

AMERICAN LEGION

Post 317

201 West FM 487, Jarrell TX
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August 2025

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Next Meeting August 17th 2PM

Commander- Joe Sprague

First Vice- Don Christy

Second Vice- Jon MacLerran

Adjutant- Larry Raper

Judge Advocate- Bill Hassiepen

Finance Officer- Ken McLain

Chaplain- Anthony Van Noy

Service Officer (s)- Jim Wilson

SGT at Arms- Bobby Lewis

Historian- William Boyd

Members at Large- Mike Hamilton, Jason

McJimsey & Carolyn Glesser

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Great news! A permit has been issued for the parking lot, there is much involved in this; however, it is likely that the process will begin middle of August 2025. As details become available we will keep you posted. Our American Legion Family is growing and we are becoming stronger everyday. Our Post has helped a member affected by the recent floods, School Children, Christian Athletes, Women Veterans, our seniors and the Library. We have created a space to celebrate God & Country on Sundays. We've shared amazing meals, sang songs together, we've shot pool, we've danced and sang Karaoke. This month I would like to express gratitude for members' service and dedication to Post 317 and the loyalty they express to our family.

"United we stand, divided we fall."

Joe Sprague, Commander- Army 1987-1999 Desert Storm

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Over the years, I have noticed so many people who are weary and just plain tired. Maybe it is the fast pace of life itself, hardship in a marriage or the heavy burdens they are carrying.

The Bible says in Isaiah 40:31, ***Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings of eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.***

Psalms 29:11 says, ***the Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.***

A pastor called me months ago and said:

"Brother I am tired." I encouraged him in the Lord. Yes, Pastors get weary too.

Ask the God of Heaven to renew your strength and watch what your God will do for you. His PROMISES are YES and AMEN! He is a faithful God!

Anthony Van Noy, Chaplain- Army 1974-1977, Ft. Sill Oklahoma

A SERVICE FOR
THOSE WHO
SERVED, THEIR
FAMILIES AND
OUR
COMMUNITY.
BANQUET HALL

GOD
& and
Country
SUNDAY

POST 317

201 WEST FM 487,
JARRELL TX

10:30 - 11:30 AM

FREE COFFEE & PASTRIES SERVED AT 10 AM

Officer Highlight... NEW BOARD MEMBER 2025-26



Second Vice- Jon
MacLerran

Jon was born in Georgetown, Texas on September 29, 1972, his journey began in the small towns of Jarrell and Florence, where he experienced the joys of youth, including playing little league baseball sponsored by our local Legion for three memorable years. His education at Faith Baptist School laid a strong foundation for his future. In April 1994, he made a significant commitment to serve our country by enlisting in the Marine Corps, a decision that would shape his life for nearly a decade.

During his service from April 1994 to April 2002, he was honored to be a part of the 1st Marine Division, specifically within the 3rd Amphibious Assault Battalion based at Camp Pendleton, California. As a crew chief on an amphibious tractor Amtrac, he was involved in various operations, deploying with the 13th and 15th Marine Expeditionary Units MEU across multiple theaters. The experience was not only

challenging but also enriching, allowing him to visit incredible liberty ports in Hong Kong, Singapore, and Australia; each place offering unforgettable memories and experiences.

Upon returning home, he felt a strong desire to reconnect with the American Legion that had played such a pivotal role in his childhood. Jon was proud to support his parents, Ron Hood, a dedicated member of the Legion, and Pat Guthneck, who is involved with the Auxiliary. It fills him with immense pride to see his entire family united in our commitment to the Joe Kotts family, fostering a legacy of service, community, and support that continues to thrive."

Thank you John for your service to the American Legion and our country!



ATTENTION ALL VETERAN MEMBERS AT POST 317....

We want you at our next meeting!

Cash Door Prizes for Members.

August 17th at 2PM in the Museum.

Your VOICE MATTERS!

Membership meetings are where the democratic principles of The American Legion are put into practice. Members have the opportunity to participate in discussions, offer their perspectives, and vote on resolutions, policies, and other important matters.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Founded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires. S.A.L. members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership.



NEW MEMBERS

Next Meeting August 17th 4PM

Squad Commander-
Jeff Melend
Vice Commander-
Loren Dixon
Adjutant- Ken McLain
Finance Officer-
Jeff Kneisler
Chaplain- Kyle Sneary
SGT at Arms- Cary Doss

you are Invited

Join the SONS for their 1st Men's Breakfast!

Saturday, August 30th in the Banquet Hall 9AM-10AM

Come hungry and ready to connect with others at the American Legion for a morning of good food and great company. After breakfast the SONS Chaplain, Kyle Sneary will share an inspiration devotional on Unity. We're excited to kick this off and can't wait to share a meal with you!



AUXILIARY

Next Meeting August 17th 4PM

President- Mary Christy
Vice President-
Belinda Robertson
Secretary- Shawna Sprague
Treasurer- Juanita McLain
Historian-
Jan Boepple-Wilson
Chaplain- Elvira Salizar
SGT at Arms- Kiffani Smith



NEW MEMBERS

A special shout out to Dr. Miette Wells with GI Joan Org. for taking the time to attend our American Legion Auxiliary meeting on the 20th of July. She explained what GI Joan has accomplished and gave a breakdown on how this organization has helped Veteran women who have experienced Military Sexual Trauma. Dr. Wells was thankful and appreciates all the American Legion Post 317 and the Auxiliary have done to support and contribute to her mission.

Mary Christy, Auxiliary President

UPCOMING events

08/23/2025

Senior Community Lunch

08/09/2025

**ALA Booth Library Fundraiser
Banquet Hall**

The Veteran who made you eligible for Auxiliary Membership...

ALA President Mary Christy - My husband Donald Christy served in the US Army from 1972-1974. Also my dad, Ladislado Paredes served our country in WWII in the US Army Infantry.

Thank you for your service!



The American Legion is open Monday-Friday 12 PM- 12 AM
 Saturday 10 AM- 1 AM & Sunday 10 AM- 12 AM
 American Legion WI-FI: American Post 317 Password: jarrell317

August 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEETINGS General Meeting 3PM SONS Meeting 4PM ALA Meeting 4PM August 17		In the Kitchen with Texana! Taco Tuesdays Homemade Meals on Wednesday (listed below) Friday Burgers			1 Free Jukebox 7PM	2
3 God & Country 10:30-11:30 AM Texas Holdem 6:30 PM	4 Line Dancing 7 PM	5 Texas Holdem 7 PM	6 Fried Chicken Breast w/gravy and green beans 5PM Karaoke with Alan 7:30 PM	7	8 Free Jukebox 7PM	9 Indoor Market Fundraiser for the Library
10 God & Country 10:30-11:30 AM Texas Holdem 6:30 PM	11 Line Dancing 7 PM	12 Texas Holdem 7 PM	13 Hamburger Steak w/ scallop potatoes and corn 5PM Karaoke with Alan 7:30 PM	14	15 Free Jukebox 7PM	16
17 God & Country 10:30-11:30 AM AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEETINGS Texas Holdem 6:30 PM	18 Line Dancing 7 PM	19 Texas Holdem 7 PM	20 Loaded Burritos with tortilla chips 5PM Karaoke with Alan 7:30 PM	21	22 Free Jukebox 7PM	23
24 God & Country 10:30-11:30 AM Texas Holdem 6:30 PM 31	25 Line Dancing 7 PM	26 Texas Holdem 7 PM	27 Lasagna w/ garlic toast and salad 5PM Karaoke with Alan 7:30 PM	28	29 Free Jukebox 7PM	30

Aug. 4, 2025 –Coast Guard Birthday

Aug. 7, 2025 – Purple Heart Day

Aug. 29, 2025 – Marine Forces Reserve Birthday

