



# 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 \$100 for Team Johnson Motor Sports Freedom Car**  
**Approved up to \$8,500 for buying the Moose Club bingo equip.**  
**Approved hiring a plumber to fix the bathroom issues**

### **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 which has begun, 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 March. **We have had eighteen donations thus far and have \$2,108 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:** Walter Moniz, Anthony Palhete, Chris Rooney

**Transfers:** Joseph Anthony, Nemecio Batoon, Harry Dolby, Joseph Farmer, Tamara Hurt, Robert Lacy, L. W. Martin, Richard Messmer, Richard Milstead, Bob Personette, Robert Roose, Ramon Rosa, Charles Smith, William Townsend

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
Lynn Murray 2/20	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.

### **Cinco de MAYpOrt Party—all welcome! LET'S FIESTA!!**

The American Legion Riders Chapter 316 will host a **Cinco de Mayo party on Saturday the 4th starting at 5 PM.** Event specials include: **All You Can Eat for \$8**—Mexican Buffet (chicken enchiladas, tacos, pork stew, rice, beans and more) **from 5-8 PM.** The bar will have **drink specials including \$10 Margarita pitcher.** Entertainment, games, raffles, prizes, and costume contest. Join us for **FUN!** We also plan a **basket of cheer raffle** and would appreciate any donation to the basket.

### **2019-2020 Officers**

Now is the time to consider what office you would like to hold next year. Nominations will be taken **this month and next month at the General Assembly meetings** and the election will be held on **Saturday, June 1st.** You must be present to accept the nomination or to have notified the Commander in writing prior to one of those meetings. The Post needs the members to participate in our programs and in the decision making process. The last couple of months have been a struggle to get 10 people at the meeting to establish a quorum. With nearly 900 members, this should not be happening.

### **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. Two people have volunteered to help, but we need someone with the skills to plan it.**

### **Dart League**

We would like to start a Thursday night dart league. There will be a meeting at 7 PM on the 4th to organize the league. There is a sign-up list with 19 names thus far—we'd like to get to at least 24 and also have a couple of alternates. If you don't want to throw every week, sign up as an alternate.

### **SMALL BUSINESS LAW**

Veteran entrepreneurs will benefit from a new law aimed at helping them grow their small businesses, create jobs and expand economic opportunity. **The Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act** adds veterans to the list of eligible recipients for federal surplus personal property, such as office equipment and furniture to specialized apparatuses including scientific devices and heavy machinery. Veteran small business owners now join women and minority small business owners and veterans service organizations (VSOs) as eligible recipients for federal surplus personal property. Veterans can now access GSA's federal surplus property program to help them save costs as they open new businesses and store fronts. The American Legion and other VSOs lobbied in support of this legislation.

**POST 316 IS A FREE WiFi HOT SPOT.**

### 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	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	VACANT
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	VACANT
Membership	Alison McCann

### Auxiliary Executive Committee

Virna Waldron, DeLois Livermore  
Sharon Harville, Tess Martin

### Club Manager

Liz Hill

### Legion First Vice Vibes

We are over 92% now, so please renew if you haven't and try to sign up one new member. We need less than 70 to make 100%.

**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, \$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 to the Post utilizing the renewal notice.

### Clarence Hill

**Customer Consideration:** Please **do not move other customer's drinks,**

### AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S PROSE

Yeah, our Auxiliary Cook book is done and available at the Post home, come on in and get yours. Thanks to all that have donated recipes and the members and I do apologize that some of the recipes did not make it into the cookbook. Maybe we will have another book done in several years. **We are donating \$500.00 to the Department of Florida Auxiliary Emergency Fund.** Our Year end reports are in the process of being finished and sent out to the District Chairmen. As you know we have Mid-Year and Year-End reports every year.

A huge thank you to **Liz and her kitchen help in serving a great Corned Beef Dinner celebrating St. Paddy's day.**

Liz the Units Girl State Chairman had interviewed the girls for "Girl State" **we are sending 5 Girls this year.** The Girl State Orientation is Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> at Post 129, Jacksonville Beach at 1 pm.

Our annual Children's Easter egg hunt and party is on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> 2pm, please come and volunteer for this event, if you can't make it, maybe donate some cookies and essentials.

The Unit will have an Easter egg tree, plastic Easter eggs will be placed on the tree and for a donation you can get an egg and inside will be different items for you to win.

As you know we have to vote on new incoming Unit officers in May, a nominating committee was established at our last meeting. **If you are interested in taking an Officer's position please see DeLois Livermore, Diane Conrad or Cathy White.** Unit Chairman Positions are also open for next year. It would be awesome if some of our other Unit members would come on down and take an Office or Chairman. We really do need some young members to come on out and volunteer. This is OUR Auxiliary.

We are in the process in establishing an Auxiliary e-mail 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 e-mail me [nvywavel@aol.com](mailto:nvywavel@aol.com) and place in the subject line "Blast".

The next District Meeting is April 14<sup>th</sup>, Post 54 Fernandina Beach and the next Unit meeting is Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, 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, want to volunteer please feel free to call or e-mail me.

904-242-8844 or [nvywavel@aol.com](mailto:nvywavel@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-volunteers needed

Tuesday & Thursday Bingo 2-4 PM-we need volunteers

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

Wednesday-Ladies Night-\$.50 off drinks.

Wednesday-Pass the Trash 7 PM-volunteers needed

Thursday-Queen of Hearts drawing 8 PM

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

**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 2019 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 \$7,500.

**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 18th, 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.**

### 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

I want to thank all those that turned out to help with our recent Steak Night and cooking on Mondays and Thursday. There are two events coming up that we should participate in, Post 250 Bears for Bear poker run Saturday the 13th and Post 88 fun run on Saturday the 20th, always a good time. As always we need volunteers on Monday and Thursday wing night. Nominations/elections are coming fast, think about what position you would like to fill for the upcoming Riders Year. End of Year reports are also due, get your miles and hours in please.

Our April meeting will be on the 6th at 9:00 and E-board at 8:30, hope to see you 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

Painting of the outside of the Post has begun and we could use some volunteers. Please contact the Commander to volunteer.

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.

## 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 struggled to reach a quorum of 1 for the last 2 months, 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.

### Veterans Canteen Service 9VCS)

VCS has an online shopping site exclusively for Veterans and their families. Registration is free for Veterans enrolled in the VA. This site offers deals on thousands of products from hundreds of top brands with the ability to easily and securely shop from any device. The site features an expanded catalog of products to include: Veteran-Owned

## Sons of The American Legion

**Congratulations, we have achieved 100% in membership.**

The election for 2019-2020 are upon us and nominations will be accepted in April and May with the election at the June meeting. We need new blood to restore the SAL to accomplishing more than a monthly steak night. Please attend and take an office.

“THANK YOU to the March 8th 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 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 6th at 1030**, so please come and participate. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

## Rich Covey

brands, Made-in-USA items, military items, sportswear, jewelry, health and beauty products, home goods, electronics, outdoor gear, travel options, event tickets and much more. Proceeds from your purchases are given back to the Veteran Community in support of VA programs such as: National Rehabilitation Adaptive Sports Games, Vets Crisis Suicide Prevention, Fisher House, Women Veteran Programs, National Disaster Relief, Homeless Veterans programs, and more.

### Military Spouse Night Out

The 4th Annual Military Spouse Night Out hosted by Mayor Lenny Curry and the City of Jacksonville Military Affairs and Veterans Department will be held on **April 25th from 5-8 PM at the Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena.**

Visit [militaryspousenightout19.eventbrite.com](http://militaryspousenightout19.eventbrite.com) to register.

### Income Tax Filing

If you need help filing your taxes, the City of Jacksonville Military Affairs and Veterans Department will provide a free tax preparation and filing service to Veterans and surviving spouses until the end of tax season. The service will be provided Mondays and Thursdays for 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at 117 W. Duval St. Walk-ins are accepted.

### 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.

### Amplified Telephones for Hearing Impaired

Florida residents with a certified hearing loss are eligible to receive a free amplified phone from the non-profit Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. Cordless and corded phones for persons with mild to severe hearing loss are available at distribution centers servicing all of Jacksonville. To find out how to qualify or for more information contact Susan Stafford ([sstaffordeasterseals@gmail.com](mailto:sstaffordeasterseals@gmail.com) or 904-414-6622), or visit the website at [www.ftri.org/free](http://www.ftri.org/free).



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## April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>WINE</b>	<b>1 April Fool's Day</b> Baked Ham Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	<b>2</b> Lasagna Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	<b>3</b> BLT & FF Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	<b>4 Gold Star Spouses Day</b> Baked Chicken Bingo 2:00-4:00 Queen of Hearts	<b>5</b> Bean Soup Ham or Egg Salad Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo What For	<b>6</b> Riders Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030
<b>7 BEER</b>	<b>8</b> Liver or Meatloaf Men's Night Mtg Night 8 PM Bingo 6:30-8:30	<b>9</b> Chicken Enchilada Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	<b>10</b> Italian Beef Sandwich Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	<b>11</b> Chicken Soup Chicken Salad Croissant Bingo 2:00-4:00 Queen of Hearts	<b>12</b> Chef Salad SAL Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo Maybes	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Palm Sunday RUM</b> 5th District 2 PM Fern. Bch 54	<b>15 Tax Day</b> Chicken Fried Steak Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	<b>16</b> Stuffed Pork Chops Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	<b>17</b> Patty Melts Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	<b>18</b> Baked Ziti Bingo 2:00-4:00 Riders' Wing Night Queen of Hearts	<b>19 Good Friday</b> Tuna Melt or Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo Doug Bracey	<b>20</b> SUBVETS 1100 Kid's Easter Party 2 PM Doug Bracey
<b>21 Easter VODKA</b>	<b>22 Earth Day</b> Philly Cheesesteak Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	<b>23</b> Chicken or Veal Parmesan Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	<b>24</b> Hot Turkey Sandwich Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	<b>25</b> Shephard's Pie Bingo 2:00-4:00 Queen of Hearts	<b>26 Arbor Day</b> Meatball Hoagie Legion Steaks Steak Bingo Furlows	<b>27</b>
<b>28 GIN</b>	<b>29</b> Hamburger Steak Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	<b>30</b> Stuffed Bell Peppers Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night		<b>Lunch is served 11:00—1:00 Mon—Fri</b>		