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

Another great Memorial Day presentation by our Post for 2024

Compliments of David Fenn, Marsha and Richard Srader



From our Post Commander

This one is kind of bittersweet. This is my last newsletter article. As of June 22, I will no longer be the Commander of Post 516. It has been an honor and a privilege to hold this position for the last 4 years. It has also been a big pain in the butt.

I guess the most aggravating thing about it is dealing with the "LINO ". You know! (Legionnaire In Name Only). Those that will not attend meetings, attend workdays, or even pick up trash out of the parking lot, but are quick to tell you what you need to do to make the Legion operate smoother. Good, sound advice is always needed but your participation is needed even more than your advice. Mr. Mike McCrady is the new incoming Commander and he will need the help and participation of all the members including the Aux. and the SAL.

I would also like to take this time to say "THANK YOU" to all those that stood beside me and helped me thru the last 4 years. This is a joint effort. No one person can do it all, and without those that stood with me, I would have never made it the 1st year. It has been a real learning experience. We have some really good people here.

I am not giving up. I am not leaving the post or the Legion, it is just time to move out of the way and let some fresh ideas come thru.

Again, let me say.... it has been my honor to serve you this past 4 years.

See you at the Post

With all my heart and respect

David Fenn

Commander Post 516

From Our Auxiliary:

Hello Summer!!!

We had a busy and productive meeting in May. We elected our officers for the 2024-25 year. Karen, Marsha and Becky were re-elected and we have a few new officers.

President - Karen Lomas-Jones
Vice President - Darlene Copeland
Secretary/Treasurer - Marsha Srader
Sgt @ Arms- Retha Robbins
Historian - Judy Shipman
Executive Board - Becky Moore
Executive Board - Karen Reddout

Installation of officers will be at 6:00 on June 22. We will have guests from District 12 to conduct the installations. We plan to serve dinner for all who attend.

We will continue to serve dinner on the 3rd Friday of each month. We will not be able to continue to serve a meal every Friday night. We need other groups to select a Friday of each month and provide a meal. It is our hope that the Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders will each agree to prepare and serve one Friday each month. We will accept volunteers for the 5th Fridays. August 30 will be the next fifth Friday. Tinker and Marsha have already volunteered for that night.

Please plan to attend our next meeting on June 20th. Please contact Karen or Marsha if you would like to participate via Zoom or phone.

Marsha Srader
Secretary - Treasurer
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**

June 2024 - Greater Fort Worth Post 516						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1/ Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 12 noon Legion Riders
2/ Post Closed	3/ Post Closed	4/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	5/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts	6/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Executive Board	7/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Karaoke	8/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm Pancakes
9/ Post Closed	10/ Post Closed	11/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	12/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm SAL 7:30 Darts	13/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	14/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm Flag Day 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Karaoke	15/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 12 noon Submarine Veterans
16/ Post Closed Father's Day	17/ Post Closed	18/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	19/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm Juneteenth 7 pm Darts	20/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Post and Unit meetings	21/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Karaoke	22/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 6 pm Installation of Officers
23/ Post Closed	24/ Post Closed	25/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	26/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts	27/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	28/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Karaoke	29/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm
30/ Post Closed						
Be sure to check our on line schedule for the latest updates, links and more Submarine Veterans Cowtown Base 3rd Saturday at noon						

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

Jun 8 (Sat) - [Veterans Day Parade meeting](#) (11:00am) at [VFW Post 8235](#)

Jun 8 (Sat) – First Division Convention, Post 453 in Dallas, Texas

[Summer Vet Fest](#) at the Fort Worth VA Clinic and Claims Clinic 10 am to 3 pm

Jun 9 (Sun) - Boys State: Arrive Post 569 at 9:00 am, Bus Send Off 9:30 am
Legion Rider will escort to Waco

Jun 9-14 - [Texas Boys State](#) Texas Boys State at University of Texas at Austin

Jun 14-16 - (Fri/Sun) – [Texas ALR State Rally](#), Post 243. Mt Vernon, TX

Jun 16-22 – [Texas Girls State](#)

Jun 27 - [National PTSD Awareness Day](#)