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# AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER



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## JANUARY 2024

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

We are starting a new year. Our membership Caravan makes its first stop in Morton, Illinois. It's Friday, January 12th. At 8:30 AM. I believe breakfast is served. Come out and meet all your Illinois American Legion leaders. Membership is the key to this event. Your membership is past due and as of December 31st your insurance has expired. So please not only renew for that but also support our many American Legion programs.

Let's be ready to support our post the best way you can. Come to your regular meeting and bring your ideas with you. Find out what it takes to run our Legion Post 979. HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE.

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

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We are starting a new year with a lot of upcoming activities planned. Super Bowl, Nascar, Baseball starting in the next couple of months. Let's all get ready for some good times.

Right now we have one hundred people who have not paid there dues. There are probably a lot of reasons why. So they will be contacted by an officer of our post to see if and why six hundred people can pay on time July 1st every year, but one hundred cannot.

Next year membership dues is rising \$10 a year. I expect to lose that many or more. Even though this year it's \$3 and some change a month next year it will be \$4 and some change a month.

We just today finished our Christmas food baskets. This is a program with your continued support for our legion post supports. It was over \$1500.00. Thank You members for your support. Another is \$200.00 a month to the Bartonville Food Pantry out of all of your members support. I can go on, but I believe you get the picture. This in no way takes anything away from the support for Veteran Services and the Community that our Legion Family does. Auxiliary, SAL, and Legion Riders. Please remember the dues you pay support our many programs that support our veterans.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ARE HERE TO SERVE!!!

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

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Hi Everyone!

### LOUNGE 979 NEWS

Welcome to a new year. It's a time for new starts and new beginnings. I hope this year brings everyone lots of love and happiness. We will be making some changes around here too. We're close to having lunch every Saturday. We just need one more group to volunteer to fill that last Saturday. Please see me or Bob Z. if you're able to do so. We could really use your help and support.

Drink chips will be changing soon. They seem to cause a lot of confusion, as we have multiples for the same price. I'm working on that and hope to be using the new ones by next month. We still have our paint days and of course the Wednesday night raffle so make sure to come out and support your Legion.

Don't forget to join us for the Bears vs. Packers showdown. Sunday Jan 7th. at noon. We will have a Potluck and will provide brats. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Can't wait to have fun with y'all.

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

## Women's Auxiliary

You need your dues paid to get your membership card and key card to enter the bar. There will be no entry without it. If you have any questions, please call me at 309-231-3988 **Do not call the bar or office.** Cards will given out by me.

We are going to try to do the Saturday lunches again. They will be the 2nd Saturday of the month. January will be chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, and green beans.

The Children's Christmas Party was attended by 18 kids this year. We had Santa and the Grinch. The kids had a good time.

Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the hall at 7:00 pm.

**Janice Gruber**  
President, Auxiliary Post 979

## Post 979 A. L. Riders

Well the past year seems to have flown right on by, and we look forward to many good things in this New Year. As we are obviously not riding as much as the warmer seasons, but we still are focused on supporting our cause.

We continue to cook on Wednesday nights for the raffle and have a few new specials we will be trying out. Thanks to the crew that has been helping keep this going, it means a lot.

As always, we will continue our raffles and support our cause as long as we can.

With the new year, comes new dues, so if you haven't paid up, please do so soon. Strength in numbers!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 11th at 6:00 pm. Come see what we are up to.

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

### **BEGINNING JANUARY 1st our HOURS will be:**

Sundays ~ 11am - 6pm  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, & Sat ~ 11am -10pm  
Fridays ~ 11am - 12am

Last call is ALWAYS 15 minutes prior to closing.  
Drink chips will not be accepted after closing.  
Closing time is set for a reason, and it is important to respect the bartender who is just trying to do what is expected of them.  
Thank you for your understanding.

# JANUARY 2024

| Sun   | Mon                          | Tue  | Wed   | Thu                            | Fri  | Sat   |
|---|------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|--|---|
|   | 1<br><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR !</b> | 2 LUNCH 11:30-1<br>CHILI /VEG SOUP<br>GRILLED CHEESE<br>EXEC BOARD<br>MTG 6:30pm<br>SAL MTG 7pm                  | 3 <b>JACKPOT RAFFLE</b><br><br>FOOD 5-7 pm<br>By LEGION RIDERS  | 4                              | 5 MUSIC @ BAR<br>TO BE<br>ANNOUNCED                | 6 LUNCH 11:30-1<br>FISH, FRIES,<br>ONION RINGS                        |
| 7 <b>BEARS vs PACKERS GAME @ noon POTLUCK</b> | 8                            | 9 LUNCH 11:30-1<br>COUNTRY FRIED STEAK<br>MASHED POTATOES<br>PAINT DAY 1 PM<br><b>MEMBERSHIP AUX MTG 7:00 PM</b> | 10 <b>JACKPOT RAFFLE</b><br><br>FOOD 5-7 pm<br>By LEGION RIDERS | 11 <b>A.L. RIDERS MTG 6 PM</b> | 12 MUSIC @ BAR<br><b>CHARLIE HORSE</b><br>7:00 PM  | 13 LUNCH 11:30-1<br>CHICKEN NOODLES<br>MASHED POTATOES<br>GREEN BEANS |
| 14  | 15                           | 16 LUNCH 11:30-1<br>TACO SALAD<br><b>PAINT DAY 1 PM</b>  | 17 <b>JACKPOT RAFFLE</b><br><br>FOOD 5-7 pm<br>By LEGION RIDERS | 18 <b>PAINT NIGHT 6:30 PM</b>  | 19 MUSIC @ BAR<br><b>RAYNAH</b><br>7:00 PM         | 20 LUNCH 11:30-1<br>TENDERLOIN & FRIES                                |
| 21  | 22                           | 23 LUNCH 11:30-1<br>ROASTED PORK LOIN<br>BAKED POTATO<br>CARROTS<br><b>PAINT DAY 1 PM</b>                        | 24 <b>JACKPOT RAFFLE</b><br><br>FOOD 5-7 pm<br>By LEGION RIDERS | 25                             | 26 MUSIC @ BAR<br><b>BILLY WASHBURN</b><br>7:00 PM | 27  |
| 28  | 29                           | 30 LUNCH 11:30-1<br>CHEESE BURGER & FRIES<br><b>PAINT DAY 1 PM</b>   | 31 <b>JACKPOT RAFFLE</b><br><br>FOOD 5-7 pm<br>By LEGION RIDERS |                                |  |   |