

The American Legion
 Veterans Memorial Post 347
 P.O. Box 1534
 Lady Lake FL 32158-1534



FUTURE EVENTS

Team Trivia Tournament in Main Hall 7PM doors open at 6PM. \$5 per person, Max 8 to a Team
 50-50 Door Prizes Lounge opens for dinner 5-7 Pm or Legion Deep Fried Hot Dog and Fries Available.
 Call Ed Lawson 352-750-0639 for Reservations and Information.

CRUISE for 7 nights to the Eastern Caribbean from Dec 2nd to Dec 9th on Royal Caribbean's Harmony of the Seas. (Stops at Philipsburg St. Martin, San Juan Puerto Rico and Ladadee Haiti). This is a Post Fundraiser based on number of rooms sold. Included with cruise are all taxes, fees, and shuttle service to Cruise Port (with parking at Post for entire time). Bus will pick us up and return us to Post at end of Cruise. In addition package will include a Cocktail Party and \$75.00 onboard credit. Various rooms are still available. Cruise registration handled through Yankee Trails Travel at Sabal Plaza on CR 466. For information contact Julie at 352-633-4643 or Sheldon at Post 347 at 352-446-9246.

HONOR FLIGHT IS LOOKING FOR WWII and KOREAN VETERANS

If you are a WWII or Korean War veteran and have not yet gone on an Honor flight to visit the memorials in Washington, D.C. you should contact Honor Flight. You can go to their website, www.VillagesHonorFlight.org and print out an application. You may also pick up applications from the Post 347 front Office, or phone Honor Flight at [352-432-1382](tel:352-432-1382).



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Bimonthly Newsletter – July-August, 2017

Commander's Notes Al Varrone: First of all, I would like to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to be the Commander of the largest American Legion Post in the World. It is truly a great honor. Secondly, I would also like to thank Tim Tierney for being a great role model and mentor. Mike Seidel and Bob Johnson have also given me a great deal of assistance with membership over the last two years and for that I will always be grateful. I look forward to working with these gentlemen as we move forward.

The beginning of July marks the start of our new physical year. Shortly after July 1st you will be receiving your 2018 renewal notice. We urge everyone to renew before Veterans Day, November 11th to obtain "Early Bird" status.

As we begin the Summer Season, I would like to ask everyone to remain safe during all of your summer activities and celebrations. We would like to see all of you return happy and healthy in the fall.

By the time you read this, we will have already been to the Department Convention where we elect the new Department Commander and his staff. The outgoing Department Commander has been a good friend to this post and we wish him well in his future endeavors. On July 8th, we will have the installation of all the post family officers, sorry but due to a limit on the capacity of the hall; this will be an invitation only event. I am looking forward to working with all of the incoming officers and I know you will help them to achieve their goals and make this a stronger post. August 18th to the 24th the 99th American Legion National Conference will be held in Reno, NV., where the new National Commander will be named.

Recent post improvements have included but not limited to the stripping and waxing of the post floors, the chair rail installation, painting, the new food warmer, 5 fryers, the new freezer, new dish washer in the lounge and the new furniture in the smokers lounge and replacing some of our bar stools. Thanks to all the folks that made this happen.

Hoping to make this next year a great one! Aim High. **For God and Country. Commander Al Varrone**

Chaplain's Corner: by Chaplain Joerg Wartenberg. "Let us pray" Lord, place your protection over us during this summer's travels and activities. Families and friends getting together, Enjoying our Freedom, to Celebrate that which our Veterans have Fought for, giving the Ultimate Sacrifice when there was no other choice. Let us always HONOR ALL that served, Honor and pray for our soldiers that are now serving to keep us safe and free. Give them Strength, Wisdom and Courage. Comfort them and their Families during this time. Also Lord remember our sick, shut in, going to rehabilitation and Medical procedures. Be with the families who have Lost love ones. Amen

Chaplain: Joerg Wartenberg.

From the desk of the 1st Vice Commander: As I begin this term as your next 1st Vice Commander, I would like to thank all those who stood behind me during the pre-election and election process. As you may or may not know, the 1st Vice Commander is responsible for membership. In Post 347, that is a tremendous task! This post, since inception, has grown in membership annually. I am asking your help to continue that trend. If you have a new family move into your neighborhood attempt to ascertain if they are a veteran. Bring them to the Post, show them around, and acquaint them with the many activities and the various charities and veterans organizations we support. Basically, get them interested so they will want to join "THE LARGEST AMERICAN LEGION POST IN THE WORLD". Soon you will be receiving notification to pay your 2018 dues EARLY. Please don't wait until the end of the year. By paying your due prior to NOVEMBER 11th you are and "early bird" which entitles you to that scrumptious EARLY BIRD SPAGHETTI DINNER. Lastly, I would like to thank the members of the HOUSE COMMITTEE for their assistance this past year. Your attentiveness and diligence have helped to improve the workings of both the Lounge and Kitchen. For God and Country: **1st Vice Commander Ellen Tierney**

From the Adjutants Desk:

My fellow Legionnaires, it's that time again. July marks the start of our renewal season. As you know your membership card is valid until December 31st. The National organization, in an attempt to get all Post 100% renewed by December 31st, start sending out renewal notices in July via snail mail and e-mail. If you renew during the period of July to December, you will get your 2018 membership card and it is valid from the day you receive it until December 2018. As an extra incentive to renew early, dues paid before November 11th, Veterans Day, will qualify you as an Early Bird and eligible for a free Spaghetti dinner,

Legion Officers 2017

Auxiliary Officers 2017

SAL Officers 2017

Al Varrone Ellen Tierney T.C. Biddle Bill Behn Joerg Wartenberg Mike Seidel Ken DeMello George Zablocki Tom Murphy, John Trenkle Guy Knaak Lyle Koch Johnny Gibbons Ron Monat Tim Tierney Mike Horn,	<i>Commander</i> <i>1st Vice Commander</i> <i>2nd Vice Commander</i> <i>3rd Vice Commander</i> <i>Chaplain</i> <i>Adjutant</i> <i>Finance</i> <i>Sgt at Arms</i> <i>Judge Advocate</i> <i>Service Officer</i> <i>Member at Large</i> <i>Member at Large</i> <i>Member at Large</i> <i>Member at Large</i> <i>Past Commander</i> <i>Historian/ Editor</i>	Mary La Noce Jean Flake Wendy Adams Lynn Barbarotta Donna Hodge Ann Huxtable Betty Spencer Donna McGlone Ruth Sovern Members at Large Carol Pirone-Udell Barb Kajda Lois Glosch Cathy Trout Maureen Caswell	<i>President</i> <i>1st Vice President</i> <i>2nd Vice President</i> <i>Secretary</i> <i>Treasurer</i> <i>Historian</i> <i>Sgt At Arms</i> <i>Chaplain</i> <i>Membership</i>	George Worton Paul Pitts David Booth Danny Adams Jack Dirga Cory Meloni Gary Blanchard David Callies Bill Gray	<i>Commander</i> <i>1st Vice Commander</i> <i>2nd Vice Commander</i> <i>Financial Officer</i> <i>Chaplain</i> <i>Historian</i> <i>Sgt-At-Arms</i> <i>Member at Large</i> <i>Member at Large</i>
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date to be announced later. You may renew in person (at the Post), the mail, or on line. If you renew on line, please bring the computer generated membership card to the Post and we will give you your membership card.

National will continue to send out renewal notices until your renewal is processed so you may receive a notice even after you have paid, things cross in the mail, Bob and I with the help of the Membership team process them daily and from the Post your renewal has to go to Orlando, and then to Indianapolis, after National process the renewal the notices will stop.

Thanks, renew early and avoid the Christmas rush. **Adjutant Mike Siedel**

Auxiliary News: *by, Mary La Noce, Madam President:* What a great year we had, our chairman worked so hard and accomplished so much. It was a pleasure to be the president of such an outstanding group of ladies. Thank you to all. We had a banner year distributing poppies, a big THANK YOU to our chairman Lois Glosch and our American Legion Family for their support in distributing our poppies. Our thanks to Jean Flake and her committee for a very successful indoor Yard Sale which also established a new record in sales.

All officers must pay their dues before installation. I am positive that next year will be as good or better than this one. We have great things to look forward to. We will start our new year with a graduation ceremony for our K9 Partners for Patriots veterans that were sponsored by the Auxiliary. It is such a great program and made a difference in the lives of 5 veterans. Our Chaplain, Donna McGlone, needs to be notified of any illness or death of any Auxiliary members.

Please attend our meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 with a meet and greet as 5:30. We would love to have more members participate in our wonderful programs helping veterans, children and community.

For God and Country **Mary La Noce, Madam President**

Sons of the American Legion: Why a Son? How many times have we heard that prospective candidates for Son's membership had no idea that we existed or what we do? As we move forward in our new Administrative Year we will be working to "Get the Word Out" about the organization and the good works we support.

Our new group of very qualified and motivated officers will help develop a strategy to get the message out to our community and potential candidates. We will need to utilize every manner of communication including Print, Radio, Electronic, and "Word of Mouth" to get the message out about why someone should want to be a son and about the many needy charities we support. Working together we can all make a difference and help make our Squadron #347 the best in Florida. Working with the entire Legion Family we can help provide increased support for the many programs that need our help.

We are setting a goal to raise more money and increase the level of support to many of the existing programs and we will be asking for volunteers. Many of you have stepped up and will continue to do so, but we will need new blood in order to reach new heights. We will be forming committees to help manage events and have signup sheets at each meeting.

Renew your membership, talk about the good works we do and sign up to volunteer at the fund-raising events we sponsor. One or two times a month will help lessen the burden for some volunteers and allow us to do even more!

We support many Veterans programs including Habitat for Humanity, Combat Veterans to Careers, Fisher House, Scholarships, Food Banks, Special Olympics, and many Children's programs. We do good work and with your help we can do more as we grow.

The real power is our membership and we will try and support ideas and programs that they wish to support and will be asking for their input. We are here to help you and will need the membership to help us reach out to attract new members and work at the activities that we use to raise funds.

God Bless each of you and the Legion Family and help us make this New Year one to remember!

George M Worton, Commander

Sons of The American Legion Squadron # 347, Lady Lake Florida

All Tuesday night menus are posted on our website at www.florida-legion.com

Lounge and Hall Entertainment information if changed will be updated on the Legion website.

Members who went to Post Everlasting in Apr-May 2016

Member's Name	DOD	Member's Name	DOD	Member's Name	DOD
Anne R. Finnen	4/01	Joe Compelo	4/10	Joe H. Roberts	4/10
Charles Lundberg	4/19	Russell L. Kortendick	4/21	Harold H. Little	4/30
Ted "Doc" Pacuicrk	5/01	Michael Smith	5/04	Louise Fix (Aux)	5/06
David J. Mancini	5/08	Joseph F. Zapavigna	5/22		

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