



# Dewitt B. Tilden Memorial American Legion Post 316

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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

Hope everyone had a great Fourth of July. August is here, school will start soon and football is just around the corner. The [House Committee is off to a busy start](#) having trimmed trees and cleared our fence line. Plans are being made for fence work to include replacing the gates, putting a fence around the dumpster and removing the gates in front of it. Lots of work is being planned and lots of help will be needed. [To volunteer, let either myself or House Committee Chairman Jim Bright know.](#) Further info is on page 3.

[Neither our Executive Committee nor General Assembly had quorums](#), so work couldn't be funded, nor routine business like approving membership be completed. We did have some resignations, and are currently down to 5 officers. [We need to consider amending our Constitutional requirement of 10 for a quorum at the Executive Committee to 2/3 of the offices filled.](#) Please consider attending meetings that business can be conducted. Some Post Officers will be out of town in August, so please let 1st Vice Clarence Hill know if you can attend the meeting on the 8th.

Post Officer positions available are 2nd, 3rd and 4th Vice Commanders and Historian. Appointed positions open are Adjutant, Service Officer and Judge Advocate. Please consider stepping forward and taking part. Your help and ideas are needed. This is your Post and needs your help.

Plans are already formulating for our [annual Pearl Harbor Day Golf Tourney](#) which is held the first Saturday in December. Please consider sponsoring a hole for \$50, getting your company to sponsor a hole or forming a team and entering the tournament. Individual registration is \$70, teams are \$280.

[The first District meeting of the year will be Sunday, August 14th at 2 PM at Post 316.](#) We could use assistance with side dishes and attendance. This is a great opportunity to meet members from all over the District.

**Greg White**

## Executive Committee and General Assembly

**No quorum, No money spent**

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

**New:** No quorum

**Transfers:** No quorum

**Taps:** Larry Dean and Fred Henshaw

## 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**

**Alison McCann 2/23**

**Bob Shellenberger 10/23**

**Lynn Murray 3/25**

**Penny Swiebel 5/26**

**Regan Askwith 4/23**

**B. W. Pete Wait, III 10/23**

**Lance H. Davison 4/25**

**Eddie George 1/27**

## Membership Cards

National has greatly revised the membership program this year. No roster was provided, so we had to make our own. There are a lot of issues with what was provided, but our procedure hasn't changed. You will note changes to the renewal notice you receive from National. Please remember, the Post has no control over what National does. [Ignore the line that says "Member since 2022"](#)-it is on every renewal notice no matter how long you have been a member. Note that the card they have put on the back of the renewal notice is a sample card so it also has a 1 for continuous years. They have also removed the blanks for updating/providing your email address and phone number. If you are mailing your dues to the Post, feel free to provide that info and your war era/birthday on the back of the renewal notice. The card provides a procedure for paying online. When you do so, make sure you are paying for 2023 unless you are behind and want to catch up your years.

## Be the One Campaign

The American Legion launched this campaign to encourage American Legion Family members, servicemembers and others [to take action when they believe a veteran is at risk of suicide.](#) The National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report indicates suicide is the No. 1 issue facing veterans and 17 veterans die by suicide daily, which is more than 6,000 each year. The rate of suicide for veterans is 50% higher than that of non-veteran adults. This campaign will: destigmatize asking for mental health support creating opportunity for those with mental health issues to speak freely and get the support they need; provide peer-to-peer support and resources in local communities; and deploy FDA-approved therapeutics for veterans to identify issues and find resources for support. Those who are not veterans may have family members or friends who are veterans and may be the first to recognize signs that help is needed. This campaign encourages you to Be the One to: ask veterans in your life how they are doing; listen when a veteran needs to talk; reach out when a veteran is struggling; pledge to Be the One at [betheone.org](http://betheone.org) by signing up for email updates. If you are a veteran and are feeling stressed, The American Legion encourages you to Be the One to: talk with others about how you are feeling; ask for help when you know you need it; know there are millions of people ready to help you; remember that your family and friends care. You can access the VA resources that are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week: call 800-273-8255 and press 1, text 838255, or visit the [VA Crisis Line website](http://VA Crisis Line website).

## Purple Heart Recognition Day

A ceremony will be held at the wall downtown at 6 PM on August 5th in honor of Purple Heart Recognition Day. At the conclusion of the ceremony, those that desire may walk the Purple Heart Trail which goes from the wall to Vystar Veterans Arena.

**POST 316 IS A FREE WiFi HOTSPOT.**

### Post Officers

Commander	Greg White
1st Vice Commander	Clarence Hill
2nd Vice Commander	<b>VACANT</b>
3rd Vice Commander	<b>VACANT</b>
4th Vice Commander	<b>VACANT</b>
Finance Officer	Randy Casey
Adjutant	<b>VACANT</b>
Chaplain	Joe Nolan
Service Officer	<b>VACANT</b>
Judge Advocate	<b>VACANT</b>
Historian	<b>VACANT</b>
Sergeant-at-Arms	Al Yardley

### House Committee

Chairman: Jim Bright

### SAL Officers

Commander	David Keasler
Adjutant	Clarence Hill
1st Vice	Tom Horn
2nd Vice	Kevin Berton
Finance Officer	Clarence Hill
Chaplain	Will Oliphant
Historian	<b>VACANT</b>
Sergeant-at-Arms	Tom Mari

### Executive Board

John Tinsley, Thomas Root  
Jim Bright, Steve Bartelt  
Les Saunders

### Legion Riders

Director: John Tinsley

### Auxiliary Officers

President	Virna Luke
1st Vice President	Liz Hill
2nd Vice President	<b>VACANT</b>
Secretary	Suzanne Lamonica
Treasurer	TracyLynn Jenkins
Chaplain	Diane Conrad
Historian	<b>VACANT</b>
Sergeant-at-Arms	Kathy Deem
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Tammy Knowles
Membership	Suzanne Lamonica

### Auxiliary Executive Committee

Brenda Sahioun, Annie Anderson  
Montana Jenkins

Club Manager Liz Hill

## **Legion First Vice Vibes**

Due to a paper shortage, the PUFL membership cards have not been printed. Expect them to be printed later this month. The rest of the 2023 cards are now available. Please see the note on the front page about the renewal notice. If you did not get a 3-year card and think you should have, please let me know. [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.

**National went to a new system on April 1st. You can create an account by visiting [legion.org/renew](http://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.** See Page 3.

**2023 dues are \$40 for ages 59 and younger (\$35 for Early Bird 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**

Looking forward to another fantastic new term! I appreciate the Officers that served the last term, and those that have stepped up for the new term. **We still need a 2nd Vice** (coordinates steak nights/events) **and Historian** (provides a historical narrative of the happenings and success for this new term). **We also have Program Chairmen positions**, come to our meeting to learn more. Auxiliary membership cards are in! Dues are: \$30 for under 60, but Early Bird is \$28 if paid before November 11; \$25 for over 60 and \$5 for Juniors. Dues can be mailed in or dropped off in the Auxiliary box at the post (next to the front door); for administrative purposes, please write your name, member-ship number and call back number on the envelope. Contact Suzanne Lamonica (Membership Chairman) to pick up your card and with any questions you may have related to membership. Email to Suzanne at [suxlamonica@comcast.net](mailto:suxlamonica@comcast.net).

**Auxiliary steak nights are Friday the 5th and 19th from 5pm to 8pm.** At this time, we have no volunteers for either. Please contact me if you're available to help. We continue to collect manufacturer coupons for overseas and military families (up to two months past expiration date). Collect pull pop tabs to help families at Ronald McDonald House. **The first District meeting of the new term is Sunday the 14th at our Post, starting at 2pm.** Please join us, it is a great opportunity to meet other Auxiliary members, listen to reports and socialize. The Department theme for this new term is C.O.L.O.R. (Continue Our Legacy Of Respect), wear colorful attire! After the district meeting, we will have food. Our next Unit 316 General Meeting is Monday the 8th at 8pm. Please attend, we need your support! 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 **Tap Trivia** 7 PM  
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** volunteers needed

**The 5th District meeting will be held at Post 316 on Sunday, August 14th at 2 PM. Please help us host this meeting by bringing side dishes and attending the meeting.**

**If you know of any family needing help with food, please let Liz know. Thank you for all your support in 2022.**

**Lost & Found.** If you are missing any item, like jackets, 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

Now that the installations are complete it's time to move on with our upcoming year. Thank you to all who participated in the Raffle, drawing, and congratulations to the winner. The Zombie Run is scheduled for October the 29th, route is being planned and not firm yet, as before two (2) face painters will be available. There are some runs coming up in the following months, hopefully it will cool down to make them more enjoyable. Once again many thanks to the volunteers in the kitchen cooking and serving, and yes we could always use more volunteers. Our next meeting is on August 6th, be prepared to ride to Astor Florida for lunch along the St. Johns River after the meeting. Our meeting is at 0900 with an E-board at 0830. Ride safe, ride often.

**John Tinsley**

## 2nd Vice Reverbs

Please remember those deployed service members and their families.  
**VACANT**

## 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

House Committee meetings this year will be on the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. Maintenance days will rotate between inside work on the 3rd Sundays at 10 AM and outside work on the 3rd Saturdays at 10 AM. August 21st will be inside work, September 17th outside work, October 16th inside work, November 19th outside work, December 18th inside work, etc.

Future work includes installing 4—4X4 gates at either end of the road through the back yard, installing a fence on 3 sides of the dumpster pad and removing the gates from in front of it. Any and all help is welcome. Please let me or the Commander know, or leave a note in the Commander's box. Or just show up and lend a hand.

**Jim Bright**

## Service Officer

**VACANT**

## History Tidbit

1960s: The Legion has been voicing great concern over the fate of prisoners of war in Vietnam. September 1, 1966, the Legion urges a full accounting of all POWs and troops missing in action, and has formed a special group from among the nation's major veterans organizations to continue pressing for further resolution of this issue.

August 24, 1969, the Legion's National Executive Committee establishes the National Emergency Fund (NEF) as a result of the effects of Hurricane Camille. The fund is available for both individuals and Posts.

**VACANT**

## TRICARE Hoax

A viral social media post promises free baby formula is inaccurate. Alerts have been posted on all TRICARE.mil websites. TRICARE covers formulas and vitamins for enrollees with metabolic disorders, but doesn't cover regular baby formula for otherwise healthy infants, and doesn't ship baby formula to beneficiaries. Parents with children who have a medical need for specialized formulas should work with their pediatrician, primary care manager, or specialist if they can't get the formula they need. Officials are concerned that scammers are preying on parents desperately seeking formula for their infants.

## Online Legion Account

To register in MyLegion.org, you must have your email attached to your name in the online National roster. If it is not in your profile, the account you establish will be a non-Legion account. See 1st Vice Clarence Hill if you are not sure. To establish the account, go to mylegion.org and select "Register." Enter the email in the Register window and click next. Then follow the prompts. After you create your password, the email must be verified. The system will send you a one time password (OTP) to verify it. Once your account is established, click on "My Account" and your information will be displayed to you and you can make additions or corrections as needed. With this system, you can print your own replacement cards if you lose yours.

## Sons of The American Legion

Congratulations and thank you. The Squadron reached the 104%. Thank you to the June 10th steak team. Our steak night is the 8th this month. [The 2023 SAL Membership cards have not been printed yet due to the paper shortage.](#) When they are printed, National will mail them directly to the Post. [The dues are the same this year.](#) When they arrive, I will process the 3-year members and anyone who pays their dues now. Sorry for the delay.

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.** 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 Oliphant and Sergeant-at-Arms-Tom Mari. The position of Historian, remains open. We need more members to get involved with SAL activities.

**David Keasler**

[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 or 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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## August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SCOTCH</b>	1 Turkey Dinner Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM	2 Spaghetti w/ meatballs or Italian Sausage Bingo 2:00—4:00 Tap Trivia 7 PM	3 Shepherd's Pie Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7PM	4 Chicken Alfredo Bingo 2:00—4:00 House Com Mtg 6:30 Luck of Draw Darts 7	5 <b>Purple Heart Recognition Day</b> Soup & Salad Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30 Queen of Hearts 8	6 Riders' Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030
7 <b>Purple Heart Day WHISKEY</b>	8 Baked Ham Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM Mtg Night 8 PM	9 Philly Cheesesteak Bingo 2:00-4:00 Tap Trivia 7 PM	10 Chicken Fajita Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7PM	11 Meatball Sub Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts 7	12 White Chili Grilled Cheese SAL Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30 Queen of Hearts 8	13
14 <b>WINE</b>  5th District 2 PM Atlantic Bch 316	15 Liver or Meatloaf Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM	16 Chicken Enchilada Bingo 2:00-4:00 Tap Trivia 7 PM	17 Beef Stroganoff Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7PM	18 Patty Melt Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts 7	19 Bean Soup Ham or Egg Salad Sandwich Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30 Queen of Hearts 8	20 SUBVETS 1100
21 <b>BEER</b> Maintenance Day Inside 10 AM	22 Pork Loin Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM	23 Chicken Marsala Bingo 2:00-4:00 Tap Trivia 7 PM	24 Sloppy Joes Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7PM	25 Hamburger Steak Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts 7	26 BLTs Legion Steaks Steak Bingo 6:30 Queen of Hearts 8	27
28 <b>RUM</b>	29 Baked Chicken Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM	30 Lasagna Bingo 2:00-4:00 Tap Trivia 7 PM	31 Taco Salad Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7PM			