

**“REVEILLE”**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 179**  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**2018**

**2018-2019 Executive Board**

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**Committeeman – Tom Lynes**  
**Committeeman – John Govan**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>: PEARL HARBOR DAY CEREMONIES, PATRIOTS POINT 1100 – 1300

DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>: VICTORY DAY PARADE BRIEFING, MARION SQUARE – NOON

DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>: POST 179'S 31<sup>ST</sup> CHARTER ANNIVERSARY & CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>: VICTORY DAY PARADE – MARION SQUARE – NOON

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As another year comes to an end, I would like to express my great admiration and thanks to all those that have helped our Post prosper and once again be able to help our fellow veterans, their families and our community. Awards will be presented at our January 23, 2019 General Membership Meeting including Post 179 Legion Family Member of the Year.

December promises to be a busy month for your Post, on December 7, 2018 we will be representing our Post during the Pearl Harbor Ceremonies to be held at Patriots Point; December 8, 2018 at noon we will be at the briefing for Victory Day Parade at Marion Square, on December 15<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our Post's 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary along with our Christmas Party; on December 16<sup>th</sup> we will be participating on Victory Day Parade commencing at noon at Marion Square with an information table. I sincerely hope to see many of our members representing our Post at those events. Further information on the Victory Day Parade is attached.

As of the end of November our Post is closely attaining our membership goal for the 2019 year, the processing of membership renewals has now improved tremendously, and you will no longer be receiving those annoying renewal letters, however, keep in mind that if you do not renew by January 31, 2019 you will lose your privileges. Renewing your dues on time not only helps your Post being able to help your fellow veterans but all together contribute to many other things that your Legion does, consider the following accomplishments by the entire Department of South Carolina last year; over 3,640 benefit-claim cases for veterans and their families, \$20,838 in emergency aid, honors for 433 veterans' funerals, 7,721 hours of community service, including Legion Baseball, Boys State, Law Cadet Academy and more. Yes, there is more to your Legion than having a Canteen.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner was a great success thanks to many of you, **Tom and Donna Lynes, Karen Miller, Jill Comar, Carla Matthews, Greg Ingalls, Becky and Jim Pearce, Nancy and John Hughey, Jerald Joseph, Vermille Hayward, Mike and Debbie Sadler, Amanda and Curtis and Phil Long.** Special thanks to **Mike (Madhouse) Sadler** for being our guest bartender. **TEAMWORK!!!!!!**

The National Executive Committee has submitted to Congress a resolution which calls on Congress to declare that the United States has been continuously engaged in a state of war from December 7, 1941 to the present, should this be passed by Congress the membership dates for the Legion will be from April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 and from December 7, 1941, to the date of cessation of armed hostilities, meaning that many of you (specially SAL members) and thousands of other veterans will be able to join the Legion.

Don't forget to contribute to our box at the Post for the list of needed items at the VA Medical Center, Charleston.

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. May God bless those serving our Country, especially those deployed, you and your family.

For God and Country,

*John Coy*, Commander

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## FROM THE ADJUTANT

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving meal. The Post had a good turn out and I am told a great meal. Have a joyous fun filled holiday period. We had 13 renewals in November for a total of 222, a 76.5% renewal rate. The months are flying by and members need to renew by the end of January to remain current. It is important to renew so we can support the veteran community that needs it. Look at the calendar and join us for some of the December activities.

For God and Country,

*Dave Lloyd*

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## CANTEEN NEWS

Our Canteen has been doing very well. The **Auxiliary Hoedown** was a blast. It was good to see so many attend. **Nancy, Johnny, Tom** and **Donna's** anniversary cookout was very nice.

**Mike Sadler** did a great job Guest Bartending for us on Thanksgiving. Thank you to all who cooked food and made a wonderful meal for our Post.

We continue to appreciate our volunteers for **Wing Wednesday**. If you can volunteer please contact me.

Our Christmas Party will be on December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. We will be having a DJ and some appetizers. Come have some fun.

**Mike Sadler** will be guest bartending on Christmas Day. We will have Happy Hour prices all day.

I hope everyone has a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**. Stay safe.

*Liz Johnson*, Canteen Manager

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Merry Christmas Everyone !!!!

Thanks to all that came and made our Hoedown a success and Melanie Huber won the 50/50 and donated it back.

We had the pleasure of providing a Thanksgiving meal to a family in need. A family of 5, both parents are veterans. They were very thankful, but asked to remain anonymous.

December 1<sup>st</sup> we are going to Patriots Harbor to cook lunch for the guys. If you would like to join in, meet us at the Post between 10:15 and 10:30 am.

December 8<sup>th</sup> we are ringing the bell for the Salvation Army from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (in 2 hour shifts) at Wal-Mart West Ashley. We will cover both doors. There are still a few slots open, let's get them filled please.

We have a family that we will sponsor for Christmas. The Post, ALR and SAL will help with a donation. If anyone would like to make a donation as well please see an Auxiliary member.

We will not have our December meeting, but instead have a Christmas Party at our regular time 6:30 pm on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

You all know that I asked for donation for the Food Bank on Thanksgiving Wednesday and Thursday. The response was amazing! I was able to buy \$258.<sup>00</sup> worth of food to drop off at Wells Fargo for the Food Bank. Included in this giving spirit I had an anonymous \$500.<sup>00</sup> donation. I will be purchasing as much underthings as we can with this and what was given at the General Membership meeting.

*Jill Comar, Madam President*

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## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (SAL)

Looking at the minutes from our last meeting, I noticed that many of y'all were not there. Well, it was early November. Still, we sure could use more attendance on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm!

Speaking of attendance, it seems that our Post Commander is serious about having your dues paid before January 1<sup>st</sup> or we lock the doors on you, so please, don't get locked out, **pay your dues** as soon as possible.

We have some money to pay to some charities that need to go out, so if you have any thoughts on that, please come voice your opinion at our next meeting (12/6/18) which is still the first Thursday of the month at 6 pm.

Coming soon is our **Annual SAL Oyster Roast**. We need to set a date for it, probably in February, so come help us decide in December at our next meeting on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, where you can also pay your dues!

*Norman W. Meyer, Jr.*

# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS (ALR)

As the weather gets colder and the rains come, it seems lonelier out on the road while I ride to work and back on the bike. Ahhhh, such is life. Sometimes it is a pain bundling up for a ten minute ride, however, once I am on the road, yeah it is worth it! Ride! There is nothing else like it.

The ALR has over 220 chapters in the USA. We are number 11 in South Carolina and we contribute more than any other riding group as a whole than any other, think about that, petty awesome, considering our Post is so small. We are part of something so HUGE, it boggles the mind.

We have our meetings on the third Wednesday of the month, which would be the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, at 6:30 pm, this coming month. Which is usually the same night that the Post has a Chicken Wing dinner for a small price. Coincidence, eh, I dunno!

Our prayers go out to Post 166 for the loss of their Assistant Director, Pete.

Get out and enjoy your next ride. Peace and Love!

*Norman W. Meyer, Jr.*

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## Victory Day

*Sunday, December 16, 2018*

The Victory Day Parade celebrates the evacuation of the British from Charleston in 1782. Charleston was the last city to be evacuated and the last front of the American Revolution and represented a symbol of American freedom.

This year, 2018, revives an annual celebration in Charleston that was celebrated here for the first fifty years of the Nation's life. On December 14, 1782 British troops evacuated Charleston, the last city held captive by Britain. Within four months King George III agreed to grant the American Colonies their freedom.

The Victory Day event will take place in downtown Charleston on Sunday, December 16. Participating Groups will begin to form at the east quadrant of Marion Square on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at noon. Tables will be made available for Veterans groups and others whose history and purpose can be associated with Victory Day to distribute literature concerning their organizations and their connections to Charleston's Revolutionary history. The celebration will continue through approximately 4:30PM.

There will be a parade from Marion Square to Liberty Square commencing about 2:00 PM. All interested Veterans may participate and are asked to wear their uniforms for this event.

The Town of James Island is sponsoring this event and no fees or charges will be asked of you for your participation.

Thank you,

Paul Hedden

Chairperson, Town of James Island History Commission.



**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 179**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 PM**

**Sons of the American Legion (SAL)**

**Squadron 179**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 6:00 PM**

**American Legion Post 179**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**CANTEEN COMMITTEE, 5:30 PM**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD, 6:00 PM**

**American Legion Riders 179**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 PM**



**COME OUT AND SUPPORT  
THE POST 179  
BELL RINGERS  
ON DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
AT WEST ASHLEY WAL-MART  
3951 W. ASHLEY CIR.  
CHARLESTON, SC  
10:00 AM UNTIL 6:00 PM**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY					
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2	6:00 PM HONOR GUARD DRILL	3	4	6:30 PM AUXILIARY MEETING	5	6:00 PM SAL MEETING	6	PEARL HARBOR DAY	7		8
9		10	11	5:30 PM CANTEEN COMMITTEE 6:00 PM E-BOARD MEETING	12	13	14	7:00 PM POST CHRISTMAS PARTY	15		
16	NOON- 4:30PM VICTORY DAY EVENT MARION SQUARE	17	18	6:30 PM ALR MEETING	19	20	21	22			
23	24		25	26	27	JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE TODAY	28	29			
30		31	<b>WING WEDNESDAY</b> EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING 5 PM TO 8 PM WINGS & THINGS								

# DECEMBER

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JANUARY 2019

### NOTES:

#### POST/CANTEEN HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 4 PM – 10 PM

FRIDAY: 12 NOON – 12 MIDNIGHT

SATURDAY: 12 NOON – 12 MIDNIGHT

SUNDAY: 12 NOON – 10 PM

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS: 12 NOON – 10 PM