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Message from the Commander

Post Consolidation Report (CPR)

The American Legion's Consolidated Post Report (CPR) was established nearly 40 years ago to assist departments in the documentation of activities that a specific post completed during the 12-month (June 1 through May 31) reporting period.

Consolidated Post Reports show the many ways Legionnaires are making differences in their communities and beyond.



During his speech at the 95th National Convention in Houston, National Commander Daniel M. Dellinger requested assistance from American Legion department commanders in obtaining 100 percent reporting. "Remember, the job is not done until the paperwork is filed."

What is the reason for the Post Consolidation Report (CPR)? In essence, it is our bragging rights for what each post accomplished during the year. These reports are consolidated for the National Commander so he can provide a report to Congress of our accomplishments. This is our strength to have assistance from Congress to achieve the Four Pillars. Why would a post not want to brag about their accomplishments? Maybe brag is not the right terminology. The correct terminology would be: The Post Consolidation Reports indicates how much we believe in the Four Pillars and just how much we care about our veterans and their families. COVID-19 was our chance to stand up and shine in the post, the community, and the nation. Our CPR's this year will be utilized by Congress to attest to our belief in the Four Pillars and what The American Legion was created for. The report presented to Congress will be our testimony to our will to keep The American Legion strong.

Every post not should but needs to complete their Post Consolidation Report, not just to brag about their accomplishments, but to indicate to Congress how much we believe in The Four Pillars and how much we care about our comrades and their families.

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COVID-19 was and still is a burden on this country. Is your attitude that of the Founding Fathers of 1919 or has your will and desire to support the Four Pillars diminished over time? We were created for times like this; a national crisis that requires us to fulfill the Four Pillars. This is our time to be leaders, not only in The American Legion, but also in the community and nation.

What are things that should be in your CPR?

How much time did the membership of the post spend on, conducting Buddy checks, cooking, working in the community, or supporting our children. By completing the CPR form, most of your answers will be there. The National Commander is asking for a 100% submission of CPR's. Please make this happen so Congress will be informed of what we do. Only 60% of the posts in the Department of Texas submitted their CPR's last year. The year before that there were 1,100 Boys sent to American Legion Texas Boys States but only about 500 was reported on the CPR's. We sent 600 more boys to Boys State and yet this was not reported to Congress. Why?? This is what we do and need to let Congress know that we are making a difference. That can only be done through a completed CPR.

Before closing, I say again, the Buddy Check program is the most important program that our post can be conducting in these terrible times. Please make the calls before it is too late.

Our obligations to our veterans and their families should never waver. It is our responsibility to ensure they are taken care of. This is the time to simply say, "Thank you for your service". So, call or visit those that might feel like they have been forgotten or having a bad day and need a pick me up comment. They earned it. The National Commander calls it a Buddy Check. I call it letting them know that their sacrifices are not forgotten, and they are not forgotten. Please take the time and make the call.

I pray that all our veterans, families, and active-duty personnel are safe around the world. I ask that everyone stay safe and protect yourselves as we fight this COVID-19 virus.

This year will be based on Devotion to Mutual Helpfulness to support The Four Pillars and to support each other. Send your ideas to: cdrtxlegion@gmail.com and I will share them with the rest of the Department of Texas.

Thank you for your support and ideas,
Jeff Perkins
Department Commander
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God Bless The American Legion Family



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We hope you enjoy this issue, and hope you continue to help us grow The Legion Times!

Chaplain's Corner

May is a month with various special days. As Legionnaires, we need to be especially involved with Memorial Day. This has been an official holiday since 1868 when Union General John A. Logan declared May 30th as "Decoration Day". "The 30th of May 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their country" --- General John A. Logan. While there is no actual proof why General Logan chose this day, two theories are; no major battles occurred on this day, or because there are more flowers that would be in full bloom at this time of year. The holiday was changed to the last day of May in 1971, to allow more Americans to have a three-day holiday. This is also the year Memorial Day became a Federal holiday.

Originally Memorial Day was to honor those killed during the Civil War. It was not strongly embraced by the former Confederate States. This changed after World War 1 when it was expanded to include all fallen military personnel.

The wearing of poppies on Memorial Day became a tradition. In 1924 due to a shortage of poppies from French growers, the first artificial poppy company was started in Pittsburg employing out-of-work veterans.

While the original reason for Memorial Day was to honor those killed in battle, it has unofficially expanded to include all deceased veterans. Therefore, our posts have Memorial Day memorial services for members that have transferred to Post Everlasting.

In 2000, Congress passed the "Moment of Remembrance Act" PUBLIC LAW 106-579-DEC. 28, 2000. This act requires that ALL Americans are to pause at 3 o'clock their local time to have a minute of silence as a show of respect. It states local time, so the moment continues through the day, no matter where Americans are in the world.

Let us make sure we give those that have gone before us, the respect they deserve. After all, they gave more than we have at this time. Enjoy the barbeques, but do not lose sight of the true reason for Memorial Day.

My email address is rlh.wings@yahoo.com and my cell phone is 713-569-0959. Do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you or your post.

SERVICE TO GOD AND COUNTRY
Robert L. Harvey
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Texas American Legion College

Date: Sat Jun 12 and Sun Jun 13

Time: 0900 - 1700

Locaton: Post 159 American Legion
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Expand your knowledge of the American Legion

Phase 1 (Saturday) Public Relations, Legislative priorities, Manual of Ceremonies, Post Programs, Leadership, Children and Youth

Phase 2 (Sunday) Writing a Resolution, Post Administration, Officers and Committees



American Legion Post 178 presents Colors at TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY IndyCar RACE

The American Legion Post 178 Color Guard presented the nation's colors on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the GENSEYS 300 NTT INDY CAR SERIES at Texas Motor Speedway. The evening open wheel racing event was wheel-to-wheel racing at speeds over 200 mph.

The American Legion is sponsoring the No. 48 Honda in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES represented by a combination of Seven-Time NASCAR Cup Series Champion Jimmie Johnson and former Indianapolis 500 Winner and Series Champion Tony Kanaan. "We're excited about partnering with The American Legion because it represents a very important relationship with an organization dedicated to supporting veterans," said Chip Ganassi, team owner of Chip Ganassi Racing.

The American Legion, the nation's largest and most powerful organization of wartime veterans and their families, is using its presence in Indy car to elevate awareness and introduce a new modern brand expression. The new logo will not replace the historic American Legion emblem, but rather complement it by honoring the history, heritage, and symbols which Legionnaires hold dear.

The American Legion hopes to bring attention to some of the most important issues facing today's veterans, including veteran suicide, and honoring those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedoms.



Post 178 Color Guard (L-R) Delbert Parsons, Larry Marshall, John Ricca, Ted Ruybal, Larry Wilhelm (Color Guard Captain), Terry Gilbert.

70 Years of Membership

American Legion Post 159 in Bryan, Texas honored Legionnaire Joe Ferreri with a certificate from National Commander Bill Oxford for 70 years of dedicated service to the American Legion. Legionnaire Ferreri is 101 years old and served in the Navy during WWII.

Legionnaire Ferreri worked as a mechanic and electrician stationed at Pearl Harbor. Ferreri said that it was his job to get those ships back in action when they suffered damage. After the war Ferreri return to his native home of Bryan, Texas and joined post 159. Legionnaire Ferreri said, that he was immensely proud of his service to his country and all his time as a member of the American Legion.

Joe plans to be around to get his 80 years certificate and his friends at the post are looking forward to being there to join him.



Junior Shooting: Burleson Texas Leads the Way!

submitted by Gerry Hince

American Legion Post 235 in Burleson, Texas treated its District 6 Convention to some very special guests at their spring conference. District Commander Steve Kim welcomed the Blue Thunder Air Rifle Team from Burleson High School.



The four high school cadets are part of the Texas 801st JROTC Program and were welcomed by the 70 participants at the 2-day meeting.

American Legion marksmanship medals were presented long with Post 235 certificates. One shooter, Madison Landers, also received the State Gold Medal for her performance while her teammates received the bronze.

Post 235 Commander Sandy Mason cites the junior shooting program in cooperation with the JROTC continues to impact on the Post family and the community of Burleson.

Audie Murphy Day

GREENVILLE, Texas - To honor and remember our nation's military heroes, Audie Murphy Day will be Saturday, May 22nd. This annual event, which is free and open to the public, is hosted by the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum to celebrate Audie Leon Murphy, the most decorated combat soldier of World War II, as well as military veterans and those currently serving our country.

Audie Murphy Day, May 22nd, centers on the life of Audie Murphy, a native son of Hunt County, war hero, Hollywood film star and accomplished songwriter.

Some of our featured speakers will include Marjorie Lewis, a professor at University of North Texas who wrote the book *When the Men Were Gone* which takes place during WWII, actor Michael Dante who was in *Apache Rifles* and *Arizona Raiders* with Audie and is best known for his starring role in *Winterhawk* and historian and retired teacher Mike West.

In addition, to celebrate the 25th year of Audie Murphy Day the bestselling movie *To Hell and Back* starring Audie Murphy will be shown at 2pm and 7pm at the Texan Theater on Friday, May 21st.

Saturday morning's events will be held at the Fletcher Warren Civic Center at 5501 Hwy 69 South in Greenville and the afternoon and evening events will move to the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum located at 600 I-30 East in Greenville.

All activities at the civic center will be free but a regular admission charge of \$6 adults, \$4 seniors/veterans and \$2 students will apply to enter the Museum.

These are just some of the activities taking place. Contact the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum at (903) 450-4502 or visit the website at www.amacmuseum.com for additional information.

Funding for this event is provided in part by the City of Greenville Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Revenues.

AUDIE MURPHY DAY

May 22, 2021

Award winning actor and author
Michael Dante.



To celebrate the 25th anniversary of Audie Day there will be a Special Showing of To Hell & Back at the Texan Theater on **Friday, May 21st** at 2pm and 7pm! While free, reservations are required by calling (903) 450-4502.



Award winning author Marjorie Herrera Lewis



Historian
Michael West



Program starts at 9:30am at the Fletcher Warren Civic Center. Doors open at 8:30am so there is time to visit an exhibit room of memorabilia.

All activities take place at the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum & the Fletcher Warren Civic Center. All events except admission to the Museum are FREE! Check website for details!

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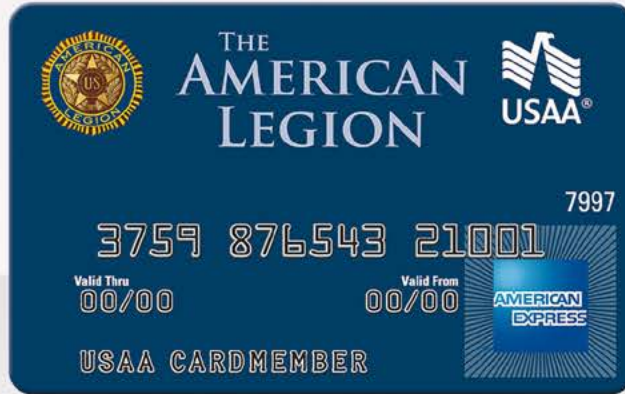
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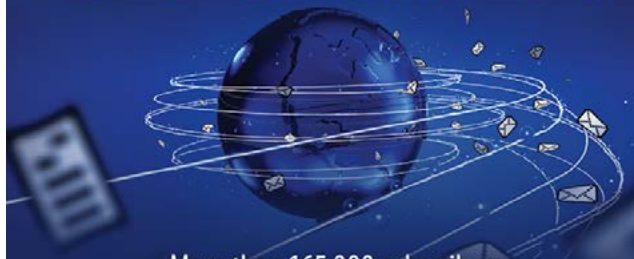
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