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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,
By the time you read this I may or may not be your Commander. Regardless of the election outcome I want to say thank you for the honor of being your Commander these past 2 years. It was a privilege to represent you at The American Legion District meetings, Department meetings and yes at the Nation meeting. I also want to give my heartfelt thank you to all those who have supported me and what I was trying to accomplish for our Post. These past two years we made some good progress but there is still so much that needs to be done. Hopefully I or my relief will continue to make our Post great again.

Knowing this could be my last newsletter I have to write I reflected by rereading all my past newsletters. We accomplished quite a lot in these past two years despite the COVID difficulties. To name a few of the things we accomplished; there were a couple massive Post clean-ups, walk in beer cooler floor replacement, 2 reach in cooler replacements, new AC unit with enclosure built around the evaporator, new doors installed, roof leaks repaired and complete Astec roof sealing, building painted, new phone system, new pull tab machine, new curb stops, repaired outside lighting, fixed and replaced smoke eaters and most importantly obtained a complete insurance package including liability, property damage, workers comp, directors & officers, employee thief, etc. discovered our IRS Tax Exempt Form 990 had not been filed which was rectified, complied with state law by filing an Amusement Machine Certificate for our game machines. Made our Post Web Site and Facebook Page active, informational, and updated, the list goes on. Yes, we accomplished a lot however think about how much more we could have accomplished if everyone was working together!

As I read the past newsletters **the one item that stood out was the lack of membership participation.** Sadly, as I read them there were so many times, I begged members to attend our monthly meeting so we could have a quorum of only 10 out of our 800 plus members. Likewise, I begged individuals to step up and assume leadership positions as a Post officer or committee chairman. A couple members did, and I thank them for their commitment. Regardless of who your 2022-2023 Commander is I implore you to become active in our Post. Attend meetings and assume the responsibility of membership. I heard many times, why should I waste my time, nothing will ever change around here. That is a very true statement if membership does not take ownership of their Post. If you want change, then it is your obligation to make change happen. You know the old saying, if you see something say something, if

hear something say something, **otherwise silence is acceptance!**
Denny Luke

Executive Committee and General Assembly

Approved \$250 for Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs
Approved purchasing 3 TVs and jukebox speakers for the meeting room-no cost given
Approved new computer for back office-no cost given
Approved installing phone charger ports around the bar-estimated \$300

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

New: April: David Bogan, Robert Brinkley, Nyel Evelyn, Xavier Rowser, Michael Palumbo, Ricki Sikes, Kimothy Steele, Gary Wetherhold. May: Christopher Ford, Reginald Miggins, Joh Patterson

Transfers: April: Robert Carlon. May: Thomas Croisin, Hubert Nichols, Paul Turban

Taps: George Rogers

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 8/22 In Remembrance USS Stark 2/23	Regan Askwith 4/23
Alison McCann 2/23	B. W. Pete Wait, III 10/23
Bob Shellenberger 10/23	Lance H. Davison 4/25
Lynn Murray 3/25	Eddie George 1/27
Penny Swiebel 5/26	

2022-2023 Election Results

The Post Election was held on Saturday, May 21, 2022. The results were not available in time for the Snail-mail newsletter

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 and receipts.**

THANK YOU From the Bar

Thank you for all the support you have given to the bar this year. Special thanks to Gary and Donna Wheeler for conducting the Queen of Hearts contest weekly; to Bill Van Patten for all the Sunday food he provided this past year; to our Bingo callers Joan and Suzanne; and to all our cooks-Bea, Joan, Nicole and Robin.

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	Teresa Frank
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 Willhite, 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. We are near 95% and need a final push to get to 100%. 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

Happy Day to all! May 9 we had our final nominations and election of Auxiliary Officers for the 2022-2023 term. Officers are as follows: President: Virna Luke, 1st Vice: Liz Hill, Secretary: Suzanne LaMonica, Treasurer: TracyLyn Jenkins, Chaplain: Diane Conrad, Sgt-at-Arms: Kathy Deem, Assistant Sgt-at-Arms: Tammy Knowles, Executive Committee: Brenda Sahioun, Annie Anderson and Montana Jenkins. Installation of Officers to follow in July, hope to see you there!

Thank you to our volunteers who are AWESOME: Tammy, Thomas (Legion), Brenda, Rosa, Denny (Legion), and Liz. Auxiliary steak nights are the first and third Friday 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 dndfish-ing@aol.com. If you have not received your 2022 membership card and have paid, please see the bartender, the cards are behind the bar in a box. If you need further help with membership, contact Suzanne at suzlamonica@comcast.net. Department Convention is from June 16-19 in Orlando, pics to follow. Our next meeting is Monday, June 13 at 8pm, we look forward to seeing you there, to help with planning to benefit Auxiliary programs. Please do not hesitate to call/email/text, with your questions, concerns or feedback.

For God 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 PM**

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 with 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 NASCAR clothing on Sunday race day 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.**

Liz Hill

Legion Riders

Election for Chapter Officers have been completed, all Officers remain the same. 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 and 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 4th at 09:00, 08:30 for E Board. See you there and prepare to ride to an as yet undisclosed hole in the wall for lunch. See you 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

The SAL is officially recognized at the 1932 National Convention in Portland, Or. On June 23, 1935, the first Boys State convenes in Springfield, IL. The first Boys Nation convened in 1946. Today, nearly 20K young men participate in Boys State and 98 in Boys Nation. On June 1, 1938, the first High School Oratorical Contest centered on the Constitution was held in Norman, OK. Today, more than 3,400 students compete.

Mitchell Lounsberry

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 that 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>.

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

Sons of The American Legion

Congratulations and thank you. The Squadron has reached the 104%. Thank you to the May 13th steak team. Our steak night is the 10th 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 4th at 1030. This is your SAL, so please attend the meeting. Please consider joining the team. **Elected at the May meeting were:** Commander: David Keaslor; 1st Vice-Tom Horn; 2nd Vice-Kevin Berton; Finance Officer-Clarence Hill; Chaplain-Will Olyphant and Sergeant-at-Arms-Tom Mari. The position of Historian, remains open. We need more members to get involved with SAL activities.

David Keasler

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.

VA has also extended the presumptive period for qualifying chronic disabilities resulting from undiagnosed illnesses in Persian Gulf War Veterans to Dec 31, 2026. VA presumes certain medically unexplained illnesses are related to Gulf War service without regard to cause. These include: chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, functional gastrointestinal disorders, and undiagnosed illnesses with symptoms that may include but are not limited to: abnormal weight loss, cardiovascular disease, muscle and joint pain, headache, menstrual disorders, neurological and psychological problems, skin conditions, respiratory disorders, and sleep disturbances. A wide variety of symptoms can qualify a Gulf War Veteran for presumptive service-connection. Veterans who are experiencing unexplained medical issues are encouraged to file a claim

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Funeral Assistance

FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. To be eligible, you must meet these conditions: 1. Death must have occurred in the U.S. 2. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien. 3. There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien. 4. The death certificate must attribute the death to COVID-19. If the death occurred between Jan 20 and May 16, 2020, and the death certificate doesn't attribute the death to COVID-19, you may submit a signed statement from the medical officer who certified the death certificate, or the local coroner of medical examiner, linking the cause of death to COVID-19. Expenses may include, but are not limited to: transportation to identify the deceased individual; transfer of the remains; a burial plot or cremation niche; a marker or head-stone; clergy or officiant services; cremation or interment costs. You will need to have the following information available when you contact FEMA to apply: your name, SSN, date of birth, mailing address and contact phone number; name, SSN and date of birth of the deceased individual; location or address where the individual died; documentation and receipts for funeral assistance received from other sources, including burial or funeral insurance, donations, other government programs or non-profit organization assistance; the name and above information of up to one co-applicant, if anyone besides you incurred funeral expenses for the deceased individual(s). To apply, call FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline at 844-684-6333 from 9 AM to 9 PM ET Monday to Friday. Submit documents online through DisasterAssistance.gov, or fax to 855-261-3452, or mail to: COVID-19 Funeral Assistance, PO Box 10001, Hyattsville, MD 20782.



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June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BOURBON	Lunch is served 11:00—1:00 Mon—Fri		1 Smothered Pork Chop Ladies' Night Pass the Trash 7PM	2 Baked Ziti Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	3 Bean Soup Sandwich Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30 Queen of Hearts 8	4 Riders Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030
5 SCOTCH	6 Liver or Meatloaf Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food House Com 6:30 Men's Night 7PM	7 Lasagne Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night 7PM	8 Fish or Shrimp Ladies' Night Pass the Trash 7PM	9 Hamburger Steak Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	10 Chicken Salad Wrap SAL Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30 Queen of Hearts 8	11
12 Women Vets Day WHISKEY	13 Shepherd's Pie Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM Mtg Night 8 PM	14 Flag Day US Army B-Day Chicken Enchilada Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night 7PM	15 Clam Chowder Egg or Tuna Salad Sandwich Ladies' Night Pass the Trash 7PM	16 Baked Chicken Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	17 Taco Salad Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30 Queen of Hearts 8	18 SUBVETS 1100
19 Father's Day WINE Maintenance Day 1000	20 Chicken and Dumplings Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM	21 1st Day Summer Spaghetti w/Meat- balls or Sausage Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night 7PM	22 Italian Hoagie Ladies' Night Pass the Trash 7PM	23 Chicken Soup Chicken Salad Croissant Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts	24 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Legion Steaks Steak Bingo 6:30 Queen of Hearts 8	25
26 BEER	27 Beef Tips Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM	28 Chicken or Veal Parmesan Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia Night 7PM	29 Ham or Turkey Wrap Ladies' Night Pass the Trash 7PM	30 Meatball Subs Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts		