



OUR LEGION FAMILY

Gautier-Vancleave Post 1992 American Legion, Inc.

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Freedom Isn't Free

Post 1992 Commander

As we approach the end of another successful calendar year, we should take the time to reflect on the positive events of this past year. You have held the image of The American Legion to the highest standard possible while making Post 1992 the symbol of Americanism in the finest tradition. As we near the end of the year, we must realize that January will be just as busy and demanding as any month on record. I will ask your assistance in helping to ensure that we meet our requirements head-on with all the gusto that we can muster. Food for thought, considering future fundraising events, I suggest each member with an idea for a special project to write the proposal down in as much detail as possible to include required funding and projected profits from the event. This written document can then be presented to the Committee for evaluation and activation when approved by the Governing Body.

In order to transition to January 2019, we must safely get through the New Year Holidays and that is an individual responsibility. Inasmuch as we sell Alcoholic Beverages to members and the general public as well, I'm asking our members and other patrons to exercise good judgement where alcohol consumption is concerned. As you know, operating a motor vehicle while alcohol impaired is against the law, if our Bar personnel refuse to serve you due to any reason, please do not argue. If need be, call a friend, family member or taxi for transportation.

I don't anticipate problems during the New Year Holiday period and if any member desires to discuss this further contact me at the Post 1992 Office.

Please enjoy your holidays with family and friends. Be Safe.

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 393 – 2018/2019 members in our Post. There are 298 who have paid their 2019 dues and 91 who have not yet renewed their membership for 2019.

Sadly, in November we lost three valued veteran members who transferred to The Post Everlasting: Charles R. Young, Jr. (WWII veteran), Michael L. Alberts (Vietnam veteran), and Douglas K. Stiles (Vietnam veteran). 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**: Donald Gautier, Darryl Goldman and John Wilson and in **December**: Lisa Jack, James Stuart, Joseph Lucas, Frederick Mineo, Scott Paxton and Albert Ricouard, Sr. 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: Greg Bierman, Pete Bunch and Jerry Walters 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 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 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 that Phone Nos., eMail address be provided.

For God and Country

John Deveau *for* Scott Mitchell

Post 1992 1st Vice Commander

As we move into the new year, we find ourselves with open officer positions on our Executive committee. If you find that you are able and wish to join the team of folks working to keep our post going please see the Commander or one of the Post Officers—we definitely welcome your input and assistance.

With the new year comes new opportunities for post involvement. We would like to drive youth and children's programs but need to know what kinds of things your kids and grandkids would like to get involved with. Currently we plan to continue support of the Cal Ripkin Youth Baseball league here in Gautier. Last year we sponsored a team who wore our post name throughout the season and did a great job! I'll be keeping the post up to date as the season grows closer and will be sure to post the game schedules, so you have an opportunity to come out and support these kids—games are played at the Buddy Davis fields in North Gautier.

For God and Country

Scott Mitchell

Post 1992 Chaplain

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight.

We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you.

We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways.

Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you, living independent of your spirit. Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc over our lives. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence.

We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again. We ask that you make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, for this coming year. We pray for your refreshing over us.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. We ask that you will be our defense and rear guard, keeping our way clear.

We ask that you provide for our needs, we ask for your grace and favor. We pray for your blessings to cover us.

Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our own.

May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. May we reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

–Please keep the family of Michael Alberts in your thoughts and prayers following his passing.

–Please keep the family of Charles Young in your thoughts and prayers following his passing.

–Please keep the family of Doug Stiles in your thoughts and prayers following his passing.

–Please keep Herb and Camilla Edmonds in your thoughts and prayers following the passing of their daughter Sonya.

Please keep Tom Vickery in your thoughts and prayers as he battles Alzheimer's disease.

–Please continue to keep Joe O. Watrous, Glen Deveau, and Ricky Noble in your thoughts and prayers as they battle cancer.

–Please keep Patricia Fox in your thoughts and prayers as she goes through surgery and the diagnosis of cancer.

–Please keep Howard Tupper in your thoughts and prayers due to several health problems.

For God and Country

L. Flo Hendrickson

Post 1992 Judge Advocate

As we begin a new year. We can build on what we have accomplished we should all work together as one to accomplish greater times for our Post.

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 a three-line brick are \$43.50.

For God and Country

Billy Simpson

President Unit 1992 American Legion

The past three months have been super busy and in many ways super rewarding. The Auxiliary has cooked enough food to feed an army in the past three months, and the “thank you’s” are numerous. Thank you to the Legion Family (ARC SAL, Riders, and the Post) for supporting our endeavors in all ways possible. Thank you to Unit 42, Ocean Springs for not only their support but also their time. Unit 42 you are beautiful inside and out.

Special thank you to Bill Whatley, David Pugh, Howard Tupper, and Steve Meredith for your continued support in assisting us with the heavy work and keeping us on track.

We are looking forward to the New Year and continued busy schedule. The unit is gearing up for the Mid-Winter Conference, Mardi Gras, Valentine's Day, and Easter. We look forward to seeing more new faces within the Unit and invite all “ole” and new to come in to check us out!!!

For God and Country

L. Flo Hendrickson

Amateur Radio Club – (Call-sign K5TAL)

While the American Legion celebrates its 100th Anniversary, K5TAL, the Amateur Radio Club of Post 1992 enters its 4th year of existence, and in April, we begin the 3rd year of hosting the weekly nationwide net . When we formed our club, we were the 9th American Legion Club to form, and today there are 40 clubs and over 3,600 The American Legion Amateur Radio Club Members (TALARC). Future plans; we hope to have the wrap applied to the Post’s communications trailer and operate during what is called Winter Field Day. We also continue working Bingo on the 1st Sunday of each month, and the 5th Sunday on those months that have 5 Sundays. We are looking forward to the National Commander’s visit when we can continue our tradition of getting the Commander on the radio during our weekly net.

For God and Country

T. Lee Johnston

Post 1992 SAL Commander

As previously stated, our Squadron started the 2019 year with a bang, slowed down for a while, and has picked up a bit, again. We had fourteen (14) members renew their dues; and three (3) new members: Mark DeLillo, Tracey Joe Leggett and Arthur David Waller, for an overall total of fifty-six (56) members, or seventy-one point seven (71.7) per cent of our goal of seventy-eight (78) members. We need twenty-two (22) members to reach 100%.

The City and Post Veterans Day celebration was to be held in front of City Hall at 11:00 AM on November 10th in front of City Hall at the Veterans Tribute Tower. However, due to inclement weather, the celebration was conducted in our Post Hall. A light lunch was provided by the Post in the Post Lounge. And, the Post’s postponed Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony was finally conducted forty-five (45) minutes following the celebration at the Post.

The Post-sponsored SAL-conducted Steak Nights were held on November 23rd, the day after Thanksgiving, and on December 28th. Entertainment for the first event was “CRUSH”, and “The Tall Boys” for the December soiree. The January and February Steak Nights will be held on Fridays, the 25th and 22nd, respectively. Refer to Post Calendar of Events for scheduled Entertainment.

Our annual “Toys-4-Tots” Program, now known as the DREAM program, was held on December 15th in the Post Lounge We had a very successful toy drive, took care of 87 children in Jackson county, plus 3 high school young adults at Vancleave high school. We also helped Pascagoula’s toy drive with over two thousand dollars in toys. In conjunction with the program was a Rifle Gun Raffle (Mossberg .270, with scope and hard case), won by Auxiliary Member Frankie Misko. (Later, Frankie stated that she was going to give the rifle to her son.) Further, the Silent Auction, In-House Poker Run and 50-50 Drawing did well, also. Last, but not least, our “friends” from the Jackson County Animal shelter joined us and were able to have several dogs and felines adopted.

The SAL would like to thank the entire Legion Family for their support on the toy drive, without you, none of it would have been possible.

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. The tournament is still intended to be held at our Post.

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

For God and Country

Wesley Bright

Post 1992 2nd Vice Commander

For God and Country

R. Lynn Cochran

Post 1992 3rd Vice Commander

For God and Country

Tim Honeycutt