

## 2019 General Information

### Overview:

The Onion Creek American Legion Post 326 will conduct our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Memorial Golf Tournament at the Onion Creek Club on May 9, 2019. This is a charity golf event with an on-line sale. We are looking for business leaders and other benefactors to help sponsor and/or to contribute to this charity event as well as players.

In 2018 we had a highly successful event with a net profit of **\$32,609**. Because of generous sponsor support, our net profit the last three years has totaled \$108,700! Since we do not own any facilities requiring support, most of our revenue can be directly applied to our Veterans and High School Scholarships Programs and other related veteran and community charitable projects.

This year the extra revenue is being used to expand our Veterans Scholarship Program from 7 to 9 scholarships of \$2,000 per scholarship to honorably discharged veterans. Since 2013 the Post has awarded **33** scholarships for a total of **\$65,000**. We would like to further expand this program. Additionally, the Post is awarding **8** Scholarships for High School Students enrolled as active members in the JROTC Program in the amount of **\$1,000** per scholarship. Since 2000 the Post has awarded **137** scholarships totaling **\$215,000**. We plan to continue to fund other veteran and community projects including Veteran Assistance/Recruitment Programs, Fisher House, Landstuhl (Germany) Hospital Care Project, Fort Hood Thanksgiving Turkeys, Paws for Veterans, American Legion Boys/Girls State and Oratorical Contest, Patriotic Community Activities (Flag Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day) and others.

Post 326 remains one of the ONLY Posts to award Veterans Scholarships. In the coming year we would like to do even more!

Please see section on [Charitable Projects](#).

Please see our [2019 Brochure](#) for additional details.

### American Legion Background:

- **General:** The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, war-time veteran's organization, devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is a not-for-profit community service organization which now numbers more than 2 million members, men and women, in more than 13,000 American Legion Posts worldwide. The Posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.

It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

- **Mission:** The American Legion strives to promote a better understanding of the principles of democracy and to inculcate among all people a higher appreciation of the benefits of American citizenship. To serve the needs of all veterans and their families. To fulfill our commitment to community, state, and nation.
- **Post 326:** Onion Creek American Legion Post 326 began on November 4, 1985 as an organization when the application for a temporary Charter was submitted. The application for a permanent Charter was submitted on July 10, 1986 and was awarded effective September 30, 1986. Onion Creek American Legion Post 326 is a non-profit organization, has no Post-owned facilities, no capitalized investments, equipment, furniture, buildings, etc., and is a tax-exempt entity. It is one of over 600 Posts in the State of Texas.

Post 326 is located in Austin, Texas in a community of over 1,200 homes surrounding the Onion Creek Club. The Post meeting place is the Onion Creek Club house, which provides both a meeting room and dining facilities for members and guests.

General Meetings are regularly scheduled on the first Wednesday of even numbered months. Members, their spouses and/or guests, attend the meetings that include a social hour beginning at 6:00 PM, followed by a short business meeting beginning at 7:00 PM, followed by dinner and a guest speaker.

Veterans of all the U.S. military branches of service (who qualify) are eligible to become a member of the Post. Post 326 currently has an active membership of approximately 150 members. We do not have an American Legion Auxiliary, but spouses are welcomed and encouraged to participate in all our activities. We publish a bi-monthly newsletter to keep our membership informed.

Post 326 supports a variety of veterans and community projects that promote and foster the ideals of the American Legion. For a complete listing of projects supported by the Post, please see our web site: [www.alegiononioncreek.org](http://www.alegiononioncreek.org).

To raise funds to support the charitable activities authorized and approved by the Post Executive Committee, the Post conducts an annual Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament is open to amateurs and is played at the Onion Creek Club. The tournament is usually conducted during the month of May. For complete details please see our web site: [www.alegiononioncreek.org](http://www.alegiononioncreek.org).

#### **Golf Tournament Committee/Key Team Members:**

- Post 326 Commander-Mike Jackson (512-282-2712)
- Golf Chairman-Dr. Ron Stried (512-280-3245 or 512-496-6745)
- Player Acquisition Chair-Jim Stolp (512-280-1598)
- Fundraising Chair-Tony Nuccio (512-282-2502 or 512-294-7794)
- Finance Chair-Tom Harder (512-656-7410 or 512-280-0093)
- Public Affairs/Communications Chair-Vacant
- Operations Chair-Bob Pillmore (512-292-1194 or 512-921-5952)
  - ✓ OCC F&B Beverage/Pro-Shop Interface Lead- Bob Pillmore (512-292-1194 or 512-921-5952)
  - ✓ Recruit and Manage Volunteers + Procedures + Training Lead-Stan Lipinski (309-368-5446)

- ✓ Transportation Support + Cart Management Lead -Jim Corcoran (512-282-1542 or 512-695-6488)
- ✓ Logistics Support + Goodies Bags Lead-Bob Caudill (512-282-6807)
- ✓ Marshall + Rules + Contests Lead-Larry Hohl (512-523-8532)

**Summary:**

- May 9, 2019 (Rain Date: May 23, 2019)
- Onion Creek Club North Course
- 08:30 AM Shotgun
- Format – 4 Person Scramble
- Teams: Open (men and women) (members and non-members) [132 players/33 teams (12 teams set aside for Corporate/Platinum Sponsors)]. Sponsor levels: Corporate \$1,500, Platinum \$1,000, Gold \$500, Silver \$300, and Bronze \$100. Businesses sponsoring a team @ \$500 will also be recognized.
- Entry fee: \$125/player or \$500/team; Non-playing guest lunch \$25/guest.
- Teams will be organized into three flights by team handicap
- Prize Events:
  - ✓ Top three teams in each flight (Prize of equivalent value: \$400, \$200, \$100);
  - ✓ Hole-in-One (TBD Car on Hole #7; Special prizes on other par 3 holes);
  - ✓ CTP (all par 3s); Longest Drives (various categories), Longest Putt (Prize of equivalent value of \$25/contest);
  - ✓ Drive like a "Bubba"-Hole #5 (team pays \$20 on a designated par 5 hole and advances to a distance of 150 yards from the hole for the second shot);
  - ✓ Las Vegas Golf Option (Dice game) – Hole #18 (role dice at \$10/roll to improve hole score);
  - ✓ Putting Challenge for \$10,000 (purchase raffle ticket for \$10 or 3 for \$25 for chance to be selected for a chance to make a 60 foot putt for \$10,000 just prior to the deployment; consolation prize if putt is not made).

**Schedule of Events:**

**May 9, 2019:**

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Registration/Breakfast/Practice
8:00 am – 8:20 am	Opening Ceremony:

**Welcome** (Post 326 Commander-Mike Jackson)  
**Presentation of Colors** (TBD)  
**Pledge of Allegiance** (Post 326 Commander-Mike Jackson)  
**National Anthem** (TBD)  
**Posting of Colors** (TBD)  
**Tournament Rules/Instructions** (Kirk Dillen, OCC Head Golf Pro)  
**Putting Challenge for \$10,000** (Kirk Dillen, OCC Head Golf Pro)

8:20 am – 8:30 am	Shotgun Deployment
8:30 am – 1:15 pm	Tournament

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm

Social Time/Luncheon Buffet/Door Prizes

Post Tournament Program:

***Welcome*** (Post 326 Commander-Mike Jackson)

***Memorial*** (Post 326 Chaplain-Emmett Thomason)

***Salute to Sponsors & Players*** (Post Commander-Mike Jackson)

***Award of Prizes*** (Post Golf Chairman-Dr. Ron Stried)

**Onion Creek American Legion Post 326 Tax ID (EIN): 74-2520809**

**Net Profit Goal: \$25,000**