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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, I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

I have just one thing to say, "Yes Virginia there is a Santa!" If you remember last month, I said if I could sit on Santa's lap I would wish for a nice blue paint job on a fully illuminated building. For those of you that have visited our Post during the day light hours you have noticed our building is now mostly blue in color. Those who have visited at night should have noticed all the exterior lights are burning bright at night and off during the day. We are currently awaiting parts for our Post sign and hopefully soon it too will be shining bright. Likewise some of you may have noticed a few little repairs happening at our Post. It is our intention to keep moving forward with repairs and clean-up in this upcoming year. Please consider joining us on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:00 AM and lending a hand to help with clean up and repairs.

I want to give Joey Perez a big Bravo Zulu for installing the doors going into our back hall. I also want to thank Liz and her silver tongue for talking the navy Chief Selectees into painting the remaining Post exterior walls. I cannot express how pleased I am to drive down Atlantic BLVD and seeing our nice blue building! I also want to thank those who have stopped in on Post maintenance/clean up day and helped. Together we can make our Post great again! My hat is off to Greg White who organized a terrific Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Golf Tournament and those who helped with breakfast, ticket sales, transportation, etc. The proceeds from the event went to our Children & Youth programs. The tournament raised enough money to send 7 boys to Boys State. Additionally the Sons and the Riders then donated enough money to send 1 boy and 1 girl each to Boys and Girls State. What a fabulous way to end the year.

Those who have not renewed their 2022 membership will be turned away until such time you fulfill your membership requirement. Remember you can make payment online or in person. Let us get our 100% renewal out of the way so we can focus on other things! We still need more participation in our General Assembly meetings. It does little good to tell me what you want changed when I am in the canteen. The place to make your voice heard is at "your" General Assembly meeting. Remember as Commander I cannot make a motion or vote on a motion. That is a privilege reserved for you, the membership. So please attend our monthly meeting held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 8:00 PM.

I also have a request; I need an Adjutant and a Judge Advocate. I especially need an Adjutant, one who will fully fulfill the duties of Post Adjutant. If that person is you, please make yourself available for this very important Post officer position.

Respectfully,
Denny Luke

Executive Committee and General Assembly

Approved up to \$2,000 for needed minor repairs
Approved \$200 for Riding into History-K-9 for Warriors
Approved up to \$1,000 for new computer for the front office
Approved Staff Christmas bonuses at the same level as last year

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

New: Michael Cudworth, Hugh Nolan, Duane Swift, Charles Upchurch
Transfers: David Fletcher, Wyatt Frank, Christopher Gilbert, Thomas McLaughlin, Davide Seifrit, Dan Turner, Lawrence Wolfson

Taps: Albert F. Wagner, Jr.

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

Membership Card Check

The bartenders will be conducting a 100% membership card check this month to remind you that if you have not paid your dues for 2022, you cannot be served or signed in as **your 2021 card expired December 31st.** Also, February will be your last newsletter if you have not renewed for 2022. Please remember that you cannot pay your 2022 dues by credit card as we cannot process them.

Drink Prices

There will be an increase in the price of drinks beginning Jan 1st.

Korean War Memorial

The Semper Fidelis Society and Vets4Vets are proud to announce a dedication ceremony of the Korean War Veterans Memorial at the Jacksonville Veterans Cemetery at 4083 Lanie Road on Saturday, February 5th at 1100. The Memorial is dedicated in memory of all those who fought and served in and during the Korean War. More info can be found at jsfs.usmc@gmail.com.

New Jacksonville VA Outpatient Clinic

A virtual groundbreaking ceremony was held on December 15 to commemorate the construction of a new VA outpatient clinic being build at 145 Heron Bay Rd. It will be co-located with a brand new domiciliary which will provide an additional 30 beds of residential treatment capacity. This outpatient clinic will replace the VA Southpoint and Jacksonville University sites. The Jefferson Street Clinic will continue to remain open.

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	VACANT
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

Please pay your 2022 dues now. The **2021 cards expired 12/31/21**. [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, \$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

I pray that 2022 brings you and yours blessings of love, happiness and peace of mind. I want to share my appreciation for Liz, always going above and beyond for our Veterans and Community. During November and December, Liz coordinated/delivered meal baskets (gifts for children) for families in our community.

Volunteers! We love them, for steak teams, we had Denise, Torrie, TracyLynn, Al (Legion), Mitch (Legion) and Denny (Legion). Fatima, Cathy and Cali (Junior) volunteered their time at the Golf Tournament hosted by our Legion on Dec. 4. Did you see the beautiful Christmas decorations? Please give thanks to Nicole, Fatima and Denny. Speaking of our family, I want to give a huge thanks to Director John Tinsley and Riders and Commander David Keasler and Sons for their donation of \$800 in total to Unit 316 for Girls State. For another year, Nicole coordinated and helped collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House, Josh R. stopped by Post 316 to pick them up on Dec. 11. I appreciate the members that were able to attend the Auxiliary Christmas Party on Dec. 18, we had a wonderful time, great food, and enjoyed the gift exchange. Auxiliary steak nights are the first and third Fridays of the month from 5pm-8pm. If you want to volunteer on the grill, fryer, take orders, plate, clean up? Contact Denise Strickland (2nd Vice) at dndfishing@aol.com.

UPCOMING: I look forward to seeing you at our NYE party and/or breakfast on Jan 1! Auxiliary steak nights are Jan 7 and 21. Fifth District Auxiliary meeting is on Sunday, Jan 9 at American Legion Post 401 (37405 Henry Smith Rd, Hilliard). Monday Jan 10 is Unit 316 General Meeting at 8pm, come early for bingo and stay after the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Thank you to those that have renewed and welcome to our new members. Dues are \$30, \$25 for over 60 and \$5 for Juniors. Contact Suzanne LaMonica (Membership Chairman) with any questions or concerns, email at suzlamonica@comcast.net. 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
Bartenders will continue checking all cards this month as the 2021 cards are expired. You must have a 2022 card to be served.

There will be an increase in the price of drinks beginning January 1st.

If you know of any family needing help with food, please let Liz know. Thank you for all your support in 2021.

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 2022 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 based 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 NFL clothing on Sunday game days and get drink specials.

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, thank you to all who supported our Chapter and Post through the past year, a lot occurred but in a blink of an eye, we are into the New Year. I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season, now it's time to continue with what we have been doing and doing it better! Our first meeting has been rescheduled to the second Saturday of January on the 8th at 09:00. Hope to see you all there.

John Tinsley

2nd Vice Reverbs

Please remember those deployed service members and their families.

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 215-906-5168

History Tidbit

Did you know that on December 15th, 1943, Past National Commander Harry W. Colmery started to write in longhand, on Mayflower Hotel stationary in Washington, D.C., the first draft of what would later become the "GI Bill of Rights"—considered the Legion's single greatest legislative achievement. On June 22nd, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the original GI Bill, officially called the Serviceman's Readjustment Act, ushering in monumental changes to U. S. society. Higher education becomes democratized after 8 million veterans go to school on the GI Bill. They also get better jobs, buy houses in the suburbs and raise families.

Mitchell Lounsberry

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events

The Atlantic Beach Police Dept. will be conducting this clinic on Saturday, January 8th from 9 AM to Noon at the Community Presbyterian Church at 150 Sherry Dr. in Atlantic Beach. Enrollment is free must you must register at the Atlantic Beach Police Dept. on Seminole Rd or call 904-247-5859, Space is limited.

Homeless Veterans Stand Down

The City will be holding a two-day event on January 28-29 at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds, 510 Fairgrounds Place. Day 1 will have a job fair and support services from 10 AM to 2 PM consisting of employment services, medical services and shelter & housing. Day 2 will have the Stand down from 9 AM to 2 PM consisting of VA services, food & clothing, hygiene kits, dental services and the vet center services. For more info, call 904-255-5550.

Mortgage and Rental Relief Programs

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP): "Eligible household" must include one or more individuals who are obligated to pay rent on a residential dwelling in Duval County and **must demonstrate all 3 of these criteria:** 1. one or more individuals has either a. qualified for unemployment benefits or b. experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs or experienced other financial hard-ship due, either directly or indirectly, to COVID-19 and can attest to such in writing. 2. One or more individuals can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability, which may include a past due utility or rent notice or eviction notice, unsafe or unhealthy living conditions or any other evidence of such risk, as determined by the City. 3. The household has a household income that is not more than 80% of the area median income (AMI) for the household. Priority is provided to households that have incomes below 50% AMI or have one or more members who have been unemployed for at least 90 days. Residents can apply online with the application available at <https://www.coj.net/erap>.

Sons of The American Legion

The 2022 cards are available. Please pay your dues We have just reached 60% so renew now. The 2021 cards expired December 31st. Thank you to the December 10th steak team. Our steak night is the 14th 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 8th 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

Mortgage Relief Program (MRP): Individuals requesting assistance must be the owner and occupant of the property. Up to 6 months of delinquent mortgage payments or \$7,500, whichever is less will be provided. Payments will be made directly to the mortgage company. Federal Guidelines require qualifying families and individuals to have an income that falls below 80% of the AMI. Those interested must create a MyJax account at myjax.custhelp.com. Applicants must submit a completed application and all required documentation through their MyJax account.

AMI 80% requirements are:

Household size	Total Income
One person	\$41,900
Two people	\$47,900
Three people	\$53,900
Four people	\$59,850
Five people	\$64,650
Six people	\$69,450
Seven people	\$74,250
Eight people	\$79,050

VA is processing claims for six new presumptive conditions related to environmental exposures during military service. They are: bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, Parkinsonism associated with Agent Orange exposure, asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis (to include rhinosinusitis) associated with particulate matter exposure during military service in SW Asia/certain other areas.

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 membership 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.**



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January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day Kwanza Ends
2 WINE @ Patriots 1 PM	3 Hot Turkey Sandwich Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders food House Com 6:30 Men's Night 7PM	4 Chicken Enchilada Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night 7PM	5 Shepherd's Pie Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7PM	6 Meatball Sub Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	7 7 Potato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:15 Queen of Hearts 8	8 Riders Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030
9 BEER 5th District 2 PM Hilliard Post 401 Colts 1 PM	10 Liver or Meatloaf Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders food Men's Night 7PM Mtg Night 8 PM	11 Spaghetti w/ Meat or Clam Sauce Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night 7PM	12 Chicken and Pork Stew-Southern Brunswick Stew Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7PM	13 Garlic Chicken Thighs Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	14 Taco Soup Sandwich SAL Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:15 Queen of Hearts 8	15 SUBVETS 1100
16 RUM Maintenance Day 10:00	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Fried Chicken Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders food Men's Night 7PM	18 Philly Cheese Steak Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night 7PM	19 Lasagna Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7PM	20 Sloppy Joe Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	21 Chicken Salad Wrap Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:15 Queen of Hearts 8	22
23 VODKA	24 Stuffed Pork Chops Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders food Men's Night 7PM	25 Chicken Bruschetta Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night 7PM	26 Pepper Steak Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7PM	27 Patty Melts Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	28 Chef Salad Legion Steaks Steak Bingo 6:15 Queen of Hearts 8	29
30 GIN	31 Beef Tips Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders food Men's Night 7PM		Lunch is served 11:00—1:00 Mon—Fri	NEED LUNCH WORKERS		