



Dewitt B. Tilden Memorial American Legion Post 316

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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

It's been an exciting month for our Post. We had the CPO Selectees from LCSRON TWO volunteer 105 hours. They painted the canteen and meeting hall. They also pressure washed half the outside of the building. The signs on the front of the building will be retrofitted with LED bulbs. We procured the paint to paint the outside of the building. Again, I thank all of our members who volunteer their time making improvements to our Post.

For God and Country,

Kevin Robbs

Executive Committee and General Assembly

Approved \$775 for the LED upgrade to the exterior lights
Approved \$941 for exterior paint

Post Building Fund

Our Post home was built in 1990 and still has lots of the original equipment. The **roof** has been patched numerous times and needs to be replaced. The **ceiling tiles** 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. No donations were received in September. We have had **nine donations thus far and have \$795 in the fund.** Your donation is tax deductible.

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

New: Jerry Pegram and Roosevelt Underwood

Transfers: Daniel Benavides, Hubert Fuller, James McQueeneey, Jr.

Vacant Offices

Alto Thomas was nominated for Historian and Jimmie Perez was nominated for Finance Officer. As neither were at the September meeting, the election will be held at the October meeting. Anyone else interested in those offices should attend.

Booster List

The booster list is for members and member's businesses only.

Gold boosters are \$25 annually. Our Gold Boosters are:

Richard Goodman 11/18

Lynn Murray 11/18

DeLois Livermore 11/18

Bob Shellenberger 4/19

Lester Saunders 7/19

Clarence & Liz Hill 8/19

Carl Simcox 1/20

Woody Wooten 1/20

Lance Davison 9/20

Robert Mary 9/20

Bob Averill 3/21

John Balch 9/21

Wallace Williams 3/22

Eddie George 1/23

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

Post 316 Website

A huge thank you to **Adam Porter**, a visiting Legionnaire from Virginia who helped us get our website active. The website is www.alpost316fl.org, which is on the header to this page. If anyone has ideas for the site or wants to assist maintaining it, let

us know.

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 kids' parties and fundraisers. We need more people to step up and give us their inputs and help.

FREE FOOD

There are occasions, like open houses, NFL Sundays, etc., when free food is available. 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.**

Auxiliary Members Note:

The dues notice from National has the incorrect dues on it. **Auxiliary dues are \$30, not \$25 that is on the notice; the Early Bird rate is \$28 (until November 11th), the Senior rate is \$25 and Juniors are \$5.**

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 hold a **Post Maintenance Day on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 0900 to 1200-October 20th.** 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 and SAL 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 HOTSPOT.

Post Officers

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
Chairman:	Bill Knipper

SAL Officers

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>Legion Executive Committee</u>	
	Bob Simcox, Steve Bartelt
	Phil Harville, Denny Luke
	John Tinsley
<u>Legion Riders</u>	
Director	John Tinsley

Auxiliary Officers

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

Keep up the renewals as that is the key to making goals. We'd like to see more people sign up new members-if you know an eligible veteran, please ask him/her to join.

Please include your branch of service with your payment.

You can renew on-line by visiting www.legion.org/renew. You can also register for the Automatic Annual Renewal Program. We cannot process credit card payments-we send them to Department. You must include **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 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, \$90 for 60 and older. If you pay online to national or by credit card, you will be charged \$40-national only recognizes 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

Hello everyone, please mark your Calendar for these important dates: 6th—October Fest; 8th—our monthly meeting; 27th—our annual Witches Brew with Cake Walk, Halloween celebration and the Children's Halloween Party that afternoon. A contest for best Halloween costumes and we are looking for Witches Brew food donations and cakes for our cake walk. This is one of our best fundraisers for the Auxiliary programs and we are in the planning stages for our own Legionnaires Birthday Party. The sandwich night volunteers are covered for part of October, but we could use a few more volunteers, please come on out and support your Auxiliary.

This is also a shout out again 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.

We had a nice membership turnout for the 5th District School of Instruction, thank you Liz for the great and enjoyable luncheon.

We are still collecting school supplies, please be generous and donate lots of supplies; the collection box is at the Post Lounge. These supplies will be taken to a school in November.

We are collecting manufacturer's coupons again. This is a great program for the families of our deployed Military members. We will have a container for your coupons at the Post. Our Unit had two members attending the Auxiliary National Convention in Minneapolis. Please remember our Fall Conference is Nov 1-4 in Orlando, if anyone is interested in going please contact me or Liz. The next 5th District meeting is the 14th at 2 PM at Post 283 on Ft Caroline Rd. Remember your new 2019 Membership cards are available. We do need some more volunteers for 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 nvywave1@aol.com.

For God and Country
Annie Anderson

From the Bar:

Monday-Men's Night-7 PM-\$.50 off drinks.
Monday-Bingo 6:30-8:30 **Riders serving 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-7 PM-\$.50 off drinks.
Wednesday-Pass the Trash 7 PM-we need volunteers to help
Thursday-8 PM-Queen of Hearts drawing

Customer Consideration: Please do not move 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 5th fundraiser is over \$2,000.

Do not use the Handicap parking spaces for over-night parking.

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

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, FF 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 18th and the Post will have Karaoke.

Red Shirt Friday drink specials will continue every Friday. You must be wearing a red shirt to get the special. Wear your NFL clothing on Sundays and get the drink special.

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.

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, etc., 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. 8 games are conducted-7 for steaks and 1 for road kill (ribs).

As a reminder, the bartender's priority is serving drinks to the 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. 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 will 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 the occasional Saturday dinners are needed. If you can give of your time, please contact the Commander.

VACANT

Legion Riders

Welcome to October, has it stopped raining yet? Maybe it's too early to tell, at least no one has offered me a Pumpkin Spice Latte yet. Well enough of that, the big day is near, please have all your cash and ticket stubs at the October 6th meeting to turn in for the raffle drawing later that day. We will be escorting a fun run prior to the drawing with stops at Georges Lounge, Post 250 and the VFW in Green Cove, thank you all that helped in selling tickets, doing fliers and all the other mundane items that needed to be done. Now for the best part, the ZOMBIE Run on October 27th, we will have two face painters but appointments are needed (email Denise at dndfishing50@gmail.com) to keep us close to the schedule, stops will be at Post 283, BarZ, Post 54, Moose Lodge in Yulee, Oceanway Bar and Grill, Post 9, then back to your choice of either Post 316 or Post 197 to tag into Post's Halloween events. As always help is needed every Monday night for either cooking or serving and again on the third Thursday for wings, volunteer if you can, there's no shame in the fame.

Hope to see you all at next meeting on **the 6th at 0830 for the E-Board and 0900 for the general membership.**

Ride safe and often.

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

Sons of The American Legion

The 2019 cards are available. No change in dues this year, see below. Please pay your dues prior to Veterans Day and be an Early Bird.

"THANK YOU" to the September 14th steak team. Our steak night is the 12th so please come and participate.

Dues are \$10 for 20-years and younger and dual members, \$15 for 21 and older. We offer 3-years at \$25 for 20 and younger and dual members, \$40 for 21 and older. If you pay your dues by mail, your card is mailed out 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 1st at 1030**, so please come and participate.

Rich Covey

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 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 put your old cell phones 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.

Post 316 Social Media

Joe Johnson, our 3rd Vice Cdr, is doing a great job with our new 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. **Our website is online at www.alpost316fl.org.** Adam Porter a visiting Legionnaire from Virginia helped us get our website active.

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.

Membership Food for Thought

You have probably heard the phrase "Membership is the lifeblood of the organization" many times. It truly is. The larger the membership of the organization, the greater our ability to lobby Congress on behalf of veterans. The portion of your dues that is kept here locally helps, but in no way covers the cost of operating and maintaining the building, paying the bills or funding our many programs. Your patronage of the canteen produces the working capital to keep the doors open. The various fundraising projects by our Family organization funds the many programs, particularly children & youth, that we support every year. There are a number of big ticket items that need attention, which is why we activated the building fund. Your support with your time and donations help achieve these goals.



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Current Resident or

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SCOTCH	1 Chicken & Dumplings Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	2 Spaghetti w/ Italian Sausage or Meatballs Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	3 Burgers & Fries Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	4 Fish, Shrimp or Crab Cakes Bingo 2:00-4:00 Queen of Hearts	5 Veg-Beef Soup Grilled Cheese Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6 What For	6 Riders Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030 October Fest Karaoke
7 WHISKEY @ Chiefs 1:00	8 Columbus Day Chicken Fried Steak Mtg Night 8 PM Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	9 Stuffed Pork Chops Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	10 Chicken Wings Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	11 Shepherd's Pie Bingo 2:00-4:00 Queen of Hearts	12 Italian Beef Sandwich SAL Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6 Bystanders	13 Navy B-Day
14 WINE 5th District 2 PM Arlington 283 @Cowboys 4:25	15 BBQ Chicken Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	16 Chicken Enchilada Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	17 Baked Ham Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	18 Hamburger Steak Bingo 2:00-4:00 Riders' Wings Night Queen of Hearts Karaoke	19 Clam Chowder Egg or Tuna Salad Sandwich Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6	20 SUBVETS 1100 Maintenance Day 0900-1200
21 BEER VS Texans 1:00	22 Liver or Meatloaf Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	23 Chicken or Veal Parmesan Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	24 Club Sandwich Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	25 Bean Soup Ham or Egg Salad Sandwich Bingo 2:00-4:00 Queen of Hearts	26 Chicken Caesar Salad Legion Steaks Steak Bingo 6	27 Navy Day Kids Halloween Party 2-4 Witches Brew/ Cake Walk/Adult Halloween Party Furloughs
28 RUM VS Eagles 9:30	29 Beef Stroganoff Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	30 Spaghetti w/ Shrimp or Meatballs Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	31 Halloween Taco Soup Grilled Cheese Ladies' Night Pass the Trash		Lunch Is Served 11:00—1:00 Mon—Fri	