



OUR LEGION FAMILY

Gautier-Vancleave Post 1992 American Legion, Inc.

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Freedom Isn't Free

Post 1992 Commander

As my year comes to an end, I want to thank all my fellow Legionnaires for allowing me to serve as your commander for the past year.

We've had a lot of successes for the year, namely our membership in the legion was at 100 plus % at the end of the year. Thanks to the efforts of John Deveau and all the new-member recruiters. Thanks John for all you do and to the recruiters who expand our membership rolls.

Our Legion family is all over 100% now! Thank you, Cindy Harper, American Legion Auxiliary; Shane Helms, Sons of The American Legion; David Belcher, American Legion Riders and Lee Johnston, Amateur Radio Club, for your efforts to make us a 100% American Legion Family. Our Post and all the other Southern area Posts made it the top District and Area in the Department of MS for 2018 for membership. Congratulations to Bo Bowdin, District IX Commander and Pat Baughman, Southern Area Vice Commander.

We will be having a 4th of July Party at the Post . Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and such. We will have some fireworks to boot. We will have a few cold beverages to go with all that!

Jerry Walters is the new incoming Commander and I urge each one of you to come out and support Jerry, as he takes on the responsibility of Post Commander.

With that I'll close.

For God and Country

David Pugh

Post 1992 1st Vice Commander

Happy Summer y'all!! Yet another "legion year" past! Elections have completed, and we have a new year to plan!! Get on board and make your suggestions known! Our Patio deck on the north side of the building is moving along great and looks to be a successful venture—Thanks to those who made it happen—

Thanks for your trust in me yet again as the Post 1st Vice Commander. I will make it my mission to be much more involved this year and help the new officer staff to support our incoming Commander Jerry Walters. Congrats Jerry, looking forward to supporting and working with ya! Thanks to our Outgoing Commander David Pugh for all you have and continue to do for the Post.

The challenge this year is going to be getting more involvement with children's programs and the community. We Sponsored a Buddy Davis Baseball team this year and though it was a success and the kids did a great job, we didn't have as much involvement as we could have. Let me know if you have any idea that your kids or grandkids would like for us to get going and we will get it done!!

Note – We still have a Vacant position open—and it's one of the most important roles in our post—Adjutant—Mr. John Deveau has done a phenomenal job for many years and we need to keep that stride—if you are interested in helping your post and getting involved Please see any of the incoming officers listed below and they will give you guidance—Incoming Commander Jerry will take care of ya!

Looking forward to a great year! Don't forget to keep an eye on the calendar for events and come out and support all the legion family as they support our port!!!

For God and Country

Scott Mitchell

Post 1992 Adjutant

"IT'S NOT THE PRICE YOU PAY TO BELONG, BUT THE PRICE YOU PAID TO BE ELIGIBLE TO BELONG"

2019 dues are payable by October 20th, 2018 IAW Post By-Laws. Please renew your membership as soon as possible to protect your continuous years of membership. Dues can also be paid on-line at <https://www.members.legion.org/renew> using your credit card and the Adjutant will be notified and will mail or deliver your new 2019 ID card.

The Post's Legion membership total for 2017/2018 membership year ended with 390 members and voted in 54 new, returning or transfer members. We will start out the 2018/2019 with 377 members.

We currently have 39 members who have paid their 2019 Early Bird Dues. Early Bird renewal dues are being accepted through 11 July 2018 (prior to Department Convention.)

Sadly, in May-June we lost two valued members who transferred to The Post Everlasting: Carlos Gomez and Jerry O'Neal. May they rest in peace. Our deepest sympathies go out to their families and loved ones.

Please join me in welcoming our New, Transfer and Returning members. In **May**: Derek Bodart, Charles Buzzard, Robin McClelland and David Sites. In **June**: Lee Bond. We thank each of you for your service to our great Country and now you have made a commitment to continue to serve other veterans; their families, the community; and the nation. I'd also like to thank the **recruiters of the above members**: Scott Mitchell, Cris Ward and Bill Whatley for their support of The American Legion and for growing our membership rolls. We need all members to actively recruit at least one new members to get our membership numbers up to make up for normal attrition of Post members.

Election of Officers for the 2018/2019 membership year was held in June 2018. A list of new Officers for the 2018/2019 is appended to the end of this Newsletter. Please join me in welcoming them to the Legion Family leadership and support them throughout the year.

Please keep the Post informed of changes to your mail address, phone number and eMail addresses so that you will continue to receive The American Legion and our communications. Also, The American Legion National has sent a request for email addresses to be filled out on the dues reminder sent to each member. The Adjutant will update The American Legion national database records and Department address lists (for Legion and SAL members) insuring you'll continue to receive your membership renewal notices, Legionnaire, and the Legion magazine. Also, if you provide him with your e-mail address, if you haven't already, you will receive any significant updates to the Calendar of Events and Newsletter.

Our bi-monthly Post Newsletter and Calendar of Events are only distributed electronically by e-mail and posted on the **Post's web site**: <http://www.alpost1992.org>. A limited number of hard copies will be printed as needed, at the Post for pick up in the lounge. To be added to electronic distribution by dropping a note with your name and e-mail address in the membership dues box in the lounge, requesting to be placed on the Newsletter eMail distribution list. Our electronic distribution currently reaches ONLY 61% of Legion Family members.

It is required that our Legion membership records contain evidence of discharge or release under honorable conditions during one of the recognized war eras. The most recognized evidence is: your latest DD214; Certificate of Discharge/Release or for Reserves or Guard components, evidence of being deployed under Federal Orders. The American Legion National requires Date of Birth be provided and requests that Phone Nos., eMail address be provided.

For God and Country

John Deveau.

Post 1992 3rd Vice Commander

Thanks for your vote of confidence to handle events and Entertainment for another year. Deuces Wild will be coming for Seafood Night Friday 13 July and Crush will be rocking the house for Steak Night Friday 27 July. We have returned to Karaoke every Wednesday. I look forward to seeing our legion family and friends at the post and feel free to contact me on your ideas for special events.

For God and Country

Tim Honeycutt

Post 1992 Chaplain

Keep our American Legion Family in your prayers - health problems, financial problems, depression, loneliness, and troubles that we may not be aware of. Show; share how much you care.

–Please keep the family of Carlos Gomez in your thoughts and prayers following his passing.

–Please keep the family of Jerry O’Neal in your thoughts and prayers following his passing.

–Please continue to keep Joe O. Watrous in your thoughts and prayers as he battles cancer.

–Please continue to keep Glen Deveau in your thoughts and prayers as he battles cancer.

–Please keep “Little” Don Bartlett in your thoughts and prayers as he battles his illness.

–Please keep Danny Kauppi in your thoughts and prayers following serious injuries received in an MVA.

–Please keep Ricky Noble, Son-in Law of Buzzy Shimp, in your thoughts and prayers as he battles cancer.

–Please keep Lachelle Blow-King, Linda Kuhn’s daughter, had liver failure and received a liver transplant and is recovering.

–Please keep Howard Tupper in your thoughts and prayers due to several health problems. He is now home and is improving steadily.

On July the 6th a Celebration of Life will be held by the family of Debbie Barton. It will be held in the lounge starting at 2 p.m. A dish will add to the family celebration.

Prayer for Independence

Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by, celebrating our history and reveling in all the great-things that our country has achieved. On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us.

We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come. We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice. We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way. We ask You to forgive us for these times. Today we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You. With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You. Make us a generous people, A holy nation, A people set aside to love You forever, For the sake of the land of the brave and free, And the peoples and nations of this world.

Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country. Our land needs You, our people need You, our industry and business need You. May we look only to You, dependent on You.

Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit, Breathe new life into the sinews of this nation. May justice flow like rivers, and righteousness like a never-failing stream, Until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory, As the waters cover the sea.

We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. One God, now and for all eternity.

Amen.

For God and Country

L. Flo Hendrickson

Post 1992 Judge Advocate

With the elections complete and the new officers taking over we must work together to make post 1992 even better. However, this is only possible if we all work as a team. We as veterans are supposed to have each other’s back, if we have differences, we should be able to work it out among ourselves and not on social media.

Good luck to all our new officers.

For God and Country

Billy Simpson

President Unit 1992 American Legion

Greetings. Elections were held, Flo Henderson will take her place as president in the coming year. Flo, a Past Commander, will bring a unique perspective to the Auxiliary bringing in new ideas and insights as a dual member of the Post and Auxiliary and as a retired Navy veteran.

We ended the year with Girls State having sent nine delegates. Cari Sims was elected Lieutenant Governor and was also selected as Girls Nation alternate. We awarded three \$500 college scholarships and one \$100 nursing scholarship.

Our new year begins in August. Our annual dues are \$25, reflecting an increase on the national level. Please renew or join, you are supporting the nation's largest patriotic organization and helping us reach out to our local veterans, community and education.

For God and Country

Cindy Harper

American Legion Riders Chapter 1992

Thank you to all who participated in the 4th Annual D-Day Poker Run! The ALR raised over \$1,300 to be divided among three charities - Boy's State, Girl's State, and ALR. The Rifle Raffle winner was none other than Billy Simpson.

Through the month of June, we have seen the move of some of our members to Biloxi Post 33 to start up an ALR there, new officers have been elected, a member has finally seen some resolution and progress with health concerns, and we are continuing to function as a small part of the Post 1992 family.

We look forward to the summer and all it holds.

For God and Country

David Belcher

Amateur Radio Club – (Call-sign K5TAL)

The "Booze Raffle" continues and the ticket will be drawn at the Aug 13 K5TAL Club Meeting. If you want tickets, or want more tickets ask the bartenders or any K5TAL Member. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

The weekly K5TAL net continues at 7pm on Wednesdays on 2 different frequencies. If you would like to listen in, go to WEBSDR.com and scroll down to K4DKD. Enter the frequency of either 3.862 or 7.238 and check LSB. You can then listen to our net. Last week we set a record for us of 19 check ins.

The communications trailer was set up at the post for a world-wide event called Field Day. It is an opportunity to exercise the ability of setting up and operating outside and to allow other, non-hams, to see what we can do.

We will be working on having the wrap put on the trailer in a flag pattern with all the AL decals and lettering, so it will really stand out.

We continue to offer training for anyone interested in becoming a licensed Amateur Radio Operator. Email KA5DON@arrl.net if you are or you know of anyone who is interested.

For God and Country

Don Rand

Post 1992 SAL Commander

Our Squadron has completed its membership for the 2018 operating year with a 100 per cent renewal of existing members (64), and has recruited thirteen (16) new members, for an overall membership of eighty (80) "Sons" and 125% for the year. The new membership year (2019) begins on July 1, 2018 and our Squadron expects to be hitting it hard... again! FANTASTIC JOB to all who paid their dues and to all of the recruiters that helped increased our membership. NOTE: For all who have pre-paid their dues, ten (10) thus far, do not expect your 2019 membership cards until sometime in July or, at the latest, after the July 13-14 American Legion Family State Convention.

Congratulations to our recently elected officers for the 2019 Operating/Fiscal Year. They are: Commander – Wes Bright; 1st Vice-Commander – Shane Helms; Adjutant and Finance Officer – Bob Backel; Chaplain and Historian – Scott Mitchell; Sergeant-at-Arms – Mike Riser.

The SAL-sponsored Hardhead Catfish Tournament has been rescheduled for September 1, 2018 and is still intended to be held at our Post.

At our June 2018 meeting, the members determined and voted that a 2nd Vice-Commander was no longer required and was therefore eliminated.

Adjutant/Finance Officer Bob Backel will be on vacation July 31 – August 7, 2018. The Squadron may choose to move the meeting forward a few days or postpone it a few days.

For God and Country

Shane Helms

American Legion Family Post 1992 Officers for 2018 / 2019

American Legion Post 1992 (eff.07/28/2018)

Post Commander: Jerry A. Walters
1st Vice-Commander: Scott A. Mitchell
2nd Vice-Commander: R. Lynn Cochran
3rd Vice-Commander: Timothy P. Honeycutt
Chaplain: Lois E. Hendrickson (PPC)
Sergeant at Arms: George R. Bunch
Finance Officer: Gordon T. Gollott
Adjutant:..... (Vacant)
Services Officer: Douglas K. Stiles
Judge Advocate: Billy G. Simpson
Historian: Dawn M. Belcher
Executive Committee:..... Robert A. Backel;
.....William B. Kirkpatrick; George T. Varney;
.....(1 TBD by Cdr.), & David R. Pugh (PPC)

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1992 (eff. 07/28/2018)

Auxiliary President:..... Lois E. Hendrickson
1st Vice President:..... Diane Cantrell
Secretary / Treasurer: Beverly Pugh
Chaplain: Teresa Roberts
Sergeant at Arms: Frankie Misko
Executive Committee:..... June Beasley,
.....Jo Tisbury & Mary Ellison

American Legion Riders Chap. 1992 (eff. 07/28/2018)

Director:..... David B. Belcher
Vice Director: R. Lynn Cochran
Treasurer:..... Pat B. Manuel
Secretary:..... Dawn M. Belcher
Sergeant at Arms: Jay M. Shimp
Chaplain: Howard L. Tupper
Historian: Kate Baughman
Safety Officer: Robert P. Atwater
Road Captain: Steve D. Rancier

Amateur Radio Club Post 1992 (eff. 07/28/2018)

President/License Trustee: T. Lee Johnston
Vice President: Rodkey D. Roberts
Treasurer:..... R. Don Rand
Secretary:..... Terri A. Rand
Membership Chairman: Josh B. Dopson

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 1992 (eff. 07/28/2018)

Commander:..... Wesley E. Bright
1st Vice Commander: Shane S. Helms
Finance Officer / Adjutant:..... Robert A. Backel
Sergeant at Arms: Michael L. Riser
Chaplain: Scott A. Mitchell