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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, For those who participated in our Installation I want to thank you. Our house was not packed but we did have a good representation from membership. I also want to thank the outgoing officers for their hard work during the previous year. Those of us that were voted in as leadership were looking forward to hitting the ground hard as soon as we were Installed. Unfortunately, the State of Florida, under the influence of COVID 19 once again effectively shut us down the day after Installation. We were initially told we had to shut our doors to everyone. In short order that directive was rescinded allowing us to physically remain open however we must not sell alcohol until we hear differently from the DBPR. Our facility will continue to remain open for our members for as long as we can afford to keep the lights on. Our hours have been severely reduced, but we are currently seating members inside for Post meetings, lunches, bingo, Friday Steak Night and special occasions/ events. Please check our web page alpost316fl.org or go to our Facebook page [American Legion Post 316](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionPost316) for current happenings and times. Speaking of lunches, bingo and Friday Steak Nights, I want to thank each of you that have been showing your support by attending these functions. On Friday 17 July, knowing the bar was closed, our members showed their support for the Auxiliary which sold about 40 dinners to individuals who either ate in or got takeout. To those who came out and supported we thank you. Our Post family entities depend on the revenue they make on selling dinners to support their charities. Our Post survives ie pays the bills on the revenue we make from bar sales, bingo, lunches etc. Without the revenue from the bar we must depend on other sources of income to keep the doors open. Frankly, the margin from a \$4.00 lunch that consist of meat, potato and vegetable is miniscule. So please support us any way you can from calling/writing/emailing our elected officials requesting the draconian measures the DBPR has placed upon us be lifted to participating in an activity at the Post. Remember every dollar you spend inside our building in some way keeps our building open.

I want to personally invite every member to attend all possible functions at our Post. The most important activity you should attend is our monthly meetings. Post 316 American Legion General Assembly and the Auxiliary General Assembly meets on the second Monday of the month at 8:00pm, the SAL General Assembly and the ALR General Assembly meets on the first Saturday of the month. The Riders meet at 9:00am and the SAL meeting is held at 1030am. Remember, this is our Post, show up to these meetings to hear and to be heard. Secondly, I ask that you continue to support our Post meals and bingo games, currently they are the only revenue we are bringing in. Third, we are holding a Post clean-up day on 1 August starting at 11:00. I would like to see Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and ALR members who are able to participate to be on hand and give our Post a little facelift.

Remember to continue to check our Post website and Facebook page for the most current information on hours of operation and events.

<https://alpost316fl.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/alpost316/>

Until we meet again stay safe and support our Post in every manner you can. Together we will get through this Pandemic and get back to what we enjoy doing.

Regards,

Denny Luke

Executive Committee and General Assembly

Approved up to \$600 for dumpster rental

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

New: Julie Davis, Anthony Demarco, John Gilseman, Shaun Harrison, Steven Maldonado, Randall Prausa

Transfers: Robert Andies, Stephen Barrett, Robert Green, Ron Howard, Teri Howard, John Oconnell, Ronald Sweigert

Booster List

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

Beaches Honor Guard

As you know, American Legions Post 129 and Post 316, VFW Post 3270 and FRA Branch 290 do not have honor guards. We all depend on the Beaches Honor Guard, which is a separate non-profit organization. It's members belong to one of the above organizations. They are DOD certified to conduct memorial services at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Their membership has been slowly getting to be less. If you have the time and would like to help with this vital service to our veterans who answer the final roll call, [please volunteer to join then by calling 904-294-4949.](https://www.facebook.com/beacheshonorguard)

2021 Membership

We have received and are processing the 2021 cards. The Early Bird period started with the new cards on July 1st and expires on Veterans Day. Early Bird dues for ages 59 and younger is \$35, 60 and older is \$32 year round. If you pay online, you will be charged the full \$40 as National only recognizes our official dues.

Friday Bingo

We have started Friday afternoon bingo at 2 PM with a progressive lucky ball jackpot.

We ask that you bring a mask and wear it when not eating a meal or drinking.

POST 316 IS A FREE WiFi HOTSPOT.

Post Officers

Commander	Denny Luke
1st Vice Commander	Clarence Hill
2nd Vice Commander	VACANT
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

Steve Bartelt, Mark Swinton
Phil Harville, Ron Wilhite
John Tinsley

Legion Riders

Director: John Tinsley

Auxiliary Officers

President	Liz Hill
1st Vice President	Annie Anderson
2nd Vice President	VACANT
Secretary	Suzanne Lamonica
Treasurer	Alison McCann
Chaplain	Diane Conrad
Historian	Virna Luke
Sergeant-at-Arms	TracyLyn Jenkins
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Kathy Deem
Membership	Suzanne Lamonica

Auxiliary Executive Committee

Fatima Bartelt, Sam Gilbert
Kathy Robbs, Sharon Harville
Club Manager Liz Hill

Legion First Vice Vibes

The 2021 membership year is off and running. 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. 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, search for PUFL offer.

2021 dues are \$40 for ages 59 and younger (\$35 Early Bird until Veterans Day), \$32 for 60 and older (year-round). 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

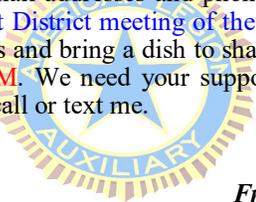
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S PROSE

Would like to start by thanking all of last year's officers for a job well done and congratulate our new ladies. Looking forward to another great year. We have **one positions open, 2nd Vice**, and several chairmanships. Steak and salmon dinners will be served on Friday the 7th and 21st 5-8 PM. Our annual **International Dinner** is scheduled for Saturday the 22nd at 5 PM with a cake walk at 6:30. Ladies, we need you to bring your favorite dish and cakes. This fundraiser is for Children and Youth.

Our 2021 membership cards are here and Suzanne is our Chairman. Pay early, receive your free dinner and be eligible to win our Veterans' Day Basket. We continue to collect coupons, pop tops and toiletries. We need volunteers for our steak nights and other functions. I would also like to establish a roster with email addresses and phone numbers. Please provide info to Liz. **The first District meeting of the year is Sunday the 9th at our Post.** Please join us and bring a dish to share. **Our next meeting is Monday the 10th at 8 PM.** We need your support, so please attend. If you have any questions, call or text me.

For God and Country,

Liz Hill



From the Bar:

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

Monday-Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders food-volunteers needed

Tuesday Bingo 2-4 PM-volunteers needed

Tuesday Trivia 7 PM. Prizes-Auxiliary serving food-volunteers needed

Wednesday-Ladies Night-7 PM-\$.50 off drinks

Wednesday-Pass the Trash 7 PM-volunteers needed

Thursday Bingo 2-4 PM-Volunteers needed

Thursday-Queen of Hearts drawing 8 PM

Friday Bingo 2-4 PM-volunteers needed

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

Our current closure status only prohibits us from selling alcohol. We are able to do some of our activities like lunches, bingo and steak nights, but some of our evening activities are on hold. Please continue to support our meals and bingo. Our bartenders are again out of work as we cannot sell alcohol. There is a donate button on our website and Facebook page. We are also accepting donations by mail or in person at the Post. Please indicate Lounge Staff in the memo if donating by check or money order. Thank you again to everyone who has donated via PayPal, check or cash to help our bartenders while they are 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) have your card, & 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. Tuesday and Thursday Bingo is at 2 PM with a progressive lucky ball jackpot and Friday Bingo is at 2 PM with a progressive lucky ball jackpot. **Riders Wing Night is Thursday the 20th.**

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

Not much to report for July, Installation of all Post and various program officers has been completed, congratulations to Denny Luke for taking on Post Commander, let us all give our support to him for a good year. The only other thing I would bring to your attention for July is it was hot as heck. Due to the latest State Mandate for alcohol sales we have not been cooking for Monday night bingo, will wait and see what happens in August.

Our next meeting will be on the 1st of August at 09:00, preceded by an E-Board at 08:30.

Hope to see you all there.

John Tinsley

2nd Vice Reverbs

If you would like to serve as the 2nd Vice, please attend a meeting and volunteer.

Vacant

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** at <https://www.facebook.com/alpost316>.
Our website is online at www.alpost316fl.org.

COVID-19

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 underlying 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.

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, 407-295-2631

Sons of The American Legion

We achieved 100% for 2020. Congratulations and thank you. The 2021 cards are in, and available so please pay your dues early and enjoy the Early Bird dinner around Veterans Day. [The new dues fees are listed below.](#)

Thank you to the July 10th steak team. Our steak night is the 14th this month.

New dues fees: National has raised their per capita fee, thus our dues had to be raised. The new dues are **\$15 for 20-years and younger and dual members, \$20 for 21 and older. We offer 3-years at \$35 for 20 and younger and dual members, \$50 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 the 1st at 1030.** This is your SAL and can only be what you help make it to be.

David Keasler

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 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; 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.

VA Debt Relief

The VA announced it's commitment to extend debt relief to Veterans adversely affected by COVID-19 to the end of 2020 by suspending certain debt collection actions. VA is suspending all actions on Veteran debts under the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department. This includes suspension of collection action or extending repayment terms on preexisting VA debts, whichever the Veteran prefers. For benefit debts, contact the VA Debt Management Center at 800-827-0648. For health care debts, contact the Health Resource Center at 866-400-1238. Online, go to <https://www.pay.gov> for payments.

PTSD Stamp

A new postal stamp was issued in December, 2019, but received little attention due to the COVID-19 media blitz. It is called the Healing PTSD stamp. The image is intended to symbolize the PTSD healing process. It is a first class semi-postal stamp that costs \$.65. The extra 10 cents goes directly to the VA to compassionately treat this mental health disorder for those impacted with it. They cost a little bit more, but they do so much more. Check it out at usps.com.



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August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Riders Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030
2 VODKA	3 Shepherd's Pie Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	4 Coast Guard B-Day Spaghetti w/meatballs or Sausage Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	5 BBQ Chicken Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	6 Sloppy Joe Bingo 2:00—4:00 Queen of Hearts	7 Purple Heart Day Shrimp Po Boy Bingo 2:00—4:00 Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo	8
9 GIN 5th District 2 PM Atlantic Beh 316	10 Chicken Fried Steak Men's Night Mtg Night 8 PM Bingo 6:30-8:30	11 Chicken Enchilada Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	12 Meatball Sub Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	13 Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Bingo 2:00—4:00 Queen of Hearts	14 Clam Chowder Egg or Tuna Salad Sandwich Bingo 2:00—4:00 SAL Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo	15 SUBVETS 1100
16 BOURBON	17 Fried Chicken Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	18 Lasagna Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	19 Kielbasa Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	20 Cold Plate Bingo 2:00—4:00 Riders Wing Night Queen of Hearts	21 Patty Melt Bingo 2:00—4:00 Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo	22 Aux International Dinner 5 PM
23 SCOTCH	24 Liver or Meatloaf Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30	25 Pot Roast Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	26 Stuffed Peppers Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	27 Pork Loin Bingo 2:00—4:00 Queen of Hearts	28 Taco Soup Sandwich Bingo 2:00—4:00 Legion Steaks Steak Bingo	29
30 WHISKY	31 Beef Tips Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30		Lunch is served 11:00—1:00 Mon—Fri			