

# TEMPLE POST 133

## NEWSLETTER

### Happy New Year 2026



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American Legion Temple Post 133

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#### **Commander John Potts** **Dark Blue Denim Shirt**

Here is wishing that everyone will have, or has had the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Years ever.

The Board of Directors and the members of the Legion will be seeing a lot of changes in 2026, and all for the better. The first change, we will be looking at getting new restrooms. Also, we are getting a covered smoking area on the southside of the building.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, with the doors opening at 5 pm.

**God Bless the American Legion**  
**God Bless the U.S.A.**

#### **Time to Renew for 2026**

**Legion Dues = \$50.00**  
**S.A.L. Dues = \$10.00**  
**Auxiliary Dues = \$40.00**

#### **James Freeman** **Svc. Officer**

Lone Star Legal Aid provides free civil legal services to Veterans, their dependents, and surviving spouses. Join us at the Olin E. Teague Veterans' Center on the first and third Fridays of every month from 9am-12pm, Building 202, in the conference room.

#### **Stephen McQueen** **1<sup>st</sup> Vice**

I would like to express my appreciation for the support rendered during 2025. Our Post had several key events and without your help they would not have been accomplished. **As a reminder**, you will need a 2026 membership card for admittance to the meeting. If you have not renewed, please be prepared to do so. Please consider recruiting at least one new member this year. This will help us to ensure that our post remains a vital and active Post in our community. If you know of a possible new member, please invite them to check out our Legion Family. Hope to see you at our first meeting of the new year. **Remember our service personnel and fly your Flag.**

#### **Gary Ivy, Adjutant** **txalpost133@yahoo.com**

December 01, 2025 was the official end of the Early Bird membership renewal. We are still taking our 2026 renewals at our monthly meeting on January 06, 2026. The renewal fee will be \$50.00 this year. We are currently 70% of our official goal for the year. Try and recruit new member, if you do get a new member.

#### **Important Dates:**

Christmas Day -- Dec 25<sup>th</sup>  
New Years Day -- Jan 01, 2026  
Post Meeting night – Jan 6<sup>th</sup>

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (254-624-9642).

#### **\*\*Coffee & Donuts\*\***

**Mon, Wed, and Fri**  
**mornings 8:00-10:0**

#### **Richard Hester** **Chaplain**

January is when the Earth pauses and resets itself, at least in the northern hemisphere. Things go dormant for a while so they can reset what GOD'S plan is for them. While we, as humans, can not go dormant during the cold freezing temperatures, like plants and animals. But we can reset our spiritual selves to do as GOD has told us HIS wishes are for us. Trust in GOD for HIS plan for us is perfect. We just have to follow the plan.



**Next Meeting Night:**

**Tues, JAN 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Doors open at 5:00pm**

**Legion meeting starts at 6:00, then our meal.**

**January 2026**

**M E N U**

*Provided by*

**Scout Troop 101**

Hamburger Steak

Mashed Potatoes & Br Gravy

Green Beans

Tea and Dessert



### **Auxiliary President, Karen Stewart**

Happy New Year! I hope each one of you enjoy a happy and healthy 2026. Please note that if you have not renewed your membership for this year, your 2025 card expired on December 31st. We are so close to having 100% membership for 2026 so please renew if you have not already done so.

In December, our Unit 133 participated in many events, and I want to thank each and every auxiliary member that contributed their time, ideas, and donations to all those projects. Please don't forget to record your efforts in our volunteer hours notebook located on the bookshelf in the auxiliary room. Those hours and donations are so important to report to ALA National and congress.

I hope all of you who joined us for our 12/5 Bingo night had a great time. I know I did, and two of our auxiliary members yelled "bingo"! Supporting our business helps support our veterans and our community.

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### **Temple Post #133 Officers 2025 – 2026**

Commander/Past Cmdr.....John Potts  
Vice Commander.....Stephen McQueen  
Adjutant.....Gary Ivy  
Chaplain.....Richard Hester  
Finance Officer.....Paul Sarle  
Interim Historian.....James Freeman  
Service Officer.....James Freeman  
Sgt-At-Arms.....Walter Mezynski  
Judge Advocate.....Bruce Stewart

#### **Executive Board**

Steve Stickley/Rodolfo Gonzalez/Larry O'Neal

#### **SAL) Sons of American Legion 2025-2026**

SAL Squad Commander .....Gary Dahl  
Adjutant.....Gary Ivy  
Sgt-At-Arms.....Brady Freeman

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### **Auxiliary Unit #133 Officers 2025 – 2026**

President ..... Karen Stewart  
Vice President .....Nora Dahl  
2nd Vice .....Carrie Gagne  
Secretary .....Betty Johnson  
Treasurer .....Alicia McQueen  
Chaplain .....Veronica Marfil-Keyes  
Historian .....Alyse Freeman  
Sgt-At-Arms .....Kelly Bland  
2nd Sgt-At-Arms .....Kelsey Wolford

#### **Members-at-Large**

Janice Potts  
Pat Stickley  
Pat Vanicek