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The American Legion, New Braunfels, Texas***

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From the Post Commander

Welcome to our New Year,



I'm very excited about the growing possibilities for our Legion. This year is full of opportunities for us to succeed.

Post 179 will host a Super Bowl potluck at the Post on Super Bowl Sunday, 8 Feb, at 6 PM..

Our 1st Vice has started a monthly "Be The One" veterans gathering every 3rd Sunday of the month.

We will host the 14th District convention here in April.

Our ALA has planned several *Loteria* events and they are always fun.

Our ALR has a Fasching Run fundraiser on the 14th of February. This event

is how they sponsor Boys State for us and Girls State for the ALA. Fasching is always fun with exceptional silent and live auctions to bid on.

Hopefully everyone is gearing up for our Annual Golf Tournament in September. If you can sponsor a hole or a team, please contact us here at americanlegioncharitygolf.com. Everyone's help is needed.

Lastly, I would like to thank Jaun Medrano. He is a newly transferred member to our post and is the driving force behind our T.V. raffle. His generous donation of a 75-inch TV for our building fund is a demonstrated act of charity for a brighter future. Tickets are still available in our lounge, and the drawing will be Superbowl Sunday during half time. Thank you, Juan!

Stay positive my friends!

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From the 1st Vice Commander

Mental health is a real issue, and we are here for you.

I'm excited to share that our monthly "Be The One" Walk and Wellness Class were a success! We brought veterans together to learn more about recognizing signs of mental health issues among our brothers and sisters and how to help them. Our next Be the One walk will be on February 18th at 7 PM. I hope to see many of you there.



Sunday Dinner
at
The American Legion Post 179

Join Us for Sunday Dinner!
Every 3rd Sunday of the month at
4:00 PM (or 1600 for you motivators)

Let's come together to share stories,
enjoy good food, play some games,
and support one another in a
welcoming environment.



The American Legion Family
Together, We Can Make a Difference!

Our monthly Sunday dinner was legendary! Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone that helped make this come true and all your amazing efforts. We enjoyed delicious loaded baked potatoes topped with smoked brisket or pork, played games, and fostered camaraderie. Our dinner next Sunday is scheduled for February 15th at 4 PM.



Open invite to the community to join my weekly Tuesday Night Walk at Landa Park Train at 7pm to raise awareness for mental health while preventing veteran and first responder's suicide. We also walk 2.2 miles on the 22nd of every month to honor the 22 veterans we lose each day. All walks are kid and pet friendly.

Come and see me at The Resource Round Up on Feb 26th from 10 am - 2 pm at the Veteran Outreach Center in Seguin.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events. Please share this with others; it could save a life.

Be safe,

Jaysson Gomez
1st Vice Commander

From the 2nd Vice Commander



This month I would like to discuss support for our lounge. A careful review of our labor expenses verses product sales is a subject for concern. The lounge provides a wonderful place to gather and spend time with our friends. It also provides time to just unwind and enjoy ourselves. In addition to providing low-cost beverages and snacks we have large number of electronic games that provide a variety of prizes as well as a dart board.

Our challenge remains how to increase patronage. There are many evenings we close early to reduce the labor expense because we simply do not have any customers. When we don't have enough purchase of

products the cost of labor falls entirely on the Post without any offset from lounge sales. This expense, of course, reduces the money we have to cover all the many direct operating expenses the post has to continue operation.

Therefore, I would like your input as to what we can do to improve it's appeal to our members and guests. Please email me at debonair@prodigy.net. Thank you in advance for your suggestions.

Gary Gallandat
2nd Vice Commander

From the Chaplain's Corner

Post Everlasting: Lynn Eldon Harrelson – April 22, 1948 - October 8, 2025

Sick Call and Relief: Thankfully, nothing to report.

At the Post, prior to the February monthly Post membership meeting on 12 February, at 6:30 PM, the Post Chaplain will officiate at the annual Four Chaplains Remembrance Ceremony. This ceremony honors the four military chaplains who sacrificed their lives to save others during the sinking of their ship during WWII.

For God and Country

Charles Clopper, Chaplain

From the 2026 Golf Tournament Chairperson



Save the Date: Our Next Charity Golf Tournament Is September 18, 2026!

Committee members have provided materials to all target sponsors over the last three months.

We did receive a sponsorship check from Knights of Columbus (\$500) and sponsorship of two teams (\$1000) at/before our last meeting in December.

We will begin reporting monthly financials for the tournament at next Exec meeting.

We will have a draft communication to Post members at next Exec meeting.

The separate budget line item for tournament donations should be reflected in budget financials and we will work with new financial officer to ensure this reflects all donations to date.

Finally - thanks so much to Dale for helping us find resources to help a disabled Veteran with a utility bill. Fast response was very much appreciated!

Tournament details are available on our website: americanlegioncharitygolf.com. We are currently seeking sponsors for the event, so if you, or an organization you know, would like to partner to help us make this event a success, please contact the Golf Committee Chairperson, Deb Powers.

Thanks, and happy new year!

Deb Powers
Golf Committee Chairperson
(americanlegioncharitygolf@gmail.com)

From the Post 179 American Legion Auxiliary

January introduced a lot of planning for the auxiliary.

We participated in the Taco Tuesday's as usual but also attended the first "Be the One" Dinner put on by the First Vice of the Legion. It was excellent.

We will be in the kitchen awaiting the Riders event on February 14th to lend a helping hand for them. We will have a dessert table set up and a donation jar, as well, to help collect donations for our much-needed Scholarship funds.

As a reminder, our *Next Lotteria Event* will be held on February 22nd from 1-3pm, doors open at 12:30pm. Usual menu of Nacho's and cheeses, and all the sides. Still looking for Prize donations of any kind. Please contact me if you have any items that you would like to donate prior to the event. Thank you in Advance. Please come and play the game, bring a friend, relative, neighbor, or anyone else you think would enjoy spending a Sunday afternoon for a few hours having fun.

We are planning our District Convention to be held in April at our Post. Be on the lookout for more information as the time gets closer.

Next monthly meeting for the Auxiliary is February 12th @ 7pm. Special thanks to all our members that participate in our events and the events of our Riders, Legion, and SONS. Welcome to all our new Ladies that have joined in the last month.

FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR OUR VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES, ACTIVE MILITARY, AND OUR COMMUNITY

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From the SAL - Walton F. Hoffmann Memorial Squadron 179

The SAL Adjutant is deployed and was unable to provide input this time.

Eddy Seegers
Adjutant, Squadron 179

From the American Legion Rider Chapter 179

The ALR 179 supported the post efforts in the Wreaths Across America retirement event at Comal Cemetery. We partnered with several community groups to pick up the wreaths, salvage the edible balsam to be delivered to a couple local goat farms, recover the metal frames to go to Comal Iron & Metals who then credits the value of the scrap towards next years Wreaths Across America Fundraiser (fun fact if you take your old worn out water heater, washing machine, etc to Comal Iron & Metals and tell them to credit it to **Wreaths Across America Comal Cemetery** you have helped place wreaths in the cemetery next year).

17 January 2026 ALR 179 set up a table in the entry of Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply Store in Shertz we sold a number of our Fasching Gun Raffle Tickets, signed up some new members for the post and made many new friends.



Crusaders for Christ CMA 925 Blessing of the bikes 4 Jan 2026.



New Braunfels Veteran Ruben Aldaz, US Army and 33 6ears as a motorcycle police officer Funeral Escort, 9 Jan 2026.



Figure 1 Frank Tejada Veterans' Home Visit 11 Jan 2026.

From the Editor/Publisher

Charlie Clopper
Editor/Publisher, *Post 179 Citizen*

Post 179 Officers –2025-2026

American Legion – 2024-2025

89 th Commander	Jay Grady
1 st Vice Commander	Jeysson Gomez
2 nd Vice Commander	Gary Gallandat
Adjutant	Gea Clausier
Chaplain	Charles Clopper
Finance Officer	Vacant
Sergeant at Arms	Nathan Flagg
Judge Advocate:	Pete Johnson
Service Officer	Dale Bennett
Historian	Ray Sanchez, Jr.
Executive Committee	George Zafala, Rusty Law, Bill Morison,

Appointed Positions

Public Affairs Officer	Pamela Grady
Security Manager	(Vacant)
Honor Guard Director	(Vacant)
Lower Lot Committee	(Vacant)
Scholarship Committee	(Vacant)
Boy State Committee	Bill Morrison
Hubmaster	Jayden Logan
Newsletter Editor/Publisher	Charlie Clopper

American Legion Auxiliary – 2025-2026

Mary Jane Repp	President
Deb Chappell	1 st Vice President
Pamela Grady	2 nd Vice President
Ria Gray	Secretary
Natalie Schoenicke	Treasurer
Sue Bennett	Historian
Glenda Chandler	Chaplain
Nancy Hartfield	Sgt. At Arms
Members at Large	Barbara Clopper, Joyce Bauer, Betty Kreutler

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 179 – 2025-2026

Commander	Ambrosio "Ambro" Valdez
Vice Commander	Vacant
Adjutant	Eddy Seegers (Acting)
Financial Officer	Eddy Seegers (Acting)
Chaplain	Lawrence Intrau
Historian	Dennis Crabill
Sergeant at Arms	Dennis Crabill

American Legion Riders – 2025-2026

Director	Pete Johnson
Assistant Director	Dale Bennett
Sgt at Arms	Mickey Rodi
Road Captain	David Stinson
Treasurer	Jay Grady
Secretary	Hortencia Franco
Chaplain	Charlie Clopper
Membership	Hortencia Franco
Service Officer	Sue Bennett
Historian	Pamela Grady
Safety Officer	Ray Sanchez
Events Coordinator	Pamala Grady
Member at Large	Gary Gallandat
Member at Large	David Stinson
Member at Large	Rich Vassi

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
5 Feb	Executive Committee Mtg	Post	6:30 PM	Post 179
8 Feb	Super Bowl Party	Post	5:30 PM	Post
12 Feb	Post Membership Meeting	Post	7 PM	Sandwich/Drink After - \$50/50 & \$1000 Drawing
12 Feb	Auxiliary Meeting	Post	7 PM	
14 Feb	Fasching Run	Post	9 AM	ALR
16 Feb	SAL Meeting	Post	7:04 PM	SAL
22 Feb	<i>Loteria</i>	Post	Noon-3 PM	Auxiliary
26 Feb	ALR Meeting	Post	7 PM	ALR 179
7 Apr	Red Cross Blood Drive	Post	9 AM-5 PM	Post
18 Sep	3 rd Post 179 Gulf Tour	Landa Park GC	TBD	Post 179

Superbowl LX

Watch Party

Sunday, February 8, 2026 @5:30PM



Halftime Raffle

Samsung 75" TV

Tickets \$10ea /5 for \$40

Proceeds benefiting Post 179 Building Fund

Drawing held at halftime via Facebook Live. Need not be present to win.
Must pick up within 48 hours.

American Legion Post 179

410 W. Coll St, New Braunfels, TX 78130

8th Annual

Fasching

February 14, 2026

RUN

Rider \$20 • Passenger \$10
Lunch \$10

Registration at 9 am.
First group KSU at 10 am.



Hosted by ALR 179



Additional Patches
For Sale

Our Hill Country route concludes at Walton F. Hoffmann Memorial Post 179
410 W Coll St, New Braunfels, TX 78130
where a post-run party with German-themed food and
refreshments will be served.

Live and Silent Auctions after Men's and Women's Masskrugstemmen Challenge Contests.
ALL proceeds from our FUNDRAISER will aide in Veteran's programs and the local communities.



Queen of Hearts drawing held every Tuesday at 7 pm. Tickets will be available 6 pm to 6:59 pm.
410 W Coll, NB
Bar opens at 4 pm.



**American Legion Bar
410 W Coll
New Braunfels**

The image shows a promotional graphic for a "Queen of Hearts" drawing. On the left is a stylized illustration of the Queen of Hearts playing card. On the right is a photograph of a drawing board with a grid of playing cards. The board is titled "Queen of Hearts" in a decorative font. A circular icon with a list symbol is visible in the bottom right corner of the drawing board image.

Chance to win BIG BUCKS!

MEMBER MONDAYS!!

50 cents off all beer and wine every
Monday

Discount applies to individual members
only

Not friends or family

MEMBER MONDAYS!!!!

50 cents off all beer and wine for
members of Post 179 every Monday



TACOS



at 6 pm

410 W Coll
New Braunfels

Tuesdays at 6 PM.

Queen of Hearts Drawing at 7 PM

WURST WEDNESDAY



LEGION BRATS \$5



5-7 PM

**410 W COLL
NEW BRAUNFELS**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 179
OPERATING COSTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**