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The American Legion, New Braunfels, Texas***
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From the Post Commander

Welcome to Fall Y'all,

We have continued to stay busy around the Legion. This past month our highlights were the 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony, Golf Tournament, and Sunday Funday free brunch.

Thank you to Gea Clausier for representing us at the Department of Texas Executive Committee. Thank you to Teresa Lopez for representing our Legion at the Eden Hills Mend-A-Thon. My Last individual thanks for this month goes to Deb Powers. Her consistent and deliberate work on our Golf tournament resulted in the most successful participation yet with positive accolades from the Landa Park Golf Course grounds staff to people who have participated in every tournament we have ever had. Deb, we are perpetually grateful for your volunteer spirit, leadership, and enthusiasm.

Thank you to all who have gone online and renewed their membership to our organization. You can renew it by visiting <https://www.legion.org/renew> print your card, sign it and bring it to the Legion and I will laminate it for you. You can renew through 2029 when renewing online. Your membership matters.

I encourage everyone to sign up for and take the Legion Basic Training course. It can be found at <https://register.legion.org/alei>. If you haven't completed it in the last five years, I encourage you to take it again as sustainment training.

Come to Sunday Funday on October 25th. This is a free event that volunteers put on once a month for you and the community. Come for a delicious brunch and stay for fellowship and football in the *Rathskeller*.

Our ALR gives back to the community and represents us well in charitable giving. Please support them before or during their *Wurst Run* on October 31st. We can help them help us.

We will be passing out candy on the 31st here in front of our Legion. If you would like to donate a bag of candy for the kids, a collection station will be set up in the hall.

Please continue to read as our ALA, SAL, and ALR have exciting news to share.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Commander.

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From the Chaplain's Corner



Post Everlasting: Elaine Velasquez Garza, April 12, 1960-September 20, 2026.

Elaine was a US Air Force veteran.

Sick Call & Relief: Service Officer and ALR 179 Director Dale Bennett is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Charles Clopper, Chaplain

From the Service Officer

Please advise the members we have a personal medical equipment closet for those members and our veterans in need. Contact the Service Officer: Dale Bennett at 830-734-5621 or Tim Powers.

Blood Drive October 13, 2026, 10 AM-4 PM, at American Legion Post 179.

Dale Bennett
Service Officer

From the 2026 Golf Tournament Chairperson

Thank You for Teeing It Up for Our Veterans and Our Community!

Thank you, members, sponsors, donors, golfers, and volunteers, for making this year's charity golf tourney the best one yet! The event sold out for the first time and raised over \$16,500 for our four pillars of charitable programs. The Executive Board is meeting this week to obligate all funds raised to:



Improve the lives of Veterans: Provide support for new Veterans moving into our community, expand Veteran outreach, enhance the Post's free medical lending closet, offer emergency Veteran assistance, support Comal County Veterans Treatment Court, and make donations to local Veteran charities.

Support a strong, well-resourced defense: Sponsor monthly blood drives at the Post, provide community disaster preparedness training, support emergency responders, Reserve, and National Guard, support the Chamber of Commerce Airman of the Quarter program, and observe national patriotic events and POW/MIA remembrance.

Make a difference in our community: Retire unserviceable flags, provide youth, citizenship, and leadership education through our oratorical contest and by sending local youth to Boys State and Girls State, fund our school awards program and annual scholarships, support Boy Scouts and ROTC programs, and encourage Voter participation.

Help local children in need: Support organizations that provide for local children in need, sponsor safe holiday events for local children, provide child safety education for the local community, support the American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance Program for minor children in need.

We hope to raise even more in the coming year so our Post can do more good throughout our community. Our annual charity auction and golf tournament aren't just for

golfers - they're for anyone who wants to help our Post do more good works throughout the New Braunfels area, as 100% of profits support our four pillars of charitable programs.

Next year's tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2027, and our website www.americanlegioncharitygolf.com is ready to accept donations and sponsorships for the 2026-2027 year. You can also see more photos of the event in our [gallery](#).

Thanks once again to all for an awesome 2026 event. Let's break some more records in the coming year, so we can continue to tee it up for local Vets and our community!



To The American Legion Charity Golf Tourney Volunteers,

Again, I just want to take a moment to sincerely thank you for sacrificing your day on Friday to support our annual charity fundraiser. Without the hard work of so many volunteers, this event simply would not be possible. I appreciate everyone's flexibility and initiative in stepping in and lending a hand wherever help was needed and enduring a slightly muggy day out on the course to ensure all the golfers had a great time. Great job everyone, and thanks again so much for your support!

Deb Powers
Event Chair
American Legion Charity Golf Tournament
americanlegioncharitygolf@gmail.com

From the Post 179 American Legion Auxiliary

We are still reminding Auxiliary Members to keep recruiting new members to help build our Auxiliary.

At our last meeting we were able to award Melisa Weige, a teacher and Auxiliary Member, \$300 to purchase School Supplies for her NBISD school where she teaches.

This award will be joyfully filed under our Youth and Family Services Program.

We will be planning for our annual Veteran Ice Cream Social at Eden Hill in October or November, Date TBD. We will discuss and plan accordingly at our next ALA Monthly Meeting on October 15th, at 6pm. I will be available if anyone has any questions.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.

Mary Jane Repp, President
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From the Sons of American Legionnaires



Greetings Fellow Sons and American Legion Family,

It has been a busy couple of months for the Squadron 179 of the Sons of The American Legion. We took over making sausage wraps during the month of August. We are now making sausage wraps and Frito pie on Monday nights for Monday Night Football. While attendance has been a little slower than we hoped, sales have been steadied each week. We do it with the same people every week. David Gray, Dennis Crabill, and Lawrence Intrau have been steady workers.

The Sons also opened the lower lot for parking for the Comal County Fair Parade. The route changed a few years ago, which limits how many people park in the area of Post 179. However, through the persistent effort of our members, we did get a few cars and some additional income for the Sons scholarship funds. (All of our parking efforts go towards scholarships until they are fully funded.)

Our next parking effort will be on October 17 for the *Dia de Los Muertos* Festival that is being held in downtown New Braunfels. The festival runs from noon to 10:00 p.m. The festival website said they are expecting around 7,000 people to attend, so the opportunity to make money by parking cars will definitely be present.

A quick reminder that our general membership meetings have been moved to the 3rd Mondays of each month. We will meet at 7:04 in the hall at the post. Our October meeting is on the 19th.

I know I am sounding like a broken record, but I want to remind everyone it is time to renew their membership. We have several members who have not renewed their 2025

membership. There is still time to get up to date by paying your 2026 and 2027 dues. The Early Bird contest is still open to existing members who renew for 2027 before November 11th. If you qualify and your name is drawn, you will win an honorary Paid Up for Life membership as long as you stay active with our Squadron. Our goal for 2027 is 41 members paid up and in good standing. We are currently at 26.

Finally, we still have three officer positions open for anyone willing to learn and take over the duties of Adjutant, Finance Officer, or Chaplain.

For God and Country,

Eddy Seegers
Squadron 179

From the American Legion Riders Chapter 179

We are preparing for our 10th annual Wurst Run on October 31st and look forward to all our Post members coming out to see what we do to raise funds to support our program. Activities include Silent and Live auction, Stein holding contest and who knows what else may be thrown in for your amusement.

We have raffle tickets available for three guns and the great thing about this raffle is if you don't win at the Wurst Run those tickets will still be eligible for the drawing we will have in February at the Fashing Run. So, if you want to buy tickets, contact one of our ALR members. (See the sponsorship letter attached.)

Bike Night at Seguin Brewery October 2, 2026, from 7 PM until 10 PM benefiting a couple local non-profits which is a great opportunity to sell raffle tickets and advertise the Wurst Run.

Gypsy Knock out Rally at Nolte Island Park in Seguin on October 9,10 and 11th. I will be out there with my sons as a vendor so stop by.

Our Road Captain is planning a ride to Mercedes Post 172 to capture their Plague on October 17 if you would like to join in on the fun. Two, three or four wheels it's all about the comradery!

Our next ALR meeting is October 29, 2026 at 7 PM.

Keep those knees in the breeze,

For God and Country

Dale Bennett
Director

From the Editor/Publisher

Phew, a lot of input from the golf tournament this issue!

If all of your information did not get included, please consider reposting for the November issue.

Charlie Clopper
Editor/Publisher, *Post 179 Citizen*

American Legion Post 179 Officers –2026-2027

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89 th Commander	Jay Grady
1 st Vice Commander	Vacant
2 nd Vice Commander	Wayne Powell
Adjutant	Gea Clausier
Chaplain	Charles Clopper
Finance Officer	Cassie Collington
Sergeant at Arms	James Timmons
Judge Advocate:	Phil Nikel
Service Officer	Dale Bennett
Historian	Kevin Ballard
Executive Committee	Ronnie Barnett, Rusty Law, Bill Morison



Appointed Positions

Public Affairs Officer	Pamela Grady
Security Manager	(Vacant)
Honor Guard Director	(Vacant)
Lower Lot Committee	(Vacant)
Scholarship Committee	(Vacant)
Boy State Committee	Bill Morrison
Hubmaster	Vacant
Newsletter Editor/Publisher	Charlie Clopper

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 179 – 2026-2027

President	Mary Jane Repp
1 st Vice President	Deb Chappell
2 nd Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Sue Bennett
Treasurer	Vacant
Historian	Debra Noble
Chaplain	Alyssa Lisvernois
Rita Gray	Sgt. At Arms
Members at Large	Deb Desero, October Ballard, Lynn Triffet

Sons of Legionnaires Squadron 179 - 2026-2027

- Commander Lawrence Intrau
- Vice Commander David Gray
- Adjutant -in-Training Mark Stiger
- Assistant Adjutant (Temporarily) Eddy Seegers
- Finance Officer Vacant
- Sergeant-at-Arms Dennis Crabill
- Chaplain Vacant
- Historian Dennis Crabill

American Legion Riders – 2026-2027

Director	Dale Bennett
Assistant Director	Mike Lopez
Sgt at Arms	Ray sanchez
Treasurer	Jay Grady
Secretary	Sue Bennett
Membership	Pamela Grady
Chaplain	Charlie Clopper
Historian	Pamela Grady
Road Captain	Jay Grady
Members at Large	Barbara Clopper, Gail Chester, Rob Chester

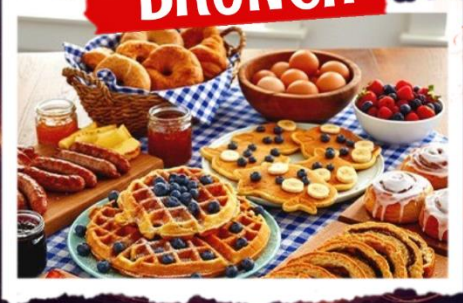
Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Sundays	Sunday Funday Brunch	Post	11:30 AM-2 PM	Post 179
Mondays	Sausage Wraps	Post	5:30-7:30 PM	SAL
Tuesdays	Potluck & Queen of Hearts	Post	7 & 8 PM	Post 179
Wednesdays	Burgers on the Grill	Post	5:30-7:30 PM	Post 179
1 Oct	Executive Committee Mtg	Post	6:30 PM	Post 179
8 Oct	Post Membership Meeting	Post	7 PM	Free Hot dog/Drink After \$50/50 & \$1000 Drawings
15 Oct	Auxiliary Meeting	Post	6 PM	Auxiliary
19 Oct	SAL Meeting	Post	7:04 PM	SAL
29 Oct	ALR Meeting	Post	7 PM	ALR 179
31 Oct	10 th Annual Wurst Run	Post	KSU 10AM	ALR 179

AMERICAN LEGION

Sunday Funday

BRUNCH



Join us us for Food, Drinks, and Fun!

Sept 20 | 11:30AM - 2 PM

410 W. Coll St., New Braunfels, TX 78130

TUESDAY

Queen of Hearts

Drawing at 7 pm sharp!
410 W Coll Street
New Braunfels



MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

FEATURING SAUSAGE WRAPS & FRITO PIE

September 28 • 5:30 to 8:30 (or until sold out)



2 Wraps and chips for - \$6.00
Frito Pie - \$6.00 ea.

PRESENTED BY THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
410 W. COLL ST., NEW BRAUNFELS, TX

AMERICAN LEGION
POST 179

SPUD

Wednesdays

\$8 SPUD
\$12 WITH MEAT



Wednesdays
5:30-7:30PM

410 W COLL ST, NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78130



American Legion Post 179 Event Space

Event space accommodates up to 210 guests. On-site beer and wine bar services are available, enhancing your event experience. A kitchen area can be utilized for an additional fee.

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★ SUPPORT OUR TROOPS ★

RED Friday

REMEMBER
HONOR
SUPPORT

WE WEAR RED ON FRIDAYS TO
REMEMBER • HONOR • SUPPORT

Let's show our service members
they are not forgotten.

— THE AMERICAN —
LEGION
— VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA —

AMERICAN
LEGION

WEAR RED. STAND PROUD. SUPPORT OUR TROOPS.
★ *Until They All Come Home.* ★

AMERICAN LEGION 179'S DOLLAR POT IS \$1,224!

Please take a moment
to sign in and contribute
a dollar to the pot.
Your participation is appreciated!

This pot is a
member-only event.



Wurst Run Shirt
Sponsorship Letter.j

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April,17, 2026

We are reaching out to our members requesting support for the 2026 American Legion Post 179 American 250 Celebration Building Fundraiser, which will be running through the end of this year. This milestone marks the 250th anniversary of our nation, and our Post has proudly served our Country, State, Veterans, Families, and Community for 106 years. As our current facility is showing signs of age, it is necessary to construct a new home adjacent to the existing one. Bret Lindback will serve as Project Chair, with Marc Rhodes as Co-Chair.

We would greatly appreciate donations of \$250 or more—one dollar for each year of our nation's history. Each qualifying donation will be acknowledged with a name plate that includes Name, Service Branch, Auxiliary Member, SAL or Friends of Post 179 (Non-Members), and donation amount will be displayed on the American 250 Celebration plaque. This plaque will be displayed at the Legion Hall. Donors will also receive a Post 179 Challenge Coin. Additionally, the categories "Family" and "In Memory of" have been added. We encourage you to invite family and friends to contribute. Our goal is to reach one hundred donors at \$250 or higher.

We are also seeking support from local businesses and corporations. They will be recognized on a separate plaque, with tiers of \$250 Donator, \$500 Sponsor, and \$1000 Patron. Assistance in identifying prospective business donors is welcomed. Marc Rhodes is the designated contact for business and corporate donations. Please direct any leads to Marc Rhodes (email: marcrhodes47@gmail.com) or Bret Lindback (email: bretman@aol.com, phone: 612-290-3949).

Payment can be received in person or through mail. Make checks payable to Walton F. Hoffmann Memorial Post 179. In the memo portion of your check please annotate America 250 building fund campaign. If mailing in your check please send to address found in signature block.

Recognizing the magnitude of this undertaking, we are committed to jumpstarting our Building Fund. Success with this fundraising initiative will enhance awareness and generate further opportunities to achieve our objectives. Thanks for your support of Post 179

Respectfully,
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