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# GLADD TIDINGS

Frank Gladd Post 20, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma @okpost20

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## The Commanders Pen

Greetings Legion Family! I hope the first couple of months of 2019 have been good to you. I had the privilege of attending the legislative conference in February at Washington DC and speaking to our elected leaders. Our top talking points was National Security and Veterans care. We must maintain our military and ensure they are well taken care of after they have given so much for our liberty and freedoms. Also we spoke about legislation to change some of the War Time service periods. If you ask why? The U.S. had over 1600 soldiers die in hostilities that are in time periods that veterans that served in those time periods are not eligible for Legion membership. We are hopeful that SB-504 (a Bill to rectify this situation) will pass in the House and Senate and the President will sign the legislation into law. This would recognize my fathers service in Korea before the War was official declared. He experienced the hardships of combat but unless this resolution passes he and many others service will go with on without acknowledgement. Thanks for serving and thanks for support the Legion! Lobbying Congress is our constitutional right as a citizen and the more Veterans the American represents the more influence we will have in Washington D.C. If you know a Veteran that is not a member sign him up.



*Tim Smith Your Post Commander and National Executive Committeeman*

First Ever District Conference at Post 20

**APRIL 13, 2019**

9AM-Noon and Lunch with be Chili and all the fixin's

**"SAVE THE DATE"**

Plan to Attend

Show the other Posts in District 2 that Post 20 , Leads the Way!

## BBQ, Bullets and Shotgun Shells, with the Mighty Quinn

Hey Y'all. Friday March 22 and Saturday March 23 will be Frank Gladd Post 20's FIRST ANNUAL BULLETS AND BAR-B-QUE, at the Zeb Gate Range, Camp Gruber Wildlife Management Area.

We will be on the Range Saturday Morning, (bring your own gun (rifle and/or shotgun and bullets), Saturday afternoon we will withdraw to Hunters Camp I and put a pig in the ground and have some Beer on Ice, for all my Rowdy Friends are coming over tonight. Hope to see you there. Oh by the way kick in a \$20.00 dollar bill to help defray the cost of the Pig and the targets. BYOB, Bring your own Beverages SEE Y'ALL THERE. Jim Quinn 918-869-1761



## "GIT R DONE"

Camp setup 4PM Friday, Fire Side Food and Fun  
 Range activities Saturday 9AM—until complete  
 Skeet Shoot 10am \$20 entry (bragging right trophy)  
 4PM Camp Dinner and Smore's  
 Camp Host departs Sunday 10am

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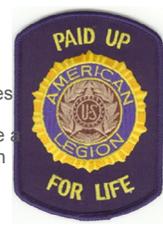
Unit Auxiliary  
Notes  
Special Thanks  
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pay for our partition!!

Tracey Smith  
918-577-0650



We need more help with Honor Guard Team if interested in being a members contact the office!!

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Sons of The American Legion  
Squadron Commander  
Richard Stewart  
417-793-4736

Spaghetti Dinner  
March 28, 2019  
4:00pm-8:00pm  
All you can Eat  
Spaghetti and Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, Ice Tea, Lemonade



We have did it again!! We have grown to another all HIGH in membership!! We are at 192 paid members for 2019 and we have 38 members yet to renew for the year.. Plan to attend District at the Post Saturday April 3rd from 9AM till Noon. Then stick around for lunch serving Chili and all the fix n's its donation only.  
Planning for Corn Festival is in progress so If you help or have any ideas let me know.

Brian "Danger" DeShazo Post Adjutant 918-855-8215



New Member High Light  
Don Lasley recently joined the Post. He is served in the Air Force as a KC-135 Pilot!! Vietnam era. Welcome to the Family!!

Do you have your Legion or SAL uniform cap? Call Emblem Sales or order online today  
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<http://emblem.legion.org/>  
Or come by office we have some on hand.

Consider the option of being a PUFL Member. Special recognition will be shown to those who pay for a life membership. Special thanks for becoming a PUFL Member.

**Post 20 PUFL's**  
**James Harig and**  
**Pictured below**  
**Dennis Crittenden**



The Legion Cover



Sons of The Legion Cover



## Chaplain's Message, Greetings

This is my first official word in writing, to the members of the Frank Gladd Post 20, Fort Gibson, American Legion. I would like to introduce myself to you, the veterans who make up our post, have served our country, and now continue to serve so that we may continue the mission of the American Legion. This year we are also blessed to have had another member step up and volunteer to be an assistant Chaplain.

So, who are we? I am Bob Teeter, and our assistant Chaplain is Danny Gross. I served in the Navy 86 – 92 and medically retired. I am married to Lisa with two adult children and two grandchildren. We have lived in Fort Gibson since 1997 and I have been a member of the Post for I think 16 years. I graduated from Northeastern State University, a member of the First United Methodist Church of Fort Gibson, where I was at one time the children's director, youth director, and have participated in lay leadership training.



How does this qualify me to be your post Chaplain? Honestly it doesn't. At least on the surface. Years ago, when I was still in school, I (yes me) received a calling from God (I will be glad to talk to anyone personally about this). It was a calling to go into ministry, and I started into the candidacy program. Life however intervened and I ended up withdrawing. Since then I've had many health adventures and a great deal of pain, leading to me withdrawing from everything and everyone. I survived by the grace of God and a wonderful community of caring doctors, family and friends. Unfortunately, through the worst of the health problems and pain I allowed God's voice to become muted. With time God has been making his voice heard again, and I make time each day to meditate and pray. I also spend time each month with my pastor who mentors me, and I promise there is nothing like having the pastor in your ear. It's a very refreshing take on the month and she doesn't let me feel sorry for myself. What's Important is I feel that there is a definite communication happening with and me now, and I feel His presence in my life again.

Enough about me. **What is a post Chaplain in the American Legion supposed to do?** Let me start with most of what I do in the rituals. Opening and closing the official functions with prayer. There are building dedications. Promote the four Chaplains Sunday; Provide spiritual leadership through the Legion's "Service to God and Country" program; Organize and promote Religious Emphasis Week; and the big one for me is visit the ill, bereaved, shut-ins, disabled, and prospective members.

This last part is important. As your Chaplain I want to be available in your time of need. We share a bond in that we all signed that dotted line, and whether drafted or not, and served our country. When you need help or to talk, we need to be there to have your back. We will make hospital calls, house calls, and yes, nursing home calls. We will not replace your existing clergy person but will happily work with them in any capacity you wish. And if you do not have a pastor, I can be called upon to perform a funeral. We have one hundred ninety-two members and there are a lot of you that I have no clue as to who you are. Some of you I am meeting at the breakfast and dinners as you come through the doors. If you just want to get together and chat, we can do that as well. I would love to meet every member on our roster. Let me close by simply saying as your Chaplain it is my honor and privilege to be available to be of service to you. Each of you have already given so much for your country, allow me to here for you when life gets hard.

**Grace and Peace**  
**Bob Teeter Post Chaplain 918-781-9328**



## Sons Of The American Legion

Howdy Y'all, It has been a very busy start to the year. We have a lot of events planned for the year. To start we have four spaghetti dinners planned the first one was Feb 28th, we had fifty people attend, we paid for two dinners and had fifty dollars left over. In other words the March 28th dinner is paid for and all the proceeds will be pure profit. The March 28th dinner will be from 4-8, I hope to see all of you there. The Sons of the American Legion will present our 2nd Annual Community Safety Awareness Day Aug 17th from 10:00am thru 2:00 pm at the Fort Gibson Youth Baseball Field, we plan to expand this event to include construction vehicles and any other equipment that will appeal to the youth of the community. The Sons stand ready to help with the Corn Festival. To be eligible to join the Sons of the American Legion one has to have a father or a grandfather who is eligible to be a Legionnaire. If you know anyone who is eligible and wants more information please have them call me or drop by the Post for more information.

**If you are a member of Legion your sons can JOIN!**

**Call me, Richard Stewart 417-793-4736**



# The Historian Highlights

Harmon, Mary A. Yawn, Martha Nell Hinds, Nita Hulan, La Vern Johnson, Mildred Kneeland, Maud Mathewson, Grace Pratt, Ora Randall, Charlotte Rogers, Lina Terry, Laura Williamson, and Mahala Woods. Of particular interest for the Auxiliary, in 1952 Unit 20 won 2nd place in a nationwide service contest. This information comes from the book, "FORT GIBSON OKLAHOMA AND THE OLD ILLINOIS DISTRICT OF THE CHEROKEE NATION". No further information was given, but considering the date, surely it involved serving service members returning from the Korean War. A BIT OF HISTORY: How many times have you heard that today's activity is tomorrow's history. Here goes another time. On Saturday, February 2, 2019, the Frank Gladd American Legion Post 20 held its first Four Chaplains Memorial Service, led by Post 20's Chaplain, Bob Teeter. This should become an annual event. The service was meaningful, heartfelt, and emotional; an event all should mark in their memory to be sure to attend next year. Chaplain Bob Teeter was appointed to the position by Post Commander Tim Smith. Shortly after accepting the appointment, Bob decided that he wanted to do this memorial service and wanted each chaplain portrayed to be a pastoral representative of each faith. This was not possible in each case, but Post members stepped up for the Rabbi and Catholic Priest:

Pastor Dawn Richards, 1st Methodist Church of Ft. Gibson, represented Methodist Chaplain George L. Fox; Danny Gross represented Alexander D. Goode, Rabbi; Pastor Chad Pendergast, Crescent Valley Baptist Church, represented Chaplain Clark V. Poling/Dutch Reformed Church; and Jim Schagunn represented Chaplain John P. Washington, Catholic Priest.

These four chaplains were aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester when it was tragically sunk by a German U-boat in the North Atlantic on February 3, 1943. There were 902 officers and men aboard, and only 230 survived. Many of those who did survive owed their lives to the selfless courage and leadership exhibited by the four chaplains, who in sacrificing their lives, created a unique legacy of brotherhood. There are many books depicting the events of this event and are available on the internet. Just use the key words "Dorchester" or "Four Chaplains".

Thousands of Memorial Services honoring the Four Chaplains are held around the country on or about the anniversary date of the event. Now there is one more which is made available to Ft. Gibson, OK, and the surrounding area. Good job, Chaplain Teeter. You make us all proud.

Another First. On Thursday, February 28, 2019, The Sons of Legionnaires, Squadron 20, held their first Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser. Unfortunately, weather did not cooperate and the cold and rain kept the crowd down. However, the encouraging part was that the event did make money. About 40 adults and 11 children ate well.

Squadron Commander, Richard Stewart, has scheduled another spaghetti dinner for March 28th. Way to go, Richard!

Now, some Real History. The Auxiliary of the Frank Gladd American Legion Post 20, Unit 20, was established in January, 1934. Charter Members were: Iva Adair, Floy Boydston, Ruth Brindly, Jean Carter, Elizabeth Everett, Mable Gibson, Kitty Conflict. If anyone has a memory of this, please share.



Jim Schagunn  
918-616-5984

**We are in search of pictures of the past buildings of the Post formerly know as " the Legion Hut". If you have some or you can find them we would be grateful!!**

# FRANK GLADD AMERICAN LEGION POST 20



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2019 EVENTS— CUT OUT AND PLACE ON REFRIGATOR

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*OPEN TO PUBLIC*

7-10 AM  
 1ST SATURDAY  
 6TH APRIL  
 4 MAY  
 1 JUNE  
 6 JULY  
 3 AUGUST  
 7 SEPTEMBER  
 5 OCTOBER  
 2 NOVEMBER  
 7 DECEMBER

All you can eat!! \$6 adults, Eggs, Sausage, BACON, hard boiled eggs, Biscuits and Gravy!! With a variety of pancakes!! (Special chocolate with chocolate chip pancake) Kids 12 and under free!!

\$6

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3RD Thursday  
 21 MARCH  
 18 APRIL  
 16 MAY  
 20 JUNE  
 18 JULY  
 15 AUGUST  
 19 SEPTEMBER  
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Nom-Member VETERANS & their Families are welcome and invited  
 3RD MONDAY  
 6PM  
 18 MARCH  
 15 APRIL  
 20 MAY  
 17 JUNE  
 15 JULY  
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 16 SEPTEMBER  
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# Vice Commanders Corner

By Jim Quinn



The other day I saw the first Robin of the year in my front yard, that Robin reminded me that the seasons are changing. Just as the seasons of the year change so do the activities of the Post, we are still involved with membership, (recruit your buddy) but the emphasis has shifted to maintenance of the Trail of Honor and the Fort Gibson Sweet Corn Festival. Now that the weather is turning toward spring we must establish approximately 300 new flag pole locations on the Trail of Honor and repair about 50. We have a few volunteers that have stepped up to help on this project, we need a few more please let me or Clayton

Armstrong know if you can help in this endeavor.

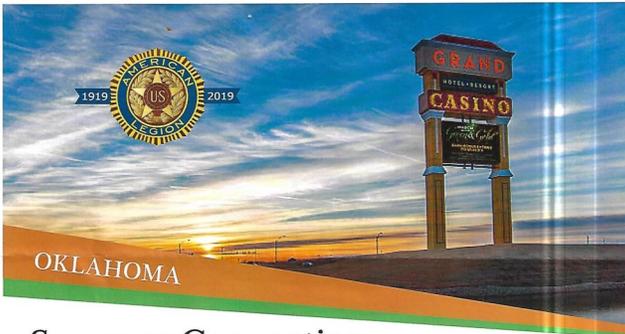
As District 2A Vice Commander I want to invite each member of Frank Gladd Post 20 to the District 2 Spring Conference. The conference will be held at Post 20 Saturday, April 13 registration and meet and great starts at 8:00 with the conference beginning at 10:00 with lunch at noon. Lets all attend this conference and show the rest of the District that Post 20 has more than just paper membership.

The Fort Gibson Sweet Corn Festival is June 28-29. If you haven't heard by now, Frank Gladd Post 20 owns that event. We are going to need 50 volunteers during the event to help with vendor support, cooking corn turkey legs etc. and showing the Legion Colors.

I would be remiss if I did not mention Boy's State. We have a lineup of good candidates that are planning to attend, but unfortunately there are slots that go unfilled each year. If you know of a Highschool Junior that is motivated patriotic and willing to excel have them contact use at the Post and we will explain the process and get them enrolled if they are properly motivated.

Don't forget this is our centennial year we are planning to have a large contingent attend both the state and national conference. Make plans to attend both you will have fun I guarantee it!

**Get with officers at the Post to register for Department and National Convention!**



Summer Convention

# 2019

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**Mail completed Registration Form and check by July 10, 2019 to:**

The American Legion  
Department of Oklahoma  
PO Box 53037  
Oklahoma City, OK 73152

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Convention Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Southern Bloc Breakfast - \$36.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
National Commander's Banquet - \$50.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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For more information, contact Carl Kuykendall at (405) 942-1705 or email at [adjutant@okamlegion.org](mailto:adjutant@okamlegion.org)