



Post 123 News

James T. Rayle American Legion Post 123, Inc.

June – August, 2019

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello again, fellow Legionaires. Summer has once again graced us with a bit warmer temperatures and good times to be had. Our Legion Family goes into the summer season continuing to support our Veterans and Community. Our membership and renewals are at their highest levels in ten years. We have grown, not only in membership, but also in the community, as we continue to help wherever we can.

Over the last quarter our special events include the Madi Gras and St. Patrick's Day dances, the OCHS Athletic Boosters Powerball, Kentucky Derby Day, Spring Fling and the Veterans Breakfast hosted by the Woodmen of the World, Legion Auxiliary and Sons.

What started at the Legion Post 123, our 4th of July fireworks display, grew to large to continue at the Post location so we joined forces with the Gagliano family and the Oglethorpe County Recreation Dept. to host the celebration at Bryan Park in Crawford again this year. Come join us for a day of fun and evening of fireworks.

We have seen many new faces during our Thursday Steak Nights; word of mouth has gotten out about the best steaks around.

God bless our country, the American Legion and the Commander in Chief!
Jerry Goettig, Commander

The Year End Summary

Events

4th of July Celebration
Oglethorpe Community Day
Post Member Appreciation Dinner
Madison County Fair Concessions
Community Christmas Oglethorpe
Post Fall Festival
Cancer Ball
Santa visits the Post
Athletic Association Power Ball
Color Guard for Block & Bridle Rodeo
Post Spring Fling

Donations

Madison/Oglethorpe Animal Shelter
NE GA. Council of Boy Scouts
Oglethorpe Recreation Dept.
American Legion Legacy Fund
OCHS HOSA, Oglethorpe T-Ball
Oglethorpe Boosters Club
Joint 4th of July Celebration
Oglethorpe Athletic Boosters
Boy Scout Troop 377
Lexington Volunteer Fire Dept.
Oglethorpe Community Christmas
Wreaths Across America
Oglethorpe 5th Grade

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary has been very busy these last three months with several significant events taking place at the Post. In March the Post hosted the Oglethorpe Athletic Booster Powerball event and the Sons and Auxiliary assisted by preparing dinner for 300 people and assisting with the setup of the Ball Room. Also in March, members of the Auxiliary, Legion and Sons provided the Color Guard for the UGA Block and Bridle annual rodeo.

In April the Post held its annual Spring Fling and assisted the Son's with the cooking and serving of the BBQ sold to raise funds.

On May 11th, the Woodmen of the World, with the assistance of the Auxiliary hosted a veteran's breakfast at the Post. Approximately forty veterans and guest attended the event.

In early May, the American Legion National Commander visited Georgia and a couple of our members had the pleasure of attending a dinner at Post 251 in Duluth, in his honor.

During the 10th District meeting held May 5th, our Auxiliary unit received a certificate in recognition of being the first unit in the 10th District to reach Gold status.

Up-coming events - Mark your calendars

May 27 – Memorial Day, the Day of Remembrance; we will be distributing Poppies at area stores.

June 28 – 30 – Annual American Legion Conference, Valdosta, GA

July 4 – 4th of July Celebration at Bryan Park

August 3 – Oglethorpe County Community Day

We have great organization, come join us!

Carol Eidson

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

This year is really moving by fast. The Spring Fling has come and gone. This year, for a variety of reasons, the Spring Fling was not as well attended as in the past. We will be looking for ways to improve participation in upcoming events. Memorial Day and Independence Day are almost here.

Memorial Day is a day for us to pause, remember and thank those who served. While we are thankful every day for their sacrifices, Memorial Day has been designated as the Day of Remembrance. As we view the POW/MIA Chair in our hall, we must acknowledge that we are safe and free due to the absolute sacrifices of those who are not sitting there. Never forget.








On July 4th, the Sons will join the Legion, Auxiliary, the County and Gagliano family in sponsoring a family day at Bryan Park that will end in an impressive display of fireworks. Planning is underway and we will need some help.

Recently, our Adjutant, George Gray, attended the Sons National Management Institute (NMI) in Indianapolis, IN. With only 20 new appointments for program attendance offered each year, our Squadron was truly honored by the appointment. In addition, our Squadron Commander and Adjutant will once again play leadership roles at the District and Detachment levels.

As mentioned in every newsletter, membership is paramount to our ability to support our veterans, children and youth and community. After a significant increase in membership last year, our Squadron has grown by another 17% this year. Each member is very important to the vitality of our Squadron. If you know someone that may be eligible to be a member of the Squadron, invite them to come be with us as we work with the Legion and Auxiliary to continue to grow and strengthen the Post family for God and Country.

George Gray, Adjutant.

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 	27 	28 	29 Line Dancing 6-7 	30 Family Steak Night 	31 Karoake 8:30 Line Dancing 7	1
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9	10	11 Sons of the American Legion Mtg 7:00 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	12 Line Dancing 6-7 	13 Family Steak Night 	14 FLAG DAY Karoake 8:30 Line Dancing 7	15 
16 Father's Day	17	18 American Legion Meeting 7:00	19 Line Dancing 6-7 	20 Family Steak Night 	21 Karoake 8:30 Line Dancing 7	22 DANCE GOLD DUST BAND
23	24	25 American Legion Riders Meeting 7:00	26 Line Dancing 6-7 	27 Family Steak Night 	28 Karoake 8:30 Line Dancing 7 American Legion Conference Valdosta, GA	29

MARDI GRAS KING AND QUEEN DANCE




POWERBALL

In March we hosted the Oglethorpe Athletic Boosters Club annual Powerball Event. The Son's and Auxiliary prepared enough BBQ Chicken, baked potatoes and salad to feed 300 people for the event. A good time was had by all!



July 2019

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4th of July Celebration At Bryan Park




The American Legion in partnership with The Galgiano Family and the Oglethorpe County Recreation Department will again be hosting the county's 4th of July celebration and fireworks at Bryan Park. The event will start at approximately 9:30 am with vendors of all types, and entertainment for the kids. The fireworks display will start at approximately 9:00 pm following the playing of the National Anthem.

This will be fun for the whole family. For vendor information contact the Recreation Department at (706) 743-3533.

The Post will be open on the 4th, for Steak Night from 6:30pm – 9:00pm!

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 	29 	30 	31 Line Dancing 6-7 	1 Family Steak Night 	2 Karaoke 8:30 Line Dancing 7	3
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St. Patrick's Day



Kentucky Derby Day



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Elected Officers for the 2019 – 2020 Year

American Legion

Commander	Jerry Goettig
Adjutant	Ken Pagel
Sr. Vice Commander	Carol Eidson
Jr. Vice Commander	Frank Patman
Jr. Vice Commander	Bruce Simmons
Finance Officer	Keith Hardman
Service Officer	Clarence Seale
Judge Advocate	Jim Boggs
Chaplin	
Sgt-At-Arms	Mike Day
Historian	Tim Faust

Sons of the American Legion

Commander	Greg Gabriel
Adjutant	George Gray
1 st Vice Commander	Wesley Whitlock
2nd Vice Commander	Marcus Fleming
Finance Officer	Keith Hardman
Judge Advocate	Michael Fields
Chaplin	Sam Ingram
Sgt-At-Arms	Jerry Vaughn
Historian	Billy Bob Shelnutt

American Legion Auxiliary

President	Melisa Gabriel
1 st Vice	Kathy McKarty
2 nd Vice	Allison Callaway
Treasurer	Sue Robertson
Secretary	Carol Eidson
Historian	Rita Shelnutt
Chaplin	Samantha Mathe
Sgt-At-Arms	Donna Churchill

Congratulations Officers! I know that with the support of our members and community we can do great things in the upcoming year.

Woodman of the World Veterans' Breakfast held May 11th

The Woodman of the World sponsored a breakfast for area veterans on May 11 and with the assistance of the Ladies Auxiliary and SAL served breakfast to approximate 40 veterans and their guest. A good time was had by all!



2020 Membership Renewal Starts July 1

Don't wait; renew now to get your 2020 membership card and door key. Renew now and miss the rush. This applies to Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members.



*In Remembrance
of
Bill Crawford, April 26, 2019
Long time Legionnaire
Past Commander
Served in the Navy for 6 years
and was a Vietnam Veteran.*

**Family Steak Night every
Thursday 6:30 - 9:00, other
menu items available.
Members receive a free dinner
on the Thursday of the week of
their birthday.**

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 377



Boy Scout Troup 377 from Madison County was at the Post on the 10th of November to assist in the disposal of unserviceable flags. The event was well attended and members were invited to dispose of flags in honor of someone who had fallen.

Kudos to the amazing chefs of the SAL, once again you did a great job with the BBQ.

Thanks again to Boy Scout Troop 377 for the Flag Retirement Ceremony

Thanks Keith for have your model train group set up for our event; the trains are amazing to watch.
