

American Legion Post 490



Johnny Lundstrom, Commander

Blast for September 9, 2019

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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

Free Pool Table Play on Monday evenings from 1700 to 2100

Will Lopez – Karaoke

September 14th

John Puma – Karaoke

September 21st

LEGION FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Friday, October 20 – Dinner honoring POW/MIA members. \$10 per plate. Open to public. More information to come.

Saturday, Nov 16 – The Auxiliary's Annual Christmas Dance – Tickets will be \$15. More details to come from the Auxiliary.

Info from John Cronin, Adjutant:

We have some important dates coming up at the Post. Looking for great participation at these events:

Wednesday, September 11th all first responders who come to the post in uniform will receive a hamburger and a drink for free.

September 20th there will be a dinner in the hall to honor our POW/MIA members. There will be a special guest speaker. Dinner is \$10.00 a plate and is open to the community.

October 22nd we will be having a blood drive. Come out and give the Gift of Life.

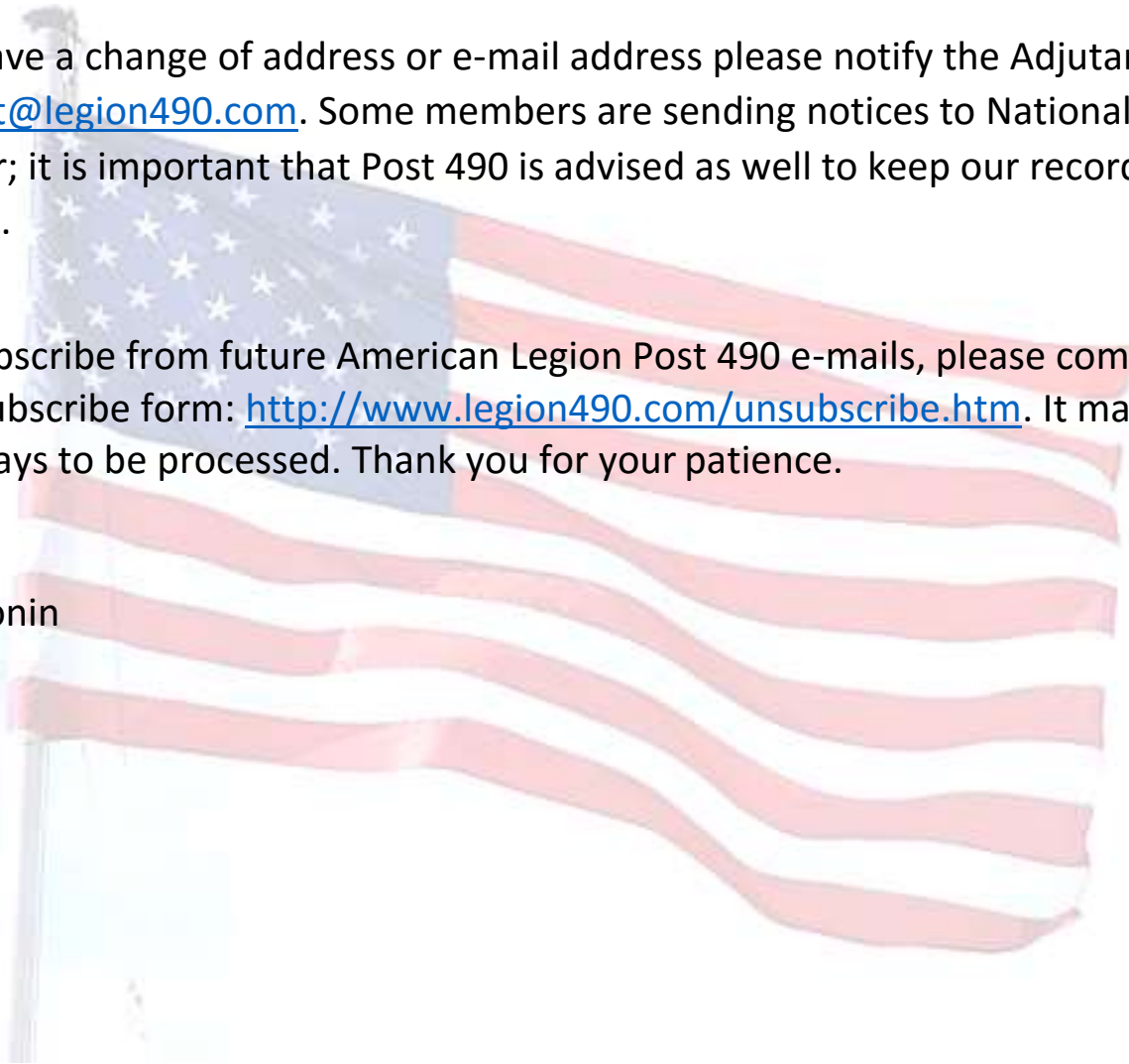
Volunteers are needed for Children and Youth. If you would like to go to a school and teach our young children about our flag and Americanism, please contact Children and Youth Chair, Bonnie Fraley.

Volunteers are needed to go to the nursing homes and do a presentation of the flag folding and the POW/MIA empty table ceremony. Please contact me for details.

If you have a change of address or e-mail address please notify the Adjutant at 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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John Cronin



MEMBERSHIP

We only need 5% to make our goal for 50%. We have until September 11th to reach our goal. Please note the SPECIAL INCENTIVE we have below for members renewing.



It's that time to renew your Post 490 Membership! Help us meet our goal of 180 renewals before September 11th! We look forward to having you continue to be a part of our Legion Family and being a part of the largest post by membership in the state of Texas!

Come out and renew on any Saturday between now and September 11th and with your renewal we will buy you a meal! See your bartender for details and to pay your dues!

Hoping to see you soon!

Commander Johnny Lundstrom



Info from Robert Harvey, Chaplain:

Let's all get ready for Patriot's Day; remember the reason we honor this day. A moment of silence is held at 8:46 a.m. (EST) across the nation - commemorating the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. This is the article that I wrote for the Department of Texas, Legion Times.

Chaplain's Corner, September 2019

September is a month that contains several special days. On the patriotic side we have; Labor Day, Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, Citizenship Day, U.S. Air Force Birthday and POW-MIA Recognition Day. Religious days are Yom Kippur begins (Sundown) and Rosh Hashanah begins (Sundown). Finally, we have the First Day of Autumn, which everywhere else but Texas we see a change in the weather. This would be a good time to start thinking about activities for our Posts and communities.

However, September 11, 2001, Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, is the day I want to concentrate on. It was another day that will live in infamy. This is only the second time in recent history there has been a successful attack on America. Unfortunately, in today's era of instant news the world keeps spinning and what was and should still be important gets lost in our fast-paced world. Some events should never be pushed out of the minds of patriotic Americans, September 11, 2001, is one of these times. Let us never forget the unprovoked attack on innocent Americans. In New York City 2,750 Americans were killed. At the Pentagon 140 Americans lost their lives. Forty Americans were killed on United Airlines Flight 93, saving countless other lives. I couldn't find an estimate on first Responders that perished trying to save fellow Americans, but the number in NYC is estimated at 400. I don't know how many deaths resulted because of aftereffects; one can only guess. If you have been fortunate to visit any of the survivors, the stories are amazing. The point is these were innocent Americans, and as American Legion members we should not allow their deaths to be forgotten.

Let us use this day to honor these fallen Americans and those that were inspired to enlist in the armed forces, because of this catastrophe. These service personnel deserve a special thanks for hearing the call and wanting to protect America. They didn't have a mandatory draft to worry about as those of my era.

Let's do something throughout our state to honor all those that perished and those that picked up the flag to keep it flying high. If I can do anything to assist a Post, let me know.

On this Patriot's Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, let us unite in prayer against a common enemy who seeks to destroy us all.

Almighty and merciful God, our thoughts and prayers turn to You in these troubling times. We pray for those that suffered and are still suffering the effects of September 11. Comfort them and protect those that have taken up arms to protect our great country. Give our President wisdom and guidance in these trying times.
Amen

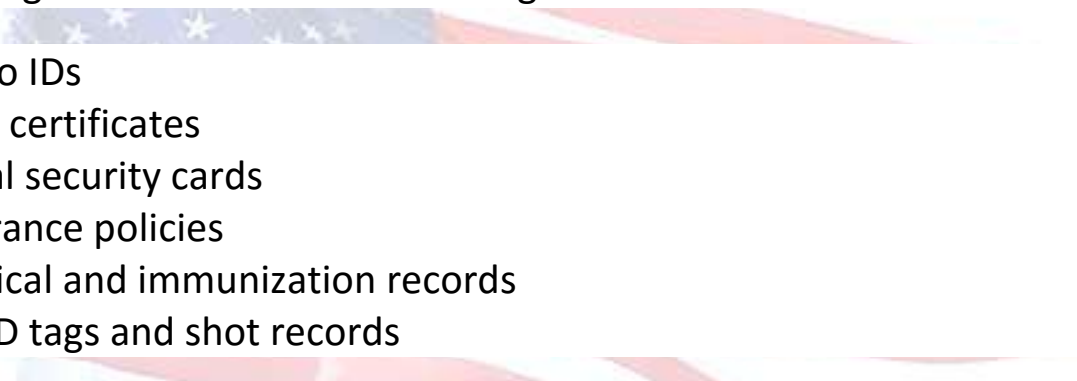
Service to God and Country

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Info from Ben Edwards, Trustee:

National Preparedness Month: Save Early for Disaster Costs

(Houston, Texas) – It is National Preparedness Month and the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) reminds residents that natural disasters are unpredictable. People at all income levels have experienced the challenges of rebuilding their lives after a disaster or other emergency. In these stressful circumstances, having access to personal, financial, insurance, medical and other records is crucial for starting the process of recovery quickly and efficiently. It is important to prepare in advance by gathering and safeguarding critical documents including:

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- Photo IDs
 - Birth certificates
 - Social security cards
 - Insurance policies
 - Medical and immunization records
 - Pet ID tags and shot records

Consider saving money in an emergency savings account that can be used during a crisis. Keep a small amount of cash at home in a safe place and have small bills on hand because ATM's and credit cards may not work during a disaster when you need to purchase necessary supplies, fuel or food.

Additionally, a disaster can disrupt mail service for days or weeks, so if you depend on Social Security or other regular benefits, switch to electronic payments to secure your financial stability and eliminate the risk of stolen checks.

Having insurance for your home or business property is the best way to ensure you will have the necessary financial resources to help you repair, rebuild or replace whatever is damaged. Review existing policies for the amount and extent of coverage to ensure that you are covered for all possible hazards.

Ben Edwards

Info from the Auxiliary of the American Legion:

I look forward to seeing you at our Auxiliary General Membership meeting on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m.

The Legion Act changed the dates of eligibility which I reported recently. In addition to this change was the modification of the word “wife” to “spouse.” Both changes are reflected in the new Membership Application. Both of these changes are effective immediately. New membership applications will be placed on the wall across from the ice machine.

The Annual Auxiliary Christmas Dance is coming up November 16, 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Tickets will be \$15 each and can be purchased from the bartender or an Auxiliary member who has the tickets. Food will be provided. We will have silent auction items, raffles: a booze cooler, lottery scratch off tickets, 50/50 and gift cards valued at \$500 and \$100. Come out and enjoy some music, by LUX 5, while we raise money to support our veterans.

Have a great day!

Robin

Robin Lott

Auxiliary President, Unit 490
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Info from the Sons of the American Legion:

Upcoming events:

September 11	SAL Meeting at 6:00 pm
October 19 and 20	Air show – We need volunteers! A signup sheet will be post in October.

New 2020 membership cards are in. You can pay dues whenever you are ready with the bartender at the post. The 2020 dues we pay into national/state were raised by \$2 for 2020 but we **are not** raising the \$20 dues you will pay for 2020. The new member \$10 special for membership is again in effect for new members, just let the bartender know it's for a new member for \$10 special.

Please take time to be attend the next 2 meetings, leading up to the Air Show, our biggest fund raising event of the year, we need help with planning and volunteers for the big event. Membership in the American Legion has changed in 2019. All active duty military and those honorably discharged since Dec 7, 1941 are now eligible to be legion members. Which means the sons and grandsons of those above now qualify for the SAL, this greatly increases the pool of candidates who qualify for membership, so spread the word.

If you have good quality photos of post events such as the Airshow, Cook-offs, etc. And you wish to share for possible website publication on the Legion or SAL website please email or bring to any SAL meeting:

Richard Hughes

SAL 1st Vice, South Houston Squadron 490

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(832) 372-3871 Richard's Mobile

Info from Johnny Lundstrom, Commander:

It's a great day to be a part of the Family at Post 490. I want to continue to encourage everyone to come out and be a part of what makes us great.... volunteering and giving of your time for the betterment of the Post and for our veterans in need.

Reminding everyone about the general meeting this Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00 pm. If you or your friends/family are first responders, come in uniform and receive a free hamburger and drink on the Post.

We look forward to seeing you!

Johnny Lundstrom





*Submissions for the Blast are due by
3 pm on Thursdays. You may drop them by the office at the post
or email Connie Tenney, Historian at Historian@Legion490.com*

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