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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 start by saying "thank you", thank you to all the members who came to our General Assembly meeting Monday, 12 October. We were able to finally get some much needed Legion business accomplished. For instance, we were able to vote in all the new and transferring members who were waiting for the past couple months. Accordingly, we want to extend a big welcome aboard to all of you. We also were able to vote in our new 2nd Vice Commander, Mr. Mitch Harding. Thank you, Mitch, for stepping up and taking a leadership position within our Post. If you want to be like Mitch, we currently have openings for a 4th Vice Commander, House Committee, Historian and Judge Advocate. Again, I want to thank all who came out for our monthly meeting...and I hope to see you again on Monday 9 November at 8:00 pm.

This month we will celebrate Thanksgiving. I know this year has been taxing almost to the point of being exhausting, but hopefully we all have something to be thankful for. If you have a neighbor who does not have family in the area, consider inviting them over to join you for dinner. It is the little simple things that can mean so much to someone who is lonely and/or depressed. We will also be celebrating Veterans Day on November 11th. There will be a small ceremony starting at 9:00 am in the BVMP, which is adjacent to our Post. Please plan to attend if your schedule allows.

Speaking of dinner, we will be having our annual Early Bird Dinner on Saturday 14 November around 4:00 pm. So, if you qualify and plan to attend please RSVP to the Post 316 Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/alpost316>, so we know how many plates to set.

We are scheduling a Post clean up and maintenance day on Sunday 15 November at 10:00 am. If you know anything about electricity, we especially need you. I'm sure one of our members can figure out how to make the outside lights turn on at night and off during the day.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who has come out to the Post in support of our lunches, dinners, and events. The Post's single source of revenue is its members. It is through your patronage we are able to pay the bills. Without your support we can not repair broken equipment, replace unrepairable equipment, pay our staff, pay utilities, taxes, etc, etc, etc. So if you and your friends are out and about, stop in for a few minutes. If that friend is not an American Legion member and is eligible, then while socializing in the canteen give them a membership application. There are plenty of blank forms by the south door.

Regards,
Denny Luke

Executive Committee and General Assembly

Approved \$5280 for a new beer tap cooler and a new beer cooler

behind the bar

Approved \$32 for two Veteran street signs
Approved \$50 for Pop Warner Cheerleaders
Approved to have a Commander's fund of up to \$1,000 for necessary items

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

New: Joshua Auxer, Gerald Benson, Rolando Marucut, Brice McIntosh, Robert Osis, Raymond Piasecki, Arthur Proper, Lucas Shipley, Paul Rastatter, Christopher Ziser

Transfers: John Alexander, Wayne Brandt, Howard Brown, Fidel Dumandan, Malvin Johnson, Robert Lynn, Thomas Root, Al Wagner

Taps: None

Booster List

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

Woody Wooten 1/21	In Remembrance USS Stark 2/21
Bob Averill 3/21	Clarence & Liz Hill 8/21
B. W. Pete Wait III 9/21	John Balch 9/21
Lynn Murray 2/22	Wallace Williams 3/22
Bob Shellenberger 10/23	Eddie George 1/27

POST STATUS

Our current open status allows us to serve alcohol if we abide by all the rules: 100% capacity, social distancing, and wear masks when not eating or drinking. We are trying to get all our activities restarted.

Toys 4 Tots

Again this year, we have a **Toys 4 Tots bin** at the Post to support the Marine Corps program. Please bring **new and unwrapped gifts** and put them in the box. The Marines will pick up the box on December 13th.

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.](http://www.beacheshonorguard.com)

It is required 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	Mitch Harding
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	Will Oliphant
Chaplain	VACANT
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 are at 60%. [Please Note:](#) 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.

The Early Bird Period ends 11/11 with the dinner on the 14th. Dues will be \$40 as of 11/12 for ages 59 and younger.

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

A huge thank you to all who made October a successful month. The Oktoberfest was great food and the Ragin Cajun Night was a big success. Thanks for all the donations-we raised \$1107, so with the donation from the Unit, we sent \$1650 to help a member's Mother in Lake Charles recover from Hurricane Laura.

Our **steak nights** are the 6th and 20th, **Early Bird Dinner** is on Sat the 14th from 4-6 PM. Must have your dues paid by the 11th to qualify. We will have a **Prime Rib Dinner** starting at 5 PM with Guitar Red.

We need volunteers for our functions. Please try to support the few who are getting worn out. We are still collecting books, toiletries, reading glasses and coupons. There is a Toys for Tots box at the Post until Dec 13th. If you would like to help, bring a new and unwrapped gift and donate it. Our **Department President's Project is Honor Flights**, and we have the info on this wonderful program to support our older Veterans. If you would like info, please call me,

There is a box for food donations to help our families in need for the holidays. Please help by donating canned goods and non-perishable food.

Welcome to all our new members.

Our next meeting is Monday the 9th at 8 PM. Please join us.

Membership is very slow, please renew.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL.

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 serving 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-Luck of the Draw Darts-7 PM

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

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100% capacity, social distancing, wear masks when not eating or drinking.

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 on you, & 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.

Monday Bingo is at 6:30 and has a progressive lucky ball jackpot. The Riders serve a variety of different items now. Tuesday and Thursday Bingo is 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 NASCAR season and NFL gear during NFL 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

To start off I would like to welcome our new member, Mr. Thomas Root who transferred from ALR 9, welcome aboard. October turned out to be a good riding month, hope all enjoyed the ZOMBIE ride, I'm pretty sure I did. The Wreaths Across America and the K9 Line were also good events for great causes. Thank you to all who helped in the kitchen for Monday night Bingo meals and Steak night. As a reminder to all we are once again selling tickets to raffle another Lottery \$2 Scratch off Brick which contains 150 tickets, one winner take all. Ticket books are available, tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10, drawing will be held on Black Friday at the Post at 9 PM, so see me for books or sales.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 7th, Executive Board at 8:30 and general assembly at 9:00. See you then.

John Tinsley

2nd Vice Reverbs

Thank you for electing me at the October meeting. The Early Bird Dinner will start at 4 PM on Saturday the 14th. Please sign up on Facebook (see the Commander's article) or at the Post so we know how much food to procure and cook.

Mitch Harding

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

Anyone interested in serving on the House Committee or being it's Chairman, please see the Commander.

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.

Sons of The American Legion

The 2021 cards are in, and available, and we are at about 43% membership thus far. Please pay your dues early and enjoy the Early Bird dinner on the 14th.

Thank you to the October 9th steak team. Our steak night is the 13th 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 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 7th at 1030. This is your SAL and can only be what you help make it to be.

David Keasler

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

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.

COVID-19 TRACING TEXT MESSAGE SCAM

Contact tracing is a powerful tool that helps stop the further spread of COVID-19, thus scammers abound. The process identifies those who have come in contact with someone who has tested positive and via text message, instructs them to quarantine and monitor their symptoms daily. Contact tracers work with an infected person to get the names and phone numbers for everyone they came in close contact with while possibly infectious. The first text message will be from the health department telling them they will get a call from a specific number. **Scam tracers claiming to be affiliated with a state health department will call and ask for personal information like SSN, bank account information or a credit card numbers.** Scammers may also include a link that redirects you to a fraudulent site. Clicking on the link may download software onto your device, giving scammers access to an array of your personal and financial information. Do not take the bait—ignore and delete these scam messages. **Visit FloridaConsumerHelp.com or call 1-800-HELP-FLA (1-800-435-7352) to file a complaint.**



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November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 End Daylight Savings Time GIN @ Chargers 4:05	2 Baked Ham Men's Night Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food	3 Election Day Spaghetti w/Meat or Clam Sauce Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night Auxiliary Food	4 Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	5 Taco Salad Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts Queen of Hearts	6 Bean Soup Ham or Egg Salad Sandwich Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:00	7 Riders Mtg 9:00 SAL Mtg 10:30
8 BOURBON 5th District 2 PM Keystone Hts 202 Texans 1:00	9 Liver or Meatloaf Men's Night Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food Mtg Night 8 PM	10 USMC B-Day Chicken Enchilada Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night Auxiliary Food	11 Veterans Day Sloppy Joes Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	12 Pulled Pork Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts Queen of Hearts	13 Meatball Hoagie SAL Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:00	14 Early Bird Dinner 4:00
15 SCOTCH Maintenance Day 10:00 AM @ Packers 1:00	16 Turkey Dinner Men's Night Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food	17 Lasagna Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night Auxiliary Food	18 Chicken Alfredo Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	19 Italian Beef Bingo 2:00—4:00 Riders Wing Night Luck of Draw Darts Queen of Hearts	20 Taco Soup Sandwich Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:00	21 SUBVETS 11:00
22 WHISKEY Steelers 1:00	23 Chicken & Dumplings Men's Night Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food	24 Veal or Shepherd's Pie Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night Auxiliary Food	25 Tortilla Soup Sandwich Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	26 Thanksgiving	27 Chili Dogs Legion Steaks Steak Bingo 6:00	28 Prime Rib Dinner 5:00 Guitar Red
29 WINE Browns 1:00	30 Beef Tips Men's Night Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food		Lunch is served 1100—1300 Mon—Fri			