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Legion and Auxiliary meetings, second Monday of the month at 8pm.
Post Hours: 8am - midnight Mon -Thurs; 8am - 2am Fri - Sat; 1pm - midnight Sun

Commander's Corner

On Sunday 08/12/18 we had the honor of hosting the 5th District meeting. It was a great success. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make that happen. A few that come to mind are Clarence and Liz Hill and our outstanding Auxiliary Unit. Thank you one and all.

Our goals this year are to become an even greater Post in every aspect. This includes veterans support, membership, volunteerism and taking pride in our Post. I hope you will join me and support these endeavors.

Kevin Robbs

Executive Committee and General Assembly

Approved \$100 for past Commander bricks for Greg White and Randy Whisman

Approved \$500 for Logan Nolan's Eagle Scout Project

Approved \$96 for website hosting

Approved \$50 for a kitchen cleaning deposit.

Post Building Fund

Our Post home was built in 1990 and has lots of the original equipment. The roof has been patched numerous times and will need to be replaced. The ceiling tiles also need to be replaced. Outside, the building needs to be pressure washed and painted, and the parking lot needs to be resealed and striped. We have established the Building Fund again and ask that you consider donating to the fund. Two more donations have been received, so we have had nine donations thus far and have \$795 in the fund. Your donation is tax deductible.

BOY SCOUTS

For his Eagle Scout Project, Logan Nolan will be adding 4 benches to the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park.

We welcome these new members and thank them for choosing Post 316 as their Legion home:

New: Johnathan Burgos, William Canty, Nichole Carter, Robert Gromada, Dan Kinkel, Alto Thomas

Transfers: None

Vacant Offices

Alto Thomas was nominated for Historian and **Jimmie Perez** was nominated for Finance Officer. The election will be held at the September meeting. Anyone interested in those offices should attend

The **booster list is for members and member's businesses only. Gold boosters are \$25 annually. Our Gold Boosters are:**

In Memory USS Stark 9/18

In Memory of James "Buddy" Johnson 9/18

Richard Goodman 11/18

DeLois Livermore 11/18

Leon Saunders 7/19

Carl Simcox 1/20

Lance Davison 9/20

Bob Averill 3/21

Wallace Williams 3/22

Lynn Murray 11/18

Bob Shellenberger 4/19

Clarence & Liz Hill 8/18

Woody Wooten 1/20

Robert Mary 9/20

John Balch 9/21

Eddie George 1/23

Post 316 Shirts: T-shirts \$8, Polos in 2 styles \$15/\$20. See Liz.

The 5th District meeting was a huge success-17 of 18 Posts were present. The food was excellent-**thank you to all who brought dishes.**

Post 316 Website

A huge thank you to **Adam Porter** who is a visiting Legionnaire from Virginia and is helping us get our website active. The information wasn't available for this newsletter, but will be in next month.

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

All 4 of our Legion Family organizations-Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders-as well as the Bar Manager ask for volunteers to help with functions, donations to help with fundraisers and for more attendance at meetings. **These requests seem to fall on deaf ears** as the same few people attend the meetings, the same volunteers cook and serve the meals, the same volunteers help with the kid's parties and fundraisers. We need more people to step up and give us their inputs and their help.

FREE FOOD

There are occasions, like open houses, NFL Sundays, etc., when food is available. **Please remember, food costs are recovered by your donations, and no free food is to leave the Post.** If you eat, please make a donation so we can continue to provide the food. **Please do not bring in snacks, sodas, water, or any item that we sell at the Bar.**

From the House Committee:

Would you like to help us make a difference? We need **people to donate time, energy and experience** in a variety of general maintenance areas including **electrical, painting, filter change outs and more!** We will start holding a **Post Maintenance Day** on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 0900 to 1200-September 15th. Materials and tools will be provided. Together, we will be able to make our Post a much brighter and better place for the Legion Family and guests to enjoy. If you have any questions about how you can help, please call me at 904-509-4612.

SMOKING POLICY

An idea was expressed to build an area to expand the east side of the building toward the parking lot that could be designated a smoking area. **If anyone has any skills in coordinating such an effort, please volunteer to help. No one has volunteered yet.**

Discussions have been occurring at the bar about Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders business. The correct way to express your ideas or concerns is to **attend the appropriate meeting and deal with it there. Business should not be conducted at the bar.** The suggestion box is for those items relating to bar activities as described on page 3 and should be signed by the individual submitting it. **If you must discuss organizational business, please do so in the back room away from the bar.**

POST 316 IS A FREE WiFi HOT SPOT.

<u>Post Officers</u>	
Commander	Kevin Robbs
1st Vice Commander	Clarence Hill
2nd Vice Commander	VACANT
3rd Vice Commander	Joe Johnson
4th Vice Commander	Joey Perez
Finance Officer	VACANT
Adjutant	Bob Simcox
Chaplain	Joe Nolan
Service Officer	Bill Pelland
Judge Advocate	Joseph Bartelt
Historian	VACANT
Sergeant-at-Arms	Al Yardley
<u>House Committee</u>	
Chairman:	Bill Knipper

<u>SAL Officers</u>	
Commander	Rich Covey
Adjutant	Clarence Hill
1st Vice	David Keasler
2nd Vice	Dennis Corcoran
Finance Officer	Lloyd Clark
Chaplain	Joey Perez
Historian	Charles Dupraw
Sergeant-at-Arms	Scott Shonka
<u>Executive Board</u>	
Bob Simcox, Steve Bartelt	
Phil Harville, Denny Luke	
John Tinsley	
<u>Legion Riders</u>	
Director	John Tinsley

<u>Auxiliary Officers</u>	
President	Annie Anderson
1st Vice President	Liz Hill
2nd Vice President	Denise Strickland
Secretary	Suzanne Lamonica
Treasurer	Alison McCann
Chaplain	Diane Conrad
Historian	Cathy White
Sergeant-at-Arms	VACANT
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	VACANT
Membership	Alison McCann
<u>Auxiliary Executive Committee</u>	
Virna Waldron, DeLois Livermore	
Sharon Harville, Tess Martin	
<u>Club Manager</u>	
Liz Hill	

Legion First Vice Vibes

The 2019 cards are going like gangbusters. All the Honorary and 3-year members should have their cards, as well as the over 200 who have renewed. Keep up those renewals.

Please include your branch of service with your renewal payment.

You can renew online by visiting www.legion.org/renew. You can also register for the Automatic Annual Renewal Program. The Post cannot process credit card payments—we send them to Department. You must include your **credit card number and expiration date**.

You can only Pay Up For Life online and the \$100 discount is still in effect. Just visit legion.org, search for PUFL offer.

2019 dues are \$40 for ages 59 and younger (\$35 for Early Bird from July until Veterans Day), \$32 for 60 and older. Our 3-year renewals are \$100 for 59 and younger and \$90 for 60 and older. **If you pay online to national or by credit card, you will be charged \$40-national only recognizes our official dues.** You can only get discounted rates by paying \$32/\$35 to the Post utilizing the renewal notice.

Clarence Hill

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S PROSE

First I want to thank everyone who brought dishes for the 5th District meet-ing. Thank you Liz for your wonderful fried chicken & excellent potato salad.

Just a gentle reminder that this is not just for Auxiliary members to bring dishes, but also Legionnaires, SAL members and ALR members the more dishes we have to serve all our visitors at a function the more we can all eat. Our first Unit meeting went very well, thank you for attending.

This is also a call to all Auxiliary members, Legionnaires, SAL members and ALR members to bring your favorite recipes to the Post so we can proceed with the Unit cookbook. If you want to advertise your business in the cookbook, please see DeLois Livermore.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday Sept 8th for the 5th District School of Instruction which will be at our Home Post, registration at 8:30 am and Instruction at 9 am. The District Chairmen will present the Auxiliaries Program Action Plan and I hope to see many of our Unit members that morning. A light breakfast and lunch will be served to all attending members. This is open to all Auxiliary members, not just officers and/or chairmen.

We are still collecting school supplies, please be generous and donate lots of supplies; the collection box is at the Post lounge. Mark your calendar for Saturday October 6th, plan is in the works for an "OCTOBERFEST" at the Post. Remember your 2019 Membership cards are available. We do need more volunteers for Tuesday night Sandwiches and our Friday night steak teams. If you have any questions or want to volunteer please feel free to call or email me 904-242-8844 or nywave1@aol.com.

For God and Country
Annie Anderson

From the Bar:

Monday-Men's Night-\$.50 off drinks

Monday-Bingo 6:30—8:30 **Riders food**

Tuesday & Thursday Bingo 2-4 PM—we need volunteers to help

Tuesday **Trivia** 7 PM. Prizes for winners-Auxiliary serving food

Wednesday-Ladies Night & \$.50 off drinks. **Pass the Trash 7 PM**

Wednesday-**Pass the Trash 7 PM—we need volunteers to help**

Thursday-Queen of Hearts drawing 8 PM

Friday-Steak Bingo at 6 PM by the 40 & 8

Customer Consideration

Please **do not mover other customer's drinks, money or property**

at the bar as this causes issues and accusations. If you want their seat, please ask them or ask the bartender to ask them.

We hold a **Queen of Hearts** drawing every Thursday. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing is at 8 PM. **You must be present, be a 2018 regular member of a VSO (no associate/honorary memberships accepted) & pick the Queen of Hearts to win.** The pot to be shared in our 4th fundraiser is over \$2,000.

DO NOT USE Handicap parking spaces for overnight parking.

All kitchen workers (lunches, Friday steak crews, Saturday dinners, Monday/Tuesday sandwich nights) are volunteers who depend on tips. Please remember to tip the kitchen workers.

We have **Bingo on Monday nights** from 6:30 to 8:30 and **have a progressive lucky ball jackpot. The Riders are serving burgers, hot dogs, French fries and specials.** We conduct Bingo every Tuesday and Thursday at 2 PM with a progressive lucky ball jackpot.

Riders will be doing Wing Night on Thursday the 20th and the Post will have Karaoke.

Pass the Trash is Wednesday night at 7 PM. Participation is enthusiastic and lively. Come early to get a seat at the bar. **If you would like to deal, please let Liz know.** We need help!

Red shirt Friday drink specials will continue every Friday. You must be wearing a red shirt to get the special.

The regular season begins this month for the NFL. Wear your NFL clothing on Sundays and get the drink special.

MEAL SERVICE

We ask your cooperation in not bringing in or ordering outside food during times someone is serving food. Remember, they are donating their time and effort to prepare, serve and clean up. The meals are fund raisers for our various programs. If you do not wish to buy the meal, please eat before you come to the Post or wait until the meal is done. Please do not bring in your own snacks, sodas, water, at any time as we sell those items.

When you sign in a guest, that guest must leave when you leave.

Steak Bingo is conducted at 6 PM every Friday steak night. Eight games are conducted-7 for steaks and 1 for road kill (ribs).

As a reminder, the bartenders' priority is serving drinks to customers at the bar and in the line. If you wish to be served, use the waitress station-do not stand at the end of the bar or between people sitting at the bar. If you want to redeem or buy a ticket for any machine, you will have to wait until the bartender finishes with drinks. The Post has 72 hours to pay out on the machines and the bartenders cannot pay tickets of \$500 or more or prior day tickets. You are limited to redeeming \$1,000 a day. If the bartender runs out of money, you may have to return later. The Manager will only redeem tickets Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

We serve lunch Monday—Friday from 11 AM to 1 PM.

Liz Hill

2nd Vice Reverbs

Volunteers to cook steaks the 4th Friday and Saturday dinners are needed. If you can give of your time, please contact the Commander.

VACANT

Legion Riders

Now for the Dog Days of Summer, the heat is still on but at least it's cooling down a bit so let's ride. We are down to one month for the raffle, if anyone has any events or locations where we could set up to sell tickets, set it up and I will get the prizes to you or will be there with you, time for the final push. **Monday nights and the 3rd Thursday wing nights are going strong, but we need members to step up if you can to help with each event** and please support our sister Chapters in their fund raising events. Make plans to join the Chapters for their upcoming rides.

Our **September meeting is on July 4th at 0900, with the E-Board at 0830**. Plan on a ride to nowhere for lunch to be announced at the meeting, hope to see you all there.

Until then, ride safe and often, let's ride. Thank you.

John Tinsley

Chaplain's Corner

If you know of any sick or distressed Legionnaires please feel free to contact me at anytime 223-8053.

Joe Nolan

From the House Committee

If you have any items or issues that require the attention of the House Committee, make sure to write them on the forms provided from the bartenders and place them in the locked box above the sign-in podium. Any items that are not on the form or not signed with a legible signature will NOT be considered. The author's identity is known only to the House Committee.

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Bill Knipper

Service Officer

Service officer hours are by appointment. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact me at 508-7443.

Bill Pelland

Kudos and Special Events

We are assisting the Lions Club Recycle for Sight program. If you have old glasses or frames, please bring them to the Post and put them in the box by the door.

We are assisting the Fraternal Order of Police Atlantic/Neptune Lodge 107 in their annual cell phone collection drive to benefit victims of domestic violence in Duval County. Please bring in your old cell phones and put them in the box by the door.

From the Commander:

We need more volunteers to participate in Post projects and Post meetings. Our general meeting attendance has been less than 15 for some time now, and we need more attendance and participation in decision making for the Post. Please consider stepping up and helping your Post.

Veterans Online Shopping Benefit

DOD will soon grant **online exchange shopping privileges to Vets of all branches of the Armed Forces at all Exchanges (X, NEX, MCX, CGX)**. Go to **VetVerify.org** to check your eligibility. Learn more at shopmyexchange.com/veterans.

Sons of The American Legion

The 2019 cards are available. Everyone who paid 3-year dues should have their card by now. No change in dues this year, see below. Please pay your dues prior to Veterans Day and be an Early Bird.

"THANK YOU" to August 10th steak team. Our Steak night is the 14th so please come and participate. **SAL 5th District Commander Rasco** attended our meeting and **installed the 1st Vice, Historian, Chaplain and Finance Officer**. One of our members has offered to bring breakfast/brunch for those attending our September meeting. Please RSVP to Joey at 904-365-1592.

Dues are \$10 for 20-years and younger and dual members, \$15 for 21 and older. We offer 3-years for \$25 for 20 and younger and dual members, \$40 for 21 and older. If you pay your dues by mail, your card is mailed the next day. If you pay in person, it will either be handed to you or be in the box behind the bar. **Our meeting is Saturday the 4th at 1030**, so please come and participate. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

Rich Covey

Post 316 Social Media

Joe Johnson, our 3rd Vice Cdr, is doing a great job with our **Post 316 Facebook Page** at <https://www.facebook.com/alpost316>. If anyone has any ideas on what they would like to see on it or would like to contribute, please contact Joe through Facebook. When you visit the page, make sure you click on the **LIKE** button-we are up to 150 likes now. **He is also working to get our website online again and he is getting close.** **Adam Porter** who is a visiting Legionnaire from Virginia is helping get our website active. The information wasn't available for this newsletter, but it will be in next month.

NEW MEDICARE CARDS

Medicare is mailing new Health Insurance ID cards to its 60 million members. The new cards replace you Social Security number with newly assigned ID numbers as your identification. The ID number consists of a unique combination of 11 letters and numbers. The cards are free and scammers are already posing as Medicare representatives and calling or emailing beneficiaries demanding a processing fee to issue them. Other fraudsters are telling beneficiaries that they are owed a refund from transactions on their old card, then asking for bank account information to process the reimbursement. Medicare will never ask an enrollee for bank account numbers, and no refunds are owed. Scammers are also asking for payments to replace cards that may be lost. Mailing the new cards to members is a yearlong process that began in May 2018. To learn more about when your card will arrive, go to Medicare.gov/NewCard.

Disaster Scams during Hurricane Season

With hurricane season running through November 30, you should be aware that criminals and scammers try to take advantage of generous people. Disaster scams normally start with unsolicited contact by email, social media, telephone or in-person using a variety of tactics to lure info out of you. Some examples: thieves pretend they are from a charity and try to get money or private info; bogus websites use names similar to legitimate charities to trick people to send money or personal info; scammers claim to work for or on behalf of the IRS and can help victims file casualty loss claims or get tax refunds. The **Tax Exempt Organization Search** section of IRS.gov helps users who want to make donations find or verify qualified charities for which donations may be tax deductible. One could also call the IRS toll-free disaster assistance line at 866-562-5227 to get answers about tax relief or disaster-related tax issues. One should always contribute by check or credit card to have a record of the donation. Donors should never give out personal financial info like Social Security numbers or credit card/bank account numbers and passwords to anyone who solicits donations.



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September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Riders Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030
2 VJ Day RUM	3 Labor Day NO LUNCH Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	4 Chicken Enchilada Bingo 2-4 PM Trivia Night	5 Pulled Pork Sandwich Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	6 Shephard's Pie Bingo 2-4 PM Queen of Hearts	7 Chef Salad Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6PM	8
9 Grandparent's Day VODKA 5th District 2 PM Jax Post 88 @ Giants 1 PM	10 Meatloaf Mtg Night 8 PM Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	11 Patriot Day Pot Roast Bingo 2-4 PM Trivia Night	12 Meatball Hoagie Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	13 Stuffed Peppers Bingo 2-4 PM Queen of Hearts	14 Chicken Soup Chicken Salad Croissant SAL Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6PM	15 SUBVETS 1100 Maintenance Day 0900-1200
16 GIN The American Legion's 100th Birthday VS Patriots 4:25	17 Fried Chicken Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	18 Air Force B-Day Spaghetti w/meat or clam sauce Bingo 2-4 PM Trivia Night	19 Baked Fish Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	20 Hot Turkey Sandwich Bingo 2-4 PM Queen of Hearts	21 POW/MIA Day Soft Tacos Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6PM	22
23 Autumn BOURBON VS Titans 1 PM	24 Beef Tips Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	25 Chicken Bruschetta Bingo 2-4 PM Trivia Night	26 Kielbasa and Sauerkraut Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	27 Baked Ziti Bingo 2-4 PM Queen of Hearts	28 Fish or Shrimp Po Boy Legion Steaks Steak Bingo 6PM	29
30 Gold Star Mother's Day SCOTCH VS Jets 1 PM			Lunch is served 11 AM—1 PM Mon—Fri			