



# 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

Kevin Robbs

### Executive Committee and General Assembly

**Approved \$700 for Boys State Transportation**  
**Approved \$60 for support of Bivouc**

### 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. We have established the Building Fund again and ask that you consider donating to the fund. Two donations were received in January, including a very generous donation in memory of our SAL member Vance Collins. We have had fourteen donations thus far and had \$1443 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:** Kurt Bartelt, James Collins and Keoni Mamizuka Sanchez  
**Transfers:** Michael Aguilar, William Attewell, Wade Bickford, David Newman, William Rieber

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

Bob Shellenberger 4/19	Lester Saunders 7/19
Clarence & Liz Hill 8/19	Alison McCann
DeLois Livermore 11/19	In Honor of USS Stark 10/19
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 in 2 styles \$15/\$20. See Liz.**

### 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. 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 at any time, particularly for our afternoon

**and evening events.** You wouldn't take your own food into any other restaurant or bar, so please don't bring them into the Post.

### National Commander to visit Post 316

Brett Reistad will be visiting the Northern Area in Florida the first week in February. He will be in the 5th District on the 6th and 7th, and have lunch at Post 316 at 1230 on the 6th. Everyone is invited and encouraged to meet the Commander as he tours our District. His full schedule is available at the Post, so if you can't join us for lunch, try to be at one of the other Posts he's visiting those days.

### USO Collections

We are collecting supplies for Coast Guard personnel in conjunction with the USO. If the government shutdown is ongoing, please consider donating gas cards, gift cards, water, toiletries, pampers and baby items, food, cleaning supplies

### 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. One person has volunteered to help, but we need someone with the skills to plan it.

### NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST

If you have not renewed your dues by the time the March newsletter is ready to be distributed, your name will be removed from the lists. Please don't let that happen and send your dues in today.

### Super Bowl Chili Cook-off

Be sure to bring your favorite chili to the Post for Super Bowl Sunday on the 3rd. Judging will be at 4 PM.

### Marketing Yourself for a Second Career

There will be a seminar on this topic on Thursday, February 9th from 1-3:30 PM at the USO on Mayport Rd. It will be presented by CAPT Erin Stone, JAGC, USN (Ret), a MOAA Career Transition Professional specializing in career counseling and coaching. At this seminar, you will learn more about: focusing your search; developing a transition plan; optimizing your brand including on LinkedIn; maximizing networking and informational interviews; crafting effective resumes and cover letters; preparing for and delivering successful interviews; negotiating compensation; and resources tailored for your individual needs. Register at [Bburt@uso.org](mailto:Bburt@uso.org).

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.**

### Post Officers

Commander	Kevin Robbs
1st Vice Commander	Clarence Hill
2nd Vice Commander	<b>VACANT</b>
3rd Vice Commander	Joe Johnson
4th Vice Commander	Joey Perez
Finance Officer	Randy Casey
Adjutant	Joe Johnson
Chaplain	Joe Nolan
Service Officer	Bill Pelland
Judge Advocate	Joseph Bartelt
Historian	Bill Wells
Sergeant-at-Arms	Al Yardley

### House Committee

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

### Executive Board

Bob Simcox, Steve Bartelt  
Phil Harville, Denny Luke  
John Tinsley

### Legion Riders

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	<b>VACANT</b>
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	<b>VACANT</b>
Membership	Alison McCann

### Auxiliary Executive Committee

Virna Waldron, DeLois Livermore  
Sharon Harville, Tess Martin

### Club Manager

Liz Hill

### Legion First Vice Vibes

**2018 cards expired on the 31st of DEC. You must have a 2019 card to be served or be signed in as a guest.** We are over 80% now, so please renew if you haven't and try to sign up one new member.

**Please include your branch of service with your renewal payment.**

You can renew online by visiting [www.legion.org/renew](http://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](http://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

Thanks to all for your recipes, the cookbook is in its final states and should be available very shortly. Please make your calendar for **Saturday, February 16th, our Auxiliary is hosting a Valentine's Prime Rib Dinner and cake walk.** Bring your sweetheart to the Post lounge for a great dinner and fun. We are looking for cake donations for our famous cakewalk, thank you in advance.

The Unit is still collecting manufacturers coupons; this is the National Security program that offers help and/or assistance to our Military, Veterans and their family members. We will have a container for your coupons at the Post home. We are in the process of **establishing an Auxiliary Email blast to all Unit 316 Auxiliary members.** This blast will give you more insight of what is happening in **YOUR 316 Unit.** If you are interested in receiving this blast, please email me [nvywave1@aol.com](mailto:nvywave1@aol.com) and place in the subject line "Blast."

Remember, if you have not renewed your Auxiliary Membership by now you are no longer a member in good standing, you can bring your renewal to the Post as soon as possible.

The next **District meeting is February 10th**, Post 250 Middleburg and the next **Unit meeting is Monday February 11th at 8 PM**, come on out and meet some of the other Auxiliary members. Everyone in our Legion Family can volunteer for any of our fundraisers and events, to volunteer please feel free to call or email me-904-242-8844 or [nvwave1@aol.com](mailto:nvwave1@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 5th fundraiser is over \$3,400.

**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 Wing Night** is Thursday the 21st, and there will be 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.**

**Red shirt Friday drink specials are served every Friday. You must be wearing a red shirt to get the special.**

**Wear NASCAR clothes during race season for drink special.**

**Get your chili recipes ready for the Super Bowl Chili Cookoff. Judging will be at 4 PM and prizes will be awarded.**

### 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, or any item we sell at the bar at any time.**

**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

We are off to a good start with membership annual renewals, please see Annie to pay your dues for the 2019 year, the sooner the better. For those who did not attend the January meeting, it was decided that the Chapter is NOT going to have a fund raiser this year but concentrate on getting back to basics with riding and comradeship, if you have any ideas for a FUN ride, please bring it to the attention of the members either at a meeting, by helping serve at Monday night bingo or in a group Email or Text, even if it's the night before, rides to lunch, a special event you just heard about or with another Post does not matter, we need to get back out there as a Chapter not just 2-3 people. As always please step up to help in the kitchen for Bingo, Wing night (3rd Thursday of the month) and Steak night still every 5th Friday of the month.

The next Chapter meeting will be on February 2nd at 0900, with E-board at 0830, plan on being there and ready to ride afterwards. Hope to see you all there.

## 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.

## Bill Knipper

### Service Officer

I have submitted my resignation and the Post needs someone to be trained as the new service officer. If you'd like to serve, please let me or the Commander know.

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.

### 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. Our website is online at [www.alpost316fl.org](http://www.alpost316fl.org). If you have any suggestions for what you would like to see on the website or would like to help maintain it, please let Joe or the Commander know.

### NEW MEDICARE CARDS

Medicare is mailing new Health Insurance ID cards to its 60 million members. The new cards replace you Social Security

## Sons of The American Legion

Membership is moving along nicely and we are at nearly 80%.

Keep those renewals coming.

“THANK YOU to the January 11th steak team. Our Steak night is the 8th 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 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 2nd at 1030, so please come and participate. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

## Rich Covey

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](http://Medicare.gov/NewCard).

### 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.

### 1973 Fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis

The fire occurred on July 12, 1973, and destroyed about 80% of the records for Army personnel discharged between November 1, 1912, and January 1, 1960; and about 75% of the records for Air Force personnel with surnames from Hubbard thru “Z” discharged between September 25, 1947, and January 1, 1964. Center employees cannot determine for certain the records that were burned because millions of records (especially medical records) had been withdrawn from all three blocks and lent to the VA prior to the fire. One should not assume their record was burned. If the record was burned, the Veteran may submit photocopies of documents they possess to the NPRC

### Proposed Membership Eligibility Change

At the Fall NEC meeting, two resolutions were passed proposing changes to the eligibility requirements. As we are a Congressionally chartered wartime veterans service organization, Congress controls our eligibility periods. There have been 12 combat operations since WW II and Congress has authorized 5 of them: Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama and the Gulf War/War on Terror. Resolution 1 details the other 7 periods and petitions Congress to authorize them. Should that happen, Resolution 2 would implement the additional periods. Effectively, this proposal would result in eligibility for The American Legion to be continuous from December 7, 1942, to the cessation of hostilities on a date to be determined by Congress. The National Staff in DC is pursuing this with Congress. A Legislative Alert will be issued should a bill be brought to a vote, so please respond when received. For those not on the Legislative Alert list, visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and sign up. You would then receive alerts when votes involving veterans issues are scheduled and a proposed message that would go to both Senators and your Representative.



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## February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>WHISKEY</b>		Lunch is served 11:00—1:00 Mon—Fri	<b>National Cdr Brett Reistad will have lunch on the 6th. Join us if you can to meet him</b>		1 Pulled Pork Sandwich Aux Steaks 5-8 <b>Steak Bingo 6PM</b> What For	2 <b>Groundhog Day</b> Riders' Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030
3 <b>4 Chaplains' Day</b> <b>WINE</b> Super Bowl Chili Cook-off Judging at 4 PM	4 Stuffed Pork Chops Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	5 Chicken Enchilada Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	6 <u>National Cdr Visit for Lunch</u> Fish, Shrimp or crab cakes Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	7 Shepherd's Pie Bingo 2:00-4:00 Queen of Hearts	8 Italian Hoagie SAL Steaks 5-8 <b>Steak Bingo 6PM</b> Doug Bracey	9 Doug Bracey
10 <b>BEER</b> 5th District 2 PM Middleburg 250	11 Liver or Meatloaf Men's Night Mtg Night 8 PM Bingo 6:30-8:30	12 <b>Lincoln B-day</b> Spaghetti w/Meat- balls or Sausage Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	13 Chef Salad Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	14 Valentine's Day Baked Ham Bingo 2:00-4:00 Queen of Hearts	15 Club Sandwich Aux Steaks 5-8 <b>Steak Bingo 6PM</b> Jaxcin	16 SUBVETS 1100 <b>Valentine Prime</b> Rib Dinner 5PM Back Alley Cadillac
17 <b>RUM</b>	18 <b>President's Day</b> Philly Cheese Steak Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	19 Brunch Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	20 Sloppy Joes Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	21 BBQ Chicken Bingo 2:00-4:00 Riders' Wing Night Queen of Hearts	22 <b>Washington's B-Day</b> Bean Soup Ham or Egg Salad Sandwich Legion Steaks <b>Steak Bingo 6PM</b>	23 Doug Bracey
24 <b>VODKA</b>	25 Beef Stew Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	26 Lasagna Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	27 Chili Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	28 Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Bingo 2:00-4:00 Queen of Hearts		