



OUR LEGION FAMILY

Gautier-Vancleave Post 1992 American Legion, Inc.

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Freedom Isn't Free

Post 1992 Commander

A profound thank you and Congratulations to our esteemed Auxiliary President, Mrs. Lois Hendrickson for hosting the exceptional Social event of the year. The list of dignitaries in attendance is the "Who is Who" within the American Legion's National make-up, it's extremely impressive with The National American Legion Commander and The President of the National Auxiliary, heading up the equally impressive guest list found in Post 1992's Office Guest list which is to vast for this publication.

This night's spotlight was for The, newly elected, National President of the Auxiliary, Ms. Kathy Dungan, a native of the Great State of Mississippi. She appeared to be very pleased with her reception to our Ball Room facilities, where in her honor, we served a delicious hot meal with drinks of choice to more than two hundred festive members and invited guest. a very good time was had by all thanks to the efforts of a few dedicated members of local Auxiliary Units at Post 42 and Post 1992. A wonderful show of Partnership and professionalism.

The remainder of this quarter will be just as busy as it started. We have lots of activities to put into action for our membership and families i.e., Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. Oh yes those are the big-ticket items, but we always have those smaller yet important items that sneak in under the wire to catch us not paying attention to last minute details. Keep alert and if you remember something not scheduled, mention it to someone in the office so we can do what needs to be done for our members.

For God and Country

Jerry Walters

Post 1992 Adjutant

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

2019 dues were payable by October 20th, 2018 IAW Post By-Laws and you are now DELINQUENT . Please renew your membership as soon as possible to protect your continuous years of American Legion 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 384 2018/2019 members in our Post. There are 254 who have paid their 2019 dues and 146 who have not yet renewed their membership.

Sadly, in September and October we lost two valued members who transferred to The Post Everlasting: Fred Padgett (WWII) and Scott Macfarland, (Korea). 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 **November:** Kenneth Baker, Todd Gay, Timothy Kenneson, Ronald Killgo and Sherman Mabins and in **December:** . Joseph Coppola and Eugene Kearney. 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: Doug Stiles 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 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 Post communications. Also, The American Legion National has sent a request for email addresses to be filled out on the due's 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 simply drop a note with your name and e-mail address in the membership dues box in the lounge, requesting to be placed on the distribution list. Our electronic distribution currently reaches ONLY 65% 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.

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John Deveau for Scott Mitchell

Post 1992 2nd Vice Commander

Good day fellow Legionnaires, we are steady moving forward in this year activities for the Post. We are planning our Veteran's Day Celebration at Gautier Tribute Tower for November 10th @ 11:00 AM, Due to the 11th falling on Sunday to not interfere with any Church Services. We are looking forward to up-coming Oratorical Speech Contest. So, if anyone knows of a Student wishing to compete in this contest have them contact myself or any of the Officers of the Post and we will get them the information to get them registered. I am still looking for volunteers in assisting in these events, I can use all the assistance in these events. As well as ideas in upcoming events. Remember We, as Officers of this Post, can only direct the direction of this Post by the input from the Membership. So, it up to you as members of this Post to attend the meetings and make your voice heard. Thank you and to all Fair Winds and Following Seas ahead.

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R. Lynn Cochran

Post 1992 Chaplain

The soldier's life is not for all A soldier must be willing to give his all. He is over-worked, and underpaid A truer patriot was never made. Ready to go at any time. Wherever there is trouble or the first sign. His courage and honor are unsurpassed. Ready and willing to complete the task. Travelling to lands both near and far, He stands his post and looks at the stars Wondering what he might have done, if he had not chosen to carry a gun. Remember the next time that you are driving by and see the flag flying proud and high, that somewhere out there a soldier stands weary and cold in a foreign land. Protecting our country from our foes standing tall and proud come rain or snow.

Author: SSgt. Scott E Hilligoss

- Please keep the family of Scott Macfarland in your thoughts and prayers following his passing.
- Please keep the family of Danny Kauppi 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 keep Ricky Noble, Son-in Law of Buzzy Shimp, in your thoughts and prayers as he battles cancer.
- Please keep Howard Tupper in your thoughts and prayers due to several health problems.
- Please keep Lachelle Blow-King, Linda Kuhn's daughter, had liver failure and received a liver transplant and is recovering.

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L. Flo Hendrickson

Post 1992 Judge Advocate

Please remember November the 6th is midterm election PLEASE VOTE.

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 \$1,000 at NO COST TO YOU for all covered accidents. These benefits are 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

Thank you goes out to the American Legion Families Post/Unit 1992 and Post/Unit 42. Without the support of all in the Family the night we had at the AUXILIARY National President's dinner would not have been nearly so OUTSTANDING. We wish to thank all those that came in support of Auxiliary National President Kathy Dungan, each person there will be in our hearts and prayers. Unit 42 has never let us down when it comes to sweet treats, we are privileged to be associated with you and are proud to call you Family. A big thank you to the Ladies from Unit 1992 for your hard work and dedication in serving dinner and cleaning up the kitchen, we would still be washing dishes if not for you. (Mary Ellison, Beverly Pugh, Vera Berry, Frankie Misko, Camelia Edmonds, if I missed naming you please forgive my oversight.) Thank you, Cathy Bunch and Tommy, Joe and Daisy Randolph, Mike and Betty Alberts, John Deveau for the time you spent fixing our mistakes in the program. YOU ALL ARE IMPORTANT to the Gautier-Vancleave American Legion Family.

Daisy Randolph is hard at work on Halloween decorations for Katie Baughman – bring candy donations to the Post before noon on Tuesday, October 30th for the MGCC trunk or treat. There will be approximately 2,000 children. Beverly Pugh is working on a “cool” thermometer for tracking membership. Diane Cantrell has ensured posters were up to remind all to vote Nov. 6th June Beasley is working her crochet for Veterans.

Thanksgiving is coming up fast, Nov. 15th will be Thanksgiving Dinner for the VA Veterans. Your support is greatly appreciated and needed by suppling dishes, cooking, serving, and visiting with our VA Veterans. November 25th dinner will be served at the Gautier-Vancleave Post 1992 starting around 11 a.m. (Watch the Calendar for correct time and more information.) This is again, a time when the Gautier-Vancleave Family supports each other to care for those Veterans and Active Duty Families in need. Help us help our community.

December is another busy month, reports are due in by Dec. 1st.

Toys for Tots is coming up December 15th Show your support to the SAL for their hard work in making a difference for the Jackson County Children's Christmas. On Dec. 15th the Auxiliary will be cooking dinner for the Dreamers. We will be feeding over 200 people. Yes, we are asking for your support Auxiliary Members. This is the time for giving and we appreciate all the support shown.

Start planning now for the Winter Conference in Natchez.

I hope to see you all at the meetings on the 1st Monday of the month to get in on the ground floor of all the activities.

For God and Country

L. Flo Hendrickson

Amateur Radio Club – (Call-sign K5TAL)

K5TAL remains very active on the Ham Bands. Every Wednesday evening at 7 PM we are on the air for Nationwide check ins. You can hear us on the Internet by going to N4DKD.com and where it asks for frequency, type 3825 and just to the right of that, check the LSB box. Then sit back and listen to the round table discussions we have about any topic, including Legion activities.

The K5TAL group will be setting up the trailer in the Post Parking Lot on 10 November and operating a special event station for Veterans Day. We are working with Past CDR Whatley to put a good, Patriotic Wrap on the trailer. If you can stop by on the 10th we would love to put you on the air for a few minutes or hours if you like.

Don't forget, if you have an interest in getting your ham radio license, just let Lee Johnston, or any of the K5TAL members know and we will do everything we can to help you get your license.

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) new and renewal members (46%), with (42) needed to reach 100% of our goal.

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.

The City and Post Veterans Day celebration will be held in front of City Hall at 11:00 AM on November 10th in front of City Hall at the Veterans Tribute Tower. In case of inclement weather, the celebration will be held in the Post Hall. In either venue, a light lunch will be provided in the Post Lounge. The Post's postponed Flag Day flag retirement will be conducted forty-five (45) minutes following the celebration at City Hall.

The Post-sponsored SAL-conducted Steak Night will be held on November 23rd the day after Thanksgiving. Entertainment for that evening will be "CRUSH". December's Steak Night is anticipated to be held on December 30th. Entertainment was TBD at this writing.

Our annual "Toys-4-Tots" Program will be held on December 15th in the Post Lounge. In conjunction with the program will be a Rifle Gun Raffle (Mossberg .270, with scope and hard case). There are fliers posted with additional details. Tickets are currently on sale from most SAL Members for five (\$5.00) each.

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Wesley Bright