Commander Joseph Campbell:

All posts are supposed to reach 80% by 13 Jan 21. Congratulations to Post 14 and Post 516 for already making the cut.

It's 2021 – have you renewed your membership?

You Can **Renew your membership online**. It's easy, fast, and secure; you can use a credit card: <u>American Legion</u> – <u>American Legion Auxiliary</u> – SAR (soon to come)

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#### **Unit President and Secretaries notes**

Second Saturday Pancakes with the Commanders and President: 8 am to 11 am Free for all current members (but you buy your own drinks and sides).

## SAL Squadron and ALR Chapter notes

Due to the pandemic our meetings will be on the first Saturday of each month until further notice.

The Sons of the American Legion meeting is on the 1st Saturday, 11am - 12 The American Legion Riders meeting follows the SAL starting at noon with a ride scheduled after the meeting.

### Post Historian and Hubmaster notes

This monthly newsletter is a work in progress and we welcome suggestions. You can reply to this newsletter or contact us using the post email <a href="mailto:post@post516.org">post@post516.org</a>.

We know this email list is not complete because we do not have email addresses for all our members. When you see your friends that are members, please ask them to check their email and see if they got it. If not please let them know we want to include them.

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Ken Cox

## **Public Relations and Local Events**

There is lots of good information in the Texas Legion Times including our parade and Vietnam Memorial Groundbreaking.

https://txlegion.org/Files/times/legion\_times0121.pdf

## Another local landmark gone:

<u>Texas Country Reporter</u> STORY UPDATE: We have learned that shortly after our piece about "The Homeless Christmas Tree" in Fort Worth aired someone cut down both trees and removed the concrete bench and everything else. So sad.

https://www.facebook.com/TexasCountryReporter/posts/10157256597216706

Join Fort Worth in celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. virtually Jan. 12 through Jan. 16.

A film screening and numerous other events planned citywide will honor the civil rights icon

#### Free First Fri-Yay bike program continues through 2021

The partnership provides free BCycle rides on the first Friday of every month throughout the year.