



OUR LEGION FAMILY

Gautier-Vancleave Post 1992 American Legion, Inc.

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Freedom Isn't Free

Post 1992 Commander

My fellow Legionnaires, I wish to offer my profound thank you, for selecting me to represent you as your Commander for this year. We have, much to do and I feel confident that we will prevail. I appreciate the warm welcome from our family members. I was extremely pleased to see the Legion Parking lot received a face lift with new paint. I will have more on this subject later. Each group within our Legion family have plenty to be proud of and I'm the guy to help you crow. Many thanks and keep up the good work.

More to say later down the road but for now I simply wish to say Thanks.

For God and Country

Jerry Walters

Post 1992 1st Vice Commander

Hey Shipmates!!!

Welcome to another Legion Year! Congrats to Commander Jerry on another year at "Head Fred!" Ya'll pitch in and do whatever you can to lend a hand and help the post to continue to get better and serve our vets and community!

Don't forget there is always room for more! We still have vacancies in our officers so if you are interested see one of us or the commander to help and get involved

The House has a bunch of great ideas for growing our crowds and keeping the business end growing. See John Hoffmann if you have suggestions!

Let us know if you have any ideas for youth and children activities with the upcoming holidays we have some opportunities to get the kids involved.

Don't forget to sell the post to your friends and family! We still need to grow our membership and need all your help in getting new folks in! If you have not paid your 2019 dues let's get that done and bring a friend!!!

HooYaaa!!!

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.

We currently have 379 2018/2019 members in our Post. There are 232 who have paid their 2019 dues and 164 who have not yet renewed their membership.

Sadly, in July and August we lost four valued members who transferred to The Post Everlasting: Clayton Johnson, (WWII), Edwin Jacquet, Jr., (WWII), Don Bartlett (Korea) and Charles Carney. 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 **July**: Stace Triebwasser and in **August**: Joseph Bentton, Jr, Alicia Dillard, Jack Dillard, Jr., Kim Gutherz, Douglas Honeycutt, Donald Rumery, William Tisbury, Jr., Joel Wagner, III. 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: Pete Bunch, Jack Culpepper, Steve Rancier and Don Rand for their support of The American Legion and for growing our membership rolls. We need all members to actively recruit at least one new member to get our membership numbers up to make up for deaths and normal attrition of Post members.

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 64% 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 for Scott Mitchell

Post 1992 2nd Vice Commander

As your newly elected 2nd Vice-Commander of your Legion one of my duties is to Chair the Post Americanism Committee. Americanism covers a lot of area within the Legion's programs, from events remembering patriotic holidays and events in history, promoting citizenship, protecting our constitution rights. Americanism is a large program within the American Legion. I will be looking for the membership for ideas and volunteers to help plan and coordinate these events. If anyone would like to serve on the Americanism Committee, please feel free to contact myself or our Commander Jerry Walters. I work fulltime at Ingalls Shipbuilding, some of the events may fall during my working hours. We have Veterans Day coming up in November that we need to start making plans for. The Officers and I of Post 1992 can only direct the direction of this Post by input from the Membership of the Post. So, to make your voice heard, by attending the General Membership meetings and talking to your Post Officers. Thank you for your time and have Great Days ahead.

For God and Country

R. Lynn Cochran

Post 1992 3rd Vice Commander

The calendar has many new things upcoming . Maw Maws kitchen open every night except Friday at 5:30 PM come enjoy some fine burgers and some great Cajun flared dishes . DAV drawdown September 15th get your ticket while they last. Crush will return for steak night entertainment in September and Karaoke every Wednesday night. Come and enjoy some new things happening as well as our old friend Eddie McDaniel returning by demand Friday September 21st. Hope to see you around the Post proud to serve another term coordinating our 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 Clayton J. Johnson in your thoughts and prayers following his passing.

–Please keep the family of Edwin Jacquet in your thoughts and prayers following his passing.

- Please keep the Nina and the family of "Little" Don Bartlett in your thoughts and prayers following his passing.
- Please keep Tom Vickery in your thoughts and prayers as he battles Alzheimer's disease.
- 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 continue to keep Osie "Ray" Moore 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.
- Please keep Michael L. Alberts in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from eye surgery.
- Please keep Glenn Tregle and Jay Moore in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery from their time in the hospital.

A Prayer a for Healing

Think, o God, of our friends who are ill and those that are suffering from loss of a loved one, whom we now commend to Your compassionate regard. Comfort them upon their sickbeds and ease their suffering in body and in mind. We beg for deliverance and submit that no healing is too hard for the Lord, if it be His will. We therefore pray that You bless our friends with Your loving care, renew their strengths, and heal what ails them in Your loving name.

Thank You, Lord.

For God and Country

L. Flo Hendrickson

Post 1992 Judge Advocate

If you are a member in good standing at the American Legion you are eligible for Legion care. This is for \$5,000 in accidental death insurance at NO COST TO YOU if a covered accident occurs while traveling on official Legion business, or \$1000 at NO COST TO YOU for all covered accidents. These benefits are also available to the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion. You can sign up for it on line at <https://www.thelit.com/> no-cost-LegionCare or you can pick up an application at the Post.

The post is still offering memorial donor bricks for sale. A two-line brick is still \$40.00 and three lines are \$43.50.

For God and Country

Billy Simpson

President Unit 1992 American Legion

A new year, a new beginning. Hello Auxiliary members and friends, for those who are not familiar with me, I am Flo Hendrickson, I am a dual member of the Gautier-Vancleave Post 1992, I am the acting Chaplain for Post 1992 and I am very proud to be acting President of Unit 1992. I hope I can make you proud and keep us motivated to accomplish what our Past Presidents have accomplished.

Committees have been formed and are getting into the spirit of this new year (each committee is looking for your expertise, come out and join in the fun). There will be many good things to come, we are looking forward to the holidays, training, and helping our active duty and veterans here at home and abroad.

Chaplain Teresa Roberts will be looking forward to presenting the POW/MIA program September 21st. This program will be held in the Post Hall at approximately 5:30 PM. all are invited to attend. Please join us for this special presentation from the Auxiliary Unit 1992 Chaplain and the Gautier High School ROTC. The Auxiliary will be serving dinner at 6 PM the same evening.

First Vice Diane Cantrell is working hard with the Post Family getting ready for the National President Homecoming event to be held October 26th.

Keep your eyes on the calendars and on Facebook to find out what is going on at your Gautier-Vancleave Post/Unit. We encourage your participation in all the Family does. If you need assistance don't hesitate to phone Your Unit Family.

The Auxiliary enjoyed participating in the fundraisers for Jackson County Animal Shelter and Danny Kauppi, everyone left with smiles from ear-to-ear. Each group left with over \$2,000 in cash and/or merchandise.

We will be meeting at the Post in the Auxiliary Room, September 10th, at 6:30 PM It would be lovely to see you there. Let's get together and do something great!!

Auxiliary 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.

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L. Flo Hendrickson

American Legion Riders Chapter 1992

Once again, it is an honor to serve as the Director of the ALR Post 1992 As we move forward into the 2018/2019 year, the Riders will continue to build stronger relationships throughout our Legion Family, the District and the Community. We have goals to meet and exceed and Veterans to support. We hope to grow our membership as well. We welcome those who wish to join us as members and supporters. Thank you again for the opportunity to continue to serve, protect and defend.

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David Belcher

Amateur Radio Club – (Call-sign K5TAL)

The liquor basket raffle concluded with the drawing of the winning ticket on 13 Aug 2018. The winner of the raffle is from Iowa, but regularly comes to the coast to visit. Congratulations to Dave Stipes and thanks to all who bought tickets which will allow us to continue to support one boy and one girl to Boys and Girls State.

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. On Aug 15, we set record for us of 20 check ins. The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) President Marty Justice K5WMJ has been checking into the net weekly also.

One weekend in October we will have a working day to clean up the trailer, test antennas exercise the mast, and prepare the trailer for the Veterans Day Special Event on Nov 11.

We are 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

T. Lee Johnston

Post 1992 SAL Commander

Our Squadron started the 2019 year with a bang. It had slowed down for a while but has picked up a bit, again. We currently have thirty-six (36) renewed or new members (46%), with forty-two needed to reach 100%.

The SAL-sponsored Hardhead Catfish Tournament is on again and has been rescheduled for September 1, 2019. The rescheduling was, in part, due to lack of proper research by our Squadron. The tournament is still intended to be held at our Post.

On August 18th, 2018, The Legion Family supported a dual-sponsored benefit for Gautier Fireman 'Lil' Danny Kauppi who was critically injured in an automobile accident. Danny is in hospice care in Atlanta, GA.

Also, on August 18th, the 'Legion Family' hosted the Jackson County Animal Shelter with their display of cats and dogs ready for adoption. The SAL provided various and plentiful pet supplies and raised additional funds by conducting a 'volunteer' hair dying contest (some hairdos are still showing a bit of their 'colors').

As most of you may already be aware, and due to the tepid and humid weather, the Post did not conduct a flag retirement on the 'usual' day: June 14th – Flag Day. Bob Backel suggested to the Post Executive Committee that it be deferred to, or as close to, November 11th – Veterans Day. Actual date and time are to be determined.

The next SAL-sponsored Steak Night will be held on September 28th. Currently scheduled entertainment is "Crush."

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Wesley Bright