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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

Greetings everyone,

Spring has sprung and I for one am glad to see the gloom of this past winter depart. Spring has always been my favorite time of year. It is when life renews itself. I especially feel this way about our Post. It looks like now with the vaccine we are no longer going to be fearful of COVID and can feel more at ease socializing with our friends and family. I see good things happening at our Post. Every General Assembly meeting we seem to have new faces attending. I see members bringing in food to share on Sundays, just because they want too. I see people picking up after themselves and making little repairs at the Post without fanfare. I see our membership numbers growing. As of this writing we have 4 more members than we did last year at this time. For all our positives give yourself a pat on the back, I thank you.

Our Post has seen a continued positive revenue since re-opening. This was a big concern when we were shut down. Most do not realize we have hard bills to pay regardless of operating hours or patronage. Salary/Wages, Insurance, Landscaping, Janitorial services, Utilities, etc. must be paid to keep the doors open regardless of income. I am happy to tell you that our members are coming back into the Post and supporting it in numbers. So, if you have not been back to visit us for a lunch, dinner, Bingo or for just a cool beverage, stop on in and get reacquainted with your friends here at Post 316. Speaking of Events, I am happy to announce that **we will be having a Cinco de Mayo party on Saturday 1 May**, so save the date! Many thanks to John Tinsley and Steve Bartelt for volunteering to head up the planning committee. We also are going to **re-start the Queen of Hearts, game. It will now be held on Friday evening with the Drawing taking place at 8:30.** So come on out for a real fun filled Friday evening here at Post 316. What could be better than Steak Bingo, Queen of Hearts, great food, good entertainment and of course comradery with good friend.

Now on to a more serious note. We are nearing the end of Legion year 2020-2021. With the end of one year comes the election of officers for the new year. Please go to ALPOST316fl.org and look under Resources - Constitution and By Laws for the description of duties and responsibilities of each office. Review the various officer positions and decide what office you would like to aspire to hold. As stated in the previous newsletter many officers continue to hold their positions simply because there is no one willing to step up. There are a couple members who have decided they want to step-up. I would like to congratulate Mr. Joey Perez on election to the position of 4th Vice Commander. I would also like to thank Mr. Lounsberry and Mr. Saunders for accepting nominations as new officers.

Currently 2021 Nominations stand as follows:

Commander - Denny Luke, 1st Vice Commander - Clarence Hill, 2nd Vice Commander - **None Received**, 3rd Vice Commander - **None Received**, 4th Vice Commander - Joey Perez, Finance Officer - **None Received**, Historian - Mitch Lounsberry, Chaplain - **None Received**, Sergeant at Arms - Al Yardley, Executive Board (5 total) - Lester Saunders, Steve Bartelt, John Tinsley, Ron Wilhite, **None Received**.

We have several positions which are appointed, which are: Adjutant, Service Officer, Judge Advocate, and all Chairman (18 in total) positions. I assure you, those who have accepted a nomination will welcome challengers. Let us fill those vacant positions and have some competition for all offices!

We have made a lot of good progress this past year, let's keep those fires a burning for full speed ahead in this upcoming year,

Denny Luke

Executive Committee and General Assembly

No money spent

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

New: Dale Masters, Duncan McNabb, Richard Tomlinson, Shawn Williams

Transfers: Jason Baker, Antonio Baluyot, Steve Belsky, Arturo Confiado, Maurice Edmonds, George Hall, John Haynes, Shawn Heighton, Robert Hines, Eric Hinton, John Lynch, David Martineau, Wayne McLellan, Ken Mullis, Steve Starke, Jim Victor

Taps: Leland Whalen

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 8/21

B. W. Pete Wait III 9/21

John Balch 9/21

Lynn Murray 2/22

In Remembrance USS Stark 2/21 Wallace Williams 3/22

Richard Goodman 3/22

Bob Shellenberger 10/23

Eddie George 1/27

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.

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.

Susan Kummerness donated four of the book she wrote titled Come Now the Angels: Five Marines in Vietnam with a trailer that says: A Woman's Story of War, Death, Love & Hope. The book is available for anyone who'd like to read it. The author asks that when you finish reading it, you post your thoughts and a review of the book on Amazon review. Please see Clarence to get a copy of the book.

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	Joey Perez
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: Al Yardley

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 93%. 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

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S PROSE

Thank you Ladies, for all you do. Thanks to all who volunteered and worked in the kitchen. Thank you Virna for donating dessert for St. Patrick's Day. Our dinners in April are steak or salmon on Fridays the 2nd and 16th, and Saturday the 10th we will have a Pot Roast Dinner starting at 4 PM.

Our membership is at 100%, thanks to all who renewed and to our new members who joined us.

Nominations for new officers will be held at our April meeting on the 12th at 8 PM. If you would like to hold an office, please attend. We need new faces in our leadership.

We have a beautiful POW/MIA Quilt that was donated by one of our members. We are selling tickets for the drawing which will be held on Memorial Day. Tickets are \$2 each or 8 for \$10. Proceeds will benefit a Veterans' Program. Please support our fundraiser.

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

This sounds like a broken record, but we need volunteers for dinners and to support our programs. Please consider a couple of hours a month to give the few Ladies who are here a break.

Next District Meeting is the 11th at 2 PM at Fernandina Beach Post 54. Our Unit will meet on Monday the 12th at 8 PM. Hope to see you there. If you have questions, please contact me.

Happy Easter.

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

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

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

Friday-Queen of Hearts drawing 8:30

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.

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.

The **Queen of Hearts** contest has moved to Friday night. Drawing is at 8:30. **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 on Sundays 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 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 the weather definitely got better this past month, lots of good rides taken. Hope all of you took the opportunity to get some miles under your wheels. The ALR year is moving forward. We have commenced nominations for Chapter officers, and yes there are still a few positions with no candidates, don't be shy, step up if interested at our next meeting. Please volunteer your services to help in the kitchen on Monday nights, we also have a steak night on 30 April. As we have members we don't see each month, a Buddy Check is a fast easy way to see how they are and update them on current events and happenings. Our next meeting will be on 3 April at 0900 with the E Board at 0830. 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

Greetings from your newly re-established House Committee. We are up and running. The Committee is comprised of members from all of our Post Family entities, i.e., Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders. We have asked for members from the Auxiliary, Sons and Riders because we feel all family members should be involved and be represented in Post activities and projects. **We will meet the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.** Our goal is to identify, plan and correct the deficiencies noted of Post property; to act as an oversight committee of the Canteen as outlined in the Post regulations and to enforce the written rules governing the operation and patronization of our Post Home; and to keep the membership informed of the State of the Post on a monthly basis.

Al Yardley

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.

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

Florida Amendment 6

Amendment 6 ballot summary reads as follows: "Provides that the

Sons of The American Legion

The 2021 cards are in, and available, and we are at about 91% membership. Please pay your dues and help us reach 100%. The 2020 cards expired December 31st. Thank you to the March 12th steak team. Our steak night is the 9th this month.

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 3rd at 1030.** This is your SAL and can only be what you help make it to be.

David Keasler

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.

2021 Legacy Scholarship Applications

Children whose parents lost their lives while honorably serving on active duty on or after 9/11, as well as children of post 9/11 veterans with a combined VA disability rating of 50 percent or higher, are eligible to apply for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship. It provides financial aid for graduate or post-graduate tuition, books, room and board, meal plans and other supplies needed to achieve higher education. It's a needs-based scholarship-the grant amount each scholarship recipient will receive will be based on his/her financial need after all federal and state aid is exhausted. Recipients have a year to use the grant and may reapply up to six times. The number of scholarships awarded and the amount of financial aid granted to each awardee (including returning applicants) will be determined on donations to the scholarship fund and one's financial needs. Legacy scholarships are made possible from donations to The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. Applications are online at legion.org/scholarships/legacy. **Deadline to apply is April 15th.** Recipients will be selected by the Committee on Youth Education at the National Spring Meetings in May, with notifications to follow.



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April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WINE	Lunch is served 1100—1300 Mon—Fri	NEED LUNCH WORKERS		1 Meatball Sub Bingo 2:00-4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	2 Good Friday Shrimp Po Boy or Fish Sandwich Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:00 Queen of Hearts 8:30	3 Riders' Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030
4 Easter BEER	5 Chicken & Dumplings Bingo 6:30-8:30 Men's Night Riders Food	6 Spaghetti w/Meat Or Clam Sauce Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	7 BBQ Chicken Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	8 Pork Loin Bingo 2:00-4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	9 Potato Soup Grilled Cheese SAL Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:00 Queen of Hearts 8:30	10 Pot Roast Dinner at 4 PM
11 RUM 5th District 2 PM Fernandina 54	12 Ramadan Chicken Fried Steak Bingo 6:30-8:30 Men's Night Mtg Night 8:00 Riders Food	13 Philly Cheesesteak Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	14 Chicken Parmesan Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	15 BLT Bingo 2:00-4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	16 Taco Soup & Sandwich Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:00 Queen of Hearts 8:30	17 SUBVETS 1100
18 VODKA	19 Beef Tips Bingo 6:30-8:30 Men's Night Riders Food	20 Lasagna Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	21 Ham & Cheese Sliders Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	22 Earth Day Pulled Pork Bingo 2:00-4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	23 Chef Salad Legion Steaks Steak Bingo 6:00 Queen of Hearts 8:30	24
25 GIN	26 Stuffed Pork Chops Bingo 6:30-8:30 Men's Night Riders Food	27 Shepherd's Pie Bingo 2:00-4:00 Trivia Night	28 Grilled Chicken Or Steak Caesar Salad Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	29 Hash Brown Casserole Bingo 2:00-4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	30 Arbor Day Veggie Beef Soup Grilled Cheese Riders Steaks Steak Bingo 6:00 Queen of Hearts 8:30	