



## REDSTONE CHAPTER NO. 353 MEETING NOTICE

Our June meeting will be next Friday (3 June) at the Blue Plate Café, 7540 Memorial Pkwy SW Suite E.

I will continue to try to make calls to make sure everyone knows about the meeting. If you're not contacted and plan on coming to our meeting, please let me know at 256-539-3379 or [tfcraig@aol.com](mailto:tfcraig@aol.com).



# WIDOW'S NIGHT

## AT THE BLUE PLATE CAFE

I think most of us know where the Blue Plate on South Parkway is located - in the Rosie's Shopping Center just south of the old Clock Tower Restaurant (I'm not sure if anything is in that location now). Rosie's is on the West side of the Shopping Center's parking lot and The Blue Plate is on the North side. There is construction going on in the area, so it may be congested (I came in from Whitesburg Drive on Byrd Spring Road and avoided most of the congestion).

## PRESIDENT'S/COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Brothers & Ladies,

Thank you for a great year and yes, thank you for allowing me to serve another year as your President. On this day in history, May 21<sup>st</sup>, in 1927 Charles A. Lindbergh landed in France after a 33 and ½ hour solo Flight, across the Atlantic Ocean. It was this US Marine and Master Mason who took a chance. I ask that we always focus on our mission through seizing opportunity and taking chances.

We are seizing the opportunity through our Go Fund Me Account. Please check out this link :

<https://www.gofundme.com/Redstone353>  
and pass it on to friends and colleagues. We have raised 170 dollars towards our goal of 2, 500 dollars. The 2017 essay topic is out for our high school students.



On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, we give thanks for our widows. Looking forward to our next meeting.

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*James Wojcik*

## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Our campaign of supporting schools in the area is at an end for this year. I've attached the list of schools, recipients and presenters. I included pictures of the medals we present for those who have not participated in the program. We had a good turnout of support from members of the Scottish Rite this year, and we really appreciate that assistance. If you are aware of a school with an ROTC program we are not supporting, please let us know. There are four schools we know of who have not responded to our offer of support: Cullman Area Career Center, Russellville High School, St. Clair County High School and Talladega High School. There may be others that are not listed on the JROTC websites.

I've deposited the checks from our "No Bake Bake Sale" (finally). I had delayed doing so hoping we would have a few more checks come in, but there seem to be no more. Brother Morgan's "Go Fund Me" project has just started, and we should do well there as more members and supporters become aware of it. I need to calculate how much we have taken in and spent this year – shouldn't be too hard, although I usually total it all up for our Annual reports. Last year we spent \$1,000 more than we took in. I don't think we've done that bad this year. Although we're a non-profit, we can't have too many years like last year though.

I've sent letters to all the widows, and heard back from one who will be at a family reunion in Tennessee for the event. I'll try to get started making calls as soon as this is completed and in the mail. I did inquire about Sister Kay Illes in Washington State, and National Headquarters responded that she had been dropped from the roster, although there was no known reason other than the postal address they had was no longer valid.

I'll also be sending out new Chapter rosters, although I don't think there's a great deal of difference from the last one I sent out. Let me know of any errors (Brother Morgan found one glaring error recently).

Sincerely,

*Tom Craig*

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Brother Clairence Ballard continues to need our prayers as he goes through his treatments.

At least two of our members had operations over the past month and both are recovering.

## SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

June		July		August	
Pedro Arroyo	6/13	Kenneth Sherrill	7/1	Louis Numkin	8/6
Kenneth Shepard	6/19	John Norris	7/15	Terry Wofford	8/17
Larry Hancock	6/20	Harry Sanders	7/25	Vern Shankle	8/18
James Robinson	6/29			Phillip Sherman	8/19

## **2016-2017 Officers**

### **Redstone Chapter # 353**

#### **Elected Officers**

President	Brother James J. Wojcik
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Brother Eddie E. Brown
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Brother Glenn K. Hooks
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP	Brother Michael T. Morgan
Secretary/Treasurer	Brother Thomas F. Craig

#### **Appointed Officers**

Quartermaster	TBA
Chaplain	Brother George F. Mills
Marshal	Brother Raymond C. Dunn
Color Bearer	Brother Roger K. Harrison
Color Bearer	TBA

### **Monte Sano Camp - Heroes of '76**

#### **Elected Officers**

Commander	Brother James J. Wojcik
Chief of Staff	No recommendation
Ass't Chief of Staff	Brother Thomas A. Paul
Officer of the Day	Brother Lawrence E. Fouse

#### **Appointed Officers**

Commander of the Guard	Brother Roger K. Harrison
Chaplain	Brother George F. Mills
Adjutant	Brother Thomas F. Craig
Senior Lt.	Brother James S. Blanteno
Junior Lt.	Brother Wayne D. Jordan
Sentinel	Brother Raymond C. Dunn
Music Coordinator	(As needed)

## **JUNE MEETINGS**

1 June	<b>“IRON CURTAIN” DIVIDES BERLIN</b>
2 June	Decatur York Rite Bodies
2 June	Bolivar Lodge No. 127, Arab Lodge No. 663, Fyffe Lodge No 697
3 June	Gurley Lodge No. 521
3 June	<b>VETERINARY CORPS ESTABLISHED</b>
4 June	<b>BATTLE OF MIDWAY BEGINS</b>
5 June	Arab Lodge No. 663
5 June	<b>JERUSALEM DAY</b>
6 June	Huntsville Scottish Rite Bodies (Chapter Opens)
6 June	Athens Lodge No. 16, Rising Sun Lodge No. 29
6 June	<b>LANDINGS IN NORMANDY (D-DAY)</b>
7 June	Florence York Rite Bodies, Helion Lodge No. 1
8 June	Apollo Lodge No. 921
9 June	Arab Lodge No. 663, Solar Lodge No. 914
12 June	<b>ANNE FRANK MAKES THE FIRST ENTRY IN HER DIARY</b>
12 June	<b>SHAVOU’OT</b>
13 June	Ardmore Lodge No. 24, Northern Lodge No. 278
14 June	Huntsville York Rite Bodies, Lunar Lodge No. 918
14 June	<b>FLAG DAY/ARMY BIRTHDAY/EARLIEST SUNRISE</b>
16 June	Bolivar Lodge No. 127, Arab Lodge No. 663, Fyffe Lodge No 697
17 June	Gurley Lodge No. 521
17 June	<b>BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL (BREED’S HILL)</b>
19 June	<b>FATHER’S DAY</b>
20 June	Athens Lodge No. 16, Rising Sun Lodge No. 29
20 June	<b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER/SUMMER SOLSTICE</b>
20 June	<b>FULL MOON (ROSE MOON/FLOWER MOON/STRAWBERRY MOON)</b>
20 June	<b>US ARMY AIR CORPS BECOMES US ARMY AIR FORCES</b>
21 June	Shoals Scottish Rite Bodies, Helion Lodge No. 1
21 June	<b>BIRTHDAY OF SIGNAL CORPS</b>
22 June	Apollo Lodge No. 921
22 June	<b>GI BILL SIGNED/GERMANY INVADES USSR</b>
22 June	<b>BATTLE OF CHATTANOOGA BEGINS</b>
23 June	Arab Lodge No. 663, Solar Lodge No. 914
24 June	<b>BERLIN AIRLIFT BEGINS</b>
24 June	<b>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST’S DAY/TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY</b>
25 June	<b>KOREAN WAR STARTS</b>
27 June	Northern Lodge No. 278
27 June	<b>LATEST SUNSET</b>
28 June	Jackson County Scottish Rite Club, Lunar Lodge No. 918
28 June	<b>BATTLE OF MONMOUTH/BIRTHDAY OF CHEMICAL CORPS</b>
30 June	<b>TUNGUSKA IMPACT</b>

Next Executive Committee 17 August @ 6 PM @ Greenbriar

## ROTC/JROTIC AWARDS 2016

### Alabama A&M

Cade Olige	Sojourner	James Wojcik	4/14
Rollin Barton	AASR	James Wojcik	4/14

### Albertville High School

Maria Espinoza	Sojourner	Mail	5/5
Freyja Dobbs	AASR	Mail	5/5

### Athens High School

Carleigh Casillas	Sojourner	George Mills	5/5
Lucas Green	AASR	George Mills	5/5

### Anniston High School

Louis Huguley	Sojourner	Mail	5/9
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### Arab High School

Hunter Alexander	Sojourner	Mail	4/14
Michelle Hernandez	AASR	Mail	4/14

### J. R. Austin High School

Alexis Naron	Sojourner	George Mills	2/10
Paulina Gonzales	AASR	George Mills	2/10

### Albert P. Brewer High School

Taylor Baker	AASR	George Mills	5/20
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### Buckhorn High School

Maria Perez	Sojourner	James Wojcik	4/21
Jacob Southard	AASR	James Wojcik	4/21

### James Clemens High School

Ryan Hodges	Sojourner	Dean Lilja	5/14
Matthew Myers	AASR	Dean Lilja	5/14

### Columbia High School

Georgiana Wright	Sojourner	LtCol Dave Dunlap	3/16
Andrew Mennemeyer	AASR	LtCol Dave Dunlap	3/16

### Decatur High School

Wiley Irish	Sojourner	George Mills	3/17
Noah Blackney	AASR	George Mills	3/17

### East Lawrence High School

Andrew Treadway	Sojourner	George Mills	4/21
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### Etowah High School

Juan Avila	Sojourner	Mail	5/5
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### Ft. Payne High School

Andrew Bennington	Sojourner	Clairence Ballard	5/6
Kristopher Goosby	AASR	Clairence Ballard	5/6

### Gadsden High School

Stephen Reynolds	Sojourner	Harry Lombard	4/28
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### Virgil Grissom High School

Kevin Lew	Sojourner	Lee Hale	4/12
John Shustack	AASR	Lee Hale	4/12

### Hazel Green High School

Alex Baker	Sojourner	CDR Bro Paul Matheny	5/13
Brittany Rasche	AASR	CDR Bro Paul Matheny	5/13

### Huntsville High School

William Hicks	Sojourner	Maxwell Wright	4/27
Olga Elenbaas	AASR	Maxwell Wright	4/27

**Jacksonville State University**

Khiry Smith	Sojourner	Mail	4/15
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**J. O. Johnson High School**

April Battle	Sojourner	Mail	4/20
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Yuritzy Calderon	AASR	Mail	4/20
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**Bob Jones High School**

Nikolai Fadairo	Sojourner	Mail	5/2
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Raven Sewell	AASR	Mail	5/2
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**Lawrence County High School**

Jade Penn	Sojourner	George Mills	3/17
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**Lee/New Century Technology High School**

Sasha Thalluri	Sojourner	Lee Hale	4/28
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Boadicea Holman	AASR	Lee Hale	4/28
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**Madison County High School**

Lydia Flores	Sojourner	Mail	5/13
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Andrew Awosiji	AASR	Mail	5/13
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**Pell City High School**

Trinity Kendrick	Sojourner	Mail	4/28
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**Priceville High School**

Amy Maddox	Sojourner	George Mills	5/20
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**Sheffield High School**

Nathaniel Boozer	Sojourner	George Mills	5/20
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**Sparkman High School**

Samantha Mooren	Sojourner	Joe Zito	2/3
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Nicholas Hager	AASR	Joe Zito	2/3
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Samuel Nichols	Sojourner	George Mills	4/13
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**Walker High School**

Stephen Ward	Sojourner	Mail	5/5
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(Left to right: Sojourner medal; Scottish Rite ROTC medal; Scottish Rite JROTC medal)

