

SSG MICHAEL A.  
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POST 257  
FAMILY

# Newsletter



FEB 2020

HAPPENING THIS  
MONTH: FEB

MEMORIAL DAY 3  
PLANNING  
COMMITTEE  
6:00 PM

POST HOME 4  
COMMITTEE  
6:30 PM

SONS OF THE 8  
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GION MEETING  
3:00 PM

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6:30 PM

## Moving Day!

The time to move into our New Post Home & Community Center has finally arrived!

It took a lot of elbow grease and the generous efforts of about 20 Post Family Members to accomplish the task, and all the work was accomplished in only two days!

We ended up with a refreshed facility from top to bottom, that will greatly enhance our efforts to serve Veterans and our Community.

Technology upgrades will be forthcoming over the next few weeks as well. 55" TV Monitors have been installed in the Auxiliary Meeting Room, as well as in the Post



Meeting Hall. Free WIFI will be available for use throughout the building as well.

We look forward to serving our Community and it's Veterans for years to come!



## Post Home Committee Formed!

As we move into our permanent Home, the Post Home Committee has been established. This group of volunteer Post Family Members will oversee the utilization, maintenance, and decorating of our new Post Home.

The goal of this committee is to develop written policies, procedures, and guidelines for all aspects of the Post Home. These policies, etc., will be pre-



sent to Post Membership for final approval and buy-in.

## Military Appreciation Night

In a tribute to our Military Veterans...both past and present...our Post's Honor Guard put on a Military Appreciation Night for a home crowd at Harper Creek High School's January 24th Basketball Game.

The Honor Guard presented our Nation's Colors before the Girls & Boys Varsity games on that evening.

A special tribute to Harper Creek High

School's four Fallen Heroes was also presented during halftime.

A job well done by our Post's Honor Guard!!



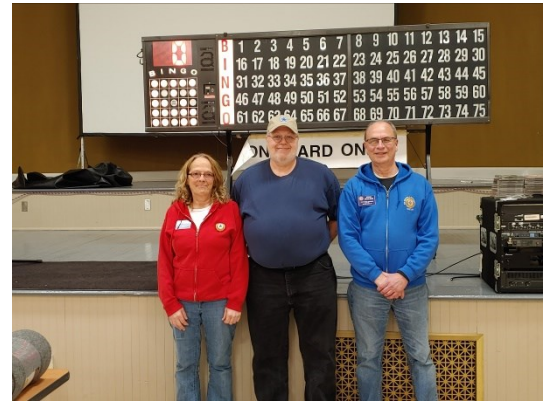




## BINGO!

Post Family Members put on another successful evening of Bingo at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center during the month of January.

A big THANKS goes out to all who helped make this a fun event for patients in the VA System.



## Post Membership Report

Even though spring is not here yet, the Post is growing! I would like to thank each of you that renewed your commitment, transferred, or joined us since 1 July 2019. I am happy to report, with the strong efforts of every member, our Post will make the lofty goals of 122 - 2020 members by 5 February 2020, when we have the honor of voting in 5 new members at this month's meeting.

Currently, the post has 120 - 2020 members, and 18 - 2019 members, which brings us to a total of 138 total members. As I write this, we have an additional 5 members that wish to join our post. When we confirm their wish at the February meeting, it will bring us to 143 total members including 125 - 2020 members, and 18 - 2019 members. Goal achieved!!

However, we cannot stop there! There are still 18 members we need to renew for

2020, and the membership committee will be reaching out to you to see how we can help.

It's easy to renew! Simply renew at our monthly Post meeting, return the slip from the national mailings, or on-line at [Legion.org](http://Legion.org)

Do you know of a veteran that would like to see what we are all about? Have them come to our monthly meeting to see how we are reaching out to veterans in the local community, state, and nation, and give all veterans a large voice.

If you have any questions at all, just ask! We are happy to help.

Dave Whynot, 1st Vice-Commander / Chairman - Membership Committee

## Post Family Meeting Schedule

The Post & Auxiliary meet the Second Monday of each month @ 6:30 PM, and Sons of The American Legion Squadron 257 meets the 2nd Saturday of each month @ 3:00 PM

We welcome your attendance and participation, and extend an invitation to all who are interested in membership in the SSG Michael A. Dickinson, II Post 257 Family!



## From Your Service Officer

Hello all y'all from the sunny Rio Grande valley!

I know you guys will be moving into the new building, how exciting right? I won't get to see it for a couple month's yet, but I know it's going to be great. ☺

So, that kind of brings to mind projects, skills, community work. What skills do you have that you're not really using? How are you giving back, and what Veterans can you help?

As a Service Officer, I take my skills everywhere. Even here in Texas I'm talking Vet's almost daily (it's good to have a laptop)! You'd be surprised the little things that you can do, that mean so much! Need ideas? Let's start with the big little stuff:

I'm sure the new place is going to need some cleaning, maybe a coat of paint here or there.

Got a lawn mower? Maybe you can volunteer to be responsible for mowing the lawn at the new place. Then there's always the snow plowing in the winter.

Plant some flowers, decorate the offices, if you're good at organizing – do that!

Maybe an inventory needs to be done at the new place?

As you can see, there are lots of ways to help that won't take a lot of your time, and you can still contribute!

The VA is ALWAYS looking for helpers.

Making coffee, greeters at the door, visiting patients, etc. Need ideas, contact me!

How about making yourself available to drive for Vets that need rides to their appointments or to "pick a few things up"?

Very importantly, let other Vets KNOW that you're there for them. You don't need to wait for that once a year call. "Buddy checks" are so, SO valuable! You never know how that one single "I've been thinking about you" call could make a difference.

I've been blessed with help from my fellow legionnaires, I needed help installing ceiling fans, and they were there for me. Is there something like this that you could help with? Upon my return, I'd like to compile a list of skills and volunteers so that when there is a Veteran in need, I can just call someone up. So be ready!!

Ok, so you get the idea, you want a reason to get out of the house, and there is no matter reason than helping your fellow Vet.

Yours in Service,

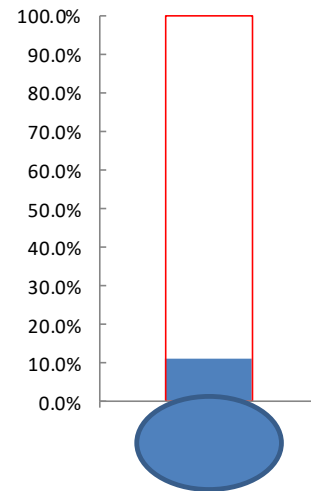
Kathy



## Capital Campaign Continues to Grow

Our Post's Building Capital Campaign continues to grow with each passing day! While we're still in the early stages, we need to ensure we're all sharing our Post Home & Community Center with everyone we know.

Trifold flyers and Donation Forms are available to all at our Post Home. Be sure to keep a generous supply on hand...you never know who you're going to run into!



## Honoring A WWII Sailor

Our Post's Honor Guard had the privilege of providing Military Honors during the Funeral Service for fallen WWII Sailor, Cleo Hinton.

It was an honor to participate in this salute to this Naval Warrior from "The Greatest Generation."



## Reaching Out to Reservists

Members of the 401st & 431st AR RES were provided valuable information about American Legion Programs & Membership during their January Drill. A BIG Thanks to new Post Member, Josiah Elzy, for his work to arrange and facilitate this event!





## Post/Auxiliary/SAL

### Volunteer Opportunities!

The Post, Auxiliary, & SAL have several opportunities to volunteer in the Community and to support our Military in the near future! Now is the time to pitch in and help make a difference for our Veterans and our Community!

**Feb 3** - Memorial Day Planning Meeting - 6:00 PM

**May 16** - Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens - Time: TBD

**May 25** - Memorial Day Ceremony - 11:00 AM Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens

## Officer Directory

### Post

Commander - Brian Mohlman  
 1st Vice-Commander - Dave Whynot  
 2nd Vice-Commander - Orval King  
 Adjutant - Robert Dirmeyer  
 Finance Officer - Robert Dirmeyer  
 Judge Advocate - Samuel Gray  
 Service Officer - Kathy Dillon  
 Sergeant At Arms - Brad Langley  
 Chaplain - Bill Hohman  
 Historian - Dave Whynot  
 Members-At-Large:  
 Dean Newsome, John Howe, Chris Jenney

### Auxiliary

President - Penny Wright  
 1st Vice-President - Jessica Earl  
 2nd Vice-President - Open  
 Treasurer - Penny Wright  
 Secretary - Carol Langley  
 Sergeant At Arms - Renee Dickinson  
 Chaplain - Lee Dirmeyer  
 Historian - Diana Cloud  
 Executive Committee Members:  
 Vicki Dickinson, Kim Siedelburg, Lisa Simon

### SAL

Commander - Orval King  
 1st Vice-Commander - Andrew Mohlman  
 Adjutant - Ken Nierman  
 Finance Officer - Ken Nierman  
 Chaplain - Robert Dirmeyer  
 Historian - Brian Mohlman  
 Sergeant At Arms - Open

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