

AMERICAN LEGION

NEWSLETTER

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February

Greetings Legionnaires, Ladies Auxiliary, SAL & Legion R

Would like to personally thank everyone who came out to the joint meeting and gave positive ideas! The intent was to be on the same page and work together towards the same goal of keeping the Post alive and well! This is not a one person task, it's going to take all of us to do so! This month we will have a Super Bowl party on 9th Feb and there will be ANY Dip cook off. Please come and show off your best Dip! SAL donated the brats! Thank you! There will be mini games and challenges throughout the day! There will be bingo from 2:00-4:00. We are also doing a sweetheart dinner. There's a sign up at the bar. We are wanting to review the bylaws so we would be able to vote on them in the March meeting. There will be sign up sheets on the bulletin board for your phone numbers and email addresses. We are trying to learn how to use a weekly update text. So please come in and add your number to the list! Legion members I am personally asking all members of the legion come to the meetings to have a voice, bring new ideas to the table. 2nd Tuesday of the month, hope to see you there! If you know a service member or any eligible person for our post, but if they don't belong to an American legion entity please help us by telling them to sign up as a member. American legion five year memberships is the way to go for \$200.00 and the fifth year is free. One year membership is now \$50. Please make sure you like our Facebook page as we put a lot of information and updates on there. My contact information is listed below. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any issues or concerns! Don't forget to get those chocolates and flowers for Valentine's Day!

Sincerely,

Hind Salah-Elgin - Commander Email address: bhelgin1109@gmail.com

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ONE TEAM; ONE FIGHT!

I would like to start off with thanking the members that showed up to the meeting in January and added your input into the legion. Also thanks to the American legion riders and Auxiliary for donating the new popcorn machine. **The Lou Dobrydnia 10th annual euchre tournament for honor flight made \$1200.**

We still have a lot of members that haven't paid dues for this year. Currently this year the membership goal is 617, members paid 519, New members 13, we are at 84.12% of the goal for the year.

Please follow the new facebook page for current news and changes for the legion during the month. I have added a QR code at the top of the newsletter that will take you to our new page

Riley Casey - Adjutant, Post 979

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LOUNGE 979 NEWS

Hi everyone! I'd like to start off by saying I am disappointed at the amount of members that showed up for the meeting in January. We had a combined meeting with all areas of our legion to discuss our financial situation and to put it bluntly when ,not if we should close our doors. I know I personally put the importance of coming to this meeting out the past few months. The fact that we have almost 600 members and barely 5% showed up it's beyond disappointing. Yet on Christmas Eve when there was free food and free drinks the place was packed. So much so that we extended our hours taking our employees away from their families to ensure everyone had a good time. When the question was asked "Why aren't you coming to your legion?" The common answer was "we don't drink" I'd like to remind everyone we do lots of things that do not involve drinking. We have lunch every Tuesday. We have lunch on most Saturday's. We serve dinner every Wednesday night and every other Friday. We have bingo, bags, chilli cook offs, pot lucks and so much more. We've put live music in the shelter,we've had craft days,Halloween parties, trunk or treat and so much more. I can't help but notice it's always the same 15/20 people showing up to help support. I understand my time at the legion has been short and that I've only been here and involved for a little over 3 years but I have grown to love so many of you. I love this place and the reason it is here. It breaks my heart to know that we are facing closing these doors. I don't know how else to say it but.... WE NEED YOU. ALL OF YOU. TO HELP SUPPORT US AND KEEP US ALIVE. It cannot be the same 20 people. We need all of you. I haven't completely given up. I am still planning things and doing everything within my power to keep OUR LEGION alive. We have lots for this month as well. Please check the calendar. Super Bowl we have a party and dip cook off planned. Make your favorite dip and bring it in with whatever you serve with it and come watch the game. Buy a soda if you don't drink. On Valentine's Day we are having dinner. Sign up for it. Stop in and play the machines, or shuffleboard or pool. Sign the sign in the book and grab a soda or water. Just please start showing up and supporting your legion before you're not able to

Sarah Johnson - Bar Manager, Limestone Post 979

Women's Auxiliary

There are still Auxiliary members who need to get their dues paid. \$50/yr or \$150 for 5 years.

You can't come into the bar area without your current key card.

Bingo every Sunday is going good. Come out to play. Free to play every Sunday starting at 2:00pm in the dining room

Lunch for Saturday, Feb. 8th will be wings and chips. Check out the calendar for upcoming events.

If you know of an auxiliary member who is hospitalized or has passed please let me know at 309 231-3988.

Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Janice Gruber

President, Auxiliary Post 979

Post 979 A.L. Riders

As I type this up, we are facing the coldest temperatures of the year, and it's hard to even think about getting out on 2 wheels and letting the sun hit our faces, but we know it will be here before we know it. This is usually a time people stay inside, and things slow down, but not us. We are still engaged in having fun and taking care of our fellow Veterans. We have a few raffles going for some nice firearms, and continue to cook on Wed nights, even though the crowd has gotten smaller, people still gotta eat! If you haven't paid your 2025 dues, please get those in soon. Our next meeting is Thursday, Feb 13th at 6pm, come see what we got going on

Adam "Ace" Smith

Director, Post 979 ALR

H Sundays 10am - 9pm
O Mon Tues Wed Thurs 10am-9pm
U Fridays 10am - 12am
R Saturday 10am - 9pm
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February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Lunch 11:30-1pm Fish, fries and onion rings
Bingo 2 2-4pm Dining room Cornhole start 1pm	3 Executive meeting 5:30pm	Lunch 11:30-1pm 4 Baked chicken dressing & vegetables SAL meeting 7pm	5 Jackpot raffle 5-7 Food by the legion riders	6 AL riders meeting 6pm	7 OPEN JUKEBOX Kitchen open 5-7pm	8 Lunch 11:30-1pm Chicken wings and chips
Bingo. 9 2-4pm Dining room Cornhole start 1pm Super bowl party Dip cook-off	10	Lunch 11:30-1pm 11 Chicken parm & spaghetti side salad and bread AUX membership meeting 7pm	12 Jackpot raffle 5-7 Food by the legion riders	13	14 Valentines day dinner sign up before at bar dinner from 6-7:30pm	15 Lunch 11:30-1pm Pork chop sandwich
Bingo 16 2-4pm Dining room Cornhole start 1pm	17	Lunch 11:30-1pm 18 Chicken & noodles mashed potatoes and dinner roll	19 Jackpot raffle 5-7 Food by the legion riders	20	21 OPEN JUKEBOX Kitchen open 5-7pm	22
Bingo 23 2-4pm Cornhole start 1pm	24	Lunch 11:30-1pm 25 Cheese burgers and fries	26 Jackpot raffle 5-7 Food by the legion riders	27	28 Billy washburn 7-10pm Kitchen open 5-7pm	