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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 give a thank you to everyone who helped out and also came out for our Veterans Day Ceremony. Second, I want to give a special thank you to our Second Vice Cdr, Speed Chialtas, for his time in preparing the Early Bird dinner last month! It was a big success and the food was delicious! Third, a big shout out to our Auxiliary for a very successful raffle and country western night. The Legion Department Commander and Auxiliary Department President will be visiting Post 316 the evening of Saturday, Dec 7th. We will be serving heavy hors d'oeuvres. Come out and meet our Department Leaders. The 21st Annual Pearl Harbor Day Layin' of the Wreath Golf Tournament is right around the corner. It will be held the first Saturday of December which happens to be Dec. 7th this year. We are still looking for hole sponsors and foursomes to play. If you know anyone who wants to sponsor a hole, have them contact the Post ASAP. New Year's Eve tickets will be going on sale shortly, get them when they become available. More details to follow in this newsletter.

Joe Johnson

Executive Committee and General Assembly

- Approved \$250 in October for Wreaths Across America
- Approved \$25 to renew our membership in Duval County Vets
- Approved \$4,050 for 9 Boys State Delegates
- Approved \$250 for Department Officers Meet & Greet Dec. 7th

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

New: Todd Coates, Clifford Conn, Jerry Jenkins

Transfers: None

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 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. Three donations were received in October. We have had twenty-four donations, and have \$4,078 in the fund. Donations are tax deductible. We have also placed a 2 liter soda bottle on the bar which will only hold dimes. Please contribute your spare dimes to the building fund.

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

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| Carl Simcox 1/20 | Woody Wooten 1/20 |
| Lynn Murray 2/2 | Clarence & Liz Hill 8/20 |
| Lance Davison 9/20 | Robert Mary 9/20 |
| David Tolbert 9/20 | Alison McCann 10/20 |
| Bob Averill 3/21 | John Balch 9/21 |
| Wallace Williams 3/22 | Eddie George 1/23 |
| Bob Shellenberger, Jr. 10/23 | |

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 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 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.

Membership Card Check

The 2019 membership cards expire on the 31st. The bartenders will be checking all cards this month as a courtesy reminder that you must pay your dues to be served next month.

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.

Toys 4 Tots

The bin is at the front door. Please bring a new and unwrapped gift and donate it to the cause. The need grows every year. For those who play Bingo and bring a gift, you will receive a free card for the first jackpot game. The bin will be here until 3 PM on the 12th.

Please remember, You cannot pay your 2020 dues by credit card. The Post does not process credit cards (there is an ATM). 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).

New Year's Eve Party

Tickets will go on sale for \$10 for Post 316 members only on December 3rd at 8:30 AM. Tickets will go on sale for everyone else on December 9th at 8:30 AM. Seats purchased are reserved at 6 PM that night. If you can bring a dish to share, please do so as this is how we keep the cost reasonable.

Basket of Cheer

Tickets are on sale for the Basket of Cheer that is by the cigarette machine. The drawing will be held at 9 PM on the 31st at the New Year's Eve Party. \$1 a ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.

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	Maggie Beckerman
4th Vice Commander	VACANT
Finance Officer	Randy Casey
Adjutant	Kevin Robbs
Chaplain	Joe Nolan
Service Officer	VACANT
Judge Advocate	VACANT
Historian	VACANT
Sergeant-at-Arms	Al Yardley

House Committee

Chairman: Todd Bowling

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 2019 cards expire on the 31st and the bartenders will be checking cards this month as a courtesy reminder to pay your dues. If you do not have a 2020 card, you cannot be served after the 31st unless you are signed in by a member. **We do not 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. 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.

2020 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

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S PROSE

Thank you for participating in raising funds for the Thanksgiving Dinner for our sailors on the USS Roosevelt, and the volunteers that cooked and served the dinner, especially our Department President, Ann King Smith. Please Mark your calendar 12/14, 7pm Auxiliary Christmas Party, please bring a dish to share with all and if you want to be in the gift exchange, bring a gift in value up to \$20. December 21st 2 pm Children's Christmas Party sign-up sheet at the Post Home. Department Commander/President's visit and their meet and greet on December 7th at 7 pm at our Post Home. District meeting December 8th 2pm at Post 129, Jacksonville Beach. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our next meeting is Monday, December 9th at 8 PM.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer please feel free to call or e-mail me. 904-242-8844 or nvywave1@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

New Year's Eve

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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 memberships 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 serve burgers, hot dogs, French fries and specials.** Bingo is also 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 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

Legion Riders

Thank you all for selling tickets for our raffle, to all who also purchased tickets and congratulations to the winner. Don't forget the ALR Christmas Party is scheduled for December 20 at the Post meeting room. Thanks to those that have taken part in our past steak nights and other kitchen events, please volunteer if you can. Our next meeting is Saturday, December 7th, with E-Board at 0830 and general assembly at 0900, and always be prepared to ride after the meeting. Hope to see you then. Ride safe, ride often.

John Tinsley

2nd Vice Reverbs

Hello all! Speed Chialtas here your 2nd Vice. Veterans Day events went off without a hitch. I was amazed to hear from son, Michael Hoff, who gave us all an insight as to his Mother's motivation and drive to the creation and acceptance on the story of the origination of the POW/MIA flag. It was a very emotional presentation and very educational at the same time.

As we begin to wrap up the end of 2019, we have what I call the silly season upon us. I would like to wish all our AL families a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah. The annual Post 316 New Year's Eve party tickets will go on sale in the beginning of December to reserve your seat. The Post will provide the main dish and we ask that everyone bring their favorite side dish or dessert. Liz has been hard at work looking for the right band for the evening. She has also put together a "Basket of Cheer" for the raffle. There is enough liquor and accessories in the basket to fully stock your bar. Those tickets are on sale now (\$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5) at the Legion. We look forward to celebrating with you all to bring in 2020!

Friday December 27th is our Legion Steak night. Which will be a great opportunity to take a much needed break from your holiday leftovers. We will see you there!

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 at 904-403-6568 or email me at RealtorSpeed @comcast.net. I want to ensure Post 316 is the place to be in Jax!

Speed Chialtas

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 been suspended until volunteers come forward. 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.

Sons of The American Legion

The 2019 cards expire on the 31st and the bartenders will be checking cards this month as a courtesy reminder to pay your dues. If you do not have a 2020 card, you cannot be served after the 31st unless you are signed in by a member. **There are 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 do the programs the SAL is capable of doing. 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 November 8th steak team. Our steak night is the 13th so please come and participate.

The 2020 cards are here so please pay your dues.

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 2nd at 1030.** This is your SAL and can only be what you help make it to be.

David Keasler

Post 316 Social Media

Joe Johnson, our 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 likes now. **Our website is online at 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 (sstaffordeasterseals@gmail.com or 904-414-6622), or visit the website at www.ftri.org/free.

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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December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 VODKA Buccaneers 1 PM	2 Fried Chicken Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food	3 Giving Tuesday Spaghetti w/Meatballs or Italian Sausage Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night Aux Sandwiches	4 Sloppy Joe's Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	5 Stuffed Pork Chops Bingo 2:00—4:00 Queen of Hearts	6 Taco Soup & Sandwich Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6 PM	7 Pearl Harbor Day Golf Tourney 8 Riders Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030
8 GIN 5th District 2 PM Jax Bch 129 Chargers 4:05PM	9 Liver or Meatloaf Men's Night Mtg Night 8 PM Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food	10 Chicken Enchalada Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night Aux Sandwiches	11 Kielbasa Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	12 Chicken Soup Chicken Salad Croissant Bingo 2:00—4:00 Queen of Hearts	13 Tomato Soup Florentine w/Grilled Cheese Sandwich SAL Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6 PM	14
15 BOURBON @Raiders 4:05	16 Ribs Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food	17 Lasagne Bing 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night Aux Sandwiches	18 Hot Turkey Sandwich Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	19 Stuffed Peppers Bingo 2:00—4:00 Riders Wing Night Queen of Hearts	20 Patty Melt Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6 PM	21 Winter Begins
22 SCOTCH @Falcons 1 PM	23 Shepherd's Pie Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food	24 NO LUNCH Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night Aux Sandwiches	25 Merry Christmas POST CLOSED	26 Chili w/Grilled Cheese Sandwich Bingo 2:00—4:00 Queen of Hearts	27 Clam Chowder Egg or Tuna Salad Sandwich Legion Steaks Steak Bingo 6 PM	28
29 WHISKEY Colts 1 PM	30 Baked Ham Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food	31 Happy New Year NO LUNCH New Year's Eve Party 6 PM		Lunch is served 11:00— 1:00Mon—Fri		