

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 226 Makes History

Press release:

East Bernard, Texas: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 226 added a footnote to Texas history when they elected the first male to serve as their American Legion Auxiliary Unit 226 President. Michael Dusek was officially elected May 2021 and will serve as President for the 2021-2022 term.

The American Legion was founded in 1919 at the close of WWI. That same year the American Legion Auxiliary was founded for females. Members were wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, and sisters of American war veterans as a separate entity from the American Legion posts whose members were former military males. The mission of the auxiliary is to support the American Legion in their endeavors to honor the sacrifice of those who served in any US military force. The American Legion Auxiliary is the largest women's patriotic service organization in the world.

In 2019, the American Legion's National Convention voted to replace the word "wife" with "spouse" in the organization's constitution and bylaws section regarding eligibility to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

After this change, Unit 226 was excited to find new members that now qualified. Dana Dusek, wife of Mike, served in the United States Air Force during Desert Storm 1989-1993 and is a member of the American Legion Post 226. Mike, who is devoted to our veterans and the community, eagerly became the first male spouse to join the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 226.

The members of the East Bernard American Legion Auxiliary Unit 226 are looking forward to working with their newly elected president as Mike is an asset and great leader for the organization.

Mike was born July 25, 1971, in Wharton, Texas to Joe and Cynthia Dusek of East Bernard. His grandparents are Joe and Otilia Dusek and John and Frances Taschery. Mike is a graduate of East Bernard Brahma class of 1989 and is the service manager at Shoppa's. Mike and Dana reside in East Bernard with daughter's Callie Irene Dusek and Myranda Lee Dusek.