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# AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER



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## DECEMBER 2023

**Greetings Legionnaires, Ladies Auxiliary, SAL & Legion Riders,**

When you read this Thanksgiving is over, and we all should be getting ready for Christmas. There is a lot we have to be thankful for this year, so lets all celebrate and be ready for a Happy New Year.

Get ready for our Legion Christmas Party and our Tom and Jerry Party. Let's all be thankful for this year and hope next year will be better and a lot more prosperous than this one.

See you at our meetings with all your ideas and happy faces!!!

**Chris Hinton - Commander, Limestone Post 979**

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It's the time of the year to celebrate our successful year we just completed and get ready for next year.

Please pay your dues before December 30th, or you will lose your legion insurance. Please do not let that happen.

Our membership is at 84% of last years membership.

We are trying to do some new things starting this month. Read Sarah's article. We are trying to do these things on our own. Be patient and try to be understanding if it's not perfect. Be ready to help and give a helping hand. I think everyone understands.

Have a Happy New Year !!!

**Bob Zimbelman - Adjutant & Sr. Vice, Limestone Post 979**

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Hi Everyone!

### LOUNGE 979 NEWS

We have a busy, fun filled month. So take a break from the hustle and bustle and come have some fun with us. We're going to have a Christmas Party on the 12th. It will be a pot luck. The legion will provide the main course, so please bring sides and or a dessert. There will also be raffle baskets and an "Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest" So come festive!!!

We have our regular Paint Days with an added Paint Night on the 14th. Please sign up at the bar for that one. We'll have snacks and you'll also receive a drink chip with this paint night.

There will be a Children's Christmas Party for members on the 16th and rumor has it the Grinch will be there! The Tom & Jerry Party will be on Christmas Eve from open till close (or until we run out). Sign up for that at the bar. We do close at 6 pm that day so our bartenders can spend time with their families. And last but not least we will have a New Years Eve Party with dinner catered in from The Barrack's from 6-7:30 pm. Also, Billy Washburn will be ringing in the New Year with us from 8 pm to Midnight. Can't wait to see everyone!!

**Sarah Johnson - Bar Manager, Limestone Post 979**

## Women's Auxiliary

Let's get your dues paid for 2024. Your orange key card no longer works, so you need to pay your dues.

If you have any questions please call me Janice at 309-231-3988. Do not call the bar or the office for any inquires. You will get your membership card and key card from me only.

Fleece blankets are done and given out. Thanks to those who helped.

The Members only Children's Christmas Party will be on December 16th in the dining room at 1:00 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the bar for ages 1-10.

December will be a busy month at the Legion so watch for details.

Our meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the hall.

**Janice Gruber**  
President, Auxiliary Post 979

## Post 979 A. L. Riders

I can't hardly believe this is the last month of 2023 already. As temps begin to drop and put our bikes up for a few months, we still remain focused on supporting our local Veterans any way we can.

Come join us on Wednesday Raffle nights for some cheap grub and some fun.

We will be offering a few new specials this month, as well as new raffle opportunities.

This is the last month for getting in miles for this year's Iron Butt competition, so get those miles in before the 31st and let's see who the latest winner will be.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday the 14th at 6:00 pm, come out and join us for some camaraderie and see what we are up to.

Until we meet again, keep safe and stay healthy.

**Adam "Ace" Smith**  
Director, Post 979 ALR

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>Wednesday Food &amp; JACKPOT RAFFLE !</b>		1 <b>MUSIC @ BAR AL &amp; DAINE 7:00 PM</b>	2 <b>LUNCH 11:30-1 FISH, FRIES, ONION RINGS</b>
3	4 <b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM</b>	5 <b>LUNCH 11:30-1 SLOPPY JOES FRIED POTATOES COLE SLAW PAINT DAY 1 PM SAL MTG 7 PM</b>	6 <b>JACKPOT RAFFLE FOOD 5-7 pm By LEGION RIDERS</b>	7	8 <b>MUSIC @ BAR SHAWN SMITH 7:00 PM</b>	9
10	11	12 <b>LUNCH 11:30-1 CHICKEN &amp; NOODLES PAINT DAY 1 PM CHRISTMAS POTLUCK PARTY 6 PM</b>	13 <b>JACKPOT RAFFLE FOOD 5-7 pm By LEGION RIDERS</b>	14 <b>PAINT NIGHT SNACKS &amp; DRINK 6:30 PM A.L. RIDERS MTG 6 PM</b>	15 <b>MUSIC @ BAR SIDELINE BAND 7:00 PM</b>	16 <b>LUNCH 11:30-1 PIZZA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>
17	18	19 <b>LUNCH 11:30-1 HAM &amp; BEANS (NORTHERN) CORN BREAD PAINT DAY 1:00 PM</b>	20 <b>JACKPOT RAFFLE FOOD 5-7 pm By LEGION RIDERS</b>	21	22 <b>MUSIC @ BAR SHAWN SMITH 7:00 PM</b>	23
24 <b>TOM &amp; JERRY PARTY 11-5 CLOSE @ 6</b>  31 <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER 6 - 7:30 PM BILLY WASHBURN 8 PM -12 AM</b>	25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS  CLOSED</b>	26 <b>LUNCH 11:30-1 CHEESE BURGER &amp; FRIES  PAINT DAY 1 PM</b>	27 <b>JACKPOT RAFFLE  FOOD 5-7 pm By LEGION RIDERS</b>	28	29 <b>MUSIC @ BAR BILLY WASHBURN 7:00 PM</b>	30