



# 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

Good Day Everyone, I want to thank each and every one of you for giving me the privilege of serving you. My promise to you is that I will be an involved and active Post Commander whose only purpose will be to make our home bigger and better. I cannot accomplish much by myself however with your assistance we can make our Post Great Again. I remember stopping by Post 316 with my old boss Ski back in the 1980's. Just about every night be it weekday or weekend there was a full house. What happened? Why did people stop coming out? I do not know but I want to find the answer to that question. Therefore, expect to see a survey and let me know your opinion of what we are doing right and what areas need improvement.

We struggle to have enough people in attendance at Post meetings to have a quorum. I find this to be appalling. Just as I am amazed that we cannot find members willing to step up and assume leadership positions within the Post. Currently we have vacancies for 2nd Vice Commander, 4th Vice Commander, Service Officer, Historian and no one on the House Committee. When we schedule a Maintenance Day maybe 3-4 people show up. This reminds me of a little story called, Whose job is it?

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody would not do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

So, I want to ask each of you, who are you, are you Everybody, Somebody, Anybody or Nobody? This is not my Post, this is not your Post, this is not their Post, this is "OUR" Post. Let us take back ownership of "OUR" Post. Somebody should do it. Anybody could do it however in the recent past Nobody did it. Do not be a "Nobody." At a minimum at least show up for our Post General Assembly Meeting which is held on the second Monday of the month at 2000 hours military time and 8:00 PM civilian time.

When a member heard I was nominated for Commander he asked me what my agenda was going to be. That kind of took me by surprise but it also caused me to think and reflect on what was it he really was asking me. After some thought I replied, "I do not have an agenda, but I do have a goal. I want to see the participation in all facets of our Post operations increase. I want to see standing room only in our Canteen, I want to see a full house for all Post meetings I want to see competition for all elected offices. I want to see "Everyone" take pride and ownership of "OUR" Post. I want to know what I can do to make you want to be seen and heard. Together we can do great things, singularly we will at best maintain the status quo of mediocrity."

Regards, I hope to see you soon and often.

**Denny Luke**

## Executive Committee and General Assembly

Approved up to \$250 for food for installation  
Approved reimbursing the bar \$380 for men's room repairs

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

New: John Gilsenan

Transfers: Tony Layton, Heather Harris, Robert Danberg

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

Clarence & Liz Hill 8/20	Lance Davison 9/20
Robert Mary 9/20	David Tolbert 9/20
Alison McCann 10/20	Woody Wooten 1/21
In Remembrance USS Stark 2/21	Bob Averill 3/21
John Balch 9/21	Lynn Murray 2/22
Wallace Williams 3/22	Eddie George 1/23
Bob Shellenberger 10/23	

## ELECTION RESULTS

Commander-Denny Luke	1st Vice-Clarence Hill
2nd Vice-VACANT	3rd Vice-Maggie Beckerman
4th Vice-VACANT	Finance-Randy Casey
Historian-VACANT	Chaplain-Joe Nolan
Sgt-at-Arms-Al Yardly	
Executive Committee: John Tinsley, Phil Harville, Steve Bartelt, Mark Swinton and Ron Wilhite.	

## Firearms Safety

The Post has a member who has volunteered to teach a firearms safety course which will qualify a person to obtain a concealed carry permit. The course will be offered Sunday, July 12th from 10 AM until 2 PM. It will be taught by Mitch Harding.

## 2021 Membership

We expect to receive the 2021 cards sometime in July. We normally pick them up at convention, but as there is no convention, they have to be shipped to us. All members will receive a renewal notice around July 1st. We cannot stop the first notice. **If you have years left on your 3-year membership, ignore the notice.** When we get the cards I process the roster to update it from this year's roster. I will then mail out all the honorary life and 3-year cards. The Early Bird period also starts with the new cards on July 1st and expires on Veterans Day. Early Bird dues for ages 59 and younger is \$35, 60 years old and older are \$32 year round.

## OPEN HOUSE

The Post will have an open house on the 4th from 2:00—5:00 PM. Side dishes are welcome. Open house is the time to bring a Veteran friend into the Post to show him/her the benefits of membership and to help the Post to grow.

**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: VACANT

### SAL Officers

Commander	David Keasler
Adjutant	Clarence Hill
1st Vice	Tom Horn
2nd Vice	Ray Hinson
Finance Officer	Lloyd Clark
Chaplain	Will Oliphant
Historian	Tom Mari
Sergeant-at-Arms	Kevin Berton

### 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	VACANT
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**

Despite having 5 renewals at the Post since we closed, we achieved 95%. We need 30 renewals/new members to achieve 100%. Please renew online if you can't mail it to the Post. **We cannot 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.

**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.

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.

**2021 dues are \$40 for ages 59 and younger (\$35 Early Bird 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, you will be charged \$40-national only recognizes our official dues.** You can only get discounted rates by paying \$35/\$32 to the Post utilizing the renewal notice.

## **Clarence Hill**

## **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S PROSE**

For God and Country

I want to thank all the 2019-2020 Unit Officers, Chairmen and Volunteers for a great and successful year. Congratulations to the newly elected incoming Officers for 2020-2021. I hope to see a lot of Auxiliary members at our Officers' installation Saturday, July 11th, 5 PM. For our installation, we are asking for donations of side dishes and desserts. Thank you so much everyone

For God and Country

### **Annie Anderson**

I would like to thank Annie and the 2019-2020 officers for their dedication and support to our Unit on a successful year. I look forward to working with all the new officers and chairmen. We need volunteers for our sandwich and steak nights. Our new membership chairman is Suzanne Lamonica. We should have our cards by the end of the month so please pay your dues early. Thank you Alison for your hard work with membership these last couple of years. Our next meeting will be Monday the 13th at 8 PM. Hope to see you all there.

For God and Country,

### **Liz Hill**

### 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

Thursday-Dart League

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

**Thank you to everyone who has donated via PayPal, check or cash to help our bartenders when they were out of work.**

**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 2020 regular member of a VSO (no associate members can play and no signed-in guests can play) & 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 16th.**

**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 NASCAR season for drink specials.**

**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 ordering food from outside the Post, please be sure to order plates and cutlery if needed. We will be locking the storage room at 6:00 PM nightly and on the weekends.**

**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

Welcome to July, so far it's been one hell of a year, glad we are on the down slope of a strange year. Well enough of that crap. It's time to start living again. But please be careful how you live, the COVID virus is not done with us yet. Well the riding season is finally getting off to a start. I want to congratulate the winner of our drawing, hope they have a good time scratching looking for winners. [ALR 372 held their Relief Fund run](#) but this past one was to benefit the Legions in Need. [ALR 88 has set a date for their annual fun run to 29 August](#), this one should be another "what happens on the bus stays on the bus" let's hope so. I want to thank all of the ALR Office holders for volunteering for the following year. **The installation ceremony will be on July 11th.**

**Our next meeting will be July 4th** with the E board at 08:30 and general Assembly at 09:00. We are also scheduled for a steak night on July 31st. As always,

**John Tinsley**

## 2nd Vice Reverbs

As our country along with the entire world face the spread of a new virus, I can only hope everyone at our Legion family is taking all precautions to keep you and your loved ones safe. I am waiting to see if I qualify for testing for COVID-19. I am feeling better today and I hope to continue feeling better in the future. Since I am unsure if it was the Flu or COVID-19 at this time, I will be keeping away from populated areas.

**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

**VACANT**

**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.

**If you need help with your claim, please contact Post 129's service officer, Danny Rodriguez at 904-806-6231.**

**VACANT**

## Post 316 Social Media

Our [Post 316 Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/alpost316) at <https://www.facebook.com/alpost316>. Our website is online at [www.alpost316fl.org](http://www.alpost316fl.org).

FYI, [symptoms of COVID-19](#) are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as 2 days or as many as 14 days following exposure. It spreads from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, including when an individual coughs or sneezes. These droplets may land on objects and surfaces. Other people may contract it by touching these objects and surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth. Most people recover from it without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with under-lying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes are more likely to develop serious illness. There is currently no vaccine to prevent it. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to it.

## Project Vet Relief (PVR)

An emergency program between PVR and the Florida Veterans Foundation has been established to address critical needs of Florida Veterans that face a crisis due to COVID-19. A team of PVR staff will take requests and have Service Officers or PVR advocates conduct interviews of applicants. The Florida Veterans Foundation will establish a statewide donation plat-form and forward funds as they are received to PVR. A condensed application form is available on their websites.

## Sons of The American Legion

We are at 100% for 2020. Congratulations and thank you. The 2021 cards are in, so please pay your dues early.

**The election was held at the June meeting. Motion was carried to retain the current officers in their same positions for the 2020-2021 year. Cdr: David Keasler; 1st Vice Cdr-Tom Horn; 2nd Vice Cdr-Ray Hinson; Finance Officer-Lloyd Clark; Historian-Tom Mari; Chaplain-Will Oliphant; and Sgt-at-Arms-Kevin Berton. Clarence Hill was appointed Adjutant.**

Thank you to the June 12th steak team. Our steak night is the 10th this month.

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 for July is the 4th at 1030.** This is your SAL and can only be what you help make it to be.

**David Keasler**

**Existing guidelines:** 1. Be a Veteran, Active Duty, or Immediate Family Member (spouse, legal guardian, child). 2. Acceptable discharges: Honorable or General under Honorable conditions. 3. Florida resident for a minimum of 120 days. 4. Show sustainability-balance of income and expenses. 5. Experiencing an unforeseeable emergency. 6. Provided for necessities: shelter, utilities, food (in the form of a gift card), and some transportation and medical expenses. 7. Funds are granted one-time annually per household.

**Additional process for COVID-19:** 1. Applicants are experiencing loss of income-must show proof via pay stubs or letter from employer. 2. Phone interview with local Vet Relief Advocate will be accepted for the safety of our volunteers. 3. To avoid depletion of funds, a monthly cap of financial assistance will be put in place.

**Jennifer Cooper, Project Vet Relief Coordinator**  
[www.projectvetrelief.org](http://www.projectvetrelief.org), 407-295-2631

## HONOR FLIGHTS

First Coast Honor Flight is one of the newest Honor Flight Hubs serving Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and Saint Johns counties. [They are seeking Veterans, Guardians, Volunteers and Donors](#) as well as help spreading the word in the community. Their 131 hubs honor men and women who served during WW II, Korea and Vietnam as well as terminally ill Veterans from all wars. They provide an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the various war memorials including the WW II, Korean and Vietnam Memorials. Each Veteran will have a Guardian escort assigned who will travel with them to help make their visit more memorable and ensure their needs are met. There is a fee for Guardians (airline ticket, meals, bus, etc.). Guardians must be 70 years old or younger. Their website is [www.firstcoasthonorflight.org](http://www.firstcoasthonorflight.org) which has all the information, applications for Veterans making the trip, Guardians and Volunteers as well as a Donation form. All of these forms are also available at the Post. They also have a Facebook Page which can be found by searching First Coast Honor Flight. Completed Veterans applications will be entered into a database in priority order based on the postmark. Veterans will receive a phone call when a seat is available for them. Questions can be directed as follows: on Charitable Donations-to the Fundraiser Chairman, Candace Mabry at 904-708-2445 or [candace.mabry@bellsouth.net](mailto:candace.mabry@bellsouth.net); on Guardians-to the Guardian Coordinator, Robbin Walker at 904-704-0308; on Veterans desiring to make the trip to the Veteran Coordinator, Lena Heredia-Perez at 904-449-6318. Veteran, Guardian and Volunteer applications as well as Donations should be mailed to: First Coast Honor Flight, P. O. Box 600785, Saint Johns, FL 32260. The Honor Flight staff is available to provide a presentation on the program to any group desiring one. Contact them at [info@firstcoasthonorflight.org](mailto:info@firstcoasthonorflight.org).



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## July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SCOTCH</b>	<b>Lunch is Served</b> 11:00—1:00 Mon—Fri		1 Fish or Shrimp <b>Ladies' Night</b> Pass the Trash	2 Shepherd's Pie <b>Bingo 2:00-4:00</b> Luck of Draw Darts Queen of Hearts	3 Tomato Florentine Soup Grilled Cheese Aux Steaks 5-8 <b>Steak Bingo</b>	4 <b>Independence Day</b> Riders' Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030 <b>Open House 2-5</b>
5 <b>WHISKEY</b>	6 Chicken & Dumplings <b>Men's Night</b> Bingo 6:30-8:30 <b>Mtg Night 8 PM</b> Riders Food	7 Spaghetti w/ Meat or Clam Sauce <b>Bingo 2:00-4:00</b> Trivia Night <b>Auxiliary Food</b>	8 Baked Chicken <b>Ladies' Night</b> Pass the Trash	9 Hamburger Steak <b>Bingo 2:00-4:00</b> Luck of Draw Darts Queen of Hearts	10 Meatball Subs SAL Steaks 5-8 <b>Steak Bingo</b>	11 <b>Installation 5 PM</b>
12 <b>WINE</b>	13 Baked Ham <b>Men's Night</b> Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food	14 Chicken Enchiladas <b>Bingo 2:00-4:00</b> Trivia Night <b>Auxiliary Food</b>	15 Patty Melt <b>Ladies' Night</b> Pass the Trash	16 Baked Fish <b>Bingo 2:00-4:00</b> <b>Riders' Wing Night</b> Luck of Draw Darts Queen of Hearts	17 Bean Soup Ham or Egg Salad Aux Steaks 5-8 <b>Steak Bingo</b>	18 SUBVETS 1100
19 <b>BEER</b>	20 Meatloaf <b>Men's Night</b> Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food	21 Chicken Marsala <b>Bingo 2:00-4:00</b> Trivia Night <b>Auxiliary Food</b>	22 Goulash <b>Ladies' Night</b> Pass the Trash	23 Chicken Noodle Soup/Chicken Salad Croissant <b>Bingo 2:00-4:00</b> Luck of Draw Darts Queen of Hearts	24 BLT & FF <b>Legion Steaks</b> <b>Steak Bingo</b>	25
26 <b>RUM</b>	27 Philly Cheese Steak <b>Men's Night</b> Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food	28 Lasagna <b>Bingo 2:00-4:00</b> Trivia Night <b>Auxiliary Food</b>	29 Hot Turkey Sandwich <b>Ladies' Night</b> Pass the Trash	30 Chef Salad <b>Bingo 2:00-4:00</b> Luck of Draw Darts Queen of Hearts	31 Shrimp Po Boy Riders' Steaks <b>Steak Bingo</b>	