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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

As we enter September, I sure hope everyone can find some relief from the scorching heat. I would like to thank everyone for the mass turnout for the 5th District meeting-it was a great success, especially with the food donations and the Auxiliary's assistance with the meal. Thank you, Clarence and Liz, for your massive effort. Legion steak night will be Friday the 22nd. I will be the grill master and volunteers are welcome. The Legion currently has several officer positions vacant. If you are interested, please attend a meeting and volunteer. I would like everyone to know that our Post WiFi system is on the frizz, we are currently in the process of having a booster installed and are sorry for any inconvenience. Have a wonderful month.

Bill Knipper

Executive Committee and General Assembly

Approved \$3,700 for a Wi-Fi Booster installation
Approved \$500 to help a disabled homeless vet & his family
Approved researching a replacement cash register system

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

New: Kelveie Fore, James Standis, James Waters, Ben Wait III
Transfers: Jeanine & Roger Avant, Don Franklin, Bill Henson, Alan Nguyen, Josh Wienczkowski
Taps: Marvin Young

Booster List

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

Bob Shellenberger 10/23	B. W. Pete Wait, III 10/23
David & April Tolbert 11/23	In Remembrance USS Stark 3/24
Clarence & Liz Hill 8/23	Lynn Murray 3/25
Lance H. Davison 4/25	Penny Swiebel 5/26
Eddie George 1/27	

2024 Membership Renewal Notices

Once again, National has changed the renewal notice you receive from them. **Please remember, the Post has no control over what National does.** All of the issues on the 2023 notice like "Member since 2023" and the sample card they put on the back of the renewal notice, have been removed. The spots for updating/providing your information are now on the back of the notice. **If there are blanks on the back, please fill in the information and also provide your birth-day when you mail in your dues.**

YARD WASTE

On 5 occasions in a 2-week period, our **trash dumpster has been filled with someone's yard waste.** Please note: we have a **trash dumpster only** and a contract to remove our trash twice a week. If the **person emptying the dumpster sees yard waste, he will not empty the dumpster, it will be reported and our contract to remove trash will be jeopardized.** Our yard waste is put on the ground on 1st Street behind the Post and picked up by the city. If you can't dispose of your yard waste at home, please put it on the street behind the Post and not in the trash dumpster.

2024 Membership Cards

If you pay dues online, you will be charged our official dues rate of \$40. You can only get our senior dues rate of \$32 or early bird rate of \$35 by using the renewal notice and mailing your \$32/\$35 to the Post. **Two things are important when you pay online: make sure you are paying for 2024 unless you are behind and want to catch up your years; and do not click on the \$25 or \$30 options. If you click on one of them, the system will make you a new member starting with one year and a new membership number and put you in the headquarters Post which is Orlando 400. Post 316 will lose you as a member and get no credit for your renewal.**

Department Raffle

The Department online raffle continues. A winner will be drawn on a Friday every two weeks beginning 7/28. An early bird winner of \$1,000 will be drawn every two weeks beginning 7/21. Every Friday will have a winner. Details can be found at www.floridalegion.org/raffles. So there are two ways to win on each cycle with a winner drawn every Friday. When you purchase your tickets, **you can select Post 316 from the "Support Your Local Post" dropdown menu** when submitting your tickets. On a quarterly basis, the Post will receive 10% of the amount spent by those designating the Post. If a member who has designated Post 316 wins the 50/50, the Post will receive a \$500 bonus. You do not have to be a member to play, but you have to be in Florida-the number won't work from outside the state. **Thank you to all who have supported Post 316.**

Dart League

The sign-up list has been posted since August and we would like to start the league on September 7th or as soon as there are enough players signed up. It will be a Thursday night league starting at 7 PM. Skill and accuracy are not required. If you have any interest, please sign up.

Service Officer

The Post has been without a Service Officer for a couple of years now. Department provides mandatory training twice a year-Convention in June and Fall Conference in November. If you have an interest in serving this vital position, let the Commander know.

Veteran Suicide Prevention

USAA is looking to bring together the military and veteran communities along with corporations, researchers and philanthropy in a more privatized approach to solving the veterans suicide issue by encouraging those organizations to join the "Face the Fight Coalition." National conducted an electronic vote on Resolution 1 that permits The American Legion to join the Coalition. **Four focus areas** will be emphasized: increased safe and secure firearm storage; increased equitable access to and delivery of effective care; identify and support veterans at risk by partnering and investing in non-clinical VSOs to implement suicide prevention strategies; integrate suicide prevention resources into military and financial readiness education with veterans and caregivers.

POST 316 IS A FREE WiFi HOTSPOT.

Post Officers

Commander	Bill Knipper
1st Vice Commander	Clarence Hill
2nd Vice Commander	Bryan Canto
3rd Vice Commander	VACANT
4th Vice Commander	VACANT
Finance Officer	Randy Casey
Adjutant	Greg White
Chaplain	Joe Nolan
Service Officer	VACANT
Judge Advocate	VACANT
Historian	Shane Adcox
Sergeant-at-Arms	John Tinsley

House Committee

Chairman: Jim Bright

SAL Officers

Commander	David Keasler
Adjutant	Clarence Hill
1st Vice	Tom Horn
2nd Vice	Cody Dyal
Finance Officer	Clarence Hill
Chaplain	Will Oliphant
Historian	VACANT
Sergeant-at-Arms	Tom Mari, Jr.

Executive Board

Jim Bright, Steve Bartelt

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Legion Riders

Director: Denise Strickland

Auxiliary Officers

President	Liz Hill
1st Vice President	Annie Anderson
2nd Vice President	VACANT
Secretary	Sharon Harville
Treasurer	TracyLynn Jenkins
Chaplain	Diane Conrad
Historian	Cathy White
Sergeant-at-Arms	Kathy Deem
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Suzanne Lamonica
Membership	Nicole Thigpen

Auxiliary Executive Committee

Brenda Sahioun, **VACANT**

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Club Manager Liz Hill

Legion First Vice Vibes

The 2024 cards are at the Post and are being processed. Our dues have not changed this year and are as noted below. **Please Note: We cannot accept credit card payments as Department will not process them for us.** Please pay your dues by check, money order or come in and pay cash.

National went to a new system on April 1, 2021. You can create an account by visiting legion.org/renew and follow the steps. 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.** Page 3 has details on establishing an account.

Dues are \$40 (\$35 Early Bird dues until Veterans Day) for 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

Thanks to all who helped with our functions and brought dishes to share for our District meeting. **Volunteers are the backbone of our organization.** September steak & salmon nights are on the 1st and 15th. **In celebration of the American Legion's 104th birthday, we will serve a Pot Roast Dinner on Saturday the 16th starting at 4 PM.** Come on out and sing happy birthday to our Legionnaires and let them know we appreciate them. **On Saturday the 23rd, the Legion will be serving an Italian Dinner starting at 4 PM.**

We need more of our Auxiliary members to get involved. Please plan on attending our meeting on Monday the 11th at 8 PM. We need your support and ideas for fundraisers. **We would like to plan a trip to the VA hospital to donate books, toiletries, socks, etc.** If you would like to participate, give me a call.

Do you play darts? We have a league starting Thursday the 7th at 7 PM. No skill needed.

Your 2024 membership cards are here. Please renew early. Dues are \$40, \$38 for Early Bird, \$35 for seniors 60 and older, and \$5 for Juniors. Our meeting is Sept 11th at 8 PM. Hope to see you there.

For God and Country.

Liz Hill, lizardlassie@aol.com, 904-234-2692

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
Thursday-SAL Pizza Night
Friday-**Steak Bingo** at 6:30 PM by the 40 & 8
Friday-**Queen of Hearts** drawing 7:45 PM-**volunteers needed**

The **kitchen and storage room are off-limits and closed when meals are not being served. No one is authorized** to go in the kitchen or storage room and help themselves to anything after meal hours or to use any of the equipment. Once again, thanks to all our volunteers. **We need help repairing bar stools if anyone can volunteer.**

Trivia is in full swing on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM with a new person-join the fun.

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

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 7:45 PM. **You must be present, be a 2023 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.** We need volunteers to sell the tickets. Please see Liz if you can help.

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 logo shirts on race day Sundays or official NFL logo shirts on NFL Sundays to 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 6:30 PM every Friday steak night. Eight games are conducted-7 for steaks and 1 for road kill.

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. **Please note: The Manager will only redeem tickets Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Seats at the games are for player only. Players are restricted to playing one game at a time.**

Liz Hill

Legion Riders

Hard to believe the month of September is upon us, cooler days and nights will be here soon enough until then, get out and enjoy this great weather! Look out for all the kids headed back to school – more cars on the road means you must be extra careful! We had our first district meeting on August 13, what a turnout and amazing what we accomplished in 1 hour. Thank you to everyone who provided food!

We do not have any new members to welcome, but if you know someone who rides (or doesn't), loves to cook, and have fun, sign them up!!

Our Zombie Ride will be held on October 28. The cost is still \$20 so figure out what your zombie face should look like! More information to come!

Dates of note: Saturday, September 16 is the POW/MIA 7 Bridges Ride, registration is online and limited to the first 200 bikes, sorry only motorcycles are allowed per JSO.

<https://give.floridalegion.org/event/seven-bridges-pow-mia-remembrance-ride/e500712> Even if you cannot ride, we always need assistance with registration, 8 am at Ademac Harley Davidson on Baymeadows. There will also be a Meet & Greet at Post 283 on Friday and Dinner on Saturday.

Saturday, September 9 ALR 372 is doing their 9/11 ride.

Sunday, September 10 ALR 194 is having a Poker Run.

Saturday, September 23 ALR 283 is having its annual ride.

Friday, September 29 is ALR 316 Steak Night.

Saturday, September 30 is our ride to Cedar Key – everyone is welcome. We have a block of rooms at the Beach Front Motel, but time is limited so get yours now! Wow, I am already tired just thinking about it all!

Remember to keep track of your miles and hours – check your email for the “reporting app.” A big shoutout and thank you to:

Liz for stepping in to cook our First Monday of August – she kept everyone from having a hotdog bar and Greg White and Jim Bright (legionnaire) for stepping in at the last minute to help me cook on the 2nd Monday meeting night!! Yall Rock!!

Don't forget our next meeting is Saturday, September 2 at 9 am. Come on out fill the meeting hall and win the jackpot of the 50/50!

Denise Strickland

2nd Vice Reverbs

Please remember those deployed service members and their families.

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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

Hope everyone has enjoyed the great weather. The next outside work day is scheduled for August 19th starting at 1000. Hope to see you there.

Jim Bright

Service Officer

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History Tidbit

2019-Jan 31, TAL Temporary Financial Assistance program completes a record-breaking month of cash-grant disbursements. Of the \$1,030,163 delivered to military and veteran families, most is distributed to Coast Guard families with children at home who were affected by the 35-day federal government shutdown. **March 15-17, 2019**, TAL celebrates its 100th birthday in Paris, France, throughout the US and around the world. **June 20, 2019**, the Supreme Court rules 7-2 in favor of TAL in its case to allow a 40-foot cross-shaped memorial in Prince Georges County, MD, to stay on public property. The memorial was erected in 1925 by TAL and Gold Star Mothers to honor 49 who gave their lives fighting in WWI. The Supreme Court heard the case after the American Humanist Association filed suit to have it removed, claiming its presence on public property violated the Constitution.

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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.](#)

PACT ACT SCAMS

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Sons of The American Legion

Please renew now and be an Early Bird. **SAL members may now renew online through MyLegion.org.** Thank you to the August 11th 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 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. **Squadron Office open is Historian.** New faces and new ideas are needed, so please attend the meeting and consider taking an office. **Thursday pizza night is going well,** come out and try one and even lend a hand.

David Keasler

PACT Act-related phishing emails and calls targeting Veterans to access their PACT Act benefits or submit claims on their behalf. Find a VA accredited representative near you for help in filing a claim for free. That's why Posts have Service Officers.

PACT Act

The bipartisan Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act was signed into law 8/14/22 by President Biden. The law will allow vets to obtain disability compensation for their exposure related injuries without having to prove respiratory illnesses or cancer diagnoses were related to their service-related exposure to open-air burn pits. In the past, the VA stuck to strict scientific evidence before granting presumptive status for illnesses linked to military service, and some 70% of claims were rejected due to lack of evidence. The law will [allow the VA to provide benefits and care to vets suffering from some 23 toxic exposure-related respiratory illnesses and cancers](#)

to be phased in over the next 3 years. Vets will also see their VA medical coverage on discharge increase from 5 years to 10 years. 2017 discharged Vets will automatically be increased, while those discharged between 2014 and 2017 may apply for the increase. Vietnam Vets exposed to Agent Orange, presumptive status for monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS) goes into effect immediately, while high blood pressure benefits won't go into effect until late 2026. There is also funding for the VA to hire more people to process the increase in claims. Info is available at VA.gov/PACT or by calling 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411).

BE THE ONE Campaign

At the Spring NEC meetings this past May, the NEC passed Resolution 13: Be the One Days to provide a new method for raising awareness of the Legion's “Be the One” veteran suicide-prevention initiative. The Resolution [urges American Legion Family members and American Legion posts to set aside the first day of each month as an opportunity to reduce the stigma around mental health issues.](#) Legion Family members are urged to wear a “Be the One” item to signal their commitment to the initiative. This can be a great way to keep awareness high about this important issue all year long. Resolution 7 passed at the same Conference establishes the last Saturday in April as “American Legion Family Day” and encourages posts to open their doors to their community with the intent to educate, recruit, recognize and give back to those members that support the post and to place special emphasis on “Be the One.”

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American Legion Scam

There is an unauthorized “My Legion App” available from the Android and Apple stores. It was created by an organization identified as “Giant Killer.” Do not engage with this seller-**they do not have permission to use the Legion likeness.** The app is a scam and is charging a monthly fee. National has no plans to produce a fee-for-service app, but is actively working on a mobile app focused on helping local Posts and individual members. When it is ready, it will be announced through official Legion channels and will be identified with The American Legion as the “seller” once published to the stores.



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September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
VODKA		Lunch is served 11:00—1:00 Mon—Fri			1 Chicken Caesar Salad Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30 Queen of Hearts 8 Double Shot	2 V-J Day Riders Mtg 0900 SAL Mtg 1030
3 GIN	4 Labor Day NO LUNCH Bingo 6:30—8:30 Men's Night 7PM	5 Chicken Enchalada Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia 7 PM	6 Shepherd's Pie Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7PM	7 Nachos Supreme Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts 7 PM SAL Pizza Night	8 BLT & FF SAL Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30 Queen of Hearts 8 Doug Bracey	9 Doug Bracey
10 Grandparents Day BOURBON 5th District 2 PM Jacksonville 88 @ Colts	11 Patriot Day Baked Ham Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM Mtg Night 8 PM	12 Chicken Stuffing Bake Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia 7 PM	13 Lasagna Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7PM	14 Beef Veggie Soup & Sandwich Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts 7 PM SAL Pizza Night	15 POW Day Chef Salad Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30 Queen of Hearts 8 Blackwater	16 Legion B-Day SUBVETS 1100 Maintenance Day 1000 Pot Roast Dinner 4 PM
17 Citizenship Day SCOTCH Chiefs 1 PM	18 USAF B-Day Fried Chicken Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM	19 Mexican Beef Tips Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia 7 PM	20 Bean Soup Ham or Egg Salad Sandwich Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7PM	21 Cheese Enchilada w/Beef Gravy Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts 7 PM SAL Pizza Night	22 Autum Begins Meatball Hoagie Legion Steaks Steak Bingo 6:30 Queen of Hearts 8	23 Italian Night 4PM
24 Gold Star Mothers Day WHISKEY Texans 1 PM	25 Meatloaf Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM	26 Philly Cheesesteak Bingo 2:00—4:00 Trivia 7 PM	27 Chicken Noodle Soup/Chicken Salad Sandwich Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7PM	28 King Ranch Chicken Bingo 2:00—4:00 Luck of Draw Darts 7 PM SAL Pizza Night	29 Taco Salad Riders Steaks Steak Bingo 6:30 Queen of Hearts 8	30