



Robert F. McDermott

Post 309

April Edition

# MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER



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210-874-2018

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**20 April** Membership Meeting @ 7PM Guest Speaker: Jen Sones, Helotes City Council Candidate *Please Note: The American Legion is apolitical and may not endorse nor campaign for any political candidate.*

**21 April** O'Connor High School @ 630PM

**April 23-24** 20<sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference, Registration 8:30 AM \$10.00 fee. Meeting starts at 9AM.

**30 April** Corvnyval Parade

**30 April** Valley Ranch Market Day @10AM-2PM

**13 May** An Evening in Arlington @ 545PM

## Adjutant Report

Next Membership Meeting at Casa Helotes on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

- Election of Officers for 2022-2023
  - Ballot and Officer Duties Descriptions Available at the Meeting
  - Nominations Open to the Floor at the Meeting
- Election of Delegates to send to District 20 Convention (April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>)
  - Nominations Open to the Floor at the Meeting
- Vote to Approve or Disapprove Funding Boys State Applicants
  - Candidates: Ethan Bushong & Steven Lopez
  - Applications and Funding Due on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Department HQ
- Guess Speaker – Jen Sones, Candidate for Helotes City Council, Place Two

Constitution and By-Laws update being prepared for members consideration

Boy Scout Troop 1988 is being rechartered as Troup 309 under our Sponsorship

The Cornyval Parade is April 30<sup>th</sup>, and our float has been entered; we would like as many members as possible ride on the float. More information available at the April Membership meeting.

If you have an interest in being a part of our color guard, please let us know.

Also, would like to inform you that we are looking to strengthen our 309 Legion Family. We are encouraging our members who have not renewed for 2022 to renew as soon as possible. Our Auxiliary Unit, Legion Riders and Sons of the American Legion would also like to increase their membership to better serve the community, youth, and our veterans. Finally, we are beginning the formal process of sponsoring Boys Scout Troop 309. Please ask your family members if they would like to join any of these groups. For more information contact your executive officers at (210) 874-2018 or your Post 309 Adjutant at (830) 971-2009.

## Meeting Agenda

**Open Ceremony** – Call to Order, Prayer, POW/MIA, Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble

### Meetings / Post Reports

Welcome all and introduce of guest speakers

Speaker

Election of Officers & Delegates

Call for Vote

Good of the Legion

Closing Ceremony

### American Legion's Principles

- A VETERAN IS A VETERAN
- SELFLESS SERVICE
- AMERICAN VALUES AND PATROTISM
- FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- ADVANCING THE VISION
- HONOR THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US



## AUXILIARY

Did you know that Post 309 has an auxiliary unit? Want to learn more? Please contact Mrs. Yolanda Ochoa at [ychoa51@att.net](mailto:ychoa51@att.net)

- The Auxiliary will be sending two delegates to the Spring Convention at Post 2 on April 23-24.

*The American Legion Auxiliary is a separate entity from the American Legion that share the same values. Composed of spouses, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, and sisters of American war veterans. Founded in 1919, the ALA is dedicated to serving veterans, military, and their families.*

# An Evening in Arlington

Host Location:

Casa Helotes Activity Center

12070 Leslie Rd- Helotes, TX

Join Colonel Melcher as he shares the extraordinary history of our Nation's Arlington National Cemetery, complete with virtual tour, right here at home

**Free-Seats are limited!**

**Friday-May 13  
6:30-8:30**

Doors open at 6PM

**Registration ends 5/8:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-at-arlingtonexplore-a-visual-history-from-helotes-tx-tickets-318887449947>

OR Call 830-971-2009 (leave name/phone#)



VA Claim

Have questions or need help?

Contact: Alesa Arnett

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## O'Connor High School Jr. ROTC Awards

Commander Willis E. Gray III hereby invites Post 309 Legionnaires to attend the O'Connor High School Jr. ROTC Award Ceremony on **21 April 2022**. There will be a Pass in Review ceremony at 5:30PM followed by the Award Presentation at 6:30PM. Hope you are able to attend.



## Cornyval Parade

### April 30

We will have a float for our legion family members (14 Seats available). The parade starts at 11 AM and we will meet at 9:30AM at our designated parade spot to finish decorating the float. **Wear patriotic colors, legion or service cover**, protect yourself from the elements (long-sleeved shirt or sunblock if needed) If you would like to reserve a place or need more information, **call any member of the executive committee at (210) 874-2018 or the Adjutant at (830) 971-2009.**

## Veterans Helping Veterans

Members of American Legion Post 309 in Helotes, Texas was out helping a fellow veteran currently recovering from surgery. During his recuperative process, he is not able to do the normal chores required to maintain the outside of his home. Hearing of the need for assistance, two of Post 309's members spent the morning doing yard work to help.

**Want to help or Need help Call:  
210-874-2018**



## Local Own Veteran Business



(210) 332-5579



(210) 370-3123



(210) 446-7062



PLEASE NOTE: ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST ATTEND MANDATORY MEETING AT "CASA HELOTES"

AT 6:00PM APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>. IN ORDER TO GET THEIR PARKING PASSES, INFORMATION, ETC.

(IF VOLUNTEERS DO NOT SHOW UP TO THIS MEETING THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER AT THE BOOTH.

THANK YOU

FOR ANY HELP CALL

EVENT COORDINATOR / VP BOARD OF DIRECTOR,

LYDIA AGUILAR (210) 776-5956