

Post Officers

Commander	Denny Luke
1st Vice Commander	Clarence Hill
2nd Vice Commander	Mitch Harding
3rd Vice Commander	VACANT
4th Vice Commander	VACANT
Finance Officer	Randy Casey
Adjutant	VACANT
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	Lester Verrette
Historian	Tom Mari
Sergeant-at-Arms	Kevin Berton

Executive Board

Steve Bartelt, Mark Swinton
Ron Wilhite, John Tinsley

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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

You must have a 2021 card to be served. We are at 87%. 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.

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, \$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 \$32 to the Post utilizing the renewal notice.

Clarence Hill

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

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S PROSE

Thanks to all who volunteered and donated during December and January. We had several functions and appreciate your help. We worked together as a Unit should. A BIG THANK YOU to the SAL members and Legionnaires who cooked steaks for us.

Dinners for February: steak or salmon on Friday the 5th and 19th; **Valentines Party on Saturday the 13th.** Dinner will be served at 5 PM and we will have a cake walk starting at 6 PM. Cake donations would be appreciated. We will celebrate **Mardi Gras on the 20th** with a Cajun dinner at 5:00 PM and a band.

Still collecting books, toiletries, coupons and tabs. The Post will have a **Chili Cookoff for Super Bowl Sunday.** Judging at 4 PM. Please bring your Chili.

Membership is at 85%. We need you to renew if you have not done so yet that we can reach our 100%. Ladies, we need volunteers for steak nights and Saturday dinners.

Next **District Meeting** is the 14th at 2 PM at Middleburg 250. Our **Unit will meet** on Monday the 8th at 8 PM. Hope to see your there.

Happy Valentines Day.

For God and Country,

Liz Hill 904-234-2692; lizardlassie@aol.com

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-**volunteers needed**

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

Our current open status allows us to serve alcohol if we abide by the rules: 100% capacity, social distancing, wear masks when entering. We are trying to get all of our activities restarted.

Super Bowl Chili Cookoff

Super Bowl Chili Cookoff which will be held **February 7th.** Judging will be at 4:00 PM. We need more entries please, as **Mark Swinton** has won all but 1 of, these and **needs challengers.** Please help give Mark some

competition.

Meal prices increased in January: Lunch-\$5, Steaks-\$12, Salmon -\$9, Combo-\$19. Some drink prices will also increase.

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 2021 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.**

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.**

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. We need help to continue this schedule.

Liz Hill

Legion Riders

Well off to a good start, as a reminder if you have already renewed your yearly memberships thank you, if you have not please see Annie at your soonest or leave a check with an envelope in the Riders mailbox located next to the Post's front door. Keep an eye on the various social media systems you frequent for upcoming rides and events you might be interested in attending as a Chapter and bring them to our attention so we can get something set up, in case you're not aware we do not see all postings. Don't forget to give your motorcycles a pre ride safety check if you have not rode in a while. As a side note, we are asking that ALR members get involved with Post activities and attend Legion, Auxiliary and Sons meetings, find out what else is happening or needed.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday the 6th of February at 0900, a few of us will be at the ALR Summit in Orlando, but the Assistant Director will be chairing the meeting, if anything show up and take a ride. Thank you.

John Tinsley

2nd Vice Reverbs

Looking forward to a productive and entertaining 2021

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.

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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.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2020 has added 3 new presumptive illnesses: Parkinson life tremors, bladder cancer and hyperthyroidism with an effective date TBD. If you have filed in the past for these illnesses, the VA will NOT automatically reopen your case. You will need to file one of the following: VA Form 20-0995 (supplemental claim if previously filed); VA Form 20-0996 (seeking reestablishing a denied appeal); VA Form 21-526ez (a new claim for disability if you've never filed)

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Post 316 Social Media

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

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 sustain-ability-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

The 2021 cards are in, and available, and we are at about 81% membership thus far. Please pay your dues early and help us reach 100%. The 2020 cards expired December 31st.

Thank you to the January 8th steak team. Our steak night is the 12th 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 6th at 1030. This is your SAL and can only be what you help make it to be.

David Keasler

Florida Amendment 6

Amendment 6 ballot summary reads as follows: "Provides that the homestead property tax discount for certain veterans with permanent combat-related disabilities carries over to such veteran's surviving spouse who hold legal or beneficial title to, and who permanently resides on, the homestead property, until he or she remarries or sells or otherwise disposes of the property. The discount may be transferred to a new homestead property of the surviving spouse under certain conditions." Amendment 6 helps spouses of combat veterans with service connected disabilities to retain their earned property tax discount upon the passing of the veteran. It passed with nearly 90 % of the vote. More than nine million voters approved the state constitutional amendment which takes effect January 1, 2021.

VA Debt Relief Update

The VA's extended debt relief to Veterans adversely affected by COVID-19 expired December 31. The VA Debt Management Center (DMC) is sending a letter this month to Veterans with benefit debts advising that due process notification letters will resume after January 1, 2021. Those having an outstanding VA debt should have received a letter in November making them aware of actions the VA will take after January 1 and their options. If the debt was established after April 3, 2020, DMC will issue debt notification letters starting in January. For debts incurred prior to April 3, 2020, where collections have been suspended due to COVID-19, your suspension will end January 1, and the DMC will resume withholding from your VA benefits to pay the debt effective with your February 1, 2021, benefit payment. If you do not receive VA benefits, your payment will be due to DMC by February 1. If you expect difficulties making payments, review the information found at <https://www.va.gov/debtman> or contact the VA DMC at 800-827-0648. VA can work options with you to include: establishing a repayment plan; requesting a waiver; disputing the debt; submitting a compromise offer; requesting a temporary hardship suspension. For health care debts, contact the Health Resource Center at 866-400-1238. Online, go to <https://www.pay.gov> for payments.

Taxpayer Relief Initiative

The IRS reviewed its collection activities and is expanding taxpayer options for making payments and other ways to resolve tax debts due to the pandemic. The revised COVID related collection procedures include: taxpayers who qualify for a short-term payment plan may now have up to 180 days to resolved their tax liabilities instead of 120 days; the IRS is offering flexibility for some taxpayers who are temporarily unable to meet the payment terms of an accepted Offer of Compromise; taxpayers can request a temporary delay of the collection process until the taxpayer's financial condition improves; taxpayers may qualify to settle there tax bill for less than the amount they owe by submitting an Offer of Compromise; relief from penalty through reasonable cause assistance is available for taxpayers with failure to file, pay and deposit penalties; taxpayers requesting payment plans, including Installment Agreements, can apply through IRS.gov. These **types of relief are not automatic.** Taxpayers need to request payment relief by contacting the number on their balance due notice or responding in writing.



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February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WINE	1 Beef Tips Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food	2 Groundhog Day Spaghetti w/Meat or Clam Sause Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night Auxiliary Food	3 Chicken & Rice Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	4 Taco Salad Bingo 2:00-4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	5 Soup & Sandwich Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:00	6 Riders Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030
7 Super Bowl BEER Chili Cookoff 4 PM Judging	8 Meatloaf Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food Mtg Night 8 PM	9 Chicken Bruschetta Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night Auxiliary Food	10 Pulled Pork Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	11 Chicken Noodle Soup-Chicken Salad Croissant Bingo 2:00-4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	12 Chef Salad SAL Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:00	13 Valentine Party Dinner 5:00 Cake Walk 6:30
14 Valentine's Day RUM 5th District 2 PM Middleburg 250	15 President's Day Chicken Fried Steak Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food	16 Stuffed Peppers Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night Auxiliary Food	17 Ash Wednesday Fish or Shrimp Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	18 Meatball Sub Bingo 2:00-4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	19 Chili Grilled Cheese Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:00	20 SUBVETS 1100 Mardi Gras Cajun Dinner 5 PM Cajun Band
21 VODKA	22 Pot Roast Men's Night Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food	23 Philly Cheese Steak Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night Auxiliary Food	24 Lasagna Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	25 Chicken Biscuit Pie Bingo 2:00-4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	26 Clam Chowder Egg or Tuna Salad Sandwich Legion Steaks Steak Bingo 6:00	27
28 GIN		Lunch is served 11:00—1300 Mon—Fri		NEED LUNCH WORKERS		