



# LEASURE BLACKSTON POST 239

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## APRIL-JUNE 2023

### NEWSLETTER

#### Calendar of Events

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** Gold Star Spouses Day

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** Good Friday

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** National Former POW Recognition Day,  
Easter

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** Air Force Reserve Birthday

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** Army Reserve Birthday

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** National Military Brats Day

**Month of May** National Military Appreciation Month

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** Silver Star Banner Day

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** VE Day

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** Children of Fallen Patriots Day

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** Mother's Day

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** Armed Forces Day

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** Maritime Day

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** Memorial Day

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** D-Day

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** Women's Veterans Day

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** Army Birthday, U.S Flag Day

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** Father's Day

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** Juneteenth

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** Coast Guard Auxiliary Day

**June 27<sup>th</sup>** PTSD Awareness Day

#### **From the Commander:**

It's SPRING! Get out and enjoy the beautiful weather. If you have paid your 2023 dues, thank you. If not, pay up! You are no longer one of us.

"A single twig breaks, but the bundle of twigs is strong." -Tecumseh

#### Vietnam 50-year Anniversary

We have many members that served in Vietnam. Although your reception may have not been what was expected, do know that we love you. You are amongst friends here. Welcome home!

According to Military.Com there are four important things to know about Vietnam Vets:

1. Most Vietnam War Veterans Were Volunteers.
  - a. Out of all the people on active duty at the time, only [2.2 million were drafted](#), and only 25% of the total number of troops in combat zones were drafted.
2. It Was the First Major Conflict Fought by a Fully Integrated Military.
  - a. By the time the United States began increasing its involvement in South Vietnam, American military units were fully integrated, with an estimated 340,000 African Americans, 80,000 Latinos, 42,000 Native Americans and 35,000 Asian Americans serving in Vietnam.
3. There Are Still Service Members Missing in Action in Vietnam.
  - a. Since the end of the war and the repatriation of American prisoners of war in 1973, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has recovered or identified 1,062 of those. That means 1,584 U.S. service members are still waiting to come home.



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4. Vietnam Veterans Today Are Largely Like Any Other American.
  - a. An estimated 30% of Vietnam veterans suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder during their lifetime, according to the 1988 National Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study, the last time such a study was done. Still, 97% of Vietnam vets hold honorable discharges, and the [unemployment rate for veterans of the Vietnam War](#) was only 4.8% in 1987, compared to the 6.2% rate for the rest of America.

### Poppies Time!

Betty Scurlock has been doing a wonderful job in raising funds through poppy sales. If you are wondering what is happening with your moneys sent for poppies, see your plates in the photos below. The Auxiliary uses these funds to fund veteran's programs from the VA to Legion Riders.



Thank you Betty!



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For God and Country,

Glenn Luksik  
Commander, Post 239 Leasure-Blackston



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#### **Post News:**

##### Monthly Meetings

The best way to keep up with what is going on at the Post is to attend the meetings. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at 7:30. Please join us.

##### Friday Dinners

We continue to have dinner every Friday night. If anyone has a desire to lend a hand in serving up your favorite dinner, let Glenn know, and you can be a guest chef!

##### Post Remodel

We are working on updating the Post. It's been 40 to 50 year since the Post has been worked on. Please see the plans tacked up on the wall in the hallway leading to the bar. We are working with a Worthington architect and contractor. We welcome your comments.

#### **Annual Membership:**

If you have already paid your 2023 membership, thank you. Otherwise, please send in your renewal.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Legionnaires - \$40, Auxiliary - \$45, SAL - \$25, Riders - \$12

If you have **NOT PAID** your dues yet, just use this cut-off and mail to the Post with your check.  
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### AUXILIARY NEWS

Auxiliary membership is currently 36 with a goal of 47.

Membership Dues for the 2023-2024 year will be \$45.00 for Senior Members and the Junior Dues will remain \$15.00. A \$6.00 increase of dues at the National Level resulted in our discussion and subsequent increase.

We are completing year-end reports; very grateful to our "core" members who have continued to support our unit this year.

Poppy Donations continue to build the program. Betty Scurlock is our chairperson and plates are on display in the post.

For God and Country,

Cheryl Smith  
Unit 239 President