

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, second Friday of each month. \$5 per person, Max 8 to a Team 50-50 Door Prizes Lounge opens for dinner 5-7 Pm or Legion, Hot Dog and Fries Available. Call Ed Lawson 352-750-0639 for Reservations and Information.

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

| Legion Officers 2017 | | Auxiliary Officers 2017 | | SAL Officers 2017 | |
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| Johnny Gibbons | Member at Large | Lois Glosch | | | |
| Ron Monat | Member at Large | Cathy Trout | | | |
| Tim Tierney | Past Commander | Maureen Caswell | | | |
| Mike Horn | Historian/ Editor | | | | |

Legion Riders 2017

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Bimonthly Newsletter – Mar-Apr 2018

Commander's Notes by Al Varrone: Saturday January 13th the Post hosted a bus load of legionnaires from Post 273 Madeira Beach. It was a good bonding experience between the two largest legion posts in the world. We are planning our own bus trip to Madeira Beach on April 7th. For those of you that have never been to Post 273 they are located on the inland waterway east of Reddington Beach. They have boat docks, outdoor Tiki Bar, and a full-service restaurant. Cost of the bus ride is \$20 per person. Tickets are available in the lounge. Bus will leave at 9:30 AM and return by 6 PM.

Sunday January 14th we held the Early Bird Dinner we had approximately 250 Family members attend.

Thursday January 25th, we had the honor of hosting the American Legion National Commander Denise Rohan. During the dinner we presented her with a check for \$2000.00 for the National Endowment Fund.

Friday January 26th, we opened up the hall for the rebuilding of over 100,000 flags which will be placed on the graves at The Florida National Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend. We've been given 75 slots for volunteers to place flags on the graves. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board as soon as I have a firm date for that event.

Saturday February 10th we sponsored the TD Talbert Wrestling Tournament at The Villages High School.

Monday February 12th, we hosted "Recreations" for 2 shows which was a free event for all post volunteers.

Saturday February 17th, we attended the opening of the Lady Lake Little League and continued our sponsorship of the ball fields.

Sunday February 25th, we will hold post initiation for new members who joined October 2017 thru January 2018.

UP COMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- March 3rd District 6 meeting at Post 35 Mt Dora
- March 11th Visit of approx. 35 legionnaires from Post 186 Springhill
- March 24th Eastern Area Ball at Post 1 Titusville
- April 7th Bus trip to Madeira Beach
- April 21st District 6 Eastern Area Picnic Post 183 Fern Park
- April 22nd Legion Family Italian Festival \$15 Dinner and Dance

For God and Country. Commander Al Varrone

Chaplain's Corner: by Chaplain Joerg Wartenberg. Almighty, Loving GOD. We are thankful for your daily guidance in our personal lives and Legion activity for you, our God, and America. Bless, Give comfort and compassion to the family and friends of our fellow Legionnaires who have gone to the Post Everlasting. Keep us mindful that you have power over all of us. Protect our active service men and women. Provide them with wisdom and courage required to keep our country strong and free.

AMEN **Joerg Wartenberg.**

From the desk of the 1st Vice Commander: Remaining "THE LARGEST AMERICAN LEGION POST IN THE WORLD" how do we accomplish this? With lots of hard work by many people. We are lucky to have a large retirement community from which to recruit members. It is everyone's responsibility to assist in this effort AND YOU HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB. It truly makes my job easier. At this writing we are over 97% of our goal of 100% plus 1, 6201 members. We would like to reach that by March 31st and with all the wonderful members we currently have I have no doubt that will be accomplished. So again thank you each and everyone for

spreading the word and bringing in your eligible friends and neighbors. I look forward to seeing you each and every month at our membership meeting. For God and Country 1st Vice **Ellen Tierney**

Auxiliary News: by, Mary La Noce, Madam President: March is going to be a very exciting month, we are starting off with a Women's Veterans Luncheon March 5th at 12:00 p.m.. The luncheon is free for veterans and \$5.00 for non veterans. This is always a super event and if you can make it contact Carol Pirone-Udell at 914-373-9947.

Our District 6 meeting is March 3rd at Mt. Dora Post 35. Please try to attend. Our new member orientation will be held March 18th at 1 p.m. If you are planning to attend please email Ruth at Rsovern@comcast.net before March 13th. Lady Lake Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 24th and the Auxiliary and Post will be handing out goodies to the kids at the ball field behind the Lady Lake Library.

April heralds in our first Post family event with an Italian Festival. Mark your calendars for April 22 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.. Tickets are \$15.00 each and we will be serving spaghetti, sausage, salad and dessert while we listen to Pan Valli who is entertaining us. We will be raffling off veteran themed baskets representing each branch of the service, a 50/50 drawing and door prizes. All proceeds will go to the Special Olympics. The Post, Sons, Riders and Auxiliary will be your hosts for this special event. Tickets are in the office and in the lounge; don't miss out on this special event.

All end of year reports are due to the District Chairman by April 1st. Please submit, to your unit chairman, all the volunteer hours that you served this year. A form was sent to each of you in our Presidents letter so you could understand what we need from all of you.

Don't forget our meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. Coffee and snacks at 5:30 PM and our meeting starts at 6:30 PM
For God and Country Mary LaNoce, Madam President

Sons of the American Legion, George Worton, Commander: 2017 was a very interesting year for the Legion, Auxiliary, Riders and the SAL's. We had some very successful events including the first new member initiation in some time that we were told was a very moving ceremony, thanks in part to the participation of the Lake Weir High School Honor Guard and Sabre Team who did a fantastic job. Our relationships with the entire Legion Family are growing and getting stronger and we are participating in a number of true Family events that help us and our Brothers and Sisters raise money for the many worthwhile organizations that we support.

We are fortunate to be part of a Great organization that does good for our Veterans, Community and Youth. We have some exciting events planned for the springtime and we will be announcing some in the near future. One event that is coming in May is the Children and Youth Golf tournament on May the 4th to be held at Harbor Hills Country Club with Dinner and awards at the Post 347 Hall following from 2-5 PM. This will be jointly hosted by The Legion and The SAL and we will be looking for a great turnout!

The AUX is hosting Sunday Bar Bingo with the SAL doing the food and it is growing week by week. Start time is 2 PM and the Kitchen opens at 12:15 with a menu of the Best Burgers in the area, great chicken fingers and wings and other exciting items.

As many of you know none of this would be possible without the help of a great core of volunteers and we have some of the best! That said we are always looking for new faces to help make these events more successful and if anyone in the family wants to help out we need help on Mondays, Thursdays and because of a growing volume Sunday Bar bingo. Anyone can contact any officer, volunteer, or stop by to talk to us on any event day. We try and make them fun and they are always for a good cause!
Yours in God and Country, **George M. Worton, Commander, Sons of The American Legion**

American Legion Riders from Michael Haynes Director: February has been a busy month for the AL Riders. We continue to accept new applicants for membership. We are growing! In January and February Riders supported the Sons of the Legion Saturday morning breakfast and then went for rides. About 14 to 18 bikes participated. Mike Haynes and Bill Lynn rode to St. Cloud to attend the District 6 ALR quarterly meeting, learning about the way to keep track of volunteer hours and miles. April promises better riding weather; so we anticipate more riding. For those of you who haven't checked us out, our meetings are the 1st Thursday of each month; come on and check us out. **Michael Haynes, Director**

Members who went to Post Everlasting in Dec-Jan 2017-2018

DOD Member's Name
12/04/17 ROBERT S. FLEJZOR
01/02/18/ RAYMOND G DOINE
01/25/18 ROBERT E. SILVA
JANUARY, MARK ERDRICH

DOD Member's Name
12/27/17 MILTON DORF
01/07/18 ALFRED SPINKS
01/27/18 JOSEPH F. GIBBONS
JANUARY, WILLIAM REAGAN

DOD Member's Name
01/01/18 MARIO BUSA
01/25/18 ROBERT T RENNER
01/30/18 HERBERT LUDWIG
02/19/18 JAMES HAGEN

March 2018

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| ~March 2018~ | | | | | | |
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| Note: There will be no Music in the Hall on Tuesday Night to allow more seating for diners... | | | | 1 Executive Board Meeting 430 PM Lounge Small Team Trivia 6PM Legion Riders 6:30 pm | 2 Ameer Reese Lounge 6-10pm | 3 Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM |
| 4 Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM | 5 Woman Vets Lunch 12-3PM Lounge Karaoke David Baldwin 6-10 | 6 Queen of Hearts Just Mike in Lounge 5-8pm | 7 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM Auxiliary Meeting 530PM | 8 Lounge Small Team Trivia Ed- Carol-Ellen 6PM | 9 Joe Allen in Lounge 6-10pm | 10 Breakfast 7-11 AM Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM |
| 11 Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM Boy-Cub Scouts 2-4PM | 12 Lounge Karaoke David Baldwin 6-10 SAL Crab Race 5-9 PM | 13 Queen of Hearts Pat Murphy Lounge 5-8pm | 14 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM POST MEETING 5:30-8 PM | 15 Lounge Small Team Trivia Ed- Carol-Ellen 6PM | 16 DJ Norm in Lounge 6-10pm | 17 Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM |
| 18 Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM Aux Initiation 1-3pm | 19 Dr. Sherie 1130 Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin 6-10 | 20 Queen of Hearts Al Brady in Lounge 5-8pm | 21 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM SUBMARINE VETS 12 - 3PM S.A.L. MEETING 7-830 PM | 22 Lounge Small Team Trivia Ed- Carol-Ellen 6PM | 23 Pam Valli in Lounge 6-10pm | 24 Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM |
| 25 Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM | 26 Dr. Sherie 1130 Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin 6-10 | 27 Queen of Hearts Mike Michaels in Lounge | 28 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM 40 & 8 Meeting 6-10 PM | 29 Lounge Small Team Trivia Ed- Carol-Ellen 6PM | 30 Casino Night 2-10PM Joe Allen Lounge 6-10pm | 31 Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM |
| | | | Notes: Front Office Hours: M-F: 9am - 4pm Sat: 9am - 12pm Updates to this schedule of events will be posted on our website, in your local newspaper, or you may contact the post at 750-2099 or the lounge at 750-0639 | | | |

April 2018

| AMERICAN LEGION Weekly Events | | | | | | |
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