

AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER



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Greetings Legionnaires, Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion & Legion Riders,

Before introductions, please let me thank Commander Bob Zimbelman for his years of dedicated service to the American Legion, Post 979 and the local community. He will transition to the Adjutant Officer and continue to serve in that aspect.

Also we want to thank Monica..... for her dedication and service and wish her the best in retirement. We will welcome Dan Svymbersky to replace her in July. Thank you both.

A bit of personal history:

I enlisted in the 182nd Air National Guard in Peoria as a communications specialist in 1992 at age 19. I had always wanted to fly, and I was able to cross-train into an enlisted aircrew position, (C-130 Loadmaster) in 1996. During my enlisted aviation career, I met my soon to be wife Jenni. After asking her out no less than 50 times she finally relented and after a short engagement we were married in the Spring of 1997. We both attended ISU where I received my B.A. in History and my wife got her teaching degree. While working at United Parcel Service along with the occasional military deployment in support of various operations, I was soon selected for pilot training. Just after 9/11 I was sent down to Columbus AFB Mississippi and then Corpus Christi TX with my family for about 2 years to learn to fly. After graduating pilot training my unit quickly deployed us to Iraq in late 2003 where I had my first taste of flying in combat. I would end up deploying 5 more times to both Iraq and Afghanistan over the next 16 years. After hundreds of combat sorties, 750 combat flight hours and 3500 total hours in the C-130 I decided that it was time to get a desk job to be home with my family more. In Nov. 2020 I transferred to the 183rd ANG in Springfield where I work as a mission planner in the Air Operations Center. Since 2013 I have also been attached on active duty to Scott AFB in the St. Louis area where I served as a as a tactician in the Combat Ops squadron and now as the Deputy Director of Air Operations for Mobility.

My family:

As it is with all of you, I take great pride in my service and come from a long line of veterans. My great grandpa (Army) WWI in Europe, both of my Grandpas (Army) served in WWII in Europe, my father (Army) was in Vietnam, my brother (Navy) in the original gulf war, my wife served 20 years in the 182AW and now my son Luke, has just completed his schooling at Keesler AFB, MS where I started my training.

All of that being said, my amazing wife had to stay home and raise three kids, (Tony, Luke and Alayna), an infant husband, maintain a household, all while juggling her own civilian teaching and military career. Half the time while being a single parent due to my schedule. We are all active members of Christ Lutheran church in Peoria and my wife teaches 6th grade at Christ Lutheran School.

My vision for Post 979 is continue on the path it is on while increasing membership, volunteerism, and community outreach. I believe that there is no limit to the good that we can do, and I look forward to working with and for each of you.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact me any time at joe.rudebeck@yahoo.com or on my cell at 309-208-7960.

**For God and Country,
Joseph Rudebeck
Commander, Limestone Post 979**

In this Newsletter I am writing to you for the last time... as my husband and I are moving South. It has been my great pleasure to be of service to you for the last 4 years.

Thank you to everyone who made me feel so welcome, I will miss you all!!!

~ Monica

LOUNGE 979 NEWS

For this month's music selection we have the pleasure of hearing the "Trio" of Casas, Jones & White on the 16th followed by "Christmas in July" by Al & Diane on the 23rd. They will be performing along with playing games and giving away gifts, just like their Annual Christmas event that we missed last year.

Please keep us in your plans for dinner & fun on these Fridays and every Friday!

We would like to give a BIG Welcome Back to BIKER'S FOR TA TA's on July 17th. We wish them lots of luck & great weather on their ride!!!

Building Manager ~ Monica Jordan

From the Women's Auxiliary

Odie & Chris are doing very well on the Wednesday Night Bake Sale. Thank you so much. Please bring desserts for the bake sale, as Odie makes what they sell all by herself. If you know of a hospitalized, or deceased member please notify me at 231-3988. We have 323 paid members, our goal for 2021 is 377. We are in need of help for doing funeral lunches, please contact me if interested.

Janice Gruber ~ Auxiliary President

From Post 979 Riders

Fellow Riders,

It's hard to believe we are half-way through 2021 already. We have a lot going on this month. We will be providing breakfast for 2 events:

Bikers for Ta-Ta's on July 17th, and again for the Vets4Vets ride the 31st. We welcome any help for both of these events.

I still have a few spots left on our Taurus G2C 9mm giveaway, so come see us on Wednesday nights for a chance. We have started our Ride-n-Dines again, so look for more info in the group email, or come join us at our upcoming meeting on July 8th at 6:30 in the Hall, and see what we are all about.

Until we meet again, ride safe.

**Adam "Ace" Smith
Director, 979 AL Riders**

J & J KITCHENS NIGHTLY SPECIALS & REGULAR MENU ITEMS (full menu on legion website)	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> Cooks Choice: \$8.00 <i>Check Calendar Below</i>	<u>THURSDAY</u> Walleye Dinner 1/2 Chicken Dinner	<u>FRIDAY</u> Catfish Dinner 12 oz. Ribeye Dinner 16 oz. Ribeye Dinner	<u>SATURDAY</u> 12 oz. Prime Rib Dinner 16 oz. Prime Rib Dinner 1/2 Rack BBQ Baby Back Rib Dinner
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; font-weight: bold;"> WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIALS \$8.00 </div>				1 FOOD 4:30-8 Open to the Public	2 FOOD 4:30-8 MUSIC @ BAR FLAT TOP 7:00 PM	3 LUNCH 11:30-1 FISH & FRIES ONION RINGS FOOD 4:30-8
4th INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM	6 LUNCH 11:30-1 CHICKEN or HAM SALAD CROISSANT CHIPS & DESSERT SAL MTG 6:30	7 JACKPOT RAFFLE SALISBURY STEAK MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS	8 A.L. RIDERS MTG 6 PM FOOD 4:30-8	9 FOOD 4:30-8 MUSIC @ BAR "OPEN" JUKE BOX Play what you like	10 LUNCH 11:30-1 CHICKEN SANDWICH POTATO SALAD FOOD 4:30-8
11	12	13 LUNCH 11:30-1 CHILI CHEESE DOG TATER TOTS & SLAW MEMBERSHIP & AUX MTG 7 PM	14 JACKPOT RAFFLE 1 CATFISH FILLET BAKED POTATO & SLAW	15 FOOD 4:30-8 Open to the Public	16 FOOD 4:30-8 MUSIC @ BAR CASAS, JONES & WHITE 7 PM	17 LUNCH 11:30-1 CHICKEN STRIPS & FRIES FOOD 4:30-8
18	19	20 LUNCH 11:30-1 SLOPPY JOES POTATO SALAD BAKED BEANS	21 JACKPOT RAFFLE CHICKEN & 'NOODLES MASHED POTATOES & CORN	22 FOOD 4:30-8 Open to the Public	23 FOOD 4:30-8 MUSIC @ BAR AL & DIANE "Christmas in July" 7:00 PM	24 LUNCH 11:30-1 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK, CORN POTATOES & GRAVY FOOD 4:30-8
25	26	27 CHEESE BURGER OR SNAP BURGER & FRIES	28 JACKPOT RAFFLE SHAVED PRIME RIB SANDWICH W/ AUJUS & FRIES	29 FOOD 4:30-8 Open to the Public	30 FOOD 4:30-8 MUSIC @ BAR BILLY WASHBURN 7:00 PM	31 LUNCH 11:30-1 TENDERLOIN FRIES & ONION RINGS FOOD 4:30-8