



# Dewitt B. Tilden Memorial American Legion Post 316

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**HOME POST OF FLORIDA'S FIRST AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL COMMANDER 2009-2010 - CLARENCE E. HILL**

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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 all. Today I want to remind everyone we have our annual Elections coming up on the first Saturday of June from 0900 until 1800. We need you to come to the Post and cast your ballot. We also need a couple individuals which are not on the ballot to stand poll watch. If you can do this, please let me know.

Currently 2021 Nominations stand as follows:

Commander – Denny Luke & Steve Bartelt, 1st Vice Commander – Clarence Hill, 2nd Vice Commander – Mitch Harding, 3rd Vice Commander – your name here, 4th Vice Commander – Joey Perez, Finance Officer – Randy Casey, Historian – Mitch Lounsberry, Chaplain – your name here, Sergeant at Arms – Al Yardley, Executive Board (5 total) – (1) Lester Saunders, (2) Greg White, (3) John Tinsley, (4) Ron Wilhite, (5) – Mark Swinton.

Most positions are un-opposed however there is competition for the office of Commander. It's great to have choices, isn't it? Regardless of who you chose I'm sure whether it's Steve Bartelt or myself we will work with the next House Committee to continue making our Post Home great again.

It was a year ago this month you nominated and subsequently elected me as your Post Commander. I hope I did not disappoint you. In my very first newsletter I made you one promise, that I would be an active Commander. I believe I fulfilled that promise, maybe more, maybe less, than some of you would have liked. You requested and I attempted to fix up and clean up our Post. The first thing I did was order a 40 cubic yard dumpster and then with members from the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders, we filled it to overflowing. We also properly disposed of several years of accumulated flags. The room in which they were stored was so full you could not open the door without retired flags falling out onto the sidewalk. It took 2 days with 4 barrels, but we completed the job. Since then, our Post has upheld its responsibility to the community by having a flag disposal quarterly. I also proudly represented you at District & Department events as allowed by COVID this past year. As a Post member, I attended the 2019 National Convention and would have attended the 2020 Conventions if not for COVID. During the 2021 DCC I was selected as a Delegate to represent you and the 5th District at the 2021 National Convention. At Post level we still have openings for Delegates to attend the Department of FL Convention. The sign-up sheet is on the west wall.

Some of our challenges and accomplishments this past year were: COVID, other Posts in 5th District were amazed at our creativity in finding ways to remain open for our members in some fashion for most of the pandemic. We had some challenges with 30-year-old equipment failures. We replaced a reach-in beer cooler, a keg cooler, multiple plumbing issues, roof leaks, A/C breakdowns, replaced the walk-in beer cooler floor, identified a lack of and then obtained Post Casualty and Directors & Officers insurance.

As promised, I have tried to be an active Commander, both in-house and out. If you give me another year to represent you, I thank you and if not, I want to thank you for the privilege of allowing me to proudly serve you this past 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:** Patrick Brown, Heather Chichura, John Ferry, John Fillio, Russell Johnson, Patrick Reddy, Lewis Young

**Transfers:** Martin R. Douglas, Arthur E. Martin

**Taps:** None

### 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**

**Penny Swiebel 5/22**

**Bob Shellenberger 10/23**

**Lance H. Davison 4/25**

**Eddie George 1/27**

**My name is Steve Bartelt** and I am a candidate for Post Commander. I have served on the Executive Committee for the last 5 years, participated in maintenance days, fund raisers, Post activities and would be proud to represent you as Commander.

### Post Election

The election will be held on **Saturday, June 5 from 0900 to 1800**. At least **3 volunteers from the Legion, the Auxiliary or the SAL are needed to serve as voting registrars**. They serve in shifts so that one is monitoring the election at all times. Members voting will check in with the registrar who will highlight their name on the roster and give them a ballot. The member will vote, fold the ballot and place it in the ballot box. At 6 PM, all registrars will assemble in the meeting room to count the votes. The Chairman will deliver the results to the Commander.

Absentee ballots may be obtained by request in writing to the Commander. If you request a ballot be mailed to you, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request. If you will pick it up at the Post, state that in your request. After voting, fold the ballot, seal it in an envelope and write the word ballot on it. Seal that envelope in another envelope with your name written on it. Either deliver that envelope to the Post for the Commander or mail it to the Post addressed to the Commander. On election day, the Commander will deliver all envelopes to the registrar chairman who will highlight the voter's name on the roster, open the envelope with the member's name on it, put the envelope marked ballot in the box and throw away the envelope with the name on it. When ballots are counted at 1800, the ballot envelopes will be opened and counted with the others. No one will know how any member voted.

### 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  
Les Saunders

### 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 97%. The Post will get the 2022 cards at Convention the first week in July. The first renewal notice from National will go to every member in July. National only recognized one rate, so the notice will say \$40. The over 60 rate and the Early Bird rate of \$35 is only good when you pay at the Post. Cards will be mailed to everyone with time left on their 3-year dues with a letter telling you your status. If you don't get the 2022 card by the end of July, you probably have no years left on your dues. Please check with me if you have any questions. 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](http://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**

Thanks Ladies for another good month for our Auxiliary. Thanks to Ken and Linda for a delicious fish and chip dinner. Thanks to all the volunteers.

Dinners for June will be steak and salmon on Friday the 4th and 18th. We will serve a Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding dinner Saturday the 19th at 4 PM.

Next Year's elected Officers are: President-Virna Luke, 1st Vice President-Liz Hill, 2nd Vice President-Vacant, Secretary-Suzanne Lamonica, Treasurer-Alison McCann, Chaplain-Diane Conrad, Historian-Annie Anderson, Sgt-at-Arms-Kathy Deem, Assistant Sgt-at-Arms-TracyLynn Jenkins, Executive Committee-Fatima Bartelt, Sharon Harville, Denise Strickland, Nicole Thigpen. Congratulations to the new Unit Officers Elect. Congratulations to Annie Anderson on being elected 5th District President for another year.

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

Our **next meeting** is on Monday the 14th at 8 PM. Hope to see your there. If you have questions, please contact me.

For God and Country,

**Happy Father's Day**

**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 8:00

**As a reminder, it is illegal to bring your own alcohol into the Post. Bar privileges may be suspended as a result.**

**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.**

**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 is conducted every Friday night with the drawing held at 8:00 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 membership 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, so the price varies base on your order.** 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 by the 40/8 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 \$501 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

Nominations continue for Chapter officers, we still have a few positions with no nominations that remain. I want to thank all who participated in the Boots on the Ground event hosted by ALR 9, good turn out for the event and a good day to ride. Additionally, thanks to those who came out to apply a fresh coat of polyurethane to the picnic benches and those that manned the flag line for Memorial Day. **As always we need cooks and servers for Monday Night Bingo**, so if you like to cook burgers and dogs or if you want to try out an old family recipe stand up and jump in.

Our next meeting will be on June 5th at 0900, 0830 for E board. See you there and prepare to ride to an as yet disclosed hole in the wall for lunch. 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

Good day everyone. We are addressing the immediate needs first and plan to continue to make changes needed as we can. Please feel free to provide suggestions. **Our next meeting will be Monday, June 7th at 7 PM.**

**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](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

## 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.

## Sons of The American Legion

Congratulations on achieving 100% membership. Thank you to the May 14th steak team. Our steak night is the 11th 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 5th at 1030. We will be taking nominations and electing our Officers for the 2021-2022 Year at this meeting.** This is your SAL and can only be what you help make it to be.

**David Keasler**

## Blue Water Navy Update

**VA announced it will re-adjudicate claims for Veterans who served in the offshore waters of Vietnam during the Vietnam War.** This review is part of the VBA's implementation of the 11/5/2020 US District Court of the Northern District of California decision to re-adjudicate previously denied claims as applied in *Nehmer vs. US Department of Veterans Affairs*. Veterans who were previously denied service connection for an herbicide related presumptive condition due to lack of in-country Vietnam service will automatically have their claims re-adjudicated.

**Re-adjudication means VA will review the evidence of record and provide replacement decisions in the cases of Veterans who were previously denied service connection** for one or more herbicide related conditions on the basis that military service was not performed on the landmass of Vietnam or on its inland waterways. This review will also apply to eligible survivors of deceased Vietnam era Veterans. VA is dedicated to ensuring all Veterans receive the benefits they have earned. Visit [VA.gov](http://VA.gov) 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 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](http://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.

## FEMA Funeral Assistance

**If you lost a family member due to COVID-19, FEMA is providing assistance in the form of reimbursement for funeral expenses.** There is no application form to fill out, it is all accomplished by phone. The below link will take you to the FEMA website which provides all the information you need. If you have questions after reading the info online, contact FEMA directly at the phone number on the website:

<https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq>



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June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>BEER</b>	<b>NEED LUNCH WORKERS</b>	1 Chicken Marsala Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	2 Sausage Hash Brown Casserole Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	3 Indian Butter Chicken Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	4 Club Sandwich Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:00 Queen of Hearts 8 JAXCIN	5 Post Election 0900 Riders Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030 JAXCIN
6 <b>RUM</b>	7 Chicken Fried Steak Bingo 6:30—8:30 Men's Night Riders Food House Com 7 PM	8 Spaghetti w/ Meatballs or Italian Sausage Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	9 Pulled Pork Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	10 Shepherd's Pie Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	11 Chef Salad SAL Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:00 Queen of Hearts 8 AIA Jax	12
13 <b>VODKA</b>	14 <b>Flag Day</b> Baked Ham Bingo 6:30—8:30 Men's Night Mtg Night 8 PM Riders Food	15 Lasagna Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	16 Baked Chicken Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	17 Kielbasa Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	18 Bean Soup Ham or Egg Salad Sandwich Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:00 Queen of Hearts 8 Doug Bracey	19 SUBVETS 1100 Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding Dinner at 4 PM Doug Bracey
20 <b>Fathers' Day</b> <b>GIN</b>	21 Chicken & Dumplings Bingo 6:30—8:30 Men's Night Riders Food	22 Philly Cheesesteak Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	23 Fish or Shrimp Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	24 BLT Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	25 Chicken Soup Chicken Salad Croissant Legion Steaks Steak Bingo 6:00 Queen of Hearts 8 DJ MITCH	26
27 <b>BOURBON</b>	28 Pot Roast Bingo 6:30—8:30 Men's Night Riders Food	29 Spaghetti w/ Meat or Clam Sauce Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	30 Chicken Broccoli Casserole Ladies' Night Pass the Trash		<b>Lunch is served 11:00—1:00 Mon—Fri</b>	