



Post Newsletter July 2019



Al Alford (Editor)

LEGION Act signed into law

(30 July 2019) In a significant legislative victory for The American Legion, President Trump signed a bill July 30 that declares the United States has been in a state of war since Dec. 7, 1941. The American Legion sought the declaration as a way to honor approximately 1,600 U.S. servicemembers who were killed or wounded during previously undeclared periods of war. The LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act) also opens the door for approximately 6 million veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible.

Now that the legislation has been signed, The American Legion's eligibility criteria immediately changes from seven war eras to two: April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to a time later determined by the federal government. No other restrictions to American Legion membership are changed.

National Commander Brett Reistad pointed out that existing American Legion membership applications are in the process of being updated but can still be used. "In the meantime, I recommend that prospective Legionnaires and recruiters write 'LEGION Act' in the eligibility date section of American Legion membership applications if they fall outside the previous war eras". The larger pool of veterans now eligible for The American Legion will also open their family members to eligibility in the Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary as well.

Question: So how does this differentiate The American Legion from AMVETS?

The American Legion's eligibility criteria states that veterans must have served during "wartime." When Congress decides the U.S. is no longer in a state of

Legion's membership eligibility period will close.

Question: How does this affect the Sons of The American Legion (SAL)?

Answer: The Sons' eligibility criteria will change along with that of The American Legion. Any son or grandson of a living American Legion member will be able to join the SAL program. (Sons and grandsons of deceased veterans are also eligible.) For example, a son of a veteran who served between 1985 and 1988 previously would not have been eligible. With the extension of the war period, that veteran would immediately be eligible for The American Legion and the son would be able to join the SAL.

Question: How does this affect the eligibility for the American Legion Auxiliary?

Answer: This follows the same concept as the SAL, as noted previously. Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is currently open to grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and adopted female descendants of eligible veterans.

American Legion Coin

Congress has created several coin and proof sets to honor the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. The following can be purchased by members from the American Legion website (legion.org):

(1) 2019 American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Proof Five Dollar Coin



(2) 2019 American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Proof Half Dollar Coin



- c. Three Coin Proof Set: \$526
- d. Proof Silver Dollar: \$59.95



Member Spotlight

GLENN ROBINSON (2ND VICE COMMANDER): The 2nd Vice Commander is responsible for all Post entertainment as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. Glenn has been extremely active in post activities since he became a part of the post. He voluntarily took the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission course to be an authorized bartender. He often supports the bar staff in the post during busy times. Glenn organizes and promotes all casino trips sponsored by the Post. The trips have yielded \$900 to \$1100 per trip in net post revenues. Glenn also found sponsors to support Post programs through donations. These sponsors have donated over \$3900 to the post over the last few months.



(3) 2019 American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Three Coin Proof Set



(4) 2019 American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Proof Silver Dollar



The items can be purchased at the U.S. Mint using the links on the legion.org web site or catalog.usmint.gov.

- a. Proof Five Dollar Coin: \$460.50
- b. Proof Clad Half Dollar: \$32.95

Glenn is from Emporia, Virginia. After graduation from Greenville County High School, in Emporia, he enlisted into the United States Army. He spent six years as a Hawk Missile System's Radar Technician and System Instructor. Overseas tours included Korea and Germany. After his discharge, he worked for Raytheon Service Company in Saudi Arabia. Glenn was employed with El Paso Electric Company as a Communications Specialist until his retirement. Glenn is a Silver Life Member of the NAACP. He served as the past Vice President and President of the Marion Branch of the NAACP and is the recipient 2011 NAACP Sydney S. Smith Award for Outstanding Service. He is a Life Member of the

Disable American Veterans and a member of the Elk Lodge. He has an Associate Degree in Industrial Electronics from Western Technical Institute in El Paso, Texas. He and his wife Frieda have two sons and two grandchildren.



Member Spotlight

(31 July 2019) **JOYCE E. WILLIAMS:** Joyce E. Williams is the new Historian for Unit 828 American Legion Auxiliary. Joyce was born and raised in San Antonio. She is a graduate of George W. Brackenridge High School. She married Carnell Williams and is a proud mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Joyce joined the American Legion Auxiliary in 2019 and enjoys spending time at the Post helping when and where she is needed.



Now retired after 31 years from Acelity (a medical device company), Joyce served as Manager of Facility Services. Her job included planning and designing workspaces, purchasing furniture, planning activities and managing Mail Services area for the Company. She is a member of True Vision Church ministered by Rev, Michael Steve Brown. Joyce enjoy activities such as quilting, sewing, and spending quality time with family.

Building Fund Donors

(1 Aug 2019) Each member of the Post 828 Family (Legionnaires, Auxiliary & S.A.L) has been asked to donate \$100 to the Building Fund to help pay the

expansion of the building for additional storage, larger canteen, and office space. The following individuals have donated their \$100. The Post needs your donations – the total cost of the project is close to \$67K. We thank them for stepping up and supporting the post in this effort.

Lois Oliver
Delores DeVaul
Billy Ray Ellis
Walter Hood
Burrell Parmer
Willie Watson
James Young
Calvin Young
Al Alford
Randal Glover
Joye Rice

Reba Bennett
Rosa Wilson
Jerry Farmer
Robert Oliver
James Pier
Woodrow Wilson
Otto Usher
JoAnn Flint-Humphrey
Ida Allen
Calvin Bateman
Sarah Kemper

Committee Memberships

The business of running the posts is all our business. The process is interesting, yet logical. Committees plan details related to their area of responsibility and then recommend solutions and new initiatives to the Executive Committee and Post members for approval and adoption. We need members to work as volunteers for the following committees or subcommittees:

- (1) **Children and Youth Committee:** Chairman Renee Pate. This committee includes the following sub-committees: Scholarship, Boys State, and Oratorical Contest, ROTC Awards Program.
- (2) **Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee:** Chairman Willie Watson and Co-Chair Ida Allen (Auxiliary).
- (3) **Entertainment Committee:** Chairman is Glenn Robinson. We need Legionnaire, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members. This committee brings event ideas and develop plans to implement proposed Post events/activities.

For list of roles and responsibilities for these areas go to Post 828 Website @ www.fbpost828.net.

More About House Rules

This month's excerpts from the Post House Rules:

Valid Member: Any valid (paid-up card carrying) Post member (Legionnaire, Auxiliary, and/or Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.)). Current Membership cards must be used for entry or proof of membership and be presented to the on-duty Bartender upon request.

Minors: Minors will not be permitted to sit at the bar. Minors under the age of 16 will not be allowed in the Canteen Area after 9:00 pm. Minors under the age of 16 must leave the Post premises by 10 pm.

Schedule of August Events

- ❖ **Aug 1-15:** Women Veterans of San Antonio Feminine Hygiene Drive (Bring Items to Post)
- ❖ **Aug 3** - 20th District Calendar Meeting
 - **Aug 3** - American Legion Riders (ALR) Regular Meeting
- ❖ **Aug 5** - Blue Monday w/ DJ Boss Man (Auxiliary sponsored)
- ❖ **Aug 5** - Back to School Free Haircuts
- ❖ **Aug 9** - August Birthday Celebration
- ❖ **Aug 11** - BillyRay Sheppard Benefit Concert (6:30 - 9:30) Breeze Lounge (– Donation to Post 828 Project Shoes)
- ❖ **Aug 12** – No Unit 828 Meeting in August
- ❖ **Aug 12** - Blue Monday w/ DJ Boss Man (Executive Committee sponsored)
- ❖ **Aug 19** - Blue Monday w/ DJ Boss Man (Legionnaire sponsored)
- ❖ **Aug 20** - American Legion Meeting
 - Exec Committee Mtg (6 pm);
 - Regular Post Mtg (7 pm)
- ❖ **Aug 23-29:** American Legion National Convention (Indianapolis IN)
- ❖ **Aug 26** - Blue Monday w/ DJ Boss Man



Commander's Corner



Greeting Members of American Legion Post 828. We are moving along pretty good as a whole. We have started our membership drive for the year 2019-2020. Our Adjutant Calvin Bateman has the 2020 membership cards for our members. Please take an opportunity to come in and pick up your membership card. Paid up for Life members will get their cards in the mail for National.

The Board of Trustees Take charge of all Trust Funds and all properties of the post. I need volunteers to sit on the 3 vacant spots on the Board of Trustees. Trustees are the keepers of the Post Property – very important!

Regards:

Al Alford (Commander)

Post Leadership



AMERICAN LEGION

Commander – Garnel E. “Al” Alford

1st Vice Commander – John Rogers

2nd Vice Commander – Glenn Robinson

Adjutant – Calvin Bateman

Finance Officer – Jerry Farmer

Chaplain – Patricia Wimberly

Judge Advocate – Burrell Parmer

Historian – Randal Glover

Service Officer – Willie Watson

Sergeant-At-Arms – Fernando Rover

Executive Committee:

Placement 1 – Renee Pate

Placement 2 – Tom Hadley

Board of Trustees:

6th Year - Vacant

5th Year - Charlie V. Landy (Chairman)

4th Year - Calvin Young

3rd Year - James Pearson

2nd Year - Vacant
1st Year - Vacant



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

President – Ethel Washington
1st Vice President – Delores DeVaul
2nd Vice President – Reba Bennett
Recording Secretary – Annie Ross-Hinton
Financial Secretary – Lois Oliver
Treasurer – Pamela Flint-Money
Chaplain – Gloria Harper
Historian – Joyce Williams
Sergeant-At-Arms – Angela Mays
Ladies-At-Large:
Jamesetta Grant Cora Clay
Jean Lampkin



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander - Thomas Tyler
1st Vice Commander – Willie Watkins
2nd Vice Commander – Leonard Fuller
Adjutant – Richard Glover
Treasury – Frank Jones
Historian – Ed Glover
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Sergeant-At-Arms – James McCoy
Squadron Advisor – Jerome Harris



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Post Everlasting



Mrs. Bertha Bain
American Legion Auxiliary
Fred Brock Unit 828
Passed: July 31, 2019

Event Flyers

Women Veterans of San Antonio

FEMININE HYGIENE DRIVE

Needed Hygiene Items	Nice To Have Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pads• Tampons• Feminine wipes• Vagisil• Wet wipes• Chapstick• Deodorant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mini sewing kits• Mini first aid kits• Brushes• Nail kits• Hair bands/clips• Sunscreen• Ponchos

WOMEN ARE VETERANS TOO!

Needed Clothing Items (ALL sizes)	Items we will NOT accept
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bras (gently used OR new)• Underwear (new)• Socks (new ---ALL types)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food items• Partially used/open products• Medicine• Any clothing not mentioned

17 August, 9am-5pm

LOCATION #1:
VFW POST 7108
8759 FM1560, SAN ANTONIO

LOCATION #2:
N. HAMPTON SUBDIVISION CLUBHOUSE
8265 MANDERLY PL, CONVERSE

LOCATION #3:
TX A&M SAN ANTONIO-PATRIOT'S CASA
ONE UNIVERSITY WAY, SAN ANTONIO

For more info email WomenVetsOfSA@gmail.com or call 830-391-9235

**We have limited storage space, and cannot take additional items
EIN: 81-3278231

Women's Veterans Feminine Hygiene Drive (17 August, 0900-1700)

POCs: Renee Pate and Ida Allen

We would like to do this as a unified post effort – please bring your items to the post for donation by **15 August 2019.**

PROJECT SHOES EVENT

"BACK TO THE 80'S"

THE AMERICAN LEGION JULY 2019 SCHEDULE

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

• EVERY MONDAY:

- @ 1900 – Until

- ❖ 1st Monday – Sponsored by Executive Committee
- ❖ 2nd Monday – Sponsored by Auxiliary
- ❖ 3rd Monday – Sponsored by S.A.L.
- ❖ 4th Monday – Sponsored by Legionnaires
- ❖ 5th Monday – Sponsored by Legionnaire John Rogers



• MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:

- 2nd Friday (AUGUST 9TH)

FEATURING – [SUNDAY – 1 SEPTEMBER 2019]

- THE LEGENDARY RUE DAVIDSON
- MS. VIC WRIGHT

FOOD, DRINKS, & SETUP AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

- SOUNDS BY YOLANDA B.
- ALL DONATIONS TO BENEFIT THE MONTOYA S. ROVER FOUNDATION
- DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM; CONCERT STARTS AT 8 PM
- NO RESERVATIONS ALLOWED!
- BROUGHT TO YOU BY MS KIM MOORE @ 210.508.8188
- POST 828 EVENT CENTER – 3415 MARTIN LUTHER KING

SPONSORED BY:



2222 E Commerce St,
San Antonio,
(210) 222-2330

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Post Activities

THE AMERICAN LEGION PHOTOS – POST ACTIVITIES



Legionnaire Renee Pate (L) and 1st VC Tom Hadley (R) with Scholarship Ball Keynote Speaker Pastor Ray D. Brown & wife Marilyn

Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers post colors for Post 828 Centennial Celebration

