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December 2023 Chapter, Squadron, Unit and Post 516 FAMILY Newsletter

What you enjoyed or missed and can enjoy at your post

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.

From our Post Commander

December; the end of the year 2023 is almost over. A time for reflection over all the past deeds and events of 2023. Remembering and honoring the past is good but if you are busy holding onto the past, you cant reach for the future. 2023 brought some tears and some laughs, but it is time to move on. It is time to start fresh. You can begin by making sure that your 2024 membership dues are paid. It is time to start thinking about taking an office in the post. All positions are open to an election. Time to get involved in Post activities. We have a secret Santa party planned for the 22 of December. \$30 limit on gifts. This one is for adults and you must be signed up to participate. See Monica the cook, before December the 9th, to get your name on the list. We will be closed December 24, 25, and 26 so all can enjoy Christmas with their loved ones. We still have Karaoke on Friday nights starting at 7pm. Darts on Wednesday nights at 7pm. We need some fresh ideas on fund raising for the post, so come on down and let your voice be heard.

By the way: As of January 1st, we will be a No Smoking Post per city ordinance.

See you at the Post

David Fenn

Commander

From Our Auxiliary:

Greetings,

The auxiliary has been busy this month. We hosted a very successful convention for the 12th District. We were delighted to have Division 4 President Penny Chandler as our guest speaker. She encouraged us to "straighten the crown" of our fellow members. Our diner staff proved once again that they are ready to meet any challenge. The 41 convention attendees received a delicious, made to order lunch.

We provided a large number of raffle items, auction items and stuffed animals for Autumn's Hope on November 7th. The Fenn family outdid themselves providing the BBQ meal and much needed funds were raised to help Autumn continue her fight against cancer.

The 3rd Friday meals have continued and Rachel made an awesome dinner for our regulars as well as a large number of the North Texas Spyder Riders who met at our post for a Meet and Greet. The bikes were pretty amazing.

Auxiliary has purchased a new Christmas tree and will be decorating for the holidays. We bought 100 survival blankets that will be given to the Patriot House and the Presbyterian Night Shelter. The weather has been getting colder and many are still without adequate housing. We are asking for donations of hats, gloves, socks and other warm clothing that we can take to the shelter. The boxes are in the entrance of the post.

Our Post 516 Family Holiday Dinner will be Friday, December 22 from 6-8. This meal will be at no cost to any member who has paid their 2024 dues. The cost for non-paid members or non-members will be \$15. Auxiliary will provide turkey, ham, and all the fixings. Please plan to join us. Membership chairpersons will be available to accept you dues and provide you with your membership cards at the dinner. You can also pay online or leave your check at the bar.

The auxiliary will meet on Thursday, December 21, at 7:00. Please contact Marsha at 682-559-1135 or marshagc@sbcglobal.net if you need the access information for the ZOOM meeting

Marsha Srader
Secretary - Treasurer
ALA Unit 516

APPRECIATION from the Tarrant County Veterans Council

From the president Dan Zmroczek and the Parade Chairman Ken Cox

The Council wishes to express appreciation to the American Legion Post 516 Family for providing vital assistance year after year in the Veterans Day Parade, This year alone you provided over a dozen volunteers including those that serve all year on the parade committee.

We give special thanks the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 516 for funding the golf carts used for necessary operations and courtesy services during the parade and the individual efforts of Richard and Marsha Srader receiving, dispatching, loading and returning the carts after the parade in addition to handling the entry registration area.

We are all volunteers and want to thank you for doing your part in KEEPING THE TRADITION ALLIVE.

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**

December 2023 - Greater Fort Worth Post 516						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Karaoke	2/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 12 noon Legion Riders
3/ Post Closed	4/ Post Closed	5/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	6/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts	7/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm Legion Exec Board	8/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Karaoke	9/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm Pancakes
10/Post Closed	11/ Post Closed	12/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	13/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm SAL 7:30 Darts	14/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	15/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Karaoke	16/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 12 noon Submarine Veterans
17/ Post Closed	18/ Post Closed	19/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	20/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts	21/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Post and Unit meetings	22/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm Holiday Dinner 6-8 pm	23/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm
24/ Post Closed	25/ Post Closed Christmas	26/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	27/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts	28/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	29/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Karaoke	30/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm
31/ Post Closed						
Be sure to check our on line schedule for the latest updates, links and more						