"REVEILLE" AMERICAN LEGION POST 179 NEWSLETTER

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

For God and Country,

John Coy

Commander

As the month of May 2018 comes to an end, elections are over, spring cleaning is done, and Memorial Day Ceremony is behind us, there's a feeling of pride and accomplishment throughout the Post and its members.

The Spring Clean-up went very well, thanks to Legionnaire **Jim**; SAL members **Paul** (Squeek), Patrick, Clint, and Mark; additionally, Auxiliary members Carla, Chastity and our new Auxiliary Member Leigh Corey. Great job by all.

Our flag placing at Live Oak Memorial Gardens went better than expected in addition to several Legionnaires, Sons and Auxiliary members, we were elated to see members of American Heritage Girls Troop SC1318, Girls Scout Troop 3100, Boys Scout Troop 79 and several members of the Junior NROTC at West Ashley High School helping us in this endeavor.

Although the weather tried, our Memorial Day Ceremony at Live Oak Memorial Gardens went off without a hitch (although kind of soggy), a hearty thanks to all those that participated. Special thanks to our SAL Commander Paul Jaeger (Squeek) and to our Madam President Jill Comar for helping coordinate all the background work that goes into making this event successful. Additional thanks to SAL members Brian Fletcher, Norm Meyer Jr, Auxiliary member Becky Pearce for helping to set up. And of course, thanks to our Communications Director Curtis Samson for all the advertising and putting together a magnificent program.

During the month of June, we will be having two special events at your Post, one is the Installation of Officers to be held June 9, 2018 commencing at 6:00 pm; and our Flag Retirement Ceremony to be held on June 16, 2018 commencing at 6:00 pm, we hope to have a great turnout for those events.

God bless those serving our Country, those deployed, you and your family.

FROM THE ADJUTANT

For God and Country,

Dave Lloyd

It is renewal time and we appreciate the members who have already renewed their membership. The processing of renewals at the state level is slow. If you renew and receive another renewal notice verify you have your 2018 Membership Card, if you do no action is required. If you don't have your 2018 card and it has been several weeks since you renewed let us know. We have already had two new members join this year. Our goal is to reach 100% renewal this year. We were close last year. If you haven't renewed yet please do so and remember to get your early bird status it must be in by September 30th.

CANTEEN NEWS

Liz Johnson

Canteen Manager

Thank you to all our members for making May a success. I hope all our Moms had a good Mother's Day. The Auxiliary Luau was so much fun. Our ladies raised \$1,025.00. Our Canteen did well also. The Memorial Day Ceremony was beautiful. I hope you all enjoyed the food we provided for all who attended.

In June we have Installations of all the newly elected officers. The installations will be held on Saturday, June 9th @ 1800 hours. There also will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 16th @ 1800 hours. I have decided that the Canteen should do a little something for our Post. We are having a Steak Night following the Flag Retirement. We are offering Ribeye Steaks, Baked Potatoes with a choice of Green Beans or a Salad w/Ranch or Italian Dressing. \$12.00 a plate. We have a sign-up sheet at the Post or you can call it in to your bartender and we will put you on the list.

I want to thank all of my Volunteers for continuing to make Wing Night a success. If you would like to Volunteer, please contact Liz.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Month of June.

Thank you for your continued support for your Post 179.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Jill Comar

Madam President

First off let me thank everyone on behalf of the Auxiliary for supporting our **Luau** on May 19th, despite the downpour that morning, it was a great success. Thank you **JR** and **Amanda** for stepping in to cook the HOG.

We appreciate all those that donated food, decorated, gathered all of the raffled prizes. John Coy won the 50/50 and donated it back.

It has been several years since we have had to raise our dues, but unfortunately it is time. Dues for 2019-2020 will be raised to $$35.^{00}$ for Adults and $$10.^{00}$ for Juniors. Sorry for any inconvenience.

We will not have a meeting in June, but please join us for installations of officers on June 9th at 6:00 pm.

Your elected officers are:

President:	Jill Comar
V President:	Kellie Dolloff
Treasurer:	Pat Ammons
Secretary:	Chastity Hymes
Sgt. at Arms:	Susie Bridges
Historian:	Bev Kzenzak
Chaplain:	Jill Clifford
Committee at large:	Yvonne Schaffer
	Susan Campbell
	Tracie Morgado

Our July meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 3rd** at 6:30 pm because of the July 4th Holiday on the Wednesday.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Norman W. Meyer, Jr.

Memorial Day is a day to honor our war dead!

Questions:

- 1) Who was the president when Memorial Day was first celebrated in 1868?
- 2) Where was the first celebration held?
- 3) What is considered the official flower?
- 4) Which state was the first to recognize Memorial Day?
- 5) What year was Memorial Day declared a federal holiday?
- 6) On Memorial Day, the flag should be at half-staff til when?
- 7) Which army division is closely associated with Memorial Day since the 1950s?
- 8) What was the name given for an observation on May 30th where citizens put flowers on the graves of war dead before it was known as Memorial Day?
- 9) What is supposed to happen at 1500 hours on Memorial Day according to a resolution that passed in the year 2000?
- 10) What piece of music is traditionally played at ceremonies on Memorial Day?

The SAL meets the first Thursday at 1800 hours, but in June there will only be installations on June 9th. Our first regular meeting of the 2018-2019 Legion year will be on July 5th.

Tickets are now being sold for the annual SAL \$50 a day raffle which begins on August 1st and a \$500 drawing to be held on August 31st. The tickets (only 300 will be sold) are \$10 each and are available from an SAL member or **Jill Comar**.

Answers: 1) Andrew Johnson; 2) Arlington National Cemetery; 3) Red Poppies; 4) New York; 5) 1971; 6) Noon; 7) 3rd U.S. Infantry; 8) Decoration Day; 9) A moment of silence; 10) Taps.

Information provided by The Post and Courier!

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Norman W. Meyer, Jr.

In Garden City, Michigan, **Tramp Dare** and **Polka Kaledas**, Commander of American Legion Post 396, started, in 1993, the American Legion Riders.

Now, over 110,000 ride in over 2000 chapters nationwide and in at least three other countries. They have formed the Five Star Freedom Riders, an Honor Guard and founded the Patriot Guard to military funerals from protesters.

We as a group, have raised millions of dollars for countless charities, local, state and nationwide.

Our chapter meets on the third Wednesday at 1830 hours, however we will not have a meeting in June, but I encourage all Riders to attend the installation of officers on June 9^{th} @ 1800 hours.



C.Q. WILLIAMS VETERANS MEMORIAL AMERICAN LEGION POST 179 CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

WILL BE INSTALLING ALL NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR AMERICAN LEGION YEAR 2018–2019 SATURDAY, JUNE 9^{TH} 6:00 pm



American Legion Post 179 Will Conduct a Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable American Flags

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018 @ 6:00 pm



YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND WITNESS THIS CEREMONY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	1	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	Y	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	WING WEDNESDAY Every Wednesday Evening 5 PM to 8 PM Wings & Things					1	2	
3	6:00 PM Honor Guard Drill	4	5	D-DAY 1944 6	5	7	8	6:00 pm installation OFFICERS 9
10		11	12	13	8	PLAG-DAA	15	6:00 pm Flag Retirement Ceremony 16
Happy Day	6:00 PM Honor Guard Drill	18	19	20)	Sunitar 21	22	23
24		25	26	27		JULY Newsletter Articles Are Due TODAY 28	29	30

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MAY 2018

JULY 2018

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