

American Legion Post 143

Schulenburg, Texas

Historian Report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Membership

- Total - 118
- New - 7
- Deceased - 10

Parades

- **War Wagon Activities under War Wagon Chief Harry Bartosch (2)**
 - Flatonia Czihilspiel Parade
 - Weimar Gedenke Parade

Honor Guard

- **Memorial Services/Grave Site Services Provided for the following 16 Veterans:**
 - Franklin K. Guettermann – 07-07-2020 (not a member)
 - John Bohac – 07-31-2020 (56 year Legion member)
 - Peter Jurica – 08-05-2020 (not a member)
 - James Schmalz – 08-17-2020 (not a member)
 - Stan Correll – 09-12-2020 (23 year Legion member)
 - Clarence Ulrich – 11-13-2020 (not a member)
 - Willy F. Johlmann, Jr. – 11-21-2020 (37 year Legion member)
 - Leo Jares – 11-28-2020 (not a member)
 - Harry W. Klapuch – 12-11-2020 (not a member)
 - Alton Demel – 12-21-2020 (27 year Legion member)
 - Larry Hoeinghaus – 01-15-2021 (2-year Legion member)
 - Daniel Miksch – 02-20-2021 (12 year Legion member)
 - Albert Olsovsky – 04-08-2021 (29 year Legion member)
 - John Kobersky – 04-23-2021 (not a member)
 - Leroy Lebeda – 05-05-2021 (62 year Legion member)
 - Daniel Okrulik – 06-29-2021 (9 year Legion member)

(Out of the 16 services, 9 of the Veterans were members of Post 143)

Note: Deceased member, E. J. Chromcak, attained 74 years of continuous membership. His burial took place in the Houston area.

Memorial Day Flag Placements on Veterans' Graves

- There were a total of 1,150 flags placed in the following 9 cemeteries: St. John Cemetery; Corinth Church; Old Civil War Cemeteries; St. Rose Cemetery; Schulenburg City Cemetery; Dubina Cemetery; Swiss Alp Lutheran Cemetery; Freyburg Salem and Methodist Cemeteries.

Services and Activities (4)

- Veterans Day Celebration at Schulenburg High School
- St. Rose Church and School – Veterans Recognition
- Veterans Day Memorial services at Praha, Texas
- Veterans Memorial Services held at Wolter's Park

American Legion Fund Raiser

- American Legion sponsored a drive-thru meal consisting of chicken fried chicken breast and all the trimmings held on April 7, 2021. The meal was a great success with a net profit of \$7,060.12 (Post 143 received \$4,942.08 and Auxiliary received \$2,118.04.)

Additional Functions

- Scholarships in the amount of \$800 each were awarded to five students: Erica Otto, Liberty Killiam, Connor Dierringer, David Krupala and Madison Daniels.
- Sponsored three students to attend Boys' State: Blake Meyer, Orlando Adame and Lazaro Lara.

Misc. Post Information

- **SAL (Sons of the American Legion) Squadron Commander Robert Hranicky reported the following functions:**
 - Donated \$1,000 to the Gardenia E. Janssen Animal Shelter in LaGrange
 - Sold flags for The Warrior Weekend in Victoria
 - Erected flag pole next to The American Legion Home
- **American Legion Riders – McBride Post 143 under Director Herb Fish**
 - March 20 - Charity Ride at Post 593 Converse, TX (14 hrs)
 - March 21 - South Central ALR Meet & Greet at Post 213 Buda, TX (12 hrs)
 - April 10 - Schulenburg Post 143 Black Bean Charity Ride. This was our annual fund raiser event. 11 people worked this Event and we raised \$2,220 and had expenses of \$492. We donated \$1,000 to the ALR National Legacy Fund. (102 hrs)
 - April 17 - BBQ Cook Off Charity at Post 533 Bastrop, TX (6 hrs)
 - May 15 - Nut Run Charity Ride at Post 245 Seguin, TX (27 hrs)
 - May 21-23 - So. Central Texas ALR Legacy Run. This was a 3-day event that raised over \$14,000. (52 hrs)
 - June 18-20 – Dept. of Texas State ALR Rally at Texhoma, TX (60 hrs)
 - July 10 – Dept. of Texas State Convention in Austin, TX (38 hrs)
 - July 17 – So. Central ALR Meet & Greet at Post 245 Seguin & Nixon, TX (43 hrs)

- Aug. 19-29 – National ALR Legacy Run from Roger, AR to Scottsdale, AZ. The proceeds from the 5-day ride and the National Convention were a total of \$1.12 Million raised for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. (267 hrs)
- Sept. 18 – Charity Poker Run at Post 245 Seguin, TX (28 hrs)
- Sept 24-25 – Dept. of TX DEC meeting in Austin, TX (48 hrs)
- Oct. 2 – Charity Ride at Post 533 Bastrop, TX (40 hrs)
- Oct. 9 – Field of Honor for First Responders in Victoria, TX (24 hrs)
- Oct. 23 – Wurst Run Charity Ride at Post 179 New Braunfels, TX (28 hrs)

- The 10 members from Schulenburg Chapter 143 put in a total of 789 service hours for Veterans and Children of Veterans and rode a total of 22,710 miles in 2021.

- **Certificate of Appreciation Received**
 - Post 143 received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Texas Department of the American Legion for attaining the highest membership retention in District 9. Only 2 Posts out of 46 in District 9 attained this ranking.

 - Two members with 73 years of continuous membership:
 - David Stahl
 - James Stanzel

 - One member with 68 years of continuous membership:
 - Wilbert Klesel

 - No perfect attendance awards given due to Covid 19

 - Post 143 Legionnaire of the Year
 - Edward Semler

 - From 1919 to 2021, Post 143 has had 36 Commanders
 - James Hatfield has the longest tenure at 12 years

Johnny Barton, Historian