

# American Legion LeBron Post 58 OBSERVER

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"HAPPY THANKSGIVING"



## Commander's Message



I first would like to say thank you to all the support each of you offer. I also want to recognize **TEXAS ROADHOUSE** on corner of Penn and Memorial. I went to eat there this past month and they have a special parking place for wounded warriors. I think this is very awesome and the only place I've seen that does this.



For this month I wanted to break down the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion. We say this at every meeting, but how many really know what it means?? Each of the 10 clauses of the Preamble, though brief, has a world of meaning.

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER**...This is the introduction. It declares that The American Legion

recognizes the influence of Almighty God in all worthwhile endeavors-and declares the allegiance of Legionnaires to both God and Nation. First things have been put first. All that follows is in conformity.

**TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**...The Constitution of the United States is the written bulwark of our free way of life and representative government. It is our guarantee of liberty, freedom, justice and democracy. Members of The American Legion bore arms-went to wars-to defend and uphold this document of freedom.

**TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER**...Without law and order, liberty would become license. Law and order protect our pursuit of happiness, one of our God-given rights. Members of The American Legion served in wars to uphold law and order among nations. It is just as important to maintain the due processes of law in our domestic affairs. It binds Legionnaires to obey the laws of the land and to support the constituted authorities in enforcing those laws. It means the citizen must never take the law into his own hands!

**TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A 100 PERCENT AMERICANISM**...Americanism is the gist of the American ideals of freedom, justice, individual rights and unfenced-in opportunities. It embraces all the freedoms we cherish and all the rights that are guaranteed to us. It is the very

## 2014 Post Officers

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FOR GOD AND  
COUNTRY

opposite of hatred, bigotry and intolerance. Americanism is the creed that has blazed the world-wide trail for justice, fair play, and decency, belief in God, private enterprise, universal education, and progress in all human endeavors. It puts a premium on the virtues of loyalty, patriotism, hard work and thrift.

**TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS IN THE GREAT WARS...**Service in defense of America is the greatest experience in the lifetimes of all veterans. Recalling the highlights of that service means more than flashbacks to tense moments of excitement and danger in battle, the grime of muddy trenches, the perils of sub-infested oceans, and the combats in the wild blue yonder. It means also the un-erasable recollection of the comradeship, the bravery of pals, the teamwork, the sacrifices, the miseries and hardships of military campaigns shared in common. It means the bond that binds all ex-servicemen and women together in mutual affection, respect and gratitude. It means faithful annual observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

**TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION...**Always interested in building a better nation, the founders of The American Legion believed that such building must start first with the individual in his own community. So they made it one of the cardinal principles of The American Legion to inculcate that sense of personal obligation to the community, state and nation into the individual citizen. That means educating the citizen-young, old and future-in his and her responsibility to be active in making the hometown a better place in which to live, in discharging the duty of voting in elections, in paying taxes promptly, in contributing to community chest funds and to blood banks.

**TO COMBAT THE AUTOCRACY OF CLASSES AND MASSES...**This clause places the Legionnaire on the side of right in opposing autocracy by either class or mass when this threatens. In a democracy such as ours, composed as it is of all nationalities, races, creeds and economic groups, there are bound to both classes and masses. Indeed, the masses are composed of classes-but all groups within the mass must feel assured that in this nation, reason and fairness will prevail in all human activities and relations. There must be no hyphenated Americans-just Americans all.

**TO MAKE RIGHT THE MASTER OF MIGHT...**All wars from the veterans of which The American Legion draws its membership were started by dictators who wanted their might to be the right. If human freedom is not to perish from the earth, right must always be master of might. The rights of small nations must be protected against the tyranny that powerful neighbors may seek to impose on them-just as the rights of minorities in our society must be protected and respected. Our belief in enthroning right over might is the main essence of our ideological conflict with Communism today. Legionnaires are pledged by this clause always to stand with the right, protect the weak and preserve the liberties of the individual.

**TO PROMOTE PEACE AND GOOD WILL ON EARTH...**Until all the world becomes a good neighborhood, Legionnaires must continue the effort to promote peace and good will on earth. It is in pursuance of this founding ideal that The American Legion has supported from the beginning and seek to strengthen the United Nations organization. Obliquely, The American Legion also contributes to this ideal by firmly supporting a strong national defense to discourage breaking of the peace by aggressor.

**TO SAFEGUARD AND TRANSMIT TO POSTERITY THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY...**On this ideal of safeguarding and transmitting to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, all of the youth-training programs of The American Legion are built. All Americans can be proud that in our international relations we have tried to live by the golden rule, the mark of justice. We have granted to others, as we prize it ourselves, the great boon of freedom. Through the Monroe Doctrine, we call a halt to foreign imperialism in the Western Hemisphere. We gave freedom to the Philippines. These principles are part of the American heritage. Legionnaires are pledged to protect and preserve that heritage.

**TO CONSECRATE AND SANCTIFY OUR COMRADESHIP BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS...**The last or 10th clause of our Preamble is the most important ideal expressed in our Preamble. It marked a new concept in America-a concept that made The American Legion the greatest force for social betterment in all the history of the United States. Let us be factual and examine this.

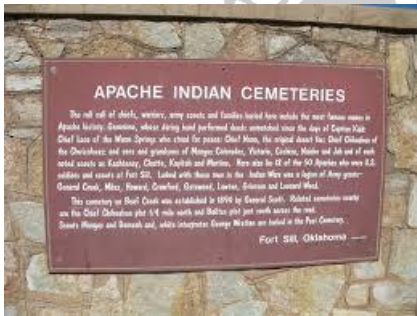
## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander's Message



I want to start with a big thank you to Jerry Webster our commander, and Al & Polly Hawkes for their hard work making our garage sale so successful. Also for their work removing the old floor tile downstairs. Thanksgiving is just around the corner make it a point to visit or call one of our legionnaires and wish them a Happy Thanksgiving.

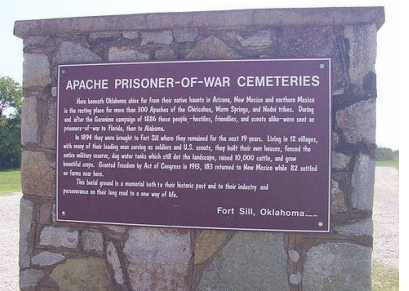
President Ronald Reagan pointed out that of all the national anthems on earth, ours is the only one that ends in a question. That is because it is up to us to protect the freedoms that our forefathers fought for. Constant vigilance is the price of liberty and we must never ask ourselves if we are willing to pay the price. That is why our national anthem ends with a question.

This month I'm continuing my article on Ft. Sill cemetery **Apache Prisoner-of-War Cemeteries**. Here beneath Oklahoma Skies far from their native haunts in Arizona, New Mexico and northern Mexico is the resting place for more than 300 Apaches of the Chiricahua, Warm Springs, and Nedni tribes. During and after the Geronimo campaign of 1886 these people - hostiles, friendlies, and scouts alike-were sent as prisoners-of-war to Florida, then to Alabama. In 1894 they were brought to Fort Sill where they remained for the next 19 years. Living in 12 villages, with many of their leading men serving as soldiers and U.S. scouts, they built their own houses, fenced the entire military reserve, dug water tanks which still dot the landscape, raised 10,000 cattle, and grew bountiful crops. Granted freedom by Act of Congress in 1913, 183 returned to New Mexico while 82 settled on farms near here.



This burial ground is a memorial both to their historic past and to their industry and perseverance on their long road to a new way of life.

Fort Sill, Oklahoma **Apache Indian Cemeteries** The roll call of chiefs, warriors, army scouts and families buried here include the most famous names in Apache History: Geronimo, whose daring band performed deeds unmatched since the days of Captain Kidd; Chief Loco of the Warm Springs who stood for peace; Chief Nana, the original desert fox; Chief Chihuahua of the Charicahoas; and sons and grandsons of Manus Colorados, Victorio, Cochisa, Naiche and Juh and of such noted scouts as Kashteney, Chatta, Kayitah and Martine. Here also lie 12 of the 50 Apaches who were U.S. soldiers and scouts at Fort Sill. Linked with these men in the Indian wars was a legion of Army greats-General Crook, Miles, Crawford, Gatewood, Lawton, Grierson and Leonard Wood. This cemetery on Beef Creek was established in 1894 by General Scott. Related cemeteries nearby are the Chief Chihuahua plot 1/4 miles north and Baitso plot just south across the road. Scouts Mangus and Domeah and, white interpreter George Wratten are buried in the Post Cemetery.



Myrl Waggoner  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

## 2nd Vice Commander's Message



It's hard to believe another month has passed and we are beginning the holiday season. One holiday observance is Veteran's Day, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will all take the time to remember the veterans who gave their lives for this great country and the veterans that live next door or down the street. Thank a veteran for his service and remember it's because of his service and sacrifice that we enjoy the freedom that few other people around the world enjoy.

The improvements on the Legion Post are continuing and if you haven't seen them come by, have a cup of coffee, and look around. I think you will like what you see. This is something you may or may not know. The last Memorial Day while I was at the cemetery I noticed all the American flags on the graves and that they were placed next to the plaques denoting a veteran. My father-in-law, who was a veteran didn't have one. I checked with the Legion and they gave me all the papers to start the process to get one for him. With the help of the Legion and Smith Funeral Home he now has a plaque and will receive his flag next year. If you need any information on this process come by the Legion and they will help you get started on this relative simple process.

Leroy L. Barnes  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

**Answer the trivia question and you might win a gift card!!!!**

## Adjutant's Message



First – thank you to all members who stepped up to the plate and donated or came to our garage sale to support your Legion. We made just over \$1700.00 which will be used to tile our display room floor and also put in a handicap ramp just inside the north entrance.

Now I want you to look at the picture of the newly painted C.E. Herrick Auxiliary room where we hold our monthly meetings. What is missing from the picture? Please call me and tell me what it is.



Remember Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> is the Marine Corps 239<sup>th</sup> birthday, so to our Marines **“Happy Birthday”!** We will have a little toast on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 11:30 – 1:00 to salute all our brothers and sisters past and present.  
‘SEMPER FI’- MARINES

We invite each Legionnaire members to come out and salute the Corps 239 years. We will be starting this as a tradition for each branch of service when that service's birthday come around to have a birthday salute. Also if you answer the trivia question this month all that have right answer will have name put in a hat and the winner will win a \$25 dollar gift card!

Albert Hawkes Adjutant

City of Guthrie Councilman - **John Wood, PHD**

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### Service Officer's Message

VETERANS – you should take advantage of the VA benefits that you worked so hard to earn!

Post 58 Service Officer Linda Turner is available to help navigate through the paperwork requirements of the VA claim process. You can come and see the Service Officer every Monday from 9:30 – 2:30. It is a first come first serve basis. I encourage each one of you to get what you deserve.

### Auxiliary President's Message



There will be a meeting of the Legion Auxiliary on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at noon and 6 pm. Please remember to come!! It's important to get this up and running!! Please be on the lookout for a questionnaire that is going out – PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN ASAP!!

Thanks!! Polly Hawkes, President

### **EXTRA!!! EXTRA!!! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!**

#### **NOW AVAILABLE!!!**

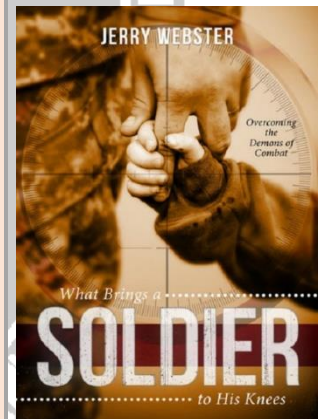
Our commander Jerry Webster's new book is out and ready for purchase. "**What Brings a Soldier to His Knees**" is available online or you can come by the Legion office and buy an autographed copy today. He knows what it's like in the trenches. As a retired member of the United States Army, he has seen the gruesome sights of war and fought the battles on the front lines. He also knows what it's like in the trenches of a soldier's mind. In What Brings a Soldier to His Knees, He explores the battlefield that many soldiers, and their loved ones, fight: how to handle deployments, coping with the sights and sounds of combat, and finding the strength to ask for help. In his book, Webster gives encouragement, helpful tips, and straightforward talk to those veterans and families struggling with life after the front lines. Also available in digital download. He is also willing to speak for meetings and gatherings.

**Book: \$11.99**

**E-Book: \$10.99**

Available at:

<https://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore/book.php?w=978-1-62994-420-3>



If you know anyone that is a son or grandson of the American Legion encourage them to join the Sons of The American Legion. Post 58 is going to start building this group to reach out even more.

**GARDEN TIP OF THE MONTH:** Don't worry about raking all leaves... They protect your plants from the cold weather

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**GUTHRIE LIBRARY NEWS****November****\*Don't forget the Library will be closed on 11 November for Veterans Day and 27-29 November for Thanksgiving\***

Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm - Crochet Group: Come to learn the basics or to swap tips with other experienced crocheters- this class is for everyone and all ages!

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am - Children's Story Time

Thursdays, 6 &amp; 20 Nov from 3:30 - 5:30 pm - Lego Club: Love LEGOs?

Monday, 3 Nov @ 6 pm - Teach Something/Learn Something: **Cooking with 7 Ingredients or Less:**

Saturday, 8 Nov from 11:30 am - 1 pm - Caregiver Support Group

Monday, 10 Nov @ 6 pm - Teach Something/Learn Something: **Party Planning**

Friday, 14 Nov from 4 - 5:30 pm - Family Movie

Saturday, 15 Nov from 11 am - 1 pm - Anime Club

Monday, 17 Nov @ 6 pm - Teach Something/Learn Something: **Homemade Holiday Desserts**

Friday, 21 Nov from 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Thanksgiving Crafts

Friday 21 Nov from 6:45 - 9 pm - Ghost Walk for Teens

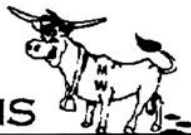
Monday, 24 Nov from 6 - 8 pm - Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma: Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma!

Tuesday, 25 Nov @ 6:30 pm - How to Get Published: Are you an aspiring author?

Thursday, 30 Oct from 6 - 8 pm- Teen Ghoul Game Night

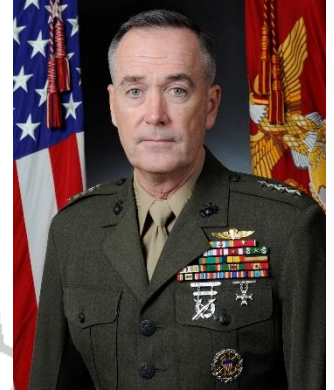
Check our website at [www.guthrielibrary.com](http://www.guthrielibrary.com) or call 282-0050 for more information!**TAPS**

If you know of a Legionnaire that has transferred to the Post Everlasting please notify the Legion office at 282-2589.

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Guthrie, OK 73044**BEST HEALTH TIP IN THE****WORLD:** Take care of your body... It's the only place you have to live and... Regular workouts keep skin younger and could reverse skin aging. Even people who take up exercising late in life.**DOC MYRL**

# HAPPY 239<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY MARINE CORPS

Gen. Joe Dunford Commandant of the Marine Corps speaks about the various missions Marines have been called on to fulfill around the world over the past year, from combat in Afghanistan to typhoon relief in the Asia-Pacific region and embassy evacuations in Africa. "As we celebrate the 239th birthday of our Corps, Marines are in combat in Helmand province," he said. "And since we last gathered to celebrate, Marines have responded to crises in the Philippines, South Sudan, Libya and Iraq. Some things change — this year found us in different climes and places than our predecessors. Our organization, our equipment and our training have certainly changed since World War II." Other things never change, he added, citing the ways by which today's generation tackle challenges with the same courage, commitment, loyalty and sacrifice of Marines from past eras.



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## !!REMINDER!!!!REMINDER!!

**MEETING REMINDER!!! COME TO THE LEGION FOR YOUR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 1830 HRS.**

**AUXILIARY MEETING – AT NOON NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AND 6 PM.**

**REMEMBER TO VOTE  
ON NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**



**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR  
CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>!**

## LeBron Post 58 renovations



## C.E. Herrick Auxiliary room renovations





# YOU ARE INVITED

## MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

→ “11:30 – 1:00 **November 8<sup>th</sup>** 2014” ←

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### 239 YEARS



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# YARD SALE PICTURES

