



# 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,

Wow! Can you believe it is March already? Who knows what is significant about the month of March for our Legion family? If you said starting the election process for the upcoming year you would be correct. Officially March 26, Post Nominations are open. I have been attending Post meetings for a very long time. It seems the STP (same ten people) begrudgingly accept an office for the upcoming year because there was no one else willing to step up. Let us make the 2021 Election different than the previous years!

At the Post meeting on 8 February, I requested all attending members fill out a Post Analysis survey.

The following were the six most common responses:

- Go smoke free
- Increase existing member participation
- Attract new members and leadership
- Be more viable to all members
- Advertise more
- Reinvigorate our Youth Programs

I found the results interesting but not surprising. The two top items the members were concerned about was the lack of participation and the Post going smoke free. Quite frankly we can not get to the later without the former, participation is required for any and all changes. Within the responses identifying the need of more member participation there were an equal number of responses wanting the Post to attract new members and new leadership.

Since we are talking about leadership and the upcoming elections, are you ready to run for an office? I certainly hope so. The first step is to familiarize yourself with the duties and responsibilities of the office you are considering. These can be found in the Post Constitution & By-Laws and/or the Post Regulations. They can be viewed and downloaded from our Post web site under Resources. I know of several 2020-2021 officers who had agreed to accept their current position, not because they wanted it but because there was no one else willing to accept the nomination. I would love to see competition for all positions of Post Leadership! Let's make the STP a thing of the past.

I am extremely happy to be able to tell you that we are standing up the House Committee. Mr. Al Yardley, Legionnaire/Rider has volunteered to be the Chairman with Mr. Thomas Root, Legionnaire/Rider and Ms. TracyLyn Jenkins, Auxiliary/Rider volunteering as committeepersons. Our House Committee is comprised of 5 members from our Legion family, thus we still need someone from the Legion, Auxiliary and/or Sons to fill the remaining 2 spots. Personally, I want to see a member from each of our Legion family as members. We need someone from the Sons to stand up. Who will it be, will it be you?

I am thrilled these individuals have decided to step up and get more involved with our Post. We still need YOU, so please ask yourself, "What can I do?" then make your desires known. Together we can make our Post great again,

**Denny Luke**

Executive Committee and General Assembly

**Approved fixing the hot water heater-cost unknown**  
**Approved fixing the leak in the roof-cost unknown**

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

**New:** Jeffrey Wood, Tony LaMon

**Transfers:** Robert Assaf, Michael Dale

**Taps:** None

### Booster List

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

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

**Post 316's Legion Election is held the first Saturday in June.** Nominations will begin soon. Please consider being a candidate for a Post Officer position.

### 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 entering. We are trying to get all our activities restarted.**

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

**Need Volunteers to sell Queen of Hearts tickets.**

### Super Bowl Chili Cookoff

Congratulations to our Super Bowl Chili Cookoff winner, **J. R. Whitcomb**-sorry Mark.

### VA COVID-19 Vaccinations

The VA offers this vaccine to Veterans **already** receiving care from the VA, based on CDC and VA risk criteria. If you're eligible to get a vaccine, your health care team will contact you. Vaccinations are by appointment only; call 352-548-6000 XT 103755 to schedule an appointment.

### Homebound Veterans of WW II and Korea

Gov. DeSantis has directed the FDVA to identify veterans of WW II and the Korean War who are unable to travel to receive a vaccine. If you are in these categories, call 850-487-1533 XT 9 for details, or visit <https://www.floridavets.org/homebound-veteran/> to register.

### LUNCH SCHEDULE

**We are struggling to provide lunches every day of the work week. Liz can no longer keep up with the current schedule. Lunches will have to be cut back to fewer days unless people come forward to help. For info, contact Liz at 904-234-2692.**

**It is required that you wear a mask when entering.**

**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	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

### VACANT

### 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 91%. 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](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, 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 in February.

Dinners for March: steak or salmon on Friday the 5th and 19th; Saturday the 13th we will celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** with a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner at 5 PM. We **need steak teams to continue our dinners.** If you can help, please give me a call.

We will be sending 9 girls to Girl's State this year. If you have a high school Junior interested, call me at 904-234-2692.

Thanks to Tori for a great Mardi Gras dinner—a good time was had by all. We have a **St. Patrick's Day Basket to raffle** to raise money. Drawing will be held on St. Patrick's Day.

Still collecting books, toiletries, coupons and tabs. We need your input for fundraisers.

Membership is at 100%, but Laides if you have not renewed, please do so now as we want our Auxiliary to continue to grow. 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 St. Augustine 194. Our **Unit will meet** on Monday the 8th at 8 PM. Hope to see your there.

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

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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.

The **Queen of Hearts** contest every Thursday night is on hold. 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.**

**Wear official NASCAR clothing and get drink specials during the season.**

**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 fundraisers 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

Welcome to March, the riding should be getting better. A few rides are coming up, will present them at the meeting. Since it is March, it is **once again time to conduct nominations** of the folks and yes that does include yourself that YOU want to hold the elected positions in our Chapter, what do you mean you're not qualified!, a little hint, I have never been qualified for any job I ever held until I left it, let that sink in. In all seriousness, consider getting involved with this part of the Chapter. As always **VOLUNTEERS are needed for Monday night bingo Dogs and Burgers**, come show off your culinary skills if you want to do something different that the standard Monday night menu. Our March meeting will be held Saturday March 6th at 0900 with the E Board at 0830. Come prepared to ride after the meeting, destination to be decided by the Chapter. Hope to see you there.

**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, 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.**

**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)

**VACANT**

## Post 316 Social Media

Our Post 316 Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/alpost316>. Our website is online at [www.alpost316fl.org](http://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](http://www.projectvetrelief.org), 407-295-2631**

## Sons of The American Legion

The 2021 cards are in, and available, and we are at about 86% membership thus far. Please pay your dues and help us reach 100%. The 2020 cards expired December 31st.

Thank you to the February 12th 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 Evictions/Foreclosures Update

The VA's extended its ban on evictions and foreclosures until June 30. The ban is for federally backed mortgages including all properties secured by VA guaranteed loans. VA also extended its timeline for accepting requests from veterans for mortgage forbearance, which would allow veterans to pause their mortgage payments or pay their mortgages at a lower rate. Borrowers who are experiencing financial hardships because of the coronavirus pandemic can call 877-827-3702 for more information.

## 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 their 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.

## Job News USA Job Fairs

Recruiters and hiring managers from companies and organizations will be looking to fill positions in a variety of industries including entry level and seasoned professional opportunities, blue and white collar positions, full and part time opportunities as well as various leadership positions. More than 30 companies are participating and more are added daily. Job seekers can learn more and pre-register to attend at: [www.jobnewsusa.com](http://www.jobnewsusa.com). **Jacksonville Job Fairs are scheduled for March 25, April 29 and June 10.** Job News USA asks that participants join them in their efforts to minimize the spread of germs and follow these rules: must wear a mask and follow all social distance guidelines; follow all spacing and traffic flow signs; use hand sanitizers frequently; do not attend if not feeling well; do not shake hands with others; avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth.



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## March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>GIN</b>	1 Chicken & Dumplings Bingo 6:30-8:30 Men's Night Riders Food	2 Spaghetti w/ Meatballs or Italian Sausage Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	3 Chicken Fajita Bake Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	4 Hamburger Steaks Bingo 2:00-4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	5 Tomato Florentine Soup-Grilled Cheese Sandwich Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:00	6 <b>Riders' Mtg 0900</b> <b>SAL Mtg 1030</b>
7 <b>BOURBON</b>	8 Liver or Meatloaf Bingo 6:30-8:30 Men's Night Mtg Night 8 PM Riders Food	9 Chicken Enchilada Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	10 Patty Melts Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	11 Clam Chowder Egg or Tuna Salad Sandwich Bingo 2:00-4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	12 BLT SAL Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:00	13 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> <b>Dinner 5 PM</b>
14 <b>DST Begins</b> <b>SCOTCH</b> 5th District 2 PM St. Augustine 194	15 Fried Chicken Bingo 6:30-8:30 Men's Night Riders Food	16 Corned Beef Dinner Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> Baked Ziti Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	18 Shepherd's Pie Bingo 2:00-4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	19 Corned Beef & Barley Soup & Sandwich Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:00	20 Vernal Equinox SUBVETS 1100
21 <b>WHISKY</b>	22 Baked Ham Bingo 6:30-8:30 Men's Night Riders Food	23 Lasagna Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	24 Baked Fish Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	25 Sloppy Joes Bingo 2:00-4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	26 Bean Soup Ham or Egg Salad Sandwich Legion Steaks Steak Bingo 6:00	27 <b>Passover</b>
28 <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>WINE</b>	29 Beef Stew Bingo 6:30-8:30 Men's Night Riders Food	30 Chicken Marsala Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	31 Smothered Pork Chop Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	Lunch is served 11:00—1300 Mon—Fri	<b>NEED LUNCH WORKERS</b>	