



OUR LEGION FAMILY

Gautier-Vancleave Post 1992 American Legion, Inc.

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Newsletter March – April 2019

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Freedom Isn't Free

Post 1992 1st Vice Commander

Hey Shipmates!

Spring is nearing and with it hopefully some better weather! Lots of opportunities to get involved in the post and community so if you are wanting to join in, help-out, or even have suggestions for events let us know! Marti Gras has passed but Easter is close aboard! I am sure we will need some help with Easter events for our kids.

This year is turning out to be a year of change and opportunity and we still have some areas that need filling. Think ahead to elections and where you may be able to help! You make the post the best in the state and we need to continue that. Drive membership. Bring in new folks! Show them what our post has to offer! Great people, Great food and entertainment! Hey Shipmates!

Baseball season is near, and we will be having a team in the Cal Ripkin league so keep an eye out for areas to support there as well!

Don't forget – our General membership meetings are always the 2nd Monday of the month at 6 PM—join us and bring your ideas and suggestions--

For God and Country

Scott Mitchell

Post 1992 Adjutant

Remember: "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 American Legion 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 397 – 2018/2019 members in our Post. There are 321 who have paid their 2019 dues and 72 who are delinquent renewing their membership for 2019.

Sadly, in January we lost three valued veteran members who transferred to The Post Everlasting: Robert H. Yake (Vietnam Era), Russell E. Little Yake (Vietnam Era) and Cecil J. Shamburger, Jr. Yake (Korean Era). 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 **January**: Travis Belcher, Cody Burch, Daniel Cochran, Richard Harris, William Owens and Tonya Palmer-Harris and in **February**: Ronald K. Phillips, Otis J. Prettyman, Jr., and Andrew J. Smith 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: David Belcher, David Pugh, Billy Simpson and Howard Tupper 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 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 67% 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, Phone No. and eMail Address be provided.

For God and Country

John Deveau *for* Scott Mitchell

Post 1992 Chaplain

Teach us to use our freedom to help to preserve and strengthen the freedom of all; By respecting and upholding its laws; By supporting our law enforcement agencies; By informing ourselves on current issues; By voting regularly and wisely; and by honoring the rights of other people. *Amen.*

–Please keep the family of Cecil J. Shamburger, Jr. (Korea) in your thoughts and prayers following his passing.

–Please keep the family of Murry L. Evans (WWII) in your thoughts and prayers following his passing.

–Please keep the family of Robert H. Yake (Vietnam) 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, Glen Deveau, 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 Tonia Harris' daughter, Ladonna Budke, and Patricia Fox, in your thoughts and prayers as they battle illness.

For God and Country

L. Flo Hendrickson

Post 1992 Judge Advocate

We must work together to make Gautier Vancleave Post 1992 the best post in the state.

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 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 three-line brick is \$40.00.

For God and Country

Billy Simpson

President Unit 1992 American Legion

Valentine Wishes

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, we thank you for serving our nation's veterans, military, and their families. We look forward to your continued support as we enter ALA's next century of *Service Not Self* to ensure our mission for future generations. Happy Valentine's Day!

ALA Dues:

The dues for the Auxiliary are \$25.00. For our members who received a notice from the Department of MS, please remit the difference to make up the \$25.00. These payments are to be directed to Unit 1992, Gautier-Vancleave American Legion, P.O. Box 682, Gautier, MS 39553 Attention June

There was an error made when dues notices were sent out; all errors have been corrected and next year you will receive the proper amount due.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter. For questions or concerns please contact Unit 1192 Membership Chairman, June Crosslin

ALA Scholarship

The ALA has three national scholarships available:

- **CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP** - Fifteen \$5,000 scholarships are given to high school seniors who are direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans.
- **SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS** - Five scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each are awarded annually to Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Current ALA Junior members who are high school seniors and who have been Junior members for the past three years are eligible to apply.
- **NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship helps people who are part of The American Legion Family pursue a college degree later in life or allow them to pick up where they left off when their studies were interrupted. Five scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each are awarded annually.

National Poppy Day in May

In 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion Family, and, in 2017, the Legion Family called upon Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day as National Poppy Day. The Legion Family has successfully trademarked the use of the name National Poppy Day! The event, happening May 24 this year, will be here before you know it!

ALA members have access to FREE online training with ALA Academy!

Want to learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary? The ALA is providing all members with the tools they need to help grow the organization as a team. ALA Academy is designed to help members learn as part of a process that includes learning the information, sharing it with others, practicing new skills, and, eventually, making those new skills a habit. Classes now available: *ALA 101*, an introductory course to the ALA; *ALA Communication Methods*, an introduction to how the ALA uses e-communication; *ALA Leadership: Living Our Motto of Service Not Self*, which discusses how to be an effective leader; *ALA Branding and Why It Matters to Me*, where branding is more than just a logo; and *Establishing an ALA Culture of Goodwill*, a thought-provoking course designed to help ALA members better understand how to serve our mission.

In January the Unit provided lunch for the Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Several of our Gautier Finest and First Responders joined us for lunch. The Unit is looking forward to making lunch again next year (if not sooner).

Currently, we are looking forward to a visit from the National Commander Brett P. Reistad. I hope I get to see many of you during this function Feb.20th, 5:30 – 9PM.

The Post Family will be providing a float for Mardi Gras, Feb. 23rd. It will be a great time for all. We are sure the “After Party” will be just as much fun. February 23rd.

The Veterans need your support; please investigate how you can volunteer your time and/or talent to assist the Auxiliary in helping our Veterans. You, your time, your ideas are important!!! Contact us soon. Thank you for all you have done, and all you will do.

Mar 1	Friday	Read Across America Day	Apr 12	Friday	International Day of Human Space
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Mar 1	Friday	Employee Appreciation Day	Apr 13	Saturday	Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
Mar 5	Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras	Apr 14	Sunday	Palm Sunday
Mar 6	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Apr 15	Monday	Tax Day
Mar 8	Friday	International Women's Day	Apr 19	Friday	Good Friday
Mar 10	Sunday	Daylight Saving Time starts	Apr 20	Saturday	Holy Saturday
Mar 17	Sunday	St. Patrick's Day	Apr 20	Saturday	Passover (first day)
Mar 20	Wednesday	March Equinox	Apr 20	Saturday	Chinese Language Day
Mar 20	Wednesday	International Day of Happiness	Apr 21	Sunday	Easter Sunday
Mar 21	Thursday	Purim	Apr 21	Sunday	San Jacinto Day
Mar 21	Thursday	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Apr 22	Monday	Earth Day
Mar 21	Thursday	World Poetry Day	Apr 22	Monday	Easter Monday
Mar 21	Thursday	World Down Syndrome Day	Apr 22	Monday	Confederate Memorial Day
Mar 21	Thursday	International Day of Forests	Apr 23	Tuesday	English Language Day
Mar 24	Sunday	World Tuberculosis Day	Apr 24	Wednesday	Administrative Professionals Day
Mar 24	Sunday	International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims	Apr 25	Thursday	World Malaria Day
Mar 25	Monday	International Day of Remembrance of Slavery Victims and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	Apr 25	Thursday	Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
Mar 25	Monday	International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members	Apr 26	Friday	Orthodox Good Friday
Apr 1	Monday	April Fool's Day	Apr 26	Friday	Arbor Day
Apr 2	Tuesday	World Autism Awareness Day	Apr 26	Friday	Confederate Heroes' Day

Apr 28	Sunday	Orthodox Easter
Apr 28	Sunday	World Day for Safety and Health at Work
Apr 29	Monday	Orthodox Easter Monday
Apr 29	Monday	Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare
Apr 29	Monday	Confederate Memorial Day

Auxiliary Chairmen – Please have all reports in NLT April 1, 2019-6:30PM

For God and Country
L. Flo Hendrickson

Amateur Radio Club – (Call-sign K5TAL)

March finishes Year 2 of the Weekly K5TAL American Legion Wednesday Evening Net and April begins Year 3. Currently, we hold 2 nets every Wednesday, one on the HF frequency of 3.825, and one on the VHF frequency of 145.11.

If you are interested in listening to our net, you can do so easily. On your computer, go to N4DKD.com and under frequency, enter 3825 LSB and you can hear our net starting at 7PM every Wednesday. It is free. Of course, you can see other signals on the band also.

The trailer is ready for its "Wrap" and as soon as we hear from the "Wrapper in Charge" we will finally get it applied.

We will be involved in the Legion's National Birthday Special Event, but we just don't know what that involvement looks like yet. As we say on the radio "73" (that means best wishes) to all.

For God and Country

T. Lee Johnston

Post 1992 SAL Commander

Members Robert Baughman and Joe Randolph attended the Department/Detachment Winter Conference. The most significant matter discussed was the possible increase of National dues in the amount of \$5.00. This would cause our Squadron to increase our annual dues from \$15 to \$20 and expected to take effect in the forthcoming year (2020).

Our Post, with support from our Squadron, supported the February 8th Seafood Night, replacing catfish and shrimp with a Boiled Shrimp dinner, including shrimp, corn, potatoes, sausage, carrots, mushrooms and green beans. Though there wasn't a good crowd, the dinner was considered a success. The Post may consider a repeat in July and/or August, when there's "fresh" shrimp.

The next Steak Nights will be held on March 29th and April 26th. Refer to the Post Calendar of Events for scheduled entertainment.

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

We continue to push for 100% membership again this 2019 year; however, it does not appear that we will, despite acquiring 5 new members. Several members have opted to not renew their dues for various reasons and have 15 members who have not yet paid their dues. We currently have 65 members, including 5 new members, giving us 83.3% of our goal of 78 members.

Hope everyone is enjoying the Mardi Gras season!

For God and Country

Wesley Bright