

## American Legion Post 490



**Johnny Lundstrom, Commander**

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### **GALLEY**

Lunch	Tuesday through Friday	1100 to 1400
Dinner	Tuesday through Thursday	1700 to 2000
	Friday and Saturday	1700 to 2100

***Tuesday through Thursday from 1700 to 1900  
half-price appetizers will be available.***

### **CLUB ROOM HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday	1100 to 2200
Friday and Saturday	1100 to 2400
Sunday	1200 to 2100

## ENTERTAINMENT

**Feb. 22 - Will Lopez**

**Feb. 28 - 3 Wisemen**

### Club Room

All can beer \$2 + tax

Canadian Molson Bottles - \$1.50 + tax while supplies last

PBR - \$1.75 + tax while supplies last

Free Pool Table Play on Monday evenings from 1700 to 2100

**To be announced: Watch Facebook or Posts in Club room for entertainment updates!**

### LEGION FAMILY ACTIVITIES

#### From the Adjutant:

Good Day my Fellow Legionaries, your adjutant is hard at work and so is the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander. We are currently at 80% and we need your help with membership. Currently, we need about 392 members to pay their dues. Now I know that some of you are worried that the Post is having some issues with Department currently. I am here to say that Department Commander Jeff Perkins wrote a letter to Post 490 Commander and we are in going standings. The Department Judge Advocate stated at the last convention, "It would appear to National that something is going on if Department closed the Largest Post in Texas." AMEN

We have a lot of different programs that are starting up and we are looking for Volunteers to go to the Schools and take to the Children about Boys State, Baseball, and of course Americanism. We have all the handouts and there will be an officer to help you out. These programs are what keeps the American Legion strong in the Community. Also, we are looking for application for the 2020 Scholarships. This is a good time to tell the other members therefore you need to have your dues current. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any other officer of Post 490. We are here to serve and serve we shall do.

Thank you Everyone for being a part of my life,

**John J. Cronin – Adjutant**

## Children and Youth:

If anyone is interested in helping the Children and Youth, please contact Bonnie Fraley.

## Upcoming Post 490 Calendar Event

**2/23/2020-** DEC at Post 654 at 2 PM

**2/25/2020-** Mardi Gras celebration in Clubroom. More details to follow.

**3/4/2020-**Legionnaire Executive Committee Meeting

**3/7/2020-** Post Clean Up Day starts at 9 AM

**3/8/2020-** DEC at Post 472 at 2 PM

**3/11/2020-** Legionnaire/ SAL / Auxiliary General Membership Meetings  
SAL Meat & Cooler Raffle starts, ends Memorial Day

**3/15/2020-** American Legion Birthday  
Vet Steak Sunday

**3/29/2020-** National Vietnam War Day- Celebration at Post Celebrate Medal of Honor Day at Post.

**3/31/2020-** Board of Trustee Meeting at 7 PM

## Service Officer:

\_The VLB Veterans Land Loan Program is the only one of its kind in the nation, giving Texas Veterans and Military Members the opportunity to borrow up to \$150,000 to purchase land at competitive interest rates while typically requiring a minimum five percent down payment for tracts of one acre or more.

The program is easy to use and offers Texas Veterans and Military Members exclusive financing towards the purchase of their own piece of Texas. The bonds used to fund the program are retired from loan repayments and the cost of administering the program is financed through a small fee charged on each loan.

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## **LAND LOAN FINANCING**

**Land Loans – Veteran/Military Interest rate 7.25%**

VLB provides financing on tracts up to \$150,000 with a minimum five percent down payment and a fixed-rate 30-year loan term. The five percent down payment is subject to credit approval.

A \$325 appraisal and contract service fee are due at the time of application. There is no pre-payment penalty.

**Pat Lake**

**Service Officer**

# AMERICAN LEGION 490 FAMILY

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Salutations to all! Hope this update finds y'all doing well! There are many good things happening at the Post!

Just an update on Steve Barron. Steve is now living at his new quarters in Pearland. There are a few things left to do and will be addressed this week...

weather permitting. Many thanks to all that have assisted and will assist to bring this adventure to a close, for now!

Do y'all remember Tony? He is the Homeless Veteran I've been working with and things are going incredibly fantastic. Tony is presently at Cenikor and doing remarkably well. At this time, he is on a short-term program and will complete that tour of duty and moving to his new assignment on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tony and I have been working closely with the VA and NVOP to further his programs that are available not only to him but all Veterans. Please take time to check it out. I know many of us have had some less than good experiences with the VA. The programs are there for all of us. Just remember; the VA is a government entity. That should be enough said.

**You MUST be PATIENT, CONSIDERATE and WILLING TO SPEND THE TIME TO PURSUE THE BENEFITS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL VETERANS!** They are willing and able to assist you; only if you allow them to do so.

Just an update on our family. After a long battle, Tammy Atkins lost her mother this week. I am unsure of the arrangements at this time. Please keep Tammy and her family lifted and in prayer.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:7**

**For God has not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, of a sound mind.**

### **Proverbs 27: 17**

**Iron sharpeneth iron; so, a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.**

**FAIR WINDS TO ALL**

**CHAPLAIN - AMERICAN LEGION POST 490 TEXAS**

### **From SAL :**

SAL will be selling tickets for a meat and freezer drawing on Memorial Day in March.



## 2020 MEMBERSHIP – READ – READ – READ!



There have been some events as of late that have prompted folks to be hesitant to renew at Post 490. Rest assured *all is well* at the Post and we will continue to move on and do great things! We look forward to having you continue to be a part of the BEST Post in the state of Texas! Come in today to renew.

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New keycards are going to be distributed beginning in October. **You will need to renew your membership to obtain a new keycard.** See your bartender for renewals / cards.

**NATIONAL COMMANDER'S PIN INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE:**

### Elections

If you are interested in becoming an officer, it is almost that time again. We will be having Elections on May's general membership meeting.



**The American Legion Family**



American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford will award his national commander "A Foundation for the Future" membership excellence pin to any Legionnaire who obtains three new members into The American Legion.

A new member is any eligible person joining for the 2020 membership year who was not a member of The American Legion during the 2019 membership year.

Each member listed must be eligible for membership in The American Legion. Forward names of Sons of The American Legion members or Auxiliary members to your detachment or unit for use in their respective incentive programs.

Only one pin will be awarded per individual. Upon receipt, national membership staff will confirm the names and mail the pin directly to the person who earned it.

If you have a change of address or e-mail address, please notify the Adjutant at [Adjutant@legion490.com](mailto:Adjutant@legion490.com). Some members are sending notices to National, however; it is important that Post 490 is advised as well to keep our records updated.

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