



# 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

First, I want to thank everyone and congratulate the winners of our Dart League. It was very successful and fun for everyone who was a part of it. Sign ups have started again, and I encourage anyone who wants to participate to sign up.

Second, the 21st Annual Pearl Harbor Day Laying of the Wreath Golf Tournament will be held on the first Saturday of December, which happens to be Dec 7th this year. We are looking for hole sponsors and foursomes to participate. If you know anyone who wants to sponsor a hole, give them a form or have them contact the Post ASAP.

Legion Steak Night this month will be on the 27th. I will be out of town for that one and I'm looking for help with making sure it is a success. Please let me know if you're able to help!

**Joe Johnson**

### Executive Committee and General Assembly

**Approved \$250 for Labor Day Open House**  
**Approved not to exceed \$100 for paint supplies**

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

**New:** Ken Blair, Jason Cole, Cedric Norman, Gene Pickles

**Transfers:** John Bernhard

## 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. No donations were received in August. We have had nineteen donations thus far and have \$2,628 in the fund. Your donation is tax deductible.

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

Alison McCann 10/19	DeLois Livermore 11/19
In Honor of USS Stark 10/19	Carl Simcox 1/20
Woody Wooten 1/20	Lynn Murray 2/2
Clarence & Liz Hill 8/19	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.**

### 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.

### 2019-2020 Programs

The Post needs the members to participate in our programs and in the decision making process. **We need someone who knows Quickbooks to become the Finance Officer. Randy Casey may be leaving the area soon.** With nearly 900 members, we should not be struggling to fill offices, get volunteers to help around the Post with maintenance and other issues, and to come up with new ideas for fund raisers and membership. **Please bring your ideas to the next meeting and help your Post.**

### Membership Eligibility Change

Congress has passed and the President has signed into law the **Legion Act which establishes new eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion.** Basically, if you have served one day on active duty any time from Dec 7, 1941 to a future date not yet determined by Congress and have an honorable discharge or are still on active duty, you are now eligible for membership in The American Legion.

### 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 or a non-smoking area. If anyone has any skills to coordinate the effort, please volunteer to help. Al Yardley is working on a screened in enclosure. **Two people have volunteered to help, but we need someone with the skills to plan it.**

### 2020 Membership

Please remember, **You cannot pay your 2020 dues by credit card.** The Post does not process credit cards (there is an ATM), so we sent renewals with the credit card information to Department for processing. Since we now report and pay National and Dept dues online, Department will no longer process our credit card payments. **The Post will return renewals with credit card information and ask for a check or for payment to be made online.** Reminder, if you pay online, you will be charged the full \$40 dues payment as National only recognizes our official dues. You must send your payment to the Post to take advantage of our discounts (when you use the renewal notice, your payment comes to the Post).

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

### Post Officers

Commander	Joe Johnson
1st Vice Commander	Clarence Hill
2nd Vice Commander	Spyros Chialtos
3rd Vice Commander	VACANT
4th Vice Commander	VACANT
Finance Officer	VACANT
Adjutant	Kevin Robbs
Chaplain	Joe Nolan
Service Officer	VACANT
Judge Advocate	VACANT
Historian	Bill Wells
Sergeant-at-Arms	Al Yardley

### House Committee

Chairman: VACANT

### SAL Officers

Commander	David Keasler
Adjutant	Clarence Hill
1st Vice	VACANT
2nd Vice	Ray Hinson
Finance Officer	Lloyd Clark
Chaplain	VACANT
Historian	VACANT
Sergeant-at-Arms	VACANT

### Executive Board

Greg White, 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	TracyLyn Jenkins
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Fatima Bartelt
Membership	Alison McCann

### Auxiliary Executive Committee

Virna Luke, Kathy Deem  
Kathy Robbs

### Club Manager

Liz Hill

### Legion First Vice Vibes

The 2020 cards are here so please feel free to renew early. We no longer accept credit card payments as Department will no longer process them for us. Please pay your dues by check or come in and pay cash, or pay your dues online.

Please see the membership notes on the first page.

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 during the Early Bird period from July 1 to November 11), \$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

### AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S PROSE

First I want to thank everyone that brought dishes and desserts for the 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting. Thank you Liz for the good tasting chicken and excellent potato salad. \ Our first Unit meeting for our new year went very well, thank you for attending and we had a good participation.

We have some great news, the Unit's National Security Chairman Renee Pendlay, was able to secure the DDG Roosevelt for us to serve their Thanksgiving Dinner. Our Auxiliary will be serving the Sailors, who are unable to leave the Ship or have no Family here in Jacksonville, their Thanksgiving Dinner. Kudos to Renee, Yeah, and more information on this event will be forthcoming. One thing I do know we will have fund raisers at our Post and I do hope that all our Legion Family 316 will participate.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday September 7th, for the 5<sup>th</sup> District School of Instruction which will be at our Home Post, registration is at 8:30 am and Instructions to start at 9 am. The District Chairmen will present all the Auxiliaries Program Action Plans and I hope to see many of our Unit members that morning. A light breakfast and lunch will be served to all attending member. This is open to all Auxiliary members, to all Legionnaires, SAL and ALR members too. 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting is Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm, at Post 88, Spring Park Road, Jacksonville and OUR NEXT UNIT MEETING is Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

We are still collecting School supplies, please be generous and donate lots of supplies; the collection box is at the Post Lounge. Also still collecting coupons please bring them with you and drop them in the appropriate container in the Post Lounge.

The Secretary and I will plan an October Fest again, watch out for the Bulletin and the Newsletter for more information.

The price for our Tuesday Night Meals has gone up, but not by much, the cost will not exceed \$5.00. So some of our Sandwiches will stay the same \$4.00 to \$5.00, as you know the proceeds go to our Auxiliary Programs.

We do need some more volunteers for Tuesday night Sandwiches and our Friday night steak teams. Ladies I hate to keep talking about the VOLUNTEERING, but if we do not get more VOLUNTEERS, your Auxiliary might be hurting in the future. Us old Ladies are slowly getting burned out. Same goes for Steak Night, WE NEED COOKS and helpers.

Your 2020 Membership cards are here; please see Alison McCann or Liz Hill, for renewing. You can also drop of your renewal in the Auxiliary box, on the South side of the Post home. If you have any questions or want to volunteer please feel free to call or e-mail me. 904-242-8844 or [nvy-wave@aol.com](mailto:nvy-wave@aol.com) For God and Country

### Annie Anderson

### From the Bar:

Monday-Men's Night-\$ .50 off drinks—7 PM

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—7 PM

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—6 PM

Lost & Found. If you are missing any item, like cell phones,

car keys, etc., please see Liz

**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** contest every Thursday. Drawing is at 8 PM. **You must be present, be a 2019 regular member of a VSO (no associate/honorary member-ships accepted) & pick the Queen of Hearts to win.**

**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.

**Bingo is on Monday nights** at 6:30 and has 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 19th.**

**Pass the Trash** is Wednesday night at 7 PM. 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 and NFL clothes during football season for drink specials.**

### 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

Hello all! For those whom I have yet to meet, my name is Speed Chialtas. I am super excited to be voted in as your new 2nd Vice. I have lived through my first Legion Steak Night thanks to Kevin for stepping up last minute to help out. The ability to get volunteers last minute shows me how unified our new Legion home is. I say "we" since my wife Danette has also joined the Auxiliary. Legion Steak Nights are a great opportunity to visit with our Legion Family and I would encourage all members to join us. I also cannot do it alone. Help is always needed. I would like to get a rotation of volunteers so if you're interested, feel free to text me at 904-403-6568 or let me or Liz know in person!. I promise not to use and abuse you. Lastly, **Labor Day Open House** was voted and approved. I am looking for any and all Legion and Auxiliary to join us and bring a side dish. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be on the menu. If you want to see an event return to the Legion that has not been around in a while or have any ideas for new events, let me know. I want to ensure Post 316 is the best place to be in Jax.

## Spyros Chialtas

### Legion Riders

Now that the installations are complete, it's time to move on with our upcoming year, although we still need to fill a few positions, if interested please contact me to discuss. At the July meeting, membership decided to have the **Christmas Party on Friday the 20th of December at the Post**, more to follow. **The Zombie Run is Oct 26th**, route is being planned and is not firm yet, but two (2) face painters will be available. There are some runs coming up in the following months, hopefully it will cool down to make them more enjoyable. Once again many thanks to the volunteers in the kitchen cooking and serving, and yes we could always use more. **Wing night is the 15th**. We are scheduled for a **steak night this month on the 30th**. **Our next meeting is on Aug 3rd**, be prepared to ride with ALR 129 after the meeting to Cedar Key, currently have 4-5 Riders from ALR 316 interested. Our meeting is 0900 with an E-Board at 0830.

See you then. Ride safe, ride 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

### 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.

## Todd Bowling

### Service Officer

**The Post needs someone to be trained as the new service officer.** If you'd like to serve, please let the Commander know.

## VACANT

### 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.

### Post 316 Social Media

**Joe Johnson**, our newly elected Commander, 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 261

## Sons of The American Legion

**There are still a lot of vacant positions for our SAL.** With over 140 members, we should have a full slate of officers and be as active in programs and assisting the Post in their programs as Chapters 129 and 283 are in their Posts. **Our SAL Charter will be at risk if we cannot get participation and do the programs the SAL is capable of doing.** **Ray Hinson was elected 2nd Vice at the August meeting.** **We need more members willing to take an office and new blood to restore the SAL to accomplishing more than a monthly steak night.** **Please attend and take an office.**

"THANK YOU" to the August 9th steak team. Our steak night is the 13th so please come and participate.

**The 2020 cards are here so please pay your dues early.**

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 7th at 1030**, so please come and participate. This is your SAL and can only be what you help make it to be.

## David Keasler

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.

### 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 ([ssaffordeasterseals@gmail.com](mailto:ssaffordeasterseals@gmail.com) or 904-414-6622), or visit the website at [www.ftri.org/free](http://www.ftri.org/free).

### Protect Yourself on Facebook

Some tips on how to better protect yourself: **Run the privacy check-up:** click on the ? Icon at the top of your Facebook page and select privacy checkup. Check your profile settings; choose "Only Me" or "Friends" for everything. Do not choose "Public." **Avoid games and apps:** Many of them require your name, email address and the names of your friends. If you're already using them, go to the Facebook Apps page and click on the X next to any app you want to remove. **Tighten other privacy settings:** Go to Facebook Privacy Settings and Tools. Make sure only friends can see your posts by choosing "Only Me" or "Friends." Be sure no search engines outside of Facebook can link to your profile. **Control ads and advertisers:** Go to your Ad settings and turn off options for "Ads based on your use of websites and apps" and "Ads on apps and websites off of Facebook companies." Check Facebook's news feed for updates on new features Facebook provides

### American Forces Travel

The Department of Defense has teamed up with Priceline to create a travel booking site exclusively for U.S. Military members. **American Forces Travel** is a new Morale, Welfare and Recreation program providing service members, veterans and their families a one-stop shop for finding and booking travel with military discounts. Military personnel, retirees and their family members now have access to an exclusive discount travel website managed by Priceline. In addition to dramatically enhancing quality of life for the military community, American Forces Travel will inject critical revenue into MWR programs by providing commissions from every booking made. American Forces Travel is a full-service travel booking site, offering hotel, flight, car rental and cruise deals as well as bundled or package deals. For more info, visit: <https://americanforcestravel.com>.



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## September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>SCOTCH</b>	2 <b>Labor Day</b> Open House Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	3 Chicken Bruschetta Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	4 Baked Ham Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	5 Meatball Hoagie Bingo 2:00-4:00 Queen of Hearts	6 Bean Soup Ham or Egg Salad Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6PM Backtracks	7 <b>Riders Mtg 0900</b> <b>SAL Mtg 1030</b>  Auxiliary School of Instruction
8 <b>Grandparent's Day</b> <b>WHISKEY</b> 5th District 2 PM Jax Post 88 Chiefs 1 PM	9 Pot Roast Men's Night Mtg Night 8 PM Bingo 6:30-8:30	10 Spaghetti w/ Meat or Clam Sauce Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	11 <b>Patriot Day</b> Patty Melts Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	12 Chicken Noodle Soup/Chicken Salad Croissant Bingo 2:00-4:00 Queen of Hearts Robbi Litt Band	13 Chef Salad SAL Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6PM Jaxson	14
15 <b>WINE</b>  @Texans 1 PM	16 <b>American Legion Day</b> Fried Chicken Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	17 Shepherd's Pie Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	18 Air Force B-Day Kielbasa Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	19 BLT's & FF Bingo 2:00-4:00 Riders Wing Night Queen of Hearts Titans 8:20 PM	20 <b>National POW Day</b> BBQ Pork Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6PM Doug Bracey	21 <b>SUBVETS 1100</b>  Doug Bracey
22 <b>BEER</b>	23 Meatloaf Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	24 Chicken Enchilada Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	25 Pork Loin Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	26 BBQ Chicken Bingo 2:00-4:00 Queen of Hearts	27 Beef Barley Soup/Grilled Cheese Legion Steaks Steak Bingo 6PM Andy Toomey Trio	28
29 <b>Gold Star Mother's Day</b> <b>RUM</b> @Broncos 4:25 PM	30 Chicken & Dumplings Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30		<b>Lunch is served</b> <b>11:00—1:00</b> <b>Mon—Fri</b>			