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THE AMERICAN LEGION JONATHAN D. ROZIER POST 164 KATY TEXAS



JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER (Harry Woodstrom, Editor)

Commander's Chatter

By Morrow Krum (Commander Post 164)

First and foremost, I want to shout out a huge thank you to all of our post family who volunteered to staff our fireworks booth. It looks like we broke another sales record. I know it was sometimes very hot and very wet, but your determination to help us get the funds to keep our post going is awe inspiring. SO, THANK YOU ALL!

We have some big numbers to attain in terms of membership for this coming year. We ended the last membership year with 380 members. The main thing you all can do, as members, is to pay your dues as soon as possible. The 1st Vice Commander and I are going to be looking for a few people to help us get our renewals to 100% by the end of December. So, if you are interested in helping us get there please contact either Dennis Wells or myself. Please get your dues for the coming year paid as soon as possible. All Executive Committee and Board of Trustee members are requested to have their dues paid by the end of July.

We have some big things coming in the next few months. We have the Legion College coming to our Post in September. October is the Rice Harvest Festival Parade and then the Rice Harvest Festival event. November will be Veterans Day Events and turkey dinner distribution. December is Wreaths Across America. Please keep an eye on the post calendar for upcoming events. You can view it at www.legionpost164katytx.org.

The continued success of our post is because of our volunteers. As was announced at our last meeting, we have developed a system where you will receive one (1) raffle ticket for each event or event shift you work. We will then hold a drawing at next June's membership meeting; the winner will have their membership dues paid for the next year (2027). So, in short the more you volunteer and the more tickets you get, the better your chances to win. This started with those who volunteered to help with our fireworks booth. Again, thank you for all you do to keep our post active and growing.



“Nothing ruins a good war story like an eye-witness”

**Gen. Stanley
McChrystal**



By Alana Saboor (Unit 164 President)

Happy July! from your Auxiliary

I am excited and deeply humbled to be your new Unit President. I look forward to getting to know each you better while we focus on the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

A Little Get to Know Your President:

I am originally from Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh Go Steelers). I have one daughter, 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandbaby. I come from a long line of Military Veterans including my dad who served in WWII and my grandson who served in the USMC. I always say, I grew up in the American Legion. It is such an honor to be part of such an amazing group. You're truly missing out if you're not connected.

In professional life, I've always been in the caregiving industry in some capacity. In moments of crisis a Caregiver, in other moments a Director of Operations, Regional Director etc. I will be joining Nurse Next Door here in Katy on 7/8/25 and will get to work with Stephanie Leyva, on the Katy Team. I've always felt as though my calling in life was to care for people. In my professional life and my Auxiliary life, I can do what gives me the greatest joy.

Having had Linda as our President over the last several years, she has certainly left some very large shoes to fill. I will do my best to be the best I can be for our Unit.

Welcome to all of our new members, we are excited you are here!

True or False

More tickets were sold to see *Gone With The Wind* in theaters than people living in America at its release

True, In 1939, America's population was just 130 million. Over 200 million tickets have been sold during *Gone With The Wind's* theatrical runs.



By Gene Britton (Commander Squadron 164)

The young members of SAL can participate in "The Ten Ideals" program, which helps them learn about the foundations on which the Sons of the American Legion is built. The Sons of the American Legion uphold a foundation of principles that guide our actions and strengthen our community. Among these is the ninth ideal—Reverence; Show that you are a member of a religious organization. Aid in placing markers and flowers on veteran's graves.

Our Sons of the American Legion are gearing up for our seventh Dinner night on July 25th at 6pm at the post. Please come out and have some fun.

I hope everyone enjoyed celebrating the birth of the greatest nation the world has ever seen. Our Legion family is proud to support the veterans that protect and serve our great nation. Our community's patriotic pride was evident in every flag flown and every conversation shared. The Legion family remains steadfast in its commitment to our veterans, and we are deeply thankful for all who serve and support our cause.

COMMUNITY SERVICE by Gillian Woodstrom

By visibly supporting our veterans and community, the Auxiliary Community Service program demonstrates who we are, what we do and why we matter. Here's what we do to make a difference!

In our 8th year of Breakfast with the Veterans, we're still a major force in the kitchen plus we've added volunteer groups like the Heritage Girls, U of H Veterans Youth Service Group, NHS and Girls State volunteers to our kitchen crew. We always hold an Auxiliary Raffle and this has been our second year of the Kids Activity Table.

In our Backpack Program's second year we stuffed 100 backpacks for 4 needy Katy elementary schools plus provided supplies to an additional school.

To celebrate Halloween we partnered with the West Memorial Civic Association for a Halloween Festival at their park. Unit 164 decorated tables and worked the event. Volunteers from HCESD 48 Fire Department brought their firetruck and passed out hats.

At festivals, parades, Expos and sponsorship tables we passed out 5000 American flags! Many weekends we're at one of our branded Unit 164 tables in front of a local business gathering sponsorships, passing out poppies or sharing information about our Legion Family. We also engage National Honor Society Students to apply patriotic tattoos at our events and at the annual Katy Rice Festival we raffle a special Veterans Basket.

Girls State is now at 35 citizens, up from the original 12 citizens in 2017; and 10 KISD schools up from the original 5 KISD high schools. Private schools St. John 23 and ATTWY International and home scholars also participate.

This was our 4th year assisting the Katy Fire Department with their Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Funds raised through our 10 donated raffle baskets and Big Screen TV went to scholarships for their EMTs and Firefighters for further education.

Each year Post 164 presents awards to the finest of our Katy firefighters, paramedics and police at the First Responders Annual Awards Dinner. For the tenth year the Auxiliary decorated the hall and the tables, provided 20 door prizes, and made appetizers and the cake. New this year we secured 100 gift bags from Operation Gratitude for each Veteran and each First Responder.

Our Post 164 Family ceremony for Wreaths Across America has grown in the past 6 years into a tradition in the Katy community. We lay 575 wreaths on our veterans' graves at Katy Magnolia Cemetery. To gather sponsorships we set up our branded Unit 164 tables outside local businesses and updated our process by adding a QR code to our flyers. For the ceremony itself this year we added the Katy Youth Choir while maintaining our education component highlighting the Laying of the Penny.



The Ballard House in Katy is a no cost temporary housing facility for individuals and caregivers undergoing serious medical treatment in Houston. This is our second year supporting this organization quarterly by providing dinners and homemade throw blankets for

the 50 residents.

This is our fourth year holding the Four Chaplains Ceremony. We rotate the churches and the ministers, which expands community involvement. Expanding this year our local Girl Scouts handed out programs, the Men's Choir from St. Peter's sung and attendants received a Four Chaplains Commemorative magnet.

Community Service Continued

In our third partnership year with Operation Home Front we passed out Thanksgiving Turkeys with all the fixings for 150 active duty families at a Katy drive-thru event. We give donations to their Red, White and Blue Baby Shower at Ellington Air Force Base.

We sponsor Pies for Hope to raise awareness for Camp Hope (a PTSD Foundation) and provided 125 pies for their Thanksgiving meal plus a cash donation of \$500.

Together with the Post for Memorial Day and Veterans Day we set up tables outside 4 local businesses and pass out poppies and split donations.

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in Grades 3-12. This is our second year partnering with 5th Grade Students at Bethke Elementary School and we received 6 essays. Each student was recognized with a certificate and an American flag pin, and the winner also received a \$25 check. We requested Americanism Essays from our Girls State candidates and received 22 submissions.

We adopted West Memorial Junior High School for Education week. We provided each of the 135 staff members with handwritten thank you cards, snacks, breakfast, sweet treats and 30 prizes for their Thanksgiving Luncheon draw. We are partnering with the Post in The American Legion School Awards Medal Program. For our 4th Teacher Appreciation Week in May we will be making goody bags for our Girls State high school counselors

A first time event held in conjunction with HEB for Veterans Day was a free VETERANS NIGHT OUT for families. We set up a branded information table, passed out flags, and visited with the 100 plus veterans and families in attendance.

On Patriot Day in honor of the victims of 911, we held our first drive-thru event passing out flags and treats to all those who came by.



The American Legion Basic Training Course

Want to learn more about our great organization? Well, The American Legion has an official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization. The course is now available online.

Already taken the old course? The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. The self-paced on-line program should take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam. Once the course is completed you can print off a certificate of completion. A copy should be provided to our Post Adjutant.

So, register at www.Legion.org/alei today and sign up for this outstanding course.



From the American Legion Weekly Volume 1, July 4, 1919

The Spirit of the Legion

THE AMERICAN LEGION WEEKLY is born on this one hundred and forty-third anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Appropriately so. The principles and ideals of that epochal document in human liberty are those of The American Legion, which the American Legion Weekly represents.

The Legion itself is a spontaneous expression of purpose by those millions of Americans who helped crush autocracy. Out of their common experiences through the dark months of the war has grown a comradeship and a patriotism which is vitalized by their organization into this single concrete force which will stand always as a barrier against the forces of greed, ignorance and chaos.

The American Legion is the epitome of that Americanism for which it stands. Its voice is the majority voice of its members; its will the will of the many. Spontaneous in inception, it has been democratic in its development. There are no titles recorded on its rolls. It is free of rank, of cast—and of partisanship. If it seeks in a full measure to serve those who were in service, it seeks in fuller measure to serve America. In this spirit the American Legion has entered upon its mission.

In this spirit the American Legion Weekly sets upon its way.

Washington, D. C, June 9, 1919.

I am very glad to know that The American Legion is organized to preserve the memories of the late war, to maintain the spirit that prompted the sacrifices in it, and to keep high the ideals for which the members of the Legion fought, bled and died.

I sincerely hope that your publication may be welcomed by all the members of the Legion and by all those who sympathize with its objects.

William H. Taft.

Received at 16 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK JUNE 16-1919.

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IT GIVES ME MUCH PLEASURE TO EXTEND TO THE AMERICAN LEGION MY HEARTY GOOD WISHES FOR SUCCE33 ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE OFFICIAL PAPER OF THS SOCIETY OF VETERANS OF THE GREAT WAR PERIOD.

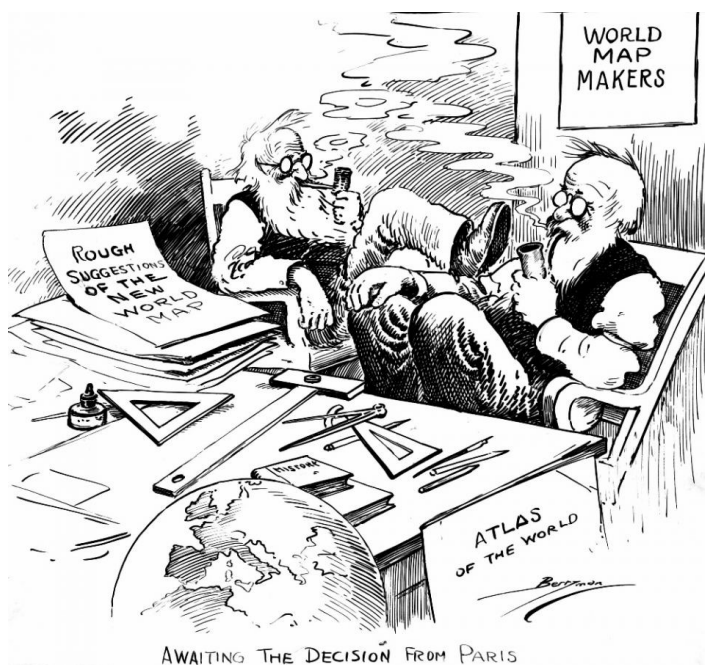
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I PREDICT A MOST USEFUL FUTURE FOR THE LEGIOI- AND THE LOYAL SUPPORT OF ALL FOR THE NEW WEEKLY.

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Humor

A cop is watching the bar after last call

Recently, during a routine patrol, a patrolman parked down the street, outside a bar just off the main Street.

After last call, the officer observed a man leaving the bar. The gentleman was so intoxicated that he could barely walk. He then stumbled around the parking lot for a few minutes, with the officer quietly observing.

After what seemed an eternity and trying his keys on five different vehicles, the man managed to find his car, which he fell into. He sat there for a few minutes and then threw a hook and line out the window and seemed to be trying to catch a fish. A number of other patrons paid no attention to this crazy drunk as they left the bar and drove off.

Finally the drunk started the car, switched the wipers on and off (it was a fine, dry summer night) flicked the blinkers on and off a couple of times, honked the horn, and switched on the headlights.

He then pulled in the hook and line and moved the vehicle forward a few inches, reversed a little and then remained still for a few more minutes as some more of the other patron vehicles left. At last, the parking lot was empty; he pulled out of the parking lot and started to drive slowly down the road.

The officer, having patiently waited all this time, now started up the patrol car, put on the flashing lights, and promptly pulled the man over. He performed a Breathalyzer test on the gentleman who cooperated fully, and to his amazement, the Breathalyzer indicated no evidence of the man having consumed any alcohol at all!

Dumbfounded, the officer said, I will have to ask you to accompany me to Headquarters. This breathalyzer equipment must be broken."

"I doubt it," said the truly proud man, "Tonight I'm the designated decoy."

The Legion Time (TX Department Newsletter)

Article submission Guidelines

Do you have an article or news announcement to share with the rest of the Department of Texas? If so, please follow these guidelines for submissions.

- Submit text in Word format (.doc, .docx) or as a text file (.txt or .rtf) or as a PDF. ONE ARTICLE PER EMAIL PLEASE.
- The ideal word count for our format is 200 - 500 words (maximum), preferably with no double spacing.
- Give your article a TITLE! Create a HEADLINE and save with a proper file name so we can easily recognize it.
- Tell us who the author is, whether it's you or if you are just forwarding it to us.
- Attach any photos or artwork for your article separately in your email. DO NOT embed them in your Word or PDF file. Larger photos are best, and high resolution JPG files of 300 dpi or better are preferred. Please name these files accordingly so we can track them along with your article.
- Let us know in your e-mail of any corresponding photo captions, name of the photographer, etc. Please note that due to spacing and layout requirements, we may not be able to use every photo or caption submitted (preferably 2 - 3 photos per article).
- Please spell check everything! Especially people's names, web addresses, etc. We do our best to catch typos, and make corrections, but sometimes they still slip by. You can help us greatly by simply running the spell check function in your word processing software.
- We publish on our Website on the FIRST FRIDAY of the Month, with few exceptions. E-mail everything directly to times@txlegion.org by the 20th of every month, for it to appear in the following issue. This way we have plenty of time to work with in case we need to clarify anything with you.

Happy Birthday! By Dennis Wells (Post 164 First Vice Commander)

The United States Army is celebrating its 250th birthday going back to the Continental Army of the Revolutionary War. My great, great, great, great grandfather served with Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys. He served as a drummer boy in a number of battles including the Battle of Saratoga. In that conflict, during a charge, he had his drum shot away. Undeterred he picked up a British drum and continued to lead in the attack. Inspiring the American soldiers to move forward toward the British lines. He was honored by his troops for his bravery and was asked to be the drummer at Allen's funeral after the war.

While watching a Carol Burnett Show rerun a few months ago Harvey Korman, during a skit, recounted in detail this same story about the drummer boy. I sat there amazed that my relative's story would make it to TV. There was Harvey Korman recounting this story of bravery to inspire a worried Tim Conway.

My great, great, grandfather served in the Union Army during the Civil War. My grandfather and father served in the Army during World War 2. And I served in the Army during Vietnam. We have some history in that fine organization. Happy Birthday United States Army!



- 1) What is the only U.S. state capital whose name begins with F?
- 2) Who was the first Vice President to automatically assume the presidency after the death of a president?
- 3) At what Ivy League university was Facebook founded?
- 4) How many U.S. states have a shoreline on Hudson Bay?
- 5) In what state is Dell Computers based?

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From The Legion Times

Legion's response to Texas Flooding

American Legion Post 208 in Kerrville has set up a relief area for both those impacted by the flooding and those first responders performing search and rescue. And the support from other Legion posts has been overwhelming.

On Independence Day, heavy showers from earlier in the week caused massive flooding in Kerr County, Texas. In less than an hour, the Guadalupe River rose 26 feet, according to state officials.

The results were devastating. With summer camps in place and vacationers in the area, the death toll has risen to 120 people as of July 10. More than 170 people remain missing.

And as first responders continue their daily searches, they've found support in the form of the American Legion Family from Post 208 in Kerrville. Just two days after the flooding, the post set up a relief area for first responders, providing snacks, clothing, supplies and more, while also providing a place to sleep.

Donations have poured into the post, including from Legion posts in Texas and elsewhere (see below). Items also have been made available to members of the community impacted by the flood.

The effort actually started with Post 208 looking out for a fellow veteran service organization. "Our post actually sits on the Guadalupe River. And the water did come up Friday morning to the road, but fortunately it did not get to the actual door of our post," Auxiliary Unit 208 Treasurer-Secretary Lisa Valdez said. "So, by the grace of God we were spared. The VFW in town was not as lucky."

When Valdez learned that VFW Post 1480 had been flooded and didn't know when it would be able to reopen, she reached out to Post 208 Commander Robert Garcia. A group text to the post Legion Family's leadership led to a cleanup effort at Post 1480

the next morning. And that set the wheels in motion.

"People in town started posting on social media what they were needed," Valdez said. "We have a bingo hall. Robert and I and his wife (Post 208 First Vice Commander Veronica Garcia) got to talking together ... and I said, 'Why don't we open our bingo hall, and we'll start taking donations?' We just put it out there, and it was just crazy."

Valdez said Post 208 previously had hosted large district and state Legion events and already had a network in place. "We just started getting phone calls," she said. "Robert said, 'We'll take all the donations because people were turning them away. Some places just wanted monetary donations. And we knew we had first responders coming in.'"

Valdez was able to pick the brain of her brother, a former firefighter who took part in swiftwater rescue following Hurricane Katrina, to find out what supplies would be needed.

"We put out a list, and other posts were calling us," Valdez said. "They just started sending trucks from Missouri and Florida and everywhere. And from San Antonio, people were coming. And we just started stacking donations in a spot where first responders can come in and basically shop for free. Pick up toothbrushes, toothpaste, clean underwear, socks. We've got rubber boots in there in case their boots get worn out. A lot of bug spray and ant killer."

Valdez said the outpouring of donations and support from other American Legion posts has left her "humbled by their outreach and their love."

The post – which is located next to the central command center where Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Department of Homeland Secretary Kristi Noem have been working from – also has a mobile medical truck in the parking lot to assist those who experience heat exhaustion or other issues. And a portion of the post hall has been set aside for Kerr County residents to

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pick up food and supplies as well.

The post has basically been operating from 6 a.m. to midnight, but two members of the post have been staying the night to be with the first responders sleeping there. Those hours likely will continue through next week.

That kind of dedication doesn't surprise Valdez, who said she became passionate about Post 208's Legion Family two years ago after her husband lost his job and she was able to pick up extra work at the post. "I'm grateful for that," she said. "And because of that, I donate my time back to them every chance I get. It is a family. Whenever someone here needs something, we're on it. We don't hesitate."

And though she said down the road she may look back at what that Legion Family has provided during an overwhelming tragedy, now is not the time for that kind of reflection.

"Honestly, after it's all said and done, I would feel very proud ... of our post efforts," she said. "Right now, the mood is very solemn. It's very hectic. It's hard to feel anything but sadness right now. It's just heartbreaking.

"We're on the river, so there's (rescue and recovery) helicopters flying over every five minutes, and every time it does it's just gut-wrenching. And every day the body count gets higher."

Texas Strong. Across the state, Texas Legion posts have stepped up to assist Post 208 with its efforts. The following are just A FEW examples of how other posts in the state are supporting Post 208 in its efforts. Please share your efforts at Legiontown under Volunteering.

In Helotes, American Legion Post 309 teamed with VFW Post 7108 and Texas State Rep. Josey Garcia to deliver supplies to Post 208. Post 309 continues to collect supplies for future deliveries.

In League City, S. Mike Lacy Post 554 coordinated a community relief assistance effort that included collecting cleaning supplies, insect spray, clothing, drinks and other items. The post said it would make as many trips as needed to deliver items to the impacted area.

In Seguin, American Legion Post 245's Legion Family began collecting supplies on July 6 and took its first truckload for first responders two days later. "We sent everything that had to do with flashlights, batteries, insect repellent, water — everything for first responders," Post 245 Commander Felisa Ramirez said. "I got a text from one of them saying we need more articles down there, but they're going to stop at some of the little smaller communities that maybe aren't getting as much publicity, but are also not getting a lot of response or assistance." The post continues to accept donations for future deliveries.

In Huntsville, Sam Houston Post 95 collected monetary donations for Kerrville families. The donations will be delivered this weekend during the department convention in Austin. "We are Texas proud and need to be there to help when we are called!" the post wrote on its Facebook page.

In Harlingen, American Legion Post 205 made a call for items that included blankets, non-perishable food, toiletries, bottled water, cleaning supplies and baby food.

In Somerset, American Legion Post 443 donated six cots and picked up six more from American Legion Post 300 in San Antonio. The cots were delivered to Post 208, along with a pallet of water. While members of Post 443 were in Kerrville, they delivered clothing from Post 208 to St. Vincent Church for distribution. "Thank you American Legion Post 208 in Kerrville Tx for leading the charge and providing a place for victims, 1st responders and volunteers to rest. ONE TEAM ONE FIGHT!!" Post 443 wrote on its Facebook page.

In Converse, William M. Randolph made a callout for

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donations of cots and socks for first responders providing relief efforts.

In San Antonio, Post 592 learned of the need for cots and water for both Post 208 members and the first responders who have been sleeping at the post each night and were forced to do so on the ground. The request for 20 to 25 cots was met and was to be delivered to the post.

Also in San Antonio, John F. Kennedy Post 485 teamed with other entities to collect non-perishable food for Kerrville.

Nationwide Support. Help for those affected by the Kerrville flooding and those providing relief efforts hasn't been limited to the Lone Star State. Legionnaires and other organizations from as far away as Virginia have offered their assistance as well.

From Colorado, online community Disgruntled Vets teamed with the nonprofit 22 Until None to create an Amazon wish list for people to purchase much-needed items for those on the ground in Kerrville. Disgruntled Vets founder Ryan Hemhauser, a member of American Legion Post 5 in Colorado Springs, moved quickly after learning about the flooding.

"After hearing about the flooding in Texas, I immediately reached out to our partners at 22 Until None to find a way to help," Hemhauser said. "We contacted over 20 organizations before connecting with the Grunt Style Foundation, who directed us to Post 208. From there, we worked directly with (Post 208 First Vice Commander Veronica Garcia) to get her a wish list of urgently needed items. Thanks to our national veteran network, we helped facilitate over 1,500 packages and more than \$40,000 in donations sent directly to the post.

"As a Legionnaire at Post 5 in Colorado, I've seen what happens when veterans come together for a cause bigger than ourselves. From Colorado wildfires

to hurricanes in New Jersey, I've witnessed the power of long-term support – and I'm proud we could stand with Post 208 when it mattered most."

In Virginia, Department Historian David Wallace put out a call for donations on the Department of Virginia's Facebook page, asking for donations of gift cards and checks. The department will accept donations through July 16.

And in Florida, members of Post 83's Legion Family in Macclenny organized a donation drive to be delivered to Post 208 later this month. Solicited items include water, baby food and diapers, pet food and clothing.



Answers

- 1) Frankfort, Kentucky
- 2) John Tyler
- 3) Harvard
- 4) None
- 5) Texas

From Legion.org

'Top Ten' American Flag Myths

The Flag Code is The American Legion Flag Code.

On Flag Day, June 14, 1923, The American Legion and representatives of 68 other patriotic, fraternal, civic and military organizations met in Washington, DC for the purpose of drafting a code of flag etiquette. The 77th Congress adopted this codification of rules as public law on June 22, 1942. It is Title 4, United States Code Chapter 1.

A flag that has been used to cover a casket cannot be used for any other proper display purpose.

A flag that has been used to cover a casket can be used for any proper display purpose to include displaying this flag from a staff or flagpole.

The Flag Code prohibits the display of a United States flag of less than 50 stars.

According to the U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry the United States flag never becomes obsolete. Any officially approved American flag, irrespective of the number or arrangement of the stars and/or stripes may continue to be used and displayed until no longer serviceable.

The Flag Code does provide for penalties for violations of any of its provisions.

The Flag Code is simply a guideline for proper flag etiquette. The law does not provide penalties for violation of any of its provisions.

You must destroy the flag when it touches the ground.

As long as the flag remains suitable for display, the flag may continue to be displayed as a symbol of our great country.

The Flag Code prohibits the washing or dry-cleaning of the flag.

There are no provisions of the Flag Code, which pro-

hibit the washing or dry-cleaning of the flag. The decision to wash or dry-clean would of course depend upon the type of material.

There has been a change to the Flag Code that no longer requires the flag to be properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

There has been NO CHANGE to Flag Code section 6 (a), which states: "It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness."

The mayor, a town official, or the Post Commander can order the flag to be displayed at half-staff.

The gesture of placing the flag at half-staff means that the Nation or the state mourns the death of a highly regarded National or state figure, hence only the President of the United States or the Governor of the state may order the Flag to be half-staffed in accordance with Flag Code section 7(m). Those individuals and agencies that usurp authority and display the flag at half-staff on inappropriate occasions are quickly eroding the honor and reverence accorded this solemn act.

The Flag Code states that when the flag is no longer a fitting emblem for display it is to be disposed of by burning in private.

The Flag Code as revised and adopted by the Congress of the United States in 1942 has never included the word(s) "private" or "in privacy." Section 8(k) of the Flag Code states: "The flag, when it is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." Since 1937, The American Legion has promoted the use of a public flag disposal ceremony. This ceremony is a fitting tribute and an overt expression of patriotism, which enhances the public's un

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derstanding of honor and respect due the American flag.

The Flag Code prohibits the “fringing” of the flag.

Fringing of the flag is neither approved of nor prohibited by the Flag Code. The American Legion considers that fringe is used as an honorable enrichment to the Flag. Additionally the courts have deemed without merit and frivolous, lawsuits that contend that the gold fringe adorning the flag conferred Admiralty/ Maritime jurisdiction.

“The best way to
predict your future is
to create it.”

Abraham Lincoln



“Miss Lizzie” owned by Auxiliary Unit 164 Sergeant-at-Arms, Rosie Stokley