



# TEMPLE POST 133

## NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2026

1300 S. 25th St. Temple, TX

American Legion Temple Post 133  
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### Commander John Potts Blue Polo Shirt

Our March meeting will be held by Adjutant Gary Ivy, because I won't be at our meeting this time. Paul Sarle and myself will be in Washington D. C. visiting with the Congressmen and Senators to talk about our Veterans programs.

We just finished the Youth Fair and were able to donate \$6,000.00 dollars. That amount was matched. So, the total went to \$12,000.00

I'll be looking forward to seeing everyone again soon. Please come out and attend our March 3rd meeting, and don't forget to renew your membership, if you haven't yet.

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

#### **Renewal Fees for 2026**

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

### James Freeman Svc. Officer

American Legion Gaming—also called ALG—brings veterans, servicemembers, and their families together through video games. It's a fun, modern way to connect while also helping tackle things like isolation, mental health struggles, and the challenges that come with transitioning to civilian life. Reminding veterans, they're not alone, both online and off.

Join their Discord:

<https://discord.com/invite/legiongaming> or learn more:

<https://americanlegion.gq/>

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

Daylight Savings Time starts on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, so get ready to "spring forward". It is also International Women's Day, so thank the woman in your life for all she does for you and your family. Hope everyone is well and looking forward to longer days as the first day of spring is March 20th. If you have not renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible. Please continue to remember our service personnel, their families, and our members, who may be in distress, and keep them in your prayers. **Fly your Flag** and please invite a prospective new or inactive member to our Post.

#### **\*\*\*Family Fun Night\*\*\***

**Bring the family and come to the Legion for fun and games. Play board games and enjoy socializing.**  
**Mar 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm -7:00pm**

#### **Next Meeting Night:** **Tues, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Doors open at 5:00pm**  
**Legion meeting starts at 6:00, then a meal.**

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

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



**Fajitas with Trimmings**  
**Dessert and Tea**

### 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 March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](http://Mylegion.org). We are still taking our 2026 renewals at our monthly meeting on March 3rd, 2026. The renewal fee will be \$50.00 this year. We are currently 80% of our official goal for the year. Try and recruit new members. **THERE WILL BE NO 50/50 AT THE MARCH MEETING.**

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

### Richard Hester Chaplain

March is quickly arriving. We are beginning to see the rebirth of nature in our world. That rebirth should also inspire us to grow, not only spiritually but to seek new things in our lives. I am of the Protestant faith. You may not be, and that's all right. Bear with me for a moment. Protestants and some other religions observe the religious season of Lent. Lent is the time, between February 18 and April 5<sup>th</sup> this year, where we concentrate on the things that lead up to the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. His resurrection might be seen as a form of rebirth for us. This is when Jesus forgave us of our Earthly sins. It was the fulfilment of GOD's words as found in the Old Testament. Many people give up something of value to them as a way of showing they can keep a commitment to GOD. What they give up gives them time to more fully spent time studying and praying as a way to show GOD our faithfulness. Trust GOD, He is always with you.

**Auxiliary President, Karen Stewart**



Welcome Spring! Don't forget when you do your Spring cleaning that we are still collecting new and gently used items for Jeffrey's Tree. I also want to take a moment to thank everyone in the Auxiliary for your participation and continuing support. That being said, please remember to turn in your service hours for 2025/2026. The service hours book is located on our book shelf in the Auxiliary room. I will need your hours turned in

by March 31st. Anything you do to support veterans, the community, or youth counts. So please take credit for your hard work! These hours help show congress we are relavent to the community.

Beginning Friday March 6, we will no longer have a second bingo session on Friday nights. We've noticed most folks are going home after the first session; therefore, staying open for a second session just isn't profitable. But good news, we are reorganizing the games so they will continue to be crowd pleasers. Come check it out, I promise it won't disappoint.

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

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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

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**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**

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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