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BiMonthly Newsletter: November-December 2016

Commander's Notes by Tim Tierney: This issue's kudos goes to our Lounge Manager and his Staff that keep our Members' Lounge running smoothly. Ed has introduced new programs for our evening entertainment that have not only produced fun for the membership but have also improved the profits by which we make our donations to the many causes the Post supports. Thanks Ed to you and all the bartenders, bar backs, door greeters, Lounge Assistants and clean up people for making the Post a better place to be.

Holidays are on our doorstep. This is the only time I will have to wish all of our Post 347 Family a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, a Happy Chanukah and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Don't forget Veterans Day. The ceremony honoring our Veterans will begin at 1100 on November 11th. After the ceremony, we will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs to all members. There will be a small charge for guests.

Our, now annual, Thanksgiving Day dinner will be held in the main meeting hall. Doors will open at 1300 and dinner will begin at 1400. If you're not visiting family and friends, come have dinner with your Legion family and friends. The cost is \$12.00 per person and tickets are on sale at the front office and the Lounge. Seating will be limited so get your tickets before we run out of space.

Although only a handful of members showed up at the Town Hall meeting, the concerns that were voiced will be taken under consideration and implemented if they are for the overall betterment of the Post.

Don't forget to renew your membership prior to Veterans Day to qualify for the Early Bird dinner which will be held on December 18th from 1400 to 1700. Have a Great Holiday Season. Stay safe and we'll see you in January. *Aim High.*

For God and Country. Commander Tim Tierney

Chaplain's Corner: by Chaplain Joerg Wartenberg. Let us Pray. Lord, Creator of all there is, we ask you to grant us a joyous holiday season. Be with our family and friends in their travels. Be especially with our men and women actively serving to keep our country safe and strong. Give them the courage and comfort only you can provide. Also grant wisdom to our leaders to make the right decisions. Give strength to those that actively give of their time to keep the work of the American Legion for God and Country and our Community and those in need. Amen **Chaplain Joerg Wartenberg**

From the desk of the 1st Vice Commander by Al Varrone: Did you renew Your Membership yet? All members that renew before Veterans Day receive Early Bird status making them eligible for the Early Bird Dinner. If all our members renew before the end of the year the Post will receive 100% status, so **PLEASE RENEW EARLY.** The Early Bird Dinner is scheduled for December 18th.

On October 16th the Post hosted the Initiation for new members. I would like to thank the members of the staff; Honor Guard and Auxiliary who helped make this a successful event.

It takes a large number of volunteers to provide our members with the services they desire. We have numerous volunteer opportunities. Our kitchen is especially in need of help. Please consider becoming a volunteer.

For God and Country. 1st Vice Commander: Al Varrone

Auxiliary News: by, Mary La Noce, Madam President: As we welcome our snowbirds back, we start a new season of helping out our veterans, children, families and our community. Our chairmen are all starting their programs and would love to have help from our members. New ideas are always welcome.

Come to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month. We have a social hour from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at which time our meetings start. We try to keep our meetings to one – one and ½ hours. We would love to see you.

We are having our annual no bake, bake sale and would appreciate your sending in a check for your contribution. Make a separate check for your dues and the sale. Our dues are \$32.00 this year.

If you know of any member who is ill or has passed away, please notify our Chaplain, Donna McGlone at 352-753-9688. I hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

For God and Country, Mary La Noce, Madam President

Sons of the American Legion by William Preston

See Legion Post 347 website at www.Florida-Legion.com click on SAL Button for latest minutes

Yours in Service, **William C. Preston, Jr. Sqnd. Commander:**

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>		

Lounge News: by Ed Lawson for November and December:

See Calendars for Lounge Entertainment information

Special Lounge Events: **New Years Eve** Tickets will go on SALE, Nov 16th at 10AM for Lounge and Hall. Karaoke every Monday night 6-10 pm Queen of Hearts Weekly Drawing Every Tuesday at 7PM

Members who went to Post Everlasting in July-August 2016

Member's Name	DOD	Member's Name	DOD	Member's Name	DOD
John Slackter	9/4	William Jones	9/5	Edward T. Reilly	9/6
Clarence E. Elmore	9/7	Carl N. Brocker	9/7	Raymond L. Wojdacki	9/7
Frances M. Antel	9/10	James T. Taylor	9/13	Washington Dayton	9/17
George Trumbull	9/20	Thomas Cazel	9/20	Dennis M. Skelly	9/25
Robert L. Stevenson	10/5				

FUTURE EVENTS

New Years Eve tickets go on sale, NOV 16th at 10 AM for Lounge and Hall.

Veterans Day ceremony – November 11, 2016 – Free hamburgers and hot dogs to all members after the ceremony. If you know of anyone who is a Veteran and not a member of Post 347, encourage them to bring a DD214 or other proof of wartime service and they, too, can join in the free food and fill out an application at the same time.

Thanksgiving Dinner – The Post will be having a Thanksgiving dinner complete with all the trimmings on Thanksgiving Day for all of you that aren't going anywhere and would like to share Thanksgiving dinner with friends and fellow Legionnaires. Time and price will be announced soon. Doors open at 1300 dinner is at 1400. Cost is \$12.00 per person

Night at the Races, Nov 27. Get your tickets at the Post.

Early Bird Dinner - Dec. 18 - 1400 to 1700. Free to members who renew their memberships before Veteran's Day.

Veterans Day ceremony - at Post - 1100

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).

Post 347 is in need of medical equipment.

Your Post provides a free "loaner" program for medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, etc. We have once again depleted our loaner equipment and are in need of wheel chairs, walkers etc. If you have equipment that isn't being used please return it to Post so we can help another Veteran in need. Thanks for everyone's support.

Yankee Trails Travel is offering a Cruise to Members of Post 347. Royal Caribbean Cruise, Dec 2-9, 2017 on Royal Caribbean largest ship "Harmony of the Sea". Contact Julie at Yankee Trails at 352 633-4643 or Sheldon Gotesky at Post 347 at 352-446-9246. Prices start at \$838 for inside cabin to \$1148 for balcony cabin (per person rates). Cruise will include bus from Post to Pier, free parking at the post and \$75 onboard credit.

AMERICAN LEGION – November 2016						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
WEEKLY EVENTS	5-7pm - Hamburgers 6-10pm-Karaoke 7pm-close Lounge Games	5-7pm Kitchen Open 5-8pm - Music 7pm-Legion, Aux. SAL Queen of Hearts drawing	12-2pm Philly Cheese Steaks 2:30pm - Bar Bingo	BINGO 11am - 3:30pm 5-7pm Italian night Italian food & Karaoke	5-7pm - Kitchen Open 6pm-closing- Lounge music & dancing	6:30-8pm Lounge Team Trivia 8-9pm-music & dancing
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		1 QUEEN OF HEARTS 5-8 PM Lounge: Lou Gatto Hall: Pat Murphy	2 HONOR GUARD MEETING 10-12 NOON Bar Bingo 2-5PM AUXILIARY MEETING 6-8 PM	3 Trivia Small Team 6-8PM	4 Music by Mike Michaels 6-10PM	5 GOLD STAR MOTHERS Trivia 6:30 – 8:30 PM
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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						

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