

AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER



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Greetings Legionnaires, Ladies Auxiliary, SAL & Legion Riders,

I'm sitting here writing this article in fifty degree weather in the middle of February. Really nice! It is the time of year we need to think of new officers for next year. We need new blood and fresh new ideas so we can continue the work in running our legion post.

We need people to come to our meetings and find out what is really going on. This will help you understand what it's like trying to run a Bar inside an American Legion Post. Open bars are not the same. The prices, language and atmosphere are all different. Government rules are totally different for legion bars. One member's idea was to unlock the doors to the public so that anyone could come in, and then we could do anything we want. This person had never been to a meeting before. He did not understand our not for profit status, or our many legion programs that we support.

Two questions need to be answered:

Is our place too large to support ourselves the way we operate today?

Where are we going to get officers to run and maintain our American Legion Post 979?

**For God and Country,
Chris Hinton
Commander, Limestone Post 979**

On March 6th at 1:00 PM the 16th District is meeting at Post 35 in Glasford. Next meeting is a week later March 12th at Peoria Post 2. The 3rd Division is meeting at 1:00 PM.

Our membership is way down. One hundred and thirty eight people have been removed from our books. If our economy is the cause of this then we are in serious trouble. If a hardship is the cause of this please let us know. We will find a way to help.

I'll keep my article short, I think the commander pretty well said it all. Come to our meetings. Get involved. The bar is no place to get your information.

A good example of someone planning, organizing and implementing a project is Lou Dobrydnia. Her idea was to run Euchre tournaments at our legion supporting the "Honor Flight". Thanks to her effort and people's participation she made \$760 for such a worthy cause. Again thanks everyone.

**Bob Zimbelman
Sr. Vice Commander, Limestone Post 979**

LOUNGE 979 NEWS

Hi, everyone!

We have lots going on this month. Come check out our live music every Friday night. We also have many different events planned. There will be a trivia night, paint night, a game day, and also a birdhouse painting with coffee and cookies.

On Saint Patrick's Day we will be having Corned Beef and Cabbage with Potatoes and Carrots. Get here early to get the Early Bird Special. Stop in any day and enter to win the basket raffles and check out our drink specials.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be next month. Please consider donating some candy for this.

**Sarah Johnson
Bar Manager, Limestone Post 979**

Women's Auxiliary

Dues are NOW due. If you do not have a current key card and 2023 membership card entry to bar will not be allowed. Dues must be paid! This has been the legion rule for years. Dues are \$40/yr. and new year starts August 1st. If anyone has any questions or problems with their membership, please call me at 309-231-3988. Do not call the bar. Right now we are short about 20 members renewed to be at our goal.

This year the Easter Egg Hunt is set for April 8th in the shelter at 1 pm. This is for members' children/grand children only. If you would like to donate some candy please drop it off at the Legion. We will be filling eggs on Thursday evening, April 6th, at 6:30 pm. Please no bubble gum or tootsie rolls as they are too hard for the little kids.

Our meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the hall. Please attend.

Janice Gruber
President, Auxiliary Post 979

Post 979 A. L. Riders

The weather has been teasing us lately, mid 60's one day and high 30's the next. Before we know it we will be rolling out of the garage and twisting the throttle again.

We are getting anxious to see what things we can do this year and we already have some rides set up to enjoy doing what we do best.

We just started a new pistol raffle, so come grab a ticket chance on Wednesday nights during the 50/50 Post raffle.

Our next meeting will be on March 9th, at 6:00 pm on the Hall side. Come on out and see what we have going on.

Adam "Ace" Smith
Director, Post 979 ALR

<h3 style="margin: 0;">J & J KITCHENS</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">NIGHTLY SPECIALS & REGULAR MENU ITEMS (full menu on Legion website)</p>	<p style="margin: 0;"><u>WEDNESDAY</u></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Cooks Choice: \$ 8.50 <i>Check Calendar Below</i></p>	<p style="margin: 0;"><u>THURSDAY</u></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Walleye Dinner 1/2 Chicken Dinner</p>	<p style="margin: 0;"><u>FRIDAY</u></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Catfish Dinner 12 oz. Ribeye Dinner 16 oz. Ribeye Dinner</p>	<p style="margin: 0;"><u>SATURDAY</u></p> <p style="margin: 0;">12 oz. Prime Rib Dinner 16 oz. Prime Rib Dinner 1/2 Rack & Full Rack BBQ Rib Dinner</p>
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
			1 JACKPOT RAFFLE CHILI DOGS & FRIES	2 FOOD 4:30 - 8 Open to the Public	3 FOOD 4:30-8 MUSIC @ BAR AL & DIANE 7:00 PM	4 LUNCH 11:30-1 CATFISH, FRIES & ONION RINGS FOOD 4:30-8			
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;"> Check out our Wednesday Night Specials ! </div>			5	6 LUNCH 11:30-1 SLOPPY JOES & FRIES EXEC BOARD MTG 6:30	7 LUNCH 11:30-1 STUFFED PEPPERS MASHED POTATOES GAME DAY 1 PM SAL MTG 7 PM	8 JACKPOT RAFFLE CATFISH FILLET & SALAD	9 FOOD 4:30-8 Open to Public RIDERS MEETING 6 PM	10 FOOD 4:30-8 MUSIC @ BAR JUJU JONNY 7:00 PM	11 LUNCH 11:30-1 FRIED CHICKEN MASHED POTATO & CORN FOOD 4:30-8
12	13 LUNCH 11:30-1 BRATS & POTATO SALAD PAINT NIGHT 6:30	14 LUNCH 11:30-1 PIZZA & SALAD MEMBERSHIP & AUX MTG 7 PM	15 JACKPOT RAFFLE PORKCHOP SANDWICH FRIES & SLAW	16 FOOD 4:30 - 8 Open to the Public	17 ST PATRICK'S CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE CARROTS & POTATOES SIDELINE 7 PM	18 LUNCH 11:30-1 TENDERLOIN & FRIES FOOD 4:30-8 TRIVIA 6-8 PM			
19	20 LUNCH 11:30-1 CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH MACARONI SALAD & CHIPS	21 LUNCH 11:30-1 MEATLOAF POTATOES GREEN BEANS BIRD HOUSE PAINTING 1 PM	22 JACKPOT RAFFLE COUNTRY FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY	23 FOOD 4:30 - 8 Open to the Public	24 FOOD 4:30-8 MUSIC @ BAR KASINO 7:00 PM	25 LUNCH 11:30-1 FRIED CHICKEN MASHED POTATO & GRAVY FOOD 4:30-8			
26	27 LUNCH 11:30-1 SUB SANDWICH & FRIES	28 LUNCH 11:30-1 CHEESE BURGER & TATER TOTS	29 JACKPOT RAFFLE SPAGHETTI SALAD & GARLIC BREAD	30 FOOD 4:30 - 8 Open to the Public	31 FOOD 4:30-8 MUSIC @ BAR BILLY WHO 7:00 PM				