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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,
Can you believe it is October already? Pretty soon we will have little ghosts and ghouls knocking on our doors wanting treats. October is known for more than Halloween. We all know about Octoberfest and as October ends so does the hurricane season. What you possibly do not know is associated with October would be our **membership goal of 55%**. As of this writing we are at 44.62%. We have a ways to go but with your help we will attain goal. Remember you will lose nothing by renewing early so why not? Stop by the Post, mail in or renew online, it doesn't matter as long as you renew your membership. We prefer you to bring a friend to the Post and renew while signing your friend up as a Legion Family member. Just think, if every one of you renewed next week you would not have to listen or read about membership for the rest of the year. To me that would be worth the effort to renew early.

Last month I reminded everyone that **Department Fall Conference will be from 5-7 November**. It will be held at the Renaissance Sea World Orlando. The hotel cutoff date was 7 October but I'm sure you can obtain lodging at the Renaissance or a nearby hotel if interested. If you have not attended a Department Convention or Conference, I would suggest you attend Conference first. There will be a lot of interesting classes to attend in addition to the fun and camaradery with fellow Legion Family members from throughout the state of Florida.

We had our regularly scheduled maintenance/clean-up day on 19 October. I want to thank Al Yardley, House Committee Chairman for attending. Where were the other 844 members I wonder? Our Post needs a lot of TLC and if each of our 846 members undertook just one little project think of what could be accomplished.

As most if not all know I am a proud and active member in the American Legion Rider Program. I have noticed some common traits over the past years. American Legion Riders like to get involved and out in the community to see and be seen. We like to ride to other Posts to participate and support their events. We should always support our home Post first but in my opinion, we should likewise visit with our other Legion Families too. That is how you build relationships and relationships are vital to survival. This past month on 18 October, Jacksonville held a POW-MIA Ceremony at the National POW-MIA Monument. At every meeting we place a POW-MIA chair cover or flag on an empty chair and recite some words. That is not a lot of commitment on our part in my opinion.

The Florida American Legion Riders decided that we were actually going to be active in our commitment of Resolution 288. We staged a JSO Escorted Seven Bridges POW-MIA Remembrance Day Ride out in the community in hopes of bringing attention to the plight of POW-MIA's, their families and friends. Everyone who saw us knew we were American Legion. Most of us wore black pants, white shirts with a Department patch, USA flag, POW-MIA flag and our ALR patch on the sleeves. We also wore our ALR vest proudly displaying our Chapter Patch on the back. We were out in the community being seen as American Legion Family members supporting one of our causes. In my opinion there is so much more to being a Legion Family Member than showing up to the Canteen a couple times a year. I was disappointed that very few 5th District members were at the Ceremony. I saw ALR members from as far away as Homestead FL which is just shy of 400 miles and 6 hours away, but so few came from just across town. Something to think about, do you talk the talk or do you walk the walk so to speak.

We need you to get active, volunteer for a Post program, help on a Post maintenance day or any other day for that matter, join a cook team, attend Post events especially Post Meetings, etc. just please, get involved and help us to be the great Post we know we can be. Take care and come on out to our Post and participate.

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: Curtis Van Dyke, Adam Waddell

Transfers: Lewis Hutching, David Palmer, Frank Sisario

Taps: Vic Dowdy

Booster List

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

Lynn Murray 2/22

In Remembrance USS Stark 2/22

Wallace Williams 3/22

Richard Goodman 3/22

Penny Swiebel 5/22

Clarence & Liz Hill 8/21

Bob Shellenberger 10/23

Lance H. Davison 4/25

Eddie George 1/27

Dart League

We'd like to start a dart league this month. The sign-up list was posted for all of August. We need at least 24 people so we can have 6 teams and use all three dart boards on the dance floor. We will hold a meeting at 6:30 PM on Thursday the 14th. Please be there that we can get the league organized and ready to play. If you have any questions, please call Liz.

PEARL HARBOR DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our 22nd annual Pearl Harbor Day Golf Tournament will be held at the Windy Harbor Golf Club at Naval Station Mayport on December 4th with a shotgun start at 8:30 and Captain's Choice format. Hole sponsorships are \$50 each, players are \$70 each/\$280 per foursome. Breakfast, lunch and door prizes are included. Prizes include closest to pin on 4 holes, longest putt, longest drive as well as winners. Mulligans are available. Registration deadline is 11/27. Proceeds benefit American Legion Programs.

Sunday Food

There is a sign-up list on the west wall to better organize Sunday food such that we are not overflowing on some days and have little on others. **Reimbursement of up to \$25 can be provided based on donations.**

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.

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	Steve Bartelt
4th Vice Commander	Joey Perez
Finance Officer	Randy Casey
Adjutant	Claython McConico
Chaplain	Joe Nolan
Service Officer	Paul Rastatter
Judge Advocate	VACANT
Historian	Mitchel Lounsberry
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

Greg White, Mark Swinton
Ron Wilhite, John Tinsley
Les Saunders

Legion Riders

Director: John Tinsley

Auxiliary Officers

President	Virna Luke
1st Vice President	Liz Hill
2nd Vice President	Denise Strickland
Secretary	Suzanne Lamonica
Treasurer	Alison McCann
Chaplain	Diane Conrad
Historian	Annie Anderson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Kathy Deem
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	TracyLynn Jenkins
Membership	Suzanne Lamonica

Auxiliary Executive Committee

Fatima Bartelt, Nicole Thigpen

Sharon Harville

Club Manager Liz Hill

Legion First Vice Vibes

The 2022 cards are here and you can pay your dues now. [Please Note:](#) We cannot accept credit card payments as Department will not 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.

National went to a new system on April 1st. If you have trouble renewing online, you may need to establish a myLegion account which you can create 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 go to your account in myLegion.org, search for PUFL offer.

2022 dues are \$40 for ages 59 and younger (\$35 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 only get discounted rates by paying \$32 or \$35 utilizing the renewal notice.

Clarence Hill

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S PROSE

An Amazing Volunteer: Offers their gift of time. Inspires hopes & dreams. Enjoys helping others. Encourages Teamwork. Is Selfless, Generous and Kind Extends a Helping Hand and Makes a Difference. Applause to our volunteers and supporters of our recent Auxiliary steak nights: Annie, Patricia, Bob (Legion), Tammy, Thomas (Legion), Denny (Legion), Phyllis, Denise and Patty. Huge thanks to all that donated food and cakes for our International Dinner. Thank you to Liz, TracyLyn and Denise for coordinating the food, cake walk and clean up. We had a nice evening of good food, cake walk fun and dancing with music and video shows by DJ JAXCIN.

Our happenings: steak nights are Oct 1 and 15, from 5pm-8pm. **Oktoberfest Dinner is on Saturday, Oct 2 from 5pm-7pm.** We are collecting pumpkins for the Clyde E. Lassen State Veteran's Nursing Home in St. Augustine. The pumpkins will be used for art and décor of the facility. Please bring the pumpkins to the post by Oct 2. I will take them to the Auxiliary 5th District Meeting at Post 283 (Jacksonville, Fla.) on Oct 10, join us at 2pm. **Oct 30 is our Halloween Party with Witches Brew Dinner at 5pm.** Dishes and cakes are much needed and appreciated, proceeds to benefit our Programs.

MEMBERSHIP: Thank you to those that have renewed and welcome to our new members. If you have not renewed, please do so before Veterans Day, you will get your Early Bird dinner. Dues are \$28, \$30 after Veterans Day, \$25 for over 60, and \$5 for Juniors. See Suzanne LaMonica (Membership Chairman) to pick up your card, questions? Send an email to Suzanne at suzlamonica@comcast.net. All year round, we collect manufacturer coupons for overseas and military families at Ronald McDonald House, toiletries for those in need, and school supplies for children in our community. I look forward to seeing you at our General Meeting on Monday, Oct 11 at 8pm. We need your ideas for events & fundraising, and support. For God and Country,

Virna Luke, Socialalr5thFl@gmail.com, 817-791-3583

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 awarded

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

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 meal nights) are volunteers who depend on tips. Please remember to tip them.

Monday Bingo is at 6:30 and has a progressive lucky ball jackpot. **The Riders serve a variety of different items, 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 race day Sundays and official NFL clothing on Sunday game days and get drink specials during the seasons.

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

Well Oktober is upon us, do you feel the crisp in the air yet, wait a few more months, but at least we can celebrate Oktober fest with a decent beer. First and foremost I want to thank Denny Luke for organizing a successful event for the MIA/POW Memorial dedication, if future rides go like this it will definitely show the community that The American Legion does care. I hope the riders are up for another good **ZOMBIE run** this year, remember it takes all of us to make it a success. As always I want to thank all of the Monday night volunteers for their time and efforts, as has been said before they need a break, so if you have a secret recipe that you want to try out step up and pick a night. We do have **steak night on the 29th** and of course your help is needed and appreciated. Our next meeting is on October 2nd at 0900 with the E board meeting at 0830. And yes there will be a ride after the meeting to some greasy spoon somewhere.

John Tinsley

2nd Vice Reverbs

Looking forward to a productive and entertaining 2021-2022.

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

Al Yardley

Service Officer

Paul Rastatter

History Tidbit

Did you know? The American Legion has a proud tradition of supporting our nation's youth. The organization was founded on that principle in 1919 when Children & Youth was declared one of the 4 pillars. In the years since, a number of youth-oriented programs have been developed including, but not limited to: baseball, boys & girls state/nation, junior shooting sports, scholarships and the oratorical contest. Sponsoring boy and girl scout troops was adopted at the first National Convention in 1919. The Americanism Commission's Children & Youth Committee is the center of the Legion's youth-supported efforts. The Committee meets annually to formulate, recommend & implement plans, programs and activities designed to: assure care and protection for the children of veterans, improve conditions for all children with due concern for maintaining the integrity of the family home, prevent social and physical ills of children where possible utilizing services of and cooperating with sound organizations and agencies for children and maintaining a balanced program that provides for their physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual needs. Will you read about this history and be a part of it? Links to these and other programs are available on The American Legion website legion.org.

Mitchell Lounsberry

Two New VA Mortgage COVID Relief Programs

These programs are designed to help VA guaranteed home loan holders bring their mortgages current and resume making regular payments to avoid foreclosure. They are offered as a last resort and under limited circumstances. Requirements for both programs: must currently live in the property; must have been up to date, or less than 30 days overdue, on mortgage payments as of 3/1/2020; must have missed at least one payment after that date; must have entered into a forbearance agreement with the lender; must have recovered from any COVID-related financial hardship and cannot be delinquent on more than 30% of the property's appraised value. The VA Partial Claim Payment

Sons of The American Legion

The 2022 cards are available. Please pay your dues and be an Early Bird. Thank you to the September 10th steak team. Our steak night is the 8th 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 2nd at 1030. All are invited to attend. This is your SAL, so please attend the meeting and help make this year the best it can be.

David Keasler

Program runs until 10/28/2022. Under this program, the VA will make any overdue mortgage payments to the lender and then create a second mortgage on the property. The second mortgage is interest free, and no payments are due until the veteran sells the home or pays off the original mortgage. At that time the borrower must repay the VA any money received before they own the house free and clear. The Refund Modification Program can give borrowers up to 20% reduction in their monthly mortgage payments. Again, the VA makes any overdue payments to the lender and creates a second mortgage. The lender is encouraged to modify the original mortgage by adding up to 10 years to the repayment schedule making it easier for the veteran to resume making payments Contact your lender or a VA loan technician at 877-827-3702 for more details.

New Wave of Scammers

The VA and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) are warning consumers of a new scam targeting Vets with VA guaranteed home loans. The scammers usually pretend to be affiliated with the government or a mortgage company and attempt to scam Veterans out of money by some new and novel methods, along with some techniques that have been around for years, albeit with either a new COVID-19 related twist or new technology that makes it easier for scammers to conceal their identity. The scammers try to get Vets to refinance their homes, agree to loan modifications, start sending their mortgage payments to a new address, try to convince Vets that their homes are facing foreclosure or that they owe late fees. Vets have reported phone calls that appear to come from the local VA office, with the caller telling the Vet their mortgage has been transferred to a new servicer. As a result of this supposed transfer, the Vet now owes months worth of mortgage payments. To avoid foreclosure, the Vet is told they must make several hundreds or thousands of dollars worth of back payments to the new mortgage holder at a new address usually through money orders or gift cards. These methods of payment cannot be traced. Other calls or letters promise unusually low interest rates for refinancing a mortgage, but require the Vet to pay several fees upfront before receiving any services. Once the Vet pays the fees, the "mortgage company" either denies the application or ceases communications with the Vet. Other new scams cite existing federal mortgage assistance programs related to COVID-19 financial relief initiatives. The scammers tell the homeowners that the Vet either must turn over the title of their property or sign confusing paperwork without reviewing it, claiming the relief programs are about to end and things must be done quickly. As usual, the scammers play upon fear and confusion and rapidly disappear once they get what they seek—your money. The CFPB warns that if you suspect a scam, you should first contact the VA or your mortgage lender to determine whether the offer is real. If it is not, you should cease all communications with the scammer and contact your State Attorney General's Office and the FTC so they can bring the bad actors to justice.



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October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
RUM		Lunch is served 11:00—1:00 Mon—Fri	NEED LUNCH WORKERS		1 Chef Salad Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:15 Queen of Hearts 8	2 Riders Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030 Aux Oktoberfest Dinner 5-7 PM
3 Firefighter's Memorial Day VODKA	4 Hamburger Steak Bingo 6:30-8:30 House Com 7 PM Men's Night Riders Food	5 Lasagna Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	6 Smothered Pork Chop Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	7 Baked Ziti Bingo 2:00—4:-00 Luck of Draw Darts	8 Chili & Grilled Cheese Sandwich SAL Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:15 Queen of Hearts 8	9
10 GIN 5th District 2 PM Arlington 283 Titans 1 PM	11 Columbus Day Chicken & Dumplings Bingo 6:30-8:30 Men's Night Mtg Night 8 PM Riders Food	12 Philly Cheesesteak Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	13 Navy B-Day Baked Ham Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	14 Meatball Sub Bingo 2:00—4:-00 Luck of Draw Darts	15 Southwest Chicken Wrap Aux Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:15 Queen of Hearts 8	16
17 BOURBON Maintenance Day 10:00 AM Dolphins 9:30 AM London	18 Fried Chicken Bingo 6:30-8:30 Men's Night Riders Food	19 Chicken or Steak Chef Salad Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	20 Peppered Steak Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	21 BLT Bingo 2:00—4:-00 Luck of Draw Darts	22 Bean Soup Ham or Egg Salad Sandwich Legion Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:15 Queen of Hearts 8	23
24 SCOTCH Bye Week	25 Beef Stew Bingo 6:30-8:30 Men's Night Riders Food	26 Spaghetti w/Meat or Clam Sauce Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	27 Navy Day Chicken Noode Soup Chicken Salad Croissant Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	28 Pulled Pork Sandwich Bingo 2:00—4:-00 Luck of Draw Darts	29 Tuna Melt Riders Steaks Steak Bingo 6:15 Queen of Hearts 8	30 Aux Witches Brew Dinner 5pm
31 WHISKEY Halloween @ Seahawks 4:05						