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## May 2024 Chapter, Squadron, Unit and Post 516 FAMILY Newsletter

**Monday, May 27 is Memorial Day (fly your flag half-staff until noon)**

3:00 pm – National Moment of Remembrance moment of silence

8:00 pm – Post 516 Flag Retirement

### **From our Post Commander**

All of us from time to time must do things that we really don't want to do. I went to work for forty years when I really didn't want to because I had habits I had to support. I liked to eat and have a roof over my head, and I really loved the AC. That's not to mention the wife and kids and preferred to drive instead of walk. The easy way out was always an option, but that comes with consequences. I could have chosen not to work, but the price was just too high for me. Guess I could have set back and begged and hopped someone else would do it for me, but I would have lost everything I had been working for.

Kinda like running for an office in this, "your" post. Election time is upon us and we need to fill these positions to remain open. You cannot just set back and expect someone else to do the work and you just reap the benefits. All of the offices are up for election and any member in good standing can hold an officer. You can't use the excuse that you don't know what to do... all positions are trainable.

Just in case you don't know, if we don't fill the major offices, the post will shut down. Diner, Club, Rentals, special groups, everything closed. If the major offices are not filled, the Charter for post 516 will be revoked and the building sold, or the Department of Texas will lay claim to it. All because you wouldn't step out of your comfort zone. You STOOD UP once before to be counted... will you let laziness stop you from standing up now when you are so needed.

If we all work, it works.

See you at the Post

*David Fenn*  
Commander

**From Our Auxiliary:**

Happy May to everyone.

Post and Unit 516 hosted the 12th District Convention on Saturday, April 27. We had good attendance and enjoyed our time with like-minded people.

We will be electing officers at our next meeting and selecting delegates for the Division Convention. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

We continue to serve dinner each Friday night before and during karaoke with Jasper. These evenings are so much fun. If you haven't attended, you are missing something great. Friday, May 3 will be our Cinco de Mayo dinner. More details will be on the post message boards.



Welcome to our newest member, Michelle Dockins. We look forward to learning more about her and her family.

Marsha Srader  
Secretary - Treasurer  
ALA Unit 516  
[marshagc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marshagc@sbcglobal.net)

**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](http://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**

| May 2024 - Greater Fort Worth Post 516  |  |                                   |  |   |   |  |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                           | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
| 28<br>Post Closed   | 29<br>Post Closed  | 30.<br>Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm | 1/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm<br><i>7 pm Darts</i>                    | 2/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm<br><i>7 pm Executive Board</i>         | 3/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm<br><i>6 pm Dinner</i><br><u><i>7 pm Karaoke</i></u>                      | 4/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm<br><i>12 noon Legion Riders</i>   |
| 5/<br>Post Closed   | 6/<br>Post Closed  | 7/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm      | 8/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm<br><i>7 pm SAL</i><br><i>7:30 Darts</i> | 9/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm  | 10/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm<br><i>6 pm Dinner</i><br><u><i>7 pm Karaoke</i></u>                     | 11/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm<br><i>Pancakes</i>   |
| 12/<br>Post Closed<br><i>Mothers Day</i>  | 13/<br>Post Closed   | 14/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm     | 15/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm<br><i>7 pm Darts</i>                   | 16/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm<br><i>7 pm Post and Unit meetings</i> | 17/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm<br><i>6 pm Dinner</i><br><u><i>7 pm Karaoke</i></u>                     | 18/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm<br><i>12 noon Submarine Veterans</i><br><u><i>Armed Forces Day</i></u> |
| 19/<br>Post Closed  | 20/<br>Post Closed   | 21/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm     | 22/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm<br><i>7 pm Darts</i>                   | 23/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm                                       | 24/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm<br><i>6 pm Dinner</i><br><u><i>7 pm Karaoke</i></u><br><b>Poppy Day</b> | 25/ Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm   |
| 26/<br>Post Closed  | 27/Post Closed<br><i>Memorial Day</i><br><i>8 pm Flag Retirement</i> | 28/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm     | 29/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm<br><i>7 pm Darts</i>                   | 30/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm                                       | 31/Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm<br><i>6 pm Dinner</i><br><u><i>7 pm Karaoke</i></u>                     | Diner open<br>7 am to 2 pm   |
| Be sure to check our <a href="#">on line schedule</a> for the latest updates, links and more<br>Submarine Veterans Cowtown Base <b>3rd Saturday at noon</b> |  |                                   |  |   |   |  |

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

May 7 (Tue) - Boys State Orientation 7pm at Post 569

May 12 (Sun) - Mother's Day

May 18 - [Armed Forces Day](#)

May 24 (Friday) - National Poppy Day

**May 27 (Monday) - Memorial Day (flag half staff until noon)**

11:00 am DFW National Cemetery Ceremony

**3:00 pm – National Moment of Remembrance moment of silence**

8:00 pm – Post 516 Flag Retirement

**Post Family Event and Meeting schedule:**

American Legion Riders: First Saturday at noon

Sons of The American Legion Squadron 516: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7PM

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 516 and Legion General Membership meetings on the third Thursday at 7PM

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