



# The Legionnaire

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## Commander's Comments

The New Year is starting off very busy. Bill Workman, along with Gerry Hince, Richard Hale (SAL), Garrett Martin, Ernestine Hanks (Aux.) and Marolyn Wyatt (Aux.) and others are putting the finishing touches on plans for the 6th District Convention to be held at our Post March 23-25, 2012. As many of you know this will be "Homecoming" for 6th District President Marolyn Wyatt and we certainly want to put on a classy event. Likely joining us will be the Department Commander, the Department President, and the Detachment Commander for the SAL. We, the committee, will be looking for the assistance of members of our Post Family. Much help will be needed.

Second Vice Commander Hince joined me at the Department Executive Committee Mid-Winter Conference in Austin during the weekend of January 20-22. The meeting covered all areas of Legion business, from Membership and Post Activities to American Legion Riders and long-range planning. At the conference we had the opportunity to meet and hear National Commander Fang A. Wong. Commander Wong is a very dynamic and dedicated member and leader of our organization.

During the last few conferences we have had the opportunity to meet and become acquainted with members from all over the state of Texas. One of those Legionnaires is a man named Ron Cherry. Ron is a Past Department Commander, Past National Executive Committee Member and Past National Executive Committee Alternate Member. He is also a friend of our own Past Department Commander and Past National Historian Don Simons. Ron, a Legionnaire through and through, is now Post Commander at his home Post. I have asked Past Commander Cherry to speak to us briefly about the Legion.

As an added bonus to Past Commander Cherry's visit, he will be accompanied by his wife Rosie Cherry, Past Department Auxiliary President.

And now to local news.

The Trustees are working on a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a new security system. As soon as that is completed we will be putting it out for bids.

If you have driven by the Post in the last few days you may have noticed our new sign has been installed. As soon as we get an electrician to connect the power we will be able to post messages and information. Good work Garrett.

## Quick Look

- 2 Post Membership Meeting, 1800 hr. Dinner, 1900 hrs.
- 16 Executive Meeting, 1800 hr.  
\*NOTE date change!
- 18 ALR Meeting, 1000 hr.
- 21 Honor Guard Meeting, 1300 hr.  
Every Thursday, Veterans Coffee, 0800 hrs.

**Menu for February: Beef tips and rice.**

## POST ETERNAL

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Building and Grounds Chair Bill Workman is planning a "Garage Sale" of surplus Post furniture and equipment. Good prices and open to Post members only, we hope to clean up all of our storage areas.

Enough for now.  
God Bless.

For God and Country  
John Hince



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## ADJUTANT'S CALL

I would like to apologize to the current 2012 members that received a newsletter last month with the "This is Your Last Issue" message on the front. The problem has been corrected and if you are reading this then you know you are paid up for the 2012 membership year.

On another newsletter matter, with the closing of the bulk mail processing center in Bryan, our cost to mail the newsletter has almost doubled. I would like to ask the Post membership if any of you would be willing to accept the newsletter in an electronic form (a PDF file, emailed to you) or the willingness to read the newsletter online at [www.alegion159.org/Newsletters.html](http://www.alegion159.org/Newsletters.html). Please contact me if you are willing to accept the electronic delivery method; 979-220-9976 or [adjutant@alegion159.org](mailto:adjutant@alegion159.org). Thank you for considering this cost saving measure.

The following is from the Department Hubmaster Information System:

**House Bill 1514, House Author: Isaac et al., Effective: 9-1-11, Senate Sponsor: Birdwell**

House Bill 1514 amends the Transportation Code to require the Department of Public Safety to include the designation "VETERAN" on a driver's license issued to a person who has served in and been honorably discharged from the United

States armed forces or the Texas National Guard if the person requests the designation and provides proof of that military service and honorable discharge. The bill requires the application for an original driver's license to provide space for an applicant to voluntarily list any military service qualifying the applicant to receive a license with a veteran's designation and to include proof of the applicant's eligibility to receive a license with such a designation. All that is needed is the Veteran show a copy of their DD Form 214 when renewing their DL. There is no additional cost for this feature, except the cost of renewing or replacing a DL or ID.

**Executive Committee Action Items:**

1. A motion was made, seconded and approved to allow Legionnaire Troy Howell the use of the outdoor BBQ pits to host a fund raiser. The inside of the building will not be used. The Post ALR will provide support for this event.
2. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the recommendations of the BVSB Steering Committee on the allocations of the funds from the BV Street Beasts Car Club donation.

For God and Country,  
 Garrett Martin, Adjutant

## Second Vice Update

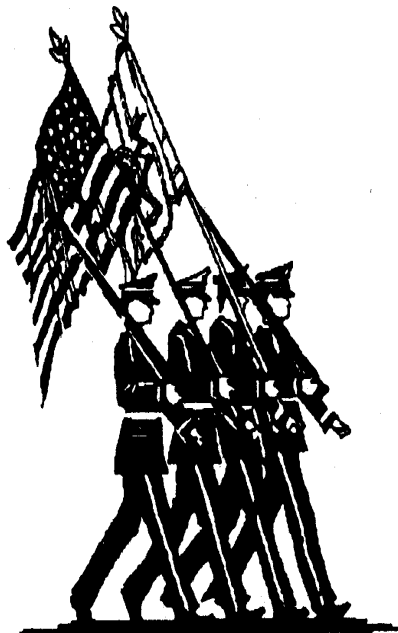
What a super meeting in January! Our programs on the Old Guard and the Brazos Valley Park were excellent and many thanks to Bob Ellis and Bill Adams for getting our speakers.

Our February speaker will be Past State Commander Ron Cherry of San Antonio. He and his wife Rosie (Past State President) will be joining us on the 2nd. March will be our "Meet the Candidate Night" and with Olivia Burnside hosting, it promises to be great.

Boxes will go out to the troops later than usual this month because I was hoping to get some updates of troops returning. Please continue to bring goodies for our men and women.

God bless.

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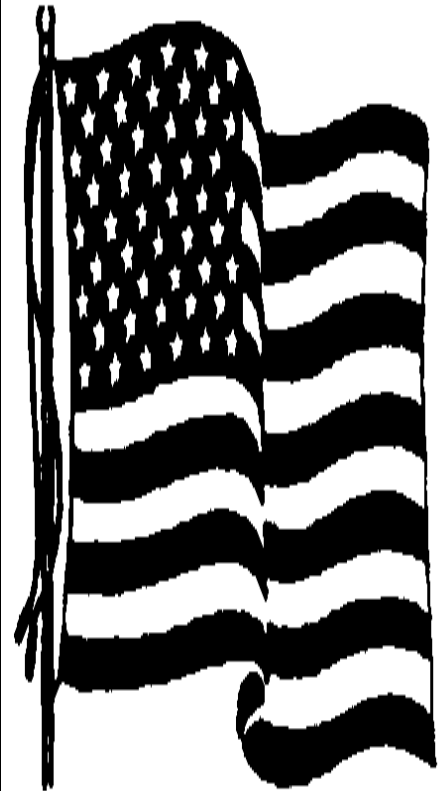


## CHL Class Update

I have been contacted by a sufficient number of interested participants to setup another Concealed Handgun License class. I do not have a date yet but will contact all you that have contacted me when a date is set. There is still room for more participants, so contact me if you are interested; 979-220-9976 or [adjutant@alegion159.org](mailto:adjutant@alegion159.org)

This class is taught by fellow Legion Family members and certified CHL instructors, Gene and Bernice Schiller. You do not need to own a gun in order to take the class. The Schiller's have loaner pistols available to help you qualify on the range portion of the class. Feel free to contact me for any other questions that you might have. Remember, only you are responsible for your own protection!

Garrett Martin  
Adjutant



## Auxiliary News

Hello Auxiliary Ladies:

We are planning and getting ready for our six district Convention on March 24th, 2012. Ladies please get ready and come out, so that we can have a big turnout.

The Auxiliary ladies are working on Valentine Cards to take to the nursing home.

The Auxiliary ladies are still praying for the sick and shut-in. We hope you get well soon.

Auxiliary President:  
Ernestine Hanks

## .....NOTICE.....NOTICE.... NOTICE.....NOTICE.....

Effective January 1, 2012 the American Legion Cap will cost members \$46.00 per cap. An imposed cost for use of the insignia by National and Department is the reason for this increase. Please recognize that Earl Graham Post 159 retains no money for items made available to its members thru the operation of the Emblem Display in our club room. All items that you purchase from our display counter are on a "reimbursement basis"...



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## FEBRUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Post Membership Meeting, 1800 hrs. Auxiliary Coffee for Vets 0800-1000 at Post	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Auxiliary Coffee for Vets 0800-1000 at Post	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Executive Meeting, 1800 hrs. Auxiliary Coffee for Vets 0800-1000 at Post	17 Newsletter input deadline	18 ALR Meeting 1000 hrs.
19	20	21 Honor Guard Meeting, 1300 hrs. ALA Executive Meeting, 1800 hrs.	22 Newsletter mail out 1200 hrs.	23 Auxiliary Coffee for Vets 0800-1000 at Post	24	25
26	27	28	29			

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