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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,

Are you ready for Thanksgiving? I hope so because it's upon us once again. This year I ask that you stop and think of all you have to be thankful for. I also ask that you consider showing those that who have not had the best of year some empathy. Invite them over for dinner or just spend some time with them. Normally for Thanksgiving and Christmas we have an opportunity to host an unaccompanied sailor for dinner. Due to the COVID restrictions put in place this year the program has been suspended. However, the Mayport USO is collecting food items to be donated to military families. So, when you are out buying your Thanksgiving turkey or ham pick up another one to give to the USO. Their address is, 2560 Mayport Road and can be reached at, 904-246-3481.

I personally want to thank all those that do and have helped out at our Post. I especially want to thank Mr. William Van Patten. If anyone has ever dropped in the Post on a Sunday afternoon you probably had an opportunity to sample some of his deliciousness. He does this because he enjoys seeing people happy and to help our Post. On 17 October when the Jags were playing in London he volunteered to come in and cook breakfast if we would open the Post so our Jag Fans could gather and watch the game together. We did and it was a big success! What a lot of you may not realize is Mr. Van Patten is not a member of Post 316. He is here on temporary assignment from his company but still volunteers his time energy and money. Thanks Bill, you are an individual for our members to emulate!

There is one more thing I would like to mention pertaining to kitchen volunteers. At our General Assembly meeting in October, which most of you were not present for, a member brought up the fact that "all" kitchen workers on Steak Night should be afforded the same privileges, for the same effort and responsibilities. A Motion was made and carried to grant all Legon family members who are part of the cook team the same drink privilege as Legionaries. From this point going forward if you are part of an "Event" Kitchen Team, you are entitled to 4 complimentary well drinks up to a total of 16 for your team. No chips will be issued and all complimentary drinks must be consumed on the day/night of the event. If you are not a Legionnaire and benefit from this change in policy, thank the 10 Legionnaires who showed up to make a quorum. I wonder what else we could accomplish for the good of our Post and members if our meeting room was packed on meeting nights?

Have you received your 2022 membership card yet? If not have you paid your 2022 dues? If not, why not? Come on out to a Steak Night, Bingo days, Dart night or just stop in as you're passing by and drop off your dues. Remember if you come into the Post and renew. If you do prior to Veterans Day (11 Nov) you are entitled to a discount and you will be eligible for the complimentary **Early Bird Dinner**.

Speaking of Veterans Day, if not working or out of town, I hope to see you at the BVMP for the Veterans Day Ceremony. Remember Monday 8 November at 8:00 PM is our General Assembly meeting and Sunday 21 November at 10:00 AM is our Post maintenance/clean-up day. I hope to see you at each. Regards,

Denny Luke

Executive Committee and General Assembly

Approved \$4,050 Boys State Delegate Registration Fee for 9 Boys
Approved up to \$12, 152 for a new Pull Tab Machine
Approved up to \$200 for power supplies to fix the cameras
Approved up to \$512 for 8 additional cameras to increase coverage
Approved \$300 for Department Holiday Raffle Tickets
Approved \$495 for Wreaths Across America at JNC
Approved buying a new grill for steak nights

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

New: Jason Capitain, Mark Stephens
Transfers: Mark Frank, Teresa Frank
Taps: Ed (Smitty) Smith

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	B. W. Pete Wait, III 10/23
Lance H. Davison 4/25	Eddie George 1/27

TOYS 4 TOTS

This year's donation period ends at noon on December 13. The bin is under the guest sign in book. Please bring in new and unwrapped toys. For each toy donated, you get one free card for the first jack-pot bingo game on each bingo day.

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.**

Early Bird Dinner

This year's free dinner for all who have paid their dues by Veterans Day will be held on **Saturday, November 13th from 4—6 PM.**

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. We made the 50% goal date in September-thank you. 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. Please see the Membership Update on page 3. You can create an account by visiting 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

November is the time to be thankful, and to embrace those who enrich our lives. Huge THANKS to our wonderful volunteers and supporters of our recent Auxiliary steak nights: Tammy, Thomas (Legion), Liz, Kadence (junior) and Bill (Legion). Shout out to Annie and Suzanne for the delicious authentic German Dinner prepared for our annual Oktoberfest Dinner. We delivered our pumpkins to the 5th District Auxiliary meeting at Post 283. The pumpkins will be used to decorate the Clyde E. Lassen State Veteran's Nursing home in St. Augustine.

Auxiliary Steak Nights are the first and third Friday of the month, from 5-8 pm. If you want to volunteer on the grill, fryer, take orders, plate, clean up? Contact Denise Strickland (2nd Vice) at dndfishing@aol.com. Currently we need a steak team for Nov 19, Dec 3, 17. Upcoming: Department Conference Nov 5-7 in Orlando. Auxiliary Steak Nights on the 5th and 19th. Unit 316 **General Meeting is Monday the 8th at 8 pm.** Veterans Day Service (Nov 11) at the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park (next to our post), it will start at 9 am. 5th District Auxiliary Meeting will be on Sunday the 14th at American Legion Post 202 (7441 State Rd 21, Keystone Heights, the meeting starts at 2 pm.

Are you a knitter, crocheter, or sewer? **We are making afghans, quilts, and bears for Camp Boggy Creek** (camp to enrich the lives of children with serious illnesses and their families). Afghans: crocheted or knitted with bright cheerful colors and should be 35-40 inches wide by 40-50 inches long. Quilts for beds: use cotton or flannelette and should be 60 inches by 80 inches. Machine washable and lightweight. Decorative quilts: no larger than 7 feet by 10 feet. To see pattern for the bears, go to boggycreek.org/volunteers/ongoing-opportunities.

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.

I wish you a blessed and safe Thanksgiving. Remember our military and their families and thank them for their service and commitment to our great nation. 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 6:15 PM by the 40 & 8

Friday-Queen of Hearts drawing 8:00

A huge thank you to Bill Van Patten for the excellent breakfast he served

for the Jaguars game in London. It was absolutely delicious.

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 6:15 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

First I want to thank ALL who participated in our ZOMBIE ride. I hope everyone had a good ride. October was great for getting out there to support the other chapters hosting events. I hope you participated. Remember, our Chapter is nothing without the participation of the members, thank you to those that do. As a reminder our Christmas Party will be on December 11 at the Post starting at 6 pm, same format as always remember to bring an inexpensive gift if you want to participate in the White Elephant. Additionally we have been asked to man the Flag line for Veterans Day ceremony at the Beaches Veterans park, yes that's the one outside the Post door, be there at 8:30 am. Hope to see you at our next meeting on November 6th at 9 am.

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

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 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.

VA's Debt Management Center (DMC)

The DMC resumed sending debt notification letters on October 1. If you owe money to VA for an overpayment related to VBA benefits, here is what you need to know. VA automatically deferred collection on VBA benefit debts created on or after April 6, 2020, through September 30, 2021, to provide relief from the COVID-19 pandemic. Most VBA benefit debts are collected by the DMC, including debts for benefits, like compensation, pension and education. If VBA created a debt for you while collection was deferred, you likely received informational letters from DMC letting you know your debt existed, but you didn't need to act until after September 30 unless you chose to do so. For more information on resumption of debt collection, <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/95184/debt-management-center-what-you-need-to-know-about-vba-debts-relief/>.

Sons of The American Legion

The 2022 cards are available. Please pay your dues and be an Early Bird. The Early Bird Dinner will be on the 13th from 4:00—6:00. Thank you to the October 8th steak team. Our steak night is the 12th this month.

If you received an invitation from National to become a Legion PUFL, it was sent in error by the new system. Disregard it.

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. 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

2021 Membership Update

The National Commander has announced a new membership engagement initiative for members who last paid in 2020 to give them the ability to continue their continuous years. Example: if an expired 2020 member had 5 continuous years prior to letting their member-ship lapse, and they pay for 2022, their continuous years would be 6. If dues are paid for both 2021 and 2022, their continuous years would be 7.

Renewing online: Legion members can register a MyLegion account at MyLegion.org with the email address on your membership record at National. It is important that you have provided an email address to National prior to registering this account. When your renewal is due and you have an account, a "Renew Now" button appears at the top right-hand page. Click on this button and the amount due is displayed in "My Order Balance." Select "Pay Now" or "Renew Now" to proceed and renew by credit card. You can also save your credit card for auto renewals which will be charged by the second week in July annually as the membership year runs July 1 to June 30. To set up auto renewal: 1. Click Membership Details under the MEMBERSHIP tab on the left-hand side of the page. 2. Click the box that says "I want to auto renew my membership each year" under your current membership status. 3. Enter credit card information and click "Add new card." 4. Click "Save" to save your future renewals. The system also gives you an option to receive your renewal notice by email. Legion members with dues paid can print their current membership card found under the MEMBERSHIP tab. If a dual member, the SAL card can also be printed if SAL dues are current. Your MyLegion account allows you to manage your Legion information, and if a dual member, manage your SAL information.

Florida Legion College

The Department of Florida American Legion College will be held at Department Headquarters in Orlando December 16-19. Applications are available at the Post. A \$200 registration fee for rooms, course material and lunches must accompany the application. Housing will be at the Hilton Orlando-Altamonte Springs. It is recommended that students share a room as single rooms require an additional \$150 fee. Students are responsible for any additional charges to the room (phone calls, internet service, room service, etc.). Personal laptops may be used in class and for any assignment completed outside the classroom. The course is dedicated to improving leadership skills and developing future leaders of The American Legion. Application deadline is November 19.



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November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WHISKEY	1 Chicken Fried Steak Bingo 6:30—8:30 House Com 7 PM Men's Night 7 pm Riders' Food	2 Election Day Lasagna Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	3 Chicken Salad Wrap Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	4 Veggie Soup Sandwich Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	5 Chef Salad Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:15 Queen of Hearts 8 DJ Mitch	6 Riders Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030
7 DST Ends WINE Bills 1 PM	8 Shepherd's Pie Bingo 6:30—8:30 Men's Night 7 pm Mtg Night 8 PM Riders' Food	9 Chicken or Veal Parmesan Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	10 USMC B-Day Cheeseburger Casserole Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	11 Veterans Day NO LUNCH Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	12 SAL Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:15 Queen of Hearts 8 A1A Band	13 National Guard B-Day Early Bird Din- ner 4:00—6:00
14 BEER 5th District 2 PM Keystone Hts 202 @ Colts 1 PM	15 Turkey Dinner Bingo 6:30—8:30 Men's Night 7 pm Riders' Food	16 Spaghetti w/ Meatballs or Italian Sausage Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	17 Stuffed Peppers Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	18 Patty Melts Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	19 White Chili Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:15 Queen of Hearts 8 Doug Bracey	20 SUBVETS 1100 Doug Bracey
21 RUM Maintenance Day 10:00 AM 49ers 1 PM	22 Liver or Meatloaf Bingo 6:30—8:30 Men's Night 7 pm Riders' Food	23 Chicken Enchilada Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night	24 Burgers & FF Ladies' Night Pass the Trash	25 Thanksgiving NO LUNCH Luck of Draw Darts	26 Black Friday Potato Soup Grilled Cheese Legion Steaks Steak Bingo 6:15 Queen of Hearts 8	27
28 VODKA Falcons 1 PM	29 Cyber Monday Ribs Bingo 6:30—8:30 Men's Night 7 pm Riders' Food	30 Giving Tuesday Philly Cheese Steak Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night		Lunch is served 11:00—1:00 Mon—Fri	NEED LUNCH WORKERS	