

# *H.E.B. American Legion Post 379*

## *Post History*

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American Legion Post 379 American Legion Post 379 was first chartered as "Hurst-Eules-Bedford Post 379" in October 1964. The first Commander was Omar Carrothers. Omar was superintendent of the Bedford School System with offices in the Bedford Boy's Ranch complex.

For the first two years the legion officers met at the Boys Ranch.

In 1966 a building was rented on Highway 10 in Hurst TX. In 1970 another building was purchased on highway 10, across from the Kelly-Moore paint factory. The building was an old 1941 pharmacy with an apartment up stairs. The Post struggled over the next few years, and because of a few dedicated Legionnaires kept the Post going, they paid off the mortgage, and the Post started to prosper. The Post, along with VFW Post 4695 of Hurst, in joint venture, built a Memorial in memory of our fallen comrades at Bluebonnet Hills Cemetery, in Colleyville Texas, in 1974, where both Posts conduct memorial services on Memorial day, each year with a get together at the Post homes after the ceremony.

The Post acquired property in Bedford in the late 1970's and built a new building in 1982. The Post was finished in 1983 and the post opened its new home on November 11th 1983 with 243 members.

The Post continued to grow in membership and is now the largest post in Texas.

The Post is active with American Legions Americanism programs. The Post has an Honor Guard, a Riders Chapter, an active Son's of the Legion Squadron, and the Ladies Auxiliary is one of the largest in the state.

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