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February 2022 Newsletter

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Come on in and share your thoughts, bring your family, friends and neighbors. We are here to serve the whole community not just our members.

From our Post Commander

I know life keeps everyone busy most of the time, But I also know that every one of us finds the time to do what we really care about, what we have a passion about. But sometimes we need to find time to do things just because it is right or just because it is a good thing. The American Legion is one of those things. When you just focus on the Post level your view may be a little tilted to one side. All you may see is maybe a bar, or a bunch of old men getting drunk and swapping war stories or maybe even just a restaurant, and all of this is partially true. But it is what The American Legion is doing state wide and national wide, that is where the big impact is made.

But don't forget the little stuff that happens around the local post. We have a Service Officer here at 516 that is by far one of the BEST at what he does. James Thrasher has been invaluable to us. He has never failed to help or resolve issues for everyone that I have sent his way. And believe me, I keep him busy with the requests that we get. From starting or increasing benefits for a wounded or disabled vet to just helping to navigate the paperwork from the VA. Our post handles request for everything from financial to medical. We have a new member..101 years old WW2 vet that just wanted someplace he could go and talk with people that understand him. We delivered a wheelchair to the brother of a disabled vet that had been in a wreck in Fort Worth and was trying to get back to Florida. I personally just last week, spent over an hour on the phone talking to a vet that was about to commit suicide. I got to meet him and a friend of his because they just came to the post and joined because "somebody cared enough to listen". The Big things happen at State and National level, but it is the local post that makes it all happen. Come get involved and help make a change. Don't just set back and whine like a little "bitch" we got enough of them...ha..

SEE YOU AT THE POST.

David Fenn

From Our Auxiliary:

A Note from ALA Secretary Marsha Srader

Happy New Year.

It seems like we have flown through the past few months. Many of you have received phone calls or emails reminding you that we are still meeting at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month. I know some of us are still social distancing, but masks are optional. We hope to see more participation as we move forward in 2022.

We have many things to discuss at our next meeting. Some items include:

-Decorating the post for various holidays. Roxan, Mary Jane and I decorated for

Christmas. Retha and I decorated for January with red, white, and blue snowflakes.

-Girl Scout cookies

-Charitable contributions

-Celebrating February birthdays

We are only as strong as our members. We NEED you to attend.

Marsha

Hope to see you at the Post, President Roxan Faison

SAL Squadron meeting

7:00 pm before darts second Wednesday

Legion Riders meeting

Noon on the first Saturday. Ride following the meeting.

Historian and Hubmaster notes

OK Folks, here is the parade with all the details (well most of them). Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade, Nov 11, 2021

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

<u>Legion Diner news</u> – great new selections on the menu! Our restaurant is open Tuesday to Saturday from 6:30 am to 2:00 pm.

<u>Membership</u>

If you haven't already renewed, **IT'S DUES TIME NOW**, if you have, **Thank you**. From the Department of Texas 2022 Membership as of 1/28/22 we (Post 516) are at 92% of our goal. We are the closest to goal in our district and I found only 2 posts with over 100 members in the state closer than us, but we are still not there. <u>https://txlegion.org/web_reports/Membership%20Report.pdf</u>

You can make your payment in person at Post 516 By US mail: Post 516, 6801 Manhattan Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76120 **Online at:** <u>American Legion</u> – <u>American Legion Auxiliary</u>

Event and Meeting schedule:

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 516: first Tuesday 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 *Karaoke at the Post 7:00 pm every Friday night

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

2021 - 2022 OFFICERS:

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

Legion Commander: David Fenn First Vice Cmdr: Chris Fenn 2nd Vice Cmdr: Erica Goosby Adjutant: Dave Etter Finance Officer: Darin Bell Judge Advocate: --Vacant--Historian: Ken Cox Chaplain: "Doc" Savage Sgt. 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 Sgt. at Arms: Cecil Forshee Historian: "Pistol Bob" Eaton <u>ALA</u> President: **Roxan Faison**

Vice President: Karen Lomas

Secretary: Marsha Srader Treasurer: Marsha Srader Sgt. at Arms: Corey Farrell Chaplain: Mary Jane Savage Historian: Mollie Keeble Executive Board: Polly Garner Executive Board: Becky Moore

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**

February 2022 - Greater Fort Worth Post 516						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 <i>pm</i> Auxiliary Unit 516	2/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts	3/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Executive Board	4/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Karaoke	5/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 12 noon Legion Riders
6/ Post Closed	7/ Post Closed		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 7 pm Karaoke	12 / Diner open 7 am to 2 pm Pancakes
	14/ Post Closed VALENTINES DAY	15 / Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	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 7 pm Karaoke	19/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 12 noon Submarine Veterans Cowtown Base
	21/ Post Closed PRESIDENTS DAY		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> <i>Karaoke</i>	26 / Diner open 7 am to 2 pm
	28/ Post Closed					
Be sure to check our <u>on line schedule</u> for the latest updates, links and more						

--- Current and Coming events in our District:

Feb 21 at 1500, **Fire Pit project at Post 569**, 400 W. Felix St, Fort worth, Texas 76115 *We ask for 12th District support and participation. We will have a dedication Ceremony and a flag retirement.*