



LEGION NEWS 245 July-August-September 2020



COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Greetings Legion Family and friends. Post 245 is now open again and we are open to the public. We would love to see you stop by and enjoy a beverage of choice; the Executive Board is looking at creative ways to bring in new customers as well as getting our members to return. We may have been closed for a couple of months but we cleaned and are ready to go. Unfortunately, we experienced an incident of vandalism, which resulted in the front door and office window to be broken. We held a fundraiser, "Bike Night", which brought in our motorcycle community and the Seguin public into our building to support our cause; we surpassed our expectations. Special thanks to our ALR 245 for putting this together. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in responding to the new coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) that is causing an outbreak of respiratory illness worldwide. On June 3, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued an Executive Order to announce the third phase of the ongoing plan to open additional businesses and activities in Texas. We will be in compliance of state guidance and will practice social distancing and abide by the numbers allowed in our building. Together we are stronger and we will get through this moment in time.

Felisa Ramirez

1st VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Post 245's 2020 goal for membership is 379; we are currently at 360 renewals, placing us at 95% of our goal. I challenge each member to talk to at least 1 person each month about joining the Legion Family.

Jeff Messinger

2nd VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT:

As we will soon be gearing up for this years Oratorical Contest, I would like to reflect back on the past Boys State, Oratorical Contest and Scholarship Awards.

The following deserving seniors were awarded their Scholarship Certificates at our June 4th meeting.

Karson Kelso	Marion High School
Sophia Saucedo	Seguin High School
Shannon Anderson	Anderson Christian Academy
Lindsy Thormahlen	Navarro High School

This year the Boys State was a virtual program due to the coronavirus. The Boys State Delegates attending were:

Quinten Shelnett	Lifegate Christian School
Blake Pruitt	Lifegate Christian School
Daniel Martinez	Navarro High School
Tanner Sanchez	Navarro High School
Hunter Monroe	Navarro High School
Barson Schmidt	Lifegate Christian School

These boys are invited to our July 2nd meeting to give us input on their experience of the Virtual Boys State.

Despite our efforts to field candidates for the Oratorical Contest this past year, there were no entries. I hope there will be more enthusiasm this coming year.

Danny Trammell

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

As soon as the COVID-19 situation eases up enough to allow visits, I'll be restarting our outreach program with monthly visits to our Veterans in the local nursing homes. Until then, let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of isolation for them.

Jerry Ramirez

SERVICE OFFICER:

Contact the Guadalupe Country Veterans Service Office at 830-303-8870 or DAV Chapter 61 on Tue & Wed, 9am-1pm, at 830-379-3299 if you need assistance.

Vacant

ADJUTANT:

Our Post Officers for 2020-2021 were installed at the June 4th General Membership Meeting. See page 4 of the Newsletter for the listing of all 2020-2021 Officers elected.

July 1st starts the new year for the American Legion and National will be sending out renewal notices to all current members. The Online Renewals for 2021 will be available on July 1st. Our dues will remain \$40.00 for the year. You can drop your dues off at the Post with the bartender or mail them. Online renewals are encouraged.

For the 2020 Membership Year, we had 13 new members sign up and 15 transfers. If you have not paid your 2020 dues and wish to keep your continuous membership years, you can still pay them.

Reno W. Reiley

TAPS:

Robert Stansberry
Harvey 'Bubba' Ford



SAL and ALR NEWS July-August-September 2020



SONS OF THE LEGION:

The COVID Pandemic has caused many to lose their means to make a living. The need for us to support our Veterans and their families cannot be emphasized enough. If any member knows of a Veteran and family in need please do not hesitate to contact us. We are ready and willing to participate in events and projects to better our Veteran's and families. Our "3rd Annual Car and Bike Show" date will be November 14th this year. We look forward to a stellar year for the remainder of 2020 working with all our American Legion Families, Veteran's, Veteran's families, and local community in our mission to "Make A Difference". We will continue our practice of Americanism, Patriotism and good citizenship through out 2020! Thanks to all our members for your efforts. Membership meetings are held every 2nd Monday of the Month @ 1830.

Kevin Baker, SAL Commander

SAL General Membership meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

SAL Car/Motorcycle show will be held on Saturday, November 14th, with registration starting at 9:00am.

LEGION RIDERS:

Over the past year our ALR Chapter has been extremely busy! Unfortunately, the COVID-19 slowed us down a bit over the last few months but has not stopped us. We have continued our mission of supporting the community and other ALR chapters raising money for veterans, their families, and the community. We made donations to several local charities like the Family Violence Shelter, Children's Advocacy Center, Humane Society, Halloween Safe House, & Blue Santa, to name just a few. Our 7th Annual Nut Run & annual raffle has been rescheduled for September 19th in place of our Annual Poker Run. Come out and support one of the premier ALR events in the South-Central Region. Even if you don't like motorcycles, come on out and buy a meal plate to support your local ALR! We had a highly successful year thanks to every single member of our chapter that has helped!

Jeff Messinger, ALR Director

As stated above, we have been extremely busy supporting as many events as possible. For this past year, we had over **3,100 total regular Service Hours** and over **500 Children & Youth Service Hours!** This is a true testament to our devotion to our Post, our Veterans, their families, and our community! Keep up the great work ALR 245!!!

Ron Robinson, ALR Asst. Director

ALR General Membership meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm.

ALR 7th Annual Nut Run event will be held on Saturday, September 19th, with registration starting at 9:00am.

BIKE NIGHT on July 15th starting at 6:00pm
Everyone is invited to attend.

BIKE NIGHT on August 19th starting at 6:00pm
Everyone is invited to attend.

BIKE NIGHT on September 16th starting at 6:00pm
Everyone is invited to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4th, Join us at the Post for a Pot-Luck meal, starting at 12:00 Noon. Bring your favorite dish to share with others. The City canceled the July 4th Parade this year, but we are still going to celebrate Independence Day here at the Post.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
H. U. WOOD UNIT 245
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
July, August and September 2020**



Trump rolled out a blueprint for reopening the country back in May, which included ramping up testing and a partnership with drugstore chains to expand access to tests nationwide. As we know Texas has started on Phase III that began on June 3rd, 2020 of opening up Texas, which mean opening up business to more capacity. Everyone stay safe and do your best to get through this pandemic the best you can. WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!!!!

AUXILIARY KITCHEN

The Kitchen has been closed since the covid-19 virus broke out. It will continue to stay closed until after the 4th of July Holiday. After that we will meet and discuss opening the kitchen back up for Bingo. We can always use volunteers to help in the kitchen on Friday and Sunday Bingo nights. There is going to be some changes made to the menu and the hours the kitchen will stay open during Bingo. Please think about volunteering just 1 night a month, it would be greatly appreciated. The kitchen is our only source of income to fund all of our donations throughout the year.

MEMBERSHIP

As for Membership we will begin collecting membership dues beginning July 1st for the 2021 dues. Dues this year are \$30 for Senior members and \$7 for Junior members. Dues may be mailed to Missy Baker, 883 Marion Rd., Marion TX 78124 or dropped off at the Legion Post. Please advise Missy of any address, phone or email address changes or additions, so you won't miss any correspondence, her number is 210-643-3917. If you haven't given Missy your email address, please send it to missybaker2011@yahoo.com.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Memorial Day Celebration was cancelled.

VETERANS

We love taking hats, wheelchair pocket attachments, and lap blankets to our Veterans at the nursing homes during the winter. If you love to knit or sew please consider making these items for our Veterans for this upcoming winter. You can always bring them to the Post or come to a meeting.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

The American Legion Auxiliary had their annual Officers Election on May 7th, 2020 and they were installed on June 4th, 2020 at the Post. The following are the new Officers for the year 2020 – 2021:

Missy Baker – New President

Sue Bennet – Secretary

Barbara Trammell – New Chaplin.

We have a few Officer Positions that are open and hope to get those filled by July. REMEMBER THE AUXILIARY HAS THERE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING EVERY 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. We would love to see more members start showing up and help support our Veterans and the programs the Auxiliary supports every year.

Happy Birthday Wishes to all our Ladies who have a Birthday in July, August & September. We wish you many more!

For God and Country,
Missy Baker, Auxiliary President

American Legion Post 245 Officers for 2020-2021

Commander	Felisa Ramirez
1 st Vice Commander	Jeff Messinger
2 nd Vice Commander	Danny Trammell
Adjutant	Reno Reiley
Finance Officer	Mindy Messinger
Chaplain	Jerry Ramirez
Historian	Chad Oba
Judge Advocate	Ron Robinson
Service Officer	Michael Hernandez
Sgt-at-Arms	Augie Camacho
Members at Large	Dale Bennett Ron Robinson

American Legion Riders Chapter 245 Officers for 2020-2021

Director	Jeff Messinger
Assistant Director	Ron Robinson
Secretary	Missy Baker
Treasurer	Reno Reiley
Sgt-at-Arms	Chad Oba
Road Captains	Kevin Baker Dale Bennett
Chaplain	Edward Cabral
Historian	Mindy Messinger
Membership	Barbara Trammell
Service Officer	Dale Bennett
Member at Large	Mindy Messinger

Sons of The American Legion Squadron 245 Officers for 2020-2021

Commander	Kevin Baker
1 st Vice Commander	Tom Day
2 nd Vice Commander	Jim Whitlock
Adjutant	Jeff Messinger
Finance Officer	Reno Reiley
Sgt-at-Arms	James Smith
Chaplain	Tom Day
Historian	Robert Day
Advisor	Ron Robinson

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 245 Officers for 2020-2021

President	Missy Baker
Secretary	Sue Bennett
Chaplin	Barbara Trammell

Jun 29 - Legion Executive Board Meeting at 6:30 PM

July
Jul 2 - Legion Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM
Jul 4 – Independence Day Parade has been cancelled by the City of Seguin
Jul 4 – We will still have a Pot Luck at the Post starting at 12:00 Noon
Jul 13 - SAL Meeting at 6:30 PM
Jul 15 – Bike Night at 6:00 PM – Also open to non-riders
Jul 28 - Legion Riders Meeting at 6:00 PM

Aug
Aug 3 - Legion Executive Board Meeting at 6:30 PM
Aug 6 - Legion Regular Meeting, at 6:00 PM
Aug 10 - SAL Meeting at 6:30 PM
Aug 19 – Bike Night at 6:00 PM – Also open to non-riders
Aug 25 - Legion Riders Meeting at 6:00 PM
Aug 31 - Legion Executive Board Meeting at 6:30 PM

Sept
Sept 3 - Legion Regular Meeting, at 6:00 PM
Sept 14 - SAL Meeting at 6:30 PM
Sept 16 – Bike Night at 6:00 PM – Also open to non-riders
Sept 18 – POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony at Geronimo VFW
Sept 19 – ALR Nut Run
Sept 22 - Legion Riders Meeting at 6:00 PM
Sept 28 – Legion Executive Board Meeting at 6:30 PM

2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The 2021 Membership year starts on July 1st. Legionnaire Dues are \$ 40.00 per year. Auxiliary Member Dues are \$30.00 per year/Auxiliary Juniors are \$7.00. S.A.L. Member Dues are \$20.00 per year. ALR Member Dues are \$15.00 per year. Legionnaires, S.A.L. members and ALR members send form and Dues to American Legion Post 245, P.O. Box 503, Seguin, Tx 78156-0503. Auxiliary members send form and Dues to American Legion Auxiliary 245, P.O. Box 971, Seguin, Tx 78156-0971.

NAME: _____ LEGIONNAIRE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ S.A.L.: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ ALR: _____

AUXILIARY: _____

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