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# AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER



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## February 2026

Happy February Post 979 Family!

Fellow Legionnaires, family members, and friends, As we move into February, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the continued support you show our Post. The strength of the American Legion has always come from its members and volunteers, and that commitment is what keeps our doors open and our mission moving forward. This month, we are excited to bring Queen of Hearts to Sundays, creating another opportunity for fellowship, fun, and support of our Post. These events don't run themselves, and I encourage anyone who is able to volunteer their time to step forward. Whether it's helping behind the scenes or lending a hand during events, every contribution makes a difference. February also gives us a chance to celebrate connection and community. I invite you and your loved ones to join us for our Valentine's Day Dinner. It's a great opportunity to come together, enjoy a wonderful meal, and share time with fellow members and guests in a welcoming atmosphere. Your involvement—whether through volunteering, attending events, or simply showing up to support one another—is what makes our Legion strong. I look forward to seeing you at the Post this month and continuing

Hind Salah-Elgin - Commander Limestone Post 979 Email address: [bhelgin1109@gmail.com](mailto:bhelgin1109@gmail.com)  
Cell number/Signal/WhatsApp: 309-357-0516 ONE TEAM; ONE FIGHT!

Just got back from Wyoming Illinois representing our Post 979 on the membership caravan. I took 15 membership cards in that put us at 83.6 percent of our goal. We are at 475 paid members and our goal is 568 paid members. That means we need 93 more people to pay there dues or find new people to recruit. I know Tony has sent everyone a letter reminding they are due. She has also sent everyone who has a membership pin due to come and pick them up. If you can't come to a meeting she will make arrangements with you. If your house bound I Will personally bring your pin to you. Thank you to everyone who came to the last meeting.

**For God and Country**  
Adjutant: Bob Zimbelman

## LOUNGE 979 NEWS

Hi Everyone!

Happy February guys. We have lots going on this month. Our in house chili cook off will be Sunday Feb. 1st, The winner of that will go on to compete in the village wide chili cook off. We are excited to be a part of this and look forward to being active in our community. If you'd like more info on this please come talk to me and I'll fill you in on all the details. We are excited to start theme night on our open jukebox nights. Prizes will go out for the best dressed. Thank you to the member who offered this idea, I encourage anyone who has ideas to bring them to me so we can try it. Make sure you sign up for the Valentines dinner if you'd like to. It is a great meal for a good price. e will also have live music that night. Please be sure to come to your membership meetings, this is the best way too stay informed and know what is going on with your Legion.

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

## Women's Auxiliary

Please get your dues paid.

Lunch will be February 28 due to Valentine Day Supper that night. We will have cheesy potato soup and roll.

I have auxiliary members scholarships available please contact me. 309-231-3988.

We will give 5 so get the form soon.

Please come out and support your American Legion. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Our meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

**Janice Gruber**  
President, Auxiliary Post 979

## Post 979 A. L. Riders

From the riders,

\*Just for the record, we will be cooking each Wed night. Last month there was a carry-over from the previous month showing the kitchen was closed, causing a lot of confusion. \*

As I write this, we are once again in a deep-freeze of winter temps and I for one am already over it. With thoughts of warmer weather and riding once again in the future, we can be thankful when it arrives. This next year will bring returning challenges and missions, but we have a great group here, and I am sure we will overcome as always. We will still be cooking on Wed nights and continue our mission raising support for the Veteran and Children's Fund. We will be hosting the Annual State ALR meeting here on March 29th, times will be determined. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Feb 12th at 6pm. I hope to see some of you there.

Adam "Ace" Smith Director, Post 979 ALR

**Hours:**  
Sundays 11am - 9pm  
Mon Tues Wed Thurs 11am-9pm  
Fridays 11am - 9pm  
Saturday 11am - 9pm  
Last Fridays of the month 11am-11pm

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!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 In house Chili Cook Off 11:30 Bingo 2-4	2 Executive Board Meeting 7PM	3 Lunch 11:30-1 2pc Chicken, Mashed Potato's & Veggie SAL Meeting 6:30	4 <b>JACKPOT RAFFLE FOOD 5-7PM BY RIDERS</b>	5	6 <b>OPEN JUKEBOX 7-9 Kitchen Closed</b>	7 Lunch 1130 - 1 <b>Fish, Fries, O-Rings</b>
8 NO BINGO Super Bowl Pot Luck Starting 4PM	9  <b>MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7PM</b>	10 LUNCH 1130 - 1 Tenderloin And Fried Potatos	11 <b>JACKPOT RAFFLE Food 5-7 By Riders</b>	12 <b>AL RIDERS MEETING 6PM</b>	13 <b>OPEN JUKEBOX 7-9 KITCHENCLOSED MARDIS GRAS THEME</b>	14. <b>Valentines Dinner 5-6:30 &amp; Live music with Shawn Smith 6-9</b>
15 NO BINGO  Bartonville Chili cook off 11:30	16	17 LUNCH 11:30-1 Chicken Noodles Mashed Potato's Roll	18 JACKPOT RAFFLE FOOD 5-7PM BY RIDERS	19 <b>FRIED CHICKEN 5 - 7</b>	20 <b>JUKEBOX 7 - 9 KITCHEN CLOSED 1980's THEME</b>	21 LUNCH 11:30-1 <b>Pulled pork cole slaw &amp; baked beans</b>
22 Bingo 2 - 4	23	24 Lunch 11:30-1 Cheeseburger & Fries	25 JACKPOT RAFFLE FOOD 5-7 BY RIDERS	26	27 <b>BILLY WASHBURN 7-10 KITCHEN 5-7</b>	28 Lunch 11:30-1  <b>Cheesy potato soup &amp; roll</b>