



American Legion – Veterans Memorial Post 347

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Bimonthly Newsletter – March - April, 2017

Commander's Notes by Tim Tierney: Congratulations and THANK YOU to all of the members who renewed their membership, transferred from another Post or are new members of Post 347. As of Feb 9, 2017, we needed 227 members to reach our 100% +1. I am confident that we will reach that goal. Although we have not yet reached our goal of 100 for 2017 membership, our Post continues to grow which allows us to support more Veterans' and Community requests and activities.

We are still looking for a new Kitchen Manager. Anyone interested please contact the Chairperson of the House Committee, Ellen Tierney.

St. Patrick's Day is coming up on Friday, March 17. As always, we will have a traditional meal of corned beef and cabbage with potatoes and carrots for \$10.00. Tickets will be required and sales will end on March 10th so we can get an accurate count to order the correct amount of food. Because it is in the middle of Lent, we will also be offering our fish dinner for \$8.00. These are the only meals that will be offered that night due to expected volume and limited oven space.

As a reminder, ALL of our kitchen personnel, lounge personnel, office personnel, bingo personnel, etc. are volunteers. Please treat them courteously. We have had some recent instances where these volunteers have been verbally abused while attempting to perform their tasks to assist all members and guests and make our Post a better place to meet and relax with each other. As you may well imagine, volunteers who are verbally abused tend to not want to be volunteers. In the future, reports of any verbal abuse toward these ladies and gentlemen will be treated seriously and could result in the suspension of privileges.

Aim High. For God and Country. Commander Tim Tierney

Chaplain's Corner: by Chaplain Joerg Wartenberg. Let us pray. Almighty God, we are always thankful for your daily blessing and guidance. We ask for your wisdom to guide us and accept your love for us. Dear Father comfort and be with those that have lost loved ones, shut-ins, sick and recovering. Let us as Legionnaires always pray, have compassion and comfort each other in time of need. Also bless our United States, its leaders to make decisions that will unite us and keep us in your graces, "ONE NATION UNDER GOD." Bless our Post Leaders and all our VOLUNTEERS for their time and energy to keep our Post moving forward. Remember our Military and Public Servants who keep our Country FREE and SAFE. Amen. **Chaplain: Joerg Wartenberg.**

From the desk of the 1st Vice Commander by Al Varrone: The next new member Initiation is scheduled for Apr. 30th. Initiation invitation letters will be mailed shortly. Bob Sleighter has been appointed as Nominating Committee Chairman. Anyone interested in running for any of the Post elected positions should contact Bob. Elections will be held in May. The post is still in need of volunteers, there are many positions available. Anyone interested should contact, Ellen Tierney, Joyce Varrone or Ed Lawson

For God and Country: 1st Vice Commander Al Varrone

Auxiliary News: by, Mary La Noce, Madam President: We have a very exciting March and April schedule for the Auxiliary. We kick off the month of March with our Woman Veterans Luncheon on March 6th from 12 to 3 pm. The luncheon is free for Veterans and \$5.00 for our members. March 27th is our Italian Festival, we will have good food, music and baskets to raffle. April 9th, is our first Initiation for 2017 from 1 to 3 pm. Mark your calendars for our Indoor Garage sale on May 20th, more news on this in the next Newsletter. Our Membership Chairman has advised me that we have some members who have not, as yet, renewed their 2017 dues. Please come into the Post with your check for \$32.00 or mail it to the Auxiliary. There seems to be some confusion about renewals. You need not wait for notification from National before you pay your dues.

For God and Country, Mary La Noce, Madam President

Sons of the American Legion by William Preston: Taking Stock, The Sons of The American Legion are a commodity of great value. You will never see them listed on any stock exchange, but your local community knows the value of our great organization! The investment you have made through your membership will yield high returns, not only for you personally, but also toward the diversified programs we support. The primary function of the 'share' you hold as a member of The Sons of The American Legion is to 'Honor and Serve' our 'Nation's Veterans'. You have invested in a 'stock' that has proven to be steady in growth and consistent in its 'Net Worth'. The foundation of The Sons of The American Legion are the 'Principles and Ideals' of the 'Four Pillars' of our founding Fathers: National Security; Veterans Affairs; Americanism; and Children &

Youth, which they hold with great pride. The high dividends are gained through the time you can volunteer in support of the 'Four Pillars'. These multiple stock options will greatly enhance the lives of others and bring rewarding and redeeming value to you personally. What you invest in time and donations to our 'Programs' has an established value set by an organization called "Points of Light" and the Voluntary Services Division of the U.S. Veterans Affairs Department. All volunteer hours and mileage are calculated by a set standard, keeping each volunteer equal in the tasks that they perform. The proper recording of these hours and donations raises the value of our 'stock' and brings credibility to a commodity that is strong in its commitment to Our God, our Veterans, our Community, State, and Nation. I wish to thank all who have invested their time and energy as volunteers and to those who have renewed their investment in the membership of Squadron #347. It is a sound investment, and one that I personally thank you for. I call on all who have yet to renew, to 'take stock' in The Sons of The American Legion! Please renew your membership for 2017 and get active. Participate and help us grow in substance and in 'net worth'! Thanks again for being a member and until next time, may God Bless each and every one of you as you continue to serve your God and Country, and The Sons of The American Legion. Respectfully,
 Yours in Service **William C. Preston, Jr. Squadron #347 Commander**

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

Kitchen Menu for March/April Tuesday Nights

- 1st Tuesday Night: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll & Butter**
- 2nd Tuesday Night: Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Gravy, Roll & Butter**
- 3rd Tuesday Night: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Dinner Roll**
- 4th Tuesday Night: Baby Back Ribs, French fries, cole slaw, Roll & Butter**

Lounge News: by Ed Lawson **Night at the Races, April 29th.**

See Calendars for Lounge Entertainment information

Karaoke every Monday night 6-10 pm

Hermit Crab Derby: Saturday, March 18, 5-9 PM Sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion. Tickets available at Post Office.

Members who went to Post Everlasting in Nov-Dec 2016

Member's Name	DOD	Member's Name	DOD
Raymond Vincent Glaz	02/04	Joyce Young	02/09

FUTURE EVENTS

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 is 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).

Don't forget our **Saturday morning breakfast** deal on Mar 11 and Apr 8. All you can eat breakfast, hot pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy, bacon, biscuits, coffee and OJ. Open to the public so bring you friends and family.

POST 347 IS IN NEED OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT !

Our inventory of medical equipment is extremely low, making it hard to serve our members and the community. If you have borrowed any items and no longer need them, please return them ASAP. If you have unused items you wish to donate, please bring them in. Check with friends and neighbors who might have items to donate. We regret we cannot accept commode chairs or other toilet equipment due to sanitary reasons, but wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, etc. are needed, especially wheelchairs, both regular and transport size.

Post 347 – List of Officers – 2016 – 2017

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 347

Tim Tierney,	<i>Commander</i>	Mary La Noce,	<i>President</i>
Al Varrone,	<i>1st Vice Commander</i>	Jean Flake	<i>1st Vice President</i>
T.C. Biddle ,	<i>2nd Vice Commander</i>	Rose Trippodo	<i>2nd Vice President</i>
Bill Behn,	<i>3rd Vice Commander</i>	Wendy Adams	<i>Treasurer</i>
Joerg Wartenberg	<i>Chaplain</i>	Lynn Barbarotta	<i>Secretary</i>
Mike Seidel,	<i>Adjutant</i>	Ann Huxtable	<i>Historian</i>
Ken DeMello,	<i>Finance</i>	Betty Spencer	<i>Sgt-At-Arms</i>
George Zablocki,	<i>Sgt at Arms</i>	Donna McGlone	<i>Chaplain</i>
Tom Murphy,	<i>Judge Advocate Historian</i>		<i>Members at Large</i>
John Trenkle,	<i>Service Officer</i>	Carol Pirone-Udell	
Guy Knaak,	<i>Member at Large</i>	Maureen Caswell	
Lyle Koch,	<i>Member at Large</i>	Bev Briggs	
Johnny Gibbons,	<i>Member at Large</i>	Donna Hodge	
Ron Monat,	<i>Member at Large</i>	Sandi Tomasko	
Terry Briggs,	<i>Past Commander</i>	Cathy Trout	
Mike Horn,	<i>Newsletter Editor</i>		

AMERICAN LEGION Weekly Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	5-7 pm Hamburgers 6-10pm - Karaoke 7pm - close - Lounge Games	5-7pm - Kitchen Open 5-8pm - Music 7pm - Legion, Aux. SAL Queen of Hearts Drawing	12 - 2 pm Philly Cheese Steaks 2:30pm Bar Bingo	11am - 3:30 pm Bingo 5-7pm Italian Night: Italian Food and Karaoke	5-7 pm - Kitchen Open 6pm - closing - Lounge Music and Dancing	6:30 - 8 pm Lounge Team Trivia 8 - 9 pm Music and Dancing

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 HONOR GUARD MEETING 10-12 NOON Bar Bingo 230-4PM AUXILIARY MEETING 6-8 PM	2 Trivia Small Team 6-8PM Host: Ed Lawson	3 Lounge Amee Reese 6-10PM	4 GOLD STAR MOTHERS
5	6 FLORIDA VETERAN ALLIANCE 9-11 am Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin 6-10	7 Queen of Hearts 5-8 pm Lounge Lou Gatto Hall Johnny Ray Meal: Meat Loaf	8 POST MEETING 5:30-8 PM Bar Bingo 230-4PM	9 Executive Board Meeting 4:30 Open to all Members BINGO 8AM-4PM Trivia Small Team 6-8PM with Ed	10 Lounge Pam Valli 6-10PM	11 Breakfast 7-11AM Auxiliary Girl Scouts 5-9 PM Night At the Races
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Notes: Front Office Hours: M-F: 9am - 4pm Sat: 9am - 12pm
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~ **April 2017** ~

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