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AMERICAN LEGION \* Parker County

# Brave Eagles

## National Hire-a-Veteran Day July 25, 2025



We all know, hiring a Veteran often results in a driven and loyal employee with leadership experience. In honor of *National Hire-a-Veteran Day* this month, consider **sharing your next recruitment** with local Veterans who follow us

on **Facebook:** [American Legion Post 163 Parker County TX](#)

**Don't forget!**

**FREE**

*"Wills VS Trusts"*

Presentation

July 16<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm-7:30pm

## National Korean War Veteran Armistice Day July 27, 2025



Please join America and South Korea in commemorating the peace treaty that triggered a cease-fire in The Korean War. It is a significant chapter in American history, which claimed approximately 50,000 American troops' lives, wounding another 100,000, and thousands more held captive as prisoners of war. On *National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day* we are encouraged to **take quiet moments for**

**reflection** on the service and sacrifices of American troops during this conflict.

## Post/Unit Installation Ceremony Aug 1, 2025



**Oath of Office.** Join us with a dish to share at our **potluck dinner** and **swearing in** our new Executive Committee. Help us recognize those committing time to represent our Legion Family beginning Aug 2025.

## National Purple Heart Day Aug 7, 2025



**We Will Never Forget.** In honor of *National Purple Heart Day*, please share your Veteran or family story of The Purple Heart Award, and we will proudly post it on Facebook for recognition. **Send your story** and photo to our

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Weatherford, TX 76088

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### Chaplain Phone / Email

817 965-7508 [jleaton@yahoo.com](mailto:jleaton@yahoo.com)

### Social Media (Facebook/Website)

[American Legion Post 163 Parker County TX](#)

**Website coming in August!**

### Post General Member Meetings

**THIRD Tuesday at 7pm**

### Post Division/District

Div 4/17<sup>th</sup> District

### Post Offers

Legion Auxiliary

Canteen "Eagle's Nest"

Hall rental

Oratorical Sponsorship

Boys/Girls State Sponsorship

Sons of the American Legion

Van for **Rides** to Appointments –

• Call/text Paul Hernandez **817-659-4992**

**April 2025** – We hosted a **TECH NIGHT** for Legionnaires. New member, and Veteran business owner, Don Monteith, from **CompuDoc Computer Repair**, volunteered his time to answer hot computer questions. What a fun night of great information! Keep CompuDoc in mind when looking to purchase or repair a computer. He offers Veterans **advice** before purchase, and **discounts** on repairs. Located in Weatherford off Fort Worth Hwy.



**May 2025** – In honor of **Memorial Day**, Legionnaires and **Trail Life Troop TX-3106** united to conduct a ceremony and post flags at **Memory Gardens of the Valley** in Weatherford. Trail Life Troop boys continue to impress with their flag folding discipline and patriotism. Legionnaires also provided and posted flags at **Poolville Cemetery** and by **Weatherford College**.



**June 2025** – Our **Auxiliary Unit** sponsored **Texas Bluebonnet Girls State** participants this year! This is an annual week-long event with close to 600 girls, at **Texas Lutheran University**, June 15-21. Young women learn the fundamentals of government by establishing mock city, county, and state governments and serving as Representatives. It is non-partisan and free from propaganda. **Learn more here:** [Girls-State.org](https://Girls-State.org). See excerpt of a parent's testimony below.

*"The girls expressed their appreciation of the Auxiliary for this amazing opportunity. Both girls bought t-shirts and ceremonial cords (for high school graduation) with the donation from the Auxiliary. For those of you who have never attended, the attitude and process is extremely professional and high-energy. The Auxiliary does an amazing job to make the girls feel welcome and accepted. I would like to express to you all what an amazing thing you do each year and the great impact we parents see on our children. Our neighbor attended over 15 years ago and anticipates her own girls attending soon. To all involved, I can't thank you enough for your efforts and this amazing opportunity."*

### **The Local Scuttlebutt says...**

Our **hall rental** is affordable - Legionnaires get a discount!  
Tables and chairs included. 4-hour minimum.  
Spread this "scuttlebutt" to friends and family!  
Email the post for details and reservations.

**CHANGING of the GUARD** – Our Legion Family would like to say **“Thank You”** to our seasoned Legionnaire *and* Auxiliary Executive Committee Members **retiring** their positions. We appreciate all the years of service, and time sacrificed to support our Mission and to preserve the Post. **Retirees:** Post Finance Officer **Vaughn Oliver**, and Committee members **Larry Allen** and **John Long**; and Auxiliary Executive Committee Member **Janiece Oliver**.



## Meet Your **NEW** Executive Committee Members

**Marcia Meenan** – Marcia was recently **elected Finance Officer**. She has also been instrumental in updating our post communications systems, including a **new website** and **online calendar**, coming soon! She is an **Air Force Veteran**, who served as a Nondestructive Inspection (NDI) Technician on F15's at Eglin AFB in Florida. She exited service in 2007 and is now an NDI Tech at Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth. She spends her free time with family and her two dogs, and her hobbies include hiking and reading. Marcia enjoys serving a cause and joined the Legion in hopes to effect change positively in the community while spending time with her father, fellow Legionnaire, Tim Meenan. She sees many opportunities to be involved and support the mission, and her priority is to **focus on growing active attendance at events**. She would love to see more family events, and opportunities to get her niece and nephew involved in the youth activities.



**Lee Roberts** – Lee returned to Post 163 after years away, and was elected to the **Executive Committee**, helping keep the post in good repair. He is a **Navy Veteran**, who served 1978-1985. He was an Aviation Mechanic and served as **Plane Captain**, ensuring mission-ready status for the H-3 helicopter Search and Rescue, as well as the F-4 Phantoms. During his time, he deployed on the USS America and was assigned to Sigonella Sicily Naval Air Station during the Iran Hostage Crisis. After military service, he retired with 29 years in the U.S. Postal Service. He ended his working years as a maintenance man with Mineral Wells ISD, before fully retiring. Lee has raised 2 biological twin daughters and 2 stepdaughters. He has 3 grandsons; 2 of them are twins as well. His hobbies include camping, fishing, or riding his motorcycle. He lives a quiet life in Poolville and is just beginning to get actively involved with the Legion. **His hope is to see younger Veterans come aboard in support of our Mission** to serve Veterans and facilitate the Youth Programs we sponsor.



## DID YOU KNOW?

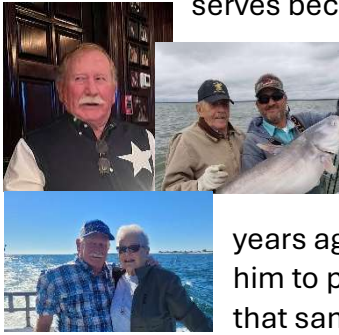


**Larry Allen**, Army Veteran, and local business owner, is one of our **retiring Executive Committee members**. He has largely **maintained** the post for more than 12 years. He would identify issues and humbly provide labor personally or by his paid contractors, to get a **job done at no cost to the Post**. He has **gifted** information technology system expenses, a concrete pad, septic repair parts, window shades, a commercial icemaker, and refrigerator, as well as countless hours of technical and legal guidance. Not to mention, he was our **Grill Man for steak nights!** He has been a quietly generous presence at our Post. Our appreciation shouldn't go unspoken.



## Highlighting Years of Service

**Gary Eubank** – In appreciation, we highlight Gary Eubank's service as **committee member**. Gary serves because he enjoys helping others. He facilitates the Post's **grounds maintenance** efforts and has largely kept up the 7 acres alone, until recently, when 3 volunteers stepped up to help: Tim Cook, Pete Strain, and Frank Frawley. Gary is a Navy Veteran. He went to bootcamp in Orlando, **photography** school in Pensacola, Florida, and served 3 years of shore duty at NAS Miramar, in California. Gary joined the Legion about 8 years ago, when his older brother, **Jerry Eubank** (pictured on left with fish), invited him to play Texas 42 Dominoes. Gary found camaraderie and decided to join. Sadly, that same bother, Jerry recently passed away in June. Gary has had a tough year, having also lost his close companion **Patricia Hawkins** (pictured on boat with Gary). Gary is a loyal friend, who enjoys fishing, playing 42 and practicing his Faith. He is usually one of the first friendly faces you will meet when visiting our post; sometimes along with his twin, Larry Eubank.



### NOW HEAR THIS!

#### JULY

Independence Day Jul 4  
TX Department Convention Jul 9-13  
Boys NATION Jul 18-25  
Jr Shooting Sports Championship Jul 24  
Korean War Veteran Armistice Day Jul 27

#### AUGUST

Coast Guard Birthday Aug 4  
Purple Heart Day Aug 7  
National Convention (Florida) Aug 22-28

#### SEPTEMBER

V-J Day Commemorated Sep 2  
Patriot Day Sep 11  
American Legion Day Sep 16  
U.S. Air Force Birthday Sep 18  
POW/MIA Recognition Day Sep 19

### ATTENTION ON DECK!

#### WE WANT TO REACH YOU!

Most future correspondence will be electronic to save postage. **Please keep your contact information current with us.**

#### Websites to know:

Mylegion.org \* TXlegion.org

#### Discount Mobile App:

VetsApp  
VetTix

#### Good of the Legion

**Advocate!** Visit this site to express your position for legislation that helps Veterans and their family.  
<https://www.legion.org/advocacy/legislative>

**Paul Hernandez** – Who can miss Paul Hernandez? **Legionnaire of the Year 2021-2022**, and our busy **Sgt-at-Arms**. He regularly serves concessions at post social events, **drives Veterans** to medical appointments, and **visits nursing home Veterans** on Wednesdays. His service seldom pauses. Paul found a home serving in both the **Marine Corps** and later the **Army National Guard**. He enlisted at 17 in 1973, following his brother's heroic service (who received **The Purple Heart** during the Tet Offensive in Vietnam). Paul participated in the **1975 evacuation of the US Embassy in Vietnam**, served with Headquarters, the **Military Police**, and in the Infantry as a **Tank Commander**. His duty took him from bootcamp in San Diego, to Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, South Korea, Honduras and Central America. In 1998, he retired with many ribbons and medals for his honorable service. Paul found the Legion and joined our post in 2019. His hope is that younger Veterans find a home here too and continue to serve our Veteran community. Paul has 5 daughters



and 4 grandchildren, and has been married to his wife, Sylvia, for 37 years. His passion is spending quality time with his family and expressing his conservative values. He advises his grandkids to, “Be a Leader, not a Follower,” and “choose an Air Force commission, instead of infantrymen, like Grandpa,” as he regrets declining an Army commission offer during his career. Most of all, he wants his kids to focus on being happy and enjoying life because “it’s too short.”

## PILLAR IV of the American Legion – **Children and Youth**

The American Legion, as an organization, supports legislation that focuses on promoting healthy development of children. It supports financial assistance for catastrophic illness in children, early intervention efforts to prevent intellectual disabilities, and vaccines and treatments for indigent children. We believe in assisting at-risk youth and fostering family values that consider family based on traditional marriage, as the cornerstone of a healthy society. Youth suicide prevention, and Halloween safety awareness are also important efforts. The Legion opposes legislation that weakens the federal and state laws against pornography; and supports decreasing violence, vulgarity and immoral expressions in movies, games, news, internet and television. Last, we support preventing drug-trafficking, as well as preventing, investigating and prosecuting the sexual exploitation of children.

**U.S. COAST GUARD** ***“Hailed a Hero”** – It would be remiss not to mention Independence Day Weekend 2025 in Texas. It was a time of fear, distress, generosity, Faith, and heroism, as **Central Texas faced catastrophic flooding** and loss of life, including the most vulnerable, children. In consideration of our Legion’s Pillar above, “Children and Youth,” and the mark of the upcoming **Coast Guard birthday**, I would like to highlight a new Coast Guardsman hailed a hero. Per several media reports in Kerr County, **Petty Officer Scott Ruskan**, directly saved 165 lives in his “first ever rescue mission.” According to FOX News, he also personally provided medical assistance and aided in the evacuation of **230 flood victims**. Highly trained, the Coast Guard played a significant role in the Texas rescue and recovery efforts, which is extremely impressive. This should make Coast Guardsmen very proud.*

**RESCUE SWIMMER**



*John Long*  
Volunteer at Center of Hope,  
Retiring Executive Committee



*Tim Cook*  
Business Owner,  
Volunteer Grounds Maintenance

### **TAPS – “Wings Level”**

*MOMENT OF REFLECTION FOR Brothers and Sisters LOST recently  
2025*

Wayne Hayes 3/14/25 (WWII)

Jerry Eubank 6/27/25