



## American Legion Post 327

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January — February — March

### 2022/2023 POST OFFICERS

Commander - Richard Sobek  
1st Vice - Chuck Shoemaker  
2nd Vice - Ron Toomay  
Adjutant - Micheal Chism  
Treasurer - Billy Hodge  
Service Officer - Daryl Roller  
AUX President - Mary Anne Moore  
SAL Commander - Dale DeWitte

### Clubroom

Manager - Jeanne Barnhart  
Bartenders - Lisa  
Doug  
Kathy  
Tamara  
Shanna  
Shelby  
Sandy  
Tammy

### CLUBROOM NEWS

#### Club room:

Normal clubroom hours **Open** 1 PM  
Monday to Sat, **Open** 2PM on Sun,  
unless an early game or race.

Texas Hold'em Mondays & Thurs-  
days in the clubroom starting at  
7pm & Saturdays at 3PM. Come  
out and enjoy.

Darts League We now have a dart  
league on Wednesdays.

**Come by the post to see what's  
happening.**

### ADJUTANT

2023 is year gone. We still have members  
unpaid or unaccounted for. We have tried to  
contact them with little luck. We would enjoy  
hearing from them to complete the list of  
members that keep us alive.

**Michael Chism, Adjutant**

### Honor Guard Activities

We welcome a new Post member and Honor  
Squad member, **Jeannine DeMoss**, United States  
Navy. After a careful calculation, this squad did  
91 funerals for 2023, Memorial day, Veterans  
Day, Fourth of July, and our works at local  
Senior Centers and more as events needed us.

### SERVICE OFFICER

Over the past few years, our post has  
developed a nice relationship with Shawnee  
Hills Senior Living. Our Auxiliary delivers gifts  
at Christmas and 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Our Color Guard  
performs a service there on Veterans Day.  
There are about 30 Vets living there, and their  
activities director would like to host a monthly  
coffee for us and them. These guys have great  
stories and are still active. The first coffee is  
Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The address is  
6335 Maurer Road, right behind the Shawnee  
WalMart. This coffee is open to all post  
members including Auxiliary and SAL. I'm sure  
some of you will know some of these Vets.  
This kind of activity is part of our Legion's "**Be  
the One Mission**" of ASK, LISTEN and REACH  
OUT to a Veteran in need. Hope to see you  
there. **Daryl Roller, 913/322-6492** if you have  
questions.

### TRANSFERS TO THE POST EVERLASTING

**Billy Huff**



### COMMANDERS CORNER

2023 is now gone. 2024  
opens it's hands for us and  
says "Welcome and make  
it good".

Many strides are being  
taken to keep us moving  
on. We have our new web-  
site, designed and pro-  
duced by **Tom Seberger**,  
our new Board member  
with great computer skills.  
Go online and enter



**Peter Smith Post 327**

To see his grand work and keep up to date with us.  
We are also on **Constant Contact** and use it to send  
out the **Vet Tawk**, this newsletter and a weekly  
calendar. If we do not have your email we cannot  
get it to you. Let us know what it is.

There is much that has been done by the Post  
members, Ladies Auxiliary, and Sons of the Ameri-  
can Legion throughout 2023 and we hope that  
2024 will look just as good. We have even had folks  
that visit us give their donated time to help us keep  
costs down. We have new improved lighting out-  
side, new machines in the game room, new Bingo  
equipment and continue to look for more to make  
our home great.

We will try to continue as a great family of Veter-  
ans and their friends Veterans dedicated to the  
cause of remembrance, but will continue to won-  
der why it is so hard to receive the dues for mem-  
bership. Without this SMALL amount to help pay  
our bills, we try to understand how long we will be  
around. If you knew how many headstones we see  
each day at Leavenworth, you might get an idea of  
what we are losing. I don't have a strong way of  
begging, but brothers and sisters in order for us to  
survive we need those that really care to step up  
and do the deed. The annual dues are the equal to  
0.12 cents a day. A cup of coffee is a minimum of  
1.75 depending where you get it. We also need all  
to remember that the Club Room needs people to  
use it. This also is a huge amount of revenue we  
need to stay viable.

If we did something to irritate you, we need to  
know. If you died, we need to know, If you moved  
we need to know. If you care for the 103 years of  
existence of this Post, we would love to know.  
Sharing is caring! Please share with us the meaning  
of why you are not here.

If you know someone that is a Veteran that would  
like to join us let us know. The Sons of the Ameri-  
can Legion are looking for members. The Ladies  
Auxiliary, the great ladies who help us immensely,  
would love to have you. LET US KNOW YOU.

If you know of a Veteran in need of a hug, give it.  
We are losing TOO many to suicides at this time.  
Let us know and we will BE THE ONE, as Daryl has  
pointed out, to help them through their sad times.

Welcome to 2024 and the hopes of a really good  
new year.

Richard "Bear" Sobek  
Commander

## **Membership Renewal 2024**

Now that the New Year has begun, our thoughts and actions at the post turn toward making sure we continue to support our fellow Veterans in 2024. We do this by ensuring our post is healthy, informed of opportunities to provide assistance, supporting national and state Veteran assistance goals, and that we maintain a membership that accomplishes the Legion's mission.

Many of our members support this mission by maintaining their membership each year before the previous year ends while others elect to renew after the first of each year. Please remember that if the dues are not paid by February 1<sup>st</sup>, a member is suspended. It is to our advantage to renew as soon as possible to avoid additional effort and expense by the post in the renewal process.

Additional information is available on-line for renewing, including an automatic renewal procedure which can be set up by the member. Please take advantage of these tools as we plan our important activities in 2024.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a safe and extraordinary New Year.

**Chuck Shoemaker, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**

# JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 	4 	5 LEGACY	6
7	8 E-BOARD & SAL 7PM	9	10 	11 	12 DIXIE CADILLAC	13
14	15 POST & AUX MEETINGS 7PM	16	17 	18 	19 TBA	20
21	22	23	24 	25 	26 STAND UP BROTHERS	27
28	29	30	31 			

# FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2 LEGACY	3
4	5 E-BOARD & SAL 7PM	6	7 	8 	9 DIXIE CADILLAC	10
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18	19 POST & AUX MEETINGS 7PM	20	21 	22 	23 STAND UP BROTHERS	24
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# MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 LEGACY	2
3	4 E-BOARD & SAL 7PM	5	6 	7 	8 DIXIE CADILLAC	9
10	11	12	13 	14 	15 TBA	16
17	18 POST & AUX MEETINGS 7PM	19	20 	21 	22 RECLINERS	23 <b><u>2ND DISTRICT CONVENTION</u></b>
24	25	26	27 	28 	29 STAND UP BROTHERS	30
31						

## **LADIES AUXILIARY**

President - Mary Ann Moore  
 1st Vice - Rose Huff  
 2nd Vice - Sandy Paida  
 Treasurer - Carol Plough  
 Secretary - Nancy Thomas  
 Chaplain - Patty DeWitte  
 Sgt at Arms - Vivian Costanza

## **Auxiliary News**

## **Sons of the Legion**

Commander — Dale Dewitte  
 1st Vice — Steve Rudkin  
 2nd Vice — Craig Congrove  
 Adjutant — Troy Shields  
 Sgt at Arms — Mike Stump  
 Finance Officer — Dennis Dressler  
 Chaplain — Mitch Rudkin

## **Rib Sale**

FEBRUARY 9  
 \$20.00 a slab



# 2023



Billy and Daryl awarded for Flag ceremony at Monticello Trails



The Ladies Auxiliary take Christmas joy to Lakeview Village and Shawnee Hills Senior Veterans



Honor Squad Flag presentation to oldest senior Veteran at Shawnee Hills on Veterans Day



An Scout we sponsor working his Eagle at the Post monument at Pleasant View Cemetery

MARINE CORPS RESERVE  
**TOYS FOR TOTS**  
No Time To Shop? Let Samantha Chism Shop For You.  
Donate Today



The Chism Family helping us do six boxes for the kids

JUST A SMALL VIEW HANDFULL OF THE ACTIVITIES ACCOMPLISHED IN 2023 THAT REALLY SHOW WHAT WE ARE ABOUT IN OUR POST. WE WILL CONTINUE THE WORK AND MORE IN 2024.