



# TEMPLE POST 133

## NEWSLETTER



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American Legion Temple Post 133

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### Commander John Potts Red Polo Shirt

The non smoking policy is doing great and it has not effected bingo very much. We just had a 12 x 20 smoking area installed on the south side of the building and thanks to Bruce Stewart, we have two benches.

The Eagle Scout project will be finished by the time you receive your newsletter, and if you have a chance look on the back patio, it is something that the legion will be very proud of. Thanks Will Holle for doing a great project, plus Billy Thompson for the flag retirement pit.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, and don't forget to renew your membership, if you haven't.

**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 hope all is going well in the New Year.

**Reminder:** You will need a 2026 membership card for admittance. If you haven't renewed, please do so as soon as possible.

If you know of a possible new member, please invite them so that they can see how your Post supports our veterans and our community.

Don't forget Valentines Day and also President's Day.

**On February 23,1945**, our Flag was raised on Iwo Jima.

**Remember our service personnel and fly your Flag.**

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

If you have not renewed your membership, your 2025 membership has expired. To renew your membership you can see me at the next meeting on February 3, mail your \$50.00 dues in to the post, visit the post on Mon, Wed, or Friday when we have coffee and doughnuts, or renew online at Mylegion.org. We are still taking our 2026 renewals at our monthly meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. The renewal fee will be \$50.00 this year. We are currently 75.62% of our official goal for the year. Try and recruit new members, if you do get a new member.

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

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

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

### Richard Hester Chaplain

Welcome to February, already!

This month we celebrate Valentines Day on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Of all the people we love, GOD should be at the top of the list. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. In Philippians 4: 6-7 it says" Don't let worry take your joy, Don't let fear steel your sleep, Give it to GOD—He already knows. When you pray, peace will come, not later, not someday, But now.

### ♥ M E N U ♥ ♥ Provided by ♥ *Academy Theatre Group*

Baked Potatoes  
Broccoli Cheese Soup  
Salad  
Roll and Dessert

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

February is the month we celebrate caring and love. So this month we will be showing love to our veterans at the William R Courtney nursing center and the CLC at the Temple VA campus. Under the leadership of Historian Alyse Freeman our Auxiliary Juniors and young SAL members will be delivering Valentine cards to the patients at the Courtney center on Valentines Day. Vice President and VA/R Rep Nora Dahl, myself, and Sgt. at Arms Kelly Bland will be visiting the CLC to serve Root Beer Floats and do a Valentine craft with those patients. Our unit will now begin collecting new and gently used clothing, along with new under garments, socks and toiletries to benefit Jeffrey's Tree. Please show your love and support by donating to this worthy cause. For more information about the Jeffrey's Tree drive please see our Facebook page, or contact myself or Alyse Freeman. This drive begins now through spring. Items can be delivered during coffee and donuts or during our monthly meetings.



### **Veronica Marfil-Keyes, Chaplain**

How great the new year has been so far! The Auxiliary is accepting donations for Jeffrey's Tree Inc up until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please consider donating. Please pray for our members, Veterans, active military and their families, students, and school staff. We look forward to seeing everyone for our next meeting February 3<sup>rd</sup>. And as 2 Corinthians 5:17 reminds us "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!"

For Chaplain needs,  
please call or text **979-574-7251**.

### **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  
Int. Historian/Svc. Officer ..... James Freeman  
Sgt-At-Arms ..... Jeff Bolton  
Judge Advocate ..... Walter Mezynski

#### **Executive Board**

Steve Stickley/ Rodolfo Gonzalez/ Larry O'Neal

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

SAL Squad Commander ..... Gary Dahl  
Vice Commander ..... Kelly Beck  
Adjutant ..... Gary Ivy  
Finance Officer ..... Paul Sarle  
Sgt-At-Arms ..... Brady Freeman

### **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