



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
OF THE U.S.  
BELL POST 1820  
3302 AIRPORT ROAD  
TEMPLE, TEXAS**

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

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**POST COMMANDER'S**

**Greeting Comrades and Auxiliary,**



I appreciate everyone that attended this month's meeting. I feel like we are truly moving forward. I would love to see a higher attendance at our month-

ly meetings. We have many experienced members that can make a great impact towards how we continue to improve our VFW and membership here in Temple Texas. We must evolve as a VFW and it will take all of our efforts to continue our great tradition of service to our community and the Veterans that live here in Temple.

I believe this letter is about informing our members so I will not ramble on but just give you straight information about what is going on within the VFW here at the post, district, state and national levels. You will notice that I have posted these dates here and in the dates to remember section. This is for emphasis and we hope you will come out and join us for these important Veteran's events.

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**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**Greetings Auxiliary and Comrades,**



There have been several events the past couple of months that our Auxiliary was not represent-

ed, since I was unable to take time off from my day job (such as the Wreath Ceremony at Ft. Hood). I would appreciate any member(s), who has time, ability and would like to represent our Auxiliary at these events to contact me (254.931.0561).

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day. A date set aside to honor and thank our military men and women for their service both past and present. Auxiliary members do this daily, not just 1 day a year. I would like to thank you for your many contributions. I would also like to challenge you to do something more, this Veteran's Day. This "more" can be anything you think of...use your imagination! Then send me a note of what you did this year to make Veteran's Day "more". I look forward to hearing about your activities.

Regards,

*Laura VanLier*

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We are busy and can always use the help of our members in supporting all of these events.

**Make Sure Your Voice is Heard on Nov. 6:** The VFW encourages all its members and supporters to get involved with the upcoming elections. With continued threat of sequestration, deficit reduction, and budget cuts that affect veterans, the military, and their families, it is important to support members of Congress who support us. Ways to get involved may include: registering to vote and encouraging others to register; setting up or volunteering at voter registration drives; hosting or attending town hall meetings or candidate forums and bringing up VFW priorities; helping the elderly and disabled get to the voting booth on Election Day; and voting on Nov. 6.

As always if you are interested in doing charitable work or attending an event please contact (Commander Michael Fuller) at phone (254) 317-5445.

Our next monthly meeting, it is at 7:00 pm, November 13, 2018, Post 1820, 3302 Airport Road, Temple, TX 76504. Snacks and drinks are served between 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

If you are need of place to have a party or holiday function, Post 1820 has three event halls. Prices vary according to the size of the hall and members get a discount. Additionally, we have two large heavy-duty VFW Grills mounted on trailers and the pavilion area also has a large grill and is available for rent. Please give our Rental Managers Barbara or Miranda a call at (254) 778-5450 for making reservations (reserving rooms)/ scheduling.

Respectfully,

*Michael E. Fuller*

Michael E. Fuller  
Post 1820 Commander

## IN THE NEWS

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helping the elderly and disabled get to the voting booth on Election Day; and voting on Nov. 6.

**2019 COLA Increase Will Be Largest in 7 Years:** Military and federal retirees, veterans receiving compensation from VA, and Social Security recipients will see a 2.8% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase beginning in 2019. This is the largest COLA increase since 2011 when it was 3.6%, and a 0.8% increase from last year. Annual COLA increases are based on the Consumer Price Index, which measures the inflation during the 3rd quarter of each fiscal year (July, August, and September) and compares it to the previous 3rd quarter.

**Depression Screening Available Online:** Occasional feelings of sadness are part of normal life, but when the emotions continue for extended periods of time, or are associated with feelings of hopelessness and despair, it may be depression. For veterans who are concerned that they may have depression, VA now provides an online screening test through MyHealthVet.

**Hurricane Michael Closes Several VA Facilities:** Hurricane Michael, which hit Florida and the southeastern coast this week, has affected several VA facilities causing some closures. Senators Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson of Florida sent a letter to VA Secretary Robert Wilkie urging him to ensure that veterans affected by the storm get the care they need. "As you begin to assess the damage sustained to Veterans Health System facilities in the Florida panhandle, we also urge the department to deploy VA Mobile Facilities to assist veterans in areas where clinics remained closed," the letter said. The VFW is currently accepting donations to help veterans, service members, and military families impacted by Hurricane Michael. From hurricanes to raging wildfires, the VFW's Disaster Relief Fund provides the organization the opportunity to react quickly with immediate relief to those in the affected areas.

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month:** October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and VA is doing outreach to remind veterans, both women and men, of the importance of monthly self-checks as well as mammograms for early detection. While breast cancer typically affects women, there are cases of male breast cancer. This is particularly true for veterans who were exposed to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune from the 1950s through the 1980s for more than 30 days. For individuals who were stationed in the Camp Lejeune area and were exposed to the water between Aug. 1, 1953 and Dec. 31, 1987, presumptive service connection for veterans who developed one or more of eight diseases, including breast cancer, is

# NOVEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 APA Pool League 1930 DJ Smooth with Karaoke 1930	2 DJ Time 1930 Fish Fry 1700	3 DJ Abel 1930
4 Bingo 1400	5 Bingo 1900 APA Pool League 1930	6 BCA Pool League 1930	7 Bingo 1900 APA Pool League 1930	8 Donation Review / House Meeting 1730 APA Pool League 1930 DJ Smooth 1930	9 DJ Time 1930 Fish Fry 1700	10 DJ Calie 1930
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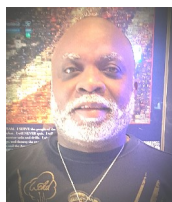
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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Comrades,

**Romans 8:38-39** "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ

Jesus our Lord."

*James Sneed*

James Sneed  
Chaplain



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Commander.....Michael Fuller  
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Quarter Master.....Roosevelt Pugh  
Chaplain.....James Sneed  
Post Judge Advocate.....Gilbert L. Johnson  
Surgeon.....Charles Travis  
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2 Year Trustee.....Jim Halvorson  
3 Year Trustee.....Nathan Watts  
Service Officer.....Sabrina Young

### AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President.....Laura VanLier  
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Junior Vice President.....Liz Youngblood  
Treasurer.....Darlene Gardner  
Secretary.....Vacant  
Chaplain.....Lydia Pippins  
Conductor.....Dan Taylor  
Guard.....Mary Roach  
1 Year Trustee.....Vacant  
2 Year Trustee.....Mary Wall  
3 Year Trustee.....Vacant  
Patriotic Instructor.....Darla Munoz

V.F.W. Post and Auxiliary meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

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