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

From our Post Commander

What are you waiting on??? You are a member of one of the most dedicated and prestigious veterans' organization in the world. There are others, but none that have fought harder than we for veterans' rights. The VA medical and the education benefits are a direct result of The American Legion and our efforts to see that the veteran and their families are given what was promised. But with all the good that The American Legion does, it requires the dedication and participation of the members of the individual posts. Our strength comes from the individual members standing alongside each other. One voice can be loud, but when all the members of one post cry out in unison, it becomes a sonic wave that can't be ignored.

Our post-election is quickly upon us. All positions are open for election. We need you to step up and be counted as the leader that you are. Yes, you are a leader, you have already proven that. You answered a call when your country needed you. Well, you are needed now to help this post take the lead in championing veteran's rights.

We also need your support down here at the post. Come home for a meal, a drink or just some good conversation. Remember!!! This is your Post.... if it stands or fall is really up to you.

See you at the Post

David Fenn

Commander

Eclipse Watch Party Monday, April 8

For those of us not stuck working or in school

American Legion Post 516 is hosting a Total Eclipse in the Parking Lot Watch Party from noon to 3 p.m. on Monday, April 8. The restaurant will be closed but the club will be open. Eclipse viewing glasses available while supplies last.

Join your friends, family and neighbors in this likely once in a lifetime experience. Bring your blanket or lawn chair to the top of the hill for a full view of the sky.

From Our Auxiliary:

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Easter weekend.

I was fortunate to attend the Quilts of Valor presentation at our post yesterday. Our Commander David Fenn was presented with a beautiful quilt, certificates, and a Vietnam Veterans' pin for his service. I encourage you to support this organization and to attend one of their ceremonies.

We have much to do in the next few weeks. Post/Unit 516 are hosting the 12th District Convention for both Legionnaires and Auxiliary on April 27. Auxiliary will be having a planning meeting on Thursday, April 11 at 7 pm. We need everyone to participate to make this event happen.

We have continued to serve dinner each Friday night. Marsha, Tinker and David have worked diligently to provide these meals. Please consider helping out by preparing part of one of the meals, or the entire meal. See David or Marsha if you can help.

The post will be open on Monday, March 8 for a Solar Eclipse viewing. We have NASA approved glasses available at the bar for \$1 on that day.

Our next auxiliary meetings will be April 11 for a planning meeting and our regular meeting will be April 18.

Please support your post and the people who are working.

Marsha Srader
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ALA Unit 516
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PUFL raffle

We 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.

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**

April 2024 - Greater Fort Worth Post 516						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1/ Post Closed	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 7 pm Legion Exec Board	5/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Karaoke	6/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 12 noon Legion Riders
7/Post Closed	8/ Eclipse Party Noon to 3 pm	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 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Karaoke	13/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm Pancakes **10 am Chili Cook-off
14/Post Closed	15/ Post Closed	16/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	17/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7:30 Darts	18/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Post and Unit meetings	19/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Karaoke	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 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Karaoke	27/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm District Convention
28/ Post Closed	29/ Post Closed	30/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm				
<p>Be sure to check our on line schedule for the latest updates, links and more</p> <p>Apr 13 (Sat) – Chili Cook-off noon to 4 pm at Post 516 [Third Saturday] Submarine Veterans Cowtown Base</p> <p>Apr 27 (Sat) – District 12 Spring Convention at Post 516</p>						

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

Apr 13 & 14 - NAS JRB FORT WORTH [WINGS OVER COWTOWN AIRSHOW](#)

Apr 13 (Sat) – [Chili Cook-off noon to 4 pm at Post 516](#)

Apr 25 (Thurs) - [Medal of Honor motorcade from DFW Airport to Gainesville](#)

Apr 25 to 27 - [Gainesville Medal of Honor Host City Program Events](#)

Apr 27 (Sat) – American Legion Family Day

District 12 Spring Convention at Post 516

[Hops and Props](#) 9 am to 5 pm, beer tasting from 12 to 5