

# VETERANS MEMORIAL



**POST 347**

Lady Lake, FL

**HOUSE RULES**

# Veterans Memorial American Legion Post 347 **HOUSE RULES – 2019**

The Veterans Memorial American Legion Post 347 Lounge is a private facility operated under the Laws of the State of Florida and is not opened to the public.

1. The lounge is operated solely for the benefit and enjoyment of American Legion Membership as outlined in Article III of the American Legion National and Department of Florida Constitutions.

## 1a. **Definitions:**

**Member of Post 347**-Any person who possesses a current year membership card in the American Legion Post 347, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 347, or Sons of The American Legion Squadron 347.

**Member of a different Post**-is defined as a member of another American Legion Post, possessing a current year membership card other than Post 347. They need not be accompanied by a Post 347 member.

**Guest**-A guest is defined as any non-member of the American Legion. A member of any American Legion Post must accompany a guest. A member bringing in guests may not leave before his/her guests.

**Member of the Royal Canadian Legion**-A member of a Royal Canadian Legion Post possessing a current year membership card. A Canadian Legionnaire need not be accompanied by a Post 347 member.

**Member of the Royal British Legion**-A member of the United Kingdom's Royal British Legion possessing a current year membership card. A Royal British Legionnaire does not need to be accompanied by a Post 347 member.

**Member of Florida Post 400**-A member of a transitional Post which permits a veteran to become a general member of the American Legion pending their selection and membership approval into an American Legion Post to which they will transfer for formal membership. Post 347's policy is to maintain and monitor Post 400 sign-ins in a dedicated section of our Guest Log, and to allow no more than 3 (THREE) as a Post 400 member.

**Member of Florida Post 208**-A member of an electronic Post (which has no formal Post home). They maintain internet Post meetings and they have a Post Commander.

1b. All members of Post 347 are welcome in the lounge and must present their current year membership card and identification, if requested, to the Door Greeter or to the bartender on duty. They are not required to sign the guest register.

Spouses or significant others of members of Post 347 are guests and ***must be signed into*** the guest register.

New applicants to Post 347 are not members until they receive their regular membership card. They may only visit the lounge when signed in by a Post 347 member.

**1c.** Guests from different American Legion, Royal Canadian Legion Posts, or Royal British Legion Posts are welcome at Post 347 and need not be accompanied by a Post 347 member. They ***must be signed into*** the guest register.

**1d.** All guests, other than those specified in 1c, must be accompanied by a current member of Post 347. A member of Post 347 may sign in a maximum of THREE guests.

Members of Posts other than Post 347, Royal Canadian Legion Posts, or Royal British Legion Posts may sign in guests under the same restrictions.

**NOTE: CONDITIONS (SUCH AS EXPECTED SEASONAL OR SPECIAL EVENT ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS) MAY REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT TO THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GUESTS PERMITTED.**

At the discretion of the Commander of Post 347, the Lounge Manager and/or the concurrence of the highest ranking Post 347 Executive Committee Member, the amount of guests may be adjusted higher or lower.

For extended periods of guest attendance restrictions, the concurrence of the Executive Committee is required and conditions of said restrictions shall be posted and announced at all Post 347 functions.

**1e.** Post 400 - All Post 400 members shall be allowed up to three (3) visits to Post 347 as a guest.

Post 400 members will sign in as guests in the logbook section designated for Post 400 members.

After the third visit, they will be required to transfer to Post 347 or any other post of their choice.

**2. AGE REQUIREMENTS:** All guest under the age of 21 must be seated at a table and must leave the Post by 11:00 pm. They must be under the supervision of the sponsoring member at all times.

**3. MEMBERSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT:** All guests that are qualified to join Post 347 should be encouraged to do so.

**4. DOOR ENTRY:** Door entry cards will be issued only to current members of Post 347.

**5. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS:** The Lounge Manager, his assistants or bartenders-in-charge, will enforce the House rules while on duty and may eject or refuse service for any misconduct or violation of House rules.

The Lounge manager, assistants, and bartenders are responsible for ensuring that all laws/ordinances pertaining to the service of alcohol, gaming, cigarette smoking and fire prevention are complied with.

A copy of the House Rules will be posted in the lounge.

**6. MISCONDUCT:** Any conduct or behavior affecting any lounge patrons' ability to enjoy their visit, including loud, boisterous or profane language **will not** be tolerated in the lounge, and after suitable warning, may result in disciplinary action (see section 19 below).

**7. SAVING TABLES:** There will be no reserving of tables/chairs without the permission of the Post Commander, the Lounge Manager, or their designees.

**8. PRIVATE PARTIES:** The Lounge will not be booked for private parties. When large number of guests are expected for a special occasion, arrangements **must be made in advance** with the Lounge Manager.

**9. DRESS CODE:** Members and guests are expected to dress comfortably.

Men **will not** be allowed to wear sleeveless or tank top shirts.

Swimsuits are prohibited and shoes must be worn at all times. Clothing must not display lewd text or images. Violations will result in removal from the Lounge.

**10. SMOKING POLICY:** The use of tobacco, or tobacco substitute products is not allowed in the Post at any time. This includes E-cigarettes and associated devices, cigars, pipes, snuff and chewing tobacco. Smoking is allowed in designated areas only as a courtesy.

**11. MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESTRICTIONS:** Members of Post 347, Auxiliary Unit 347, Sons of The American Legion Squadron 347 and Post 347 Legion Riders are prohibited from the lounge during their respective membership meetings.

**12. CARRY OUT RESTRICTIONS:** No beverages may be carried out of the Post.

**Bottled water** purchased at the Post may be taken out.

Drinks carried between the lounge and the hail **must be in a plastic container.**

**13. FOOD POLICY:** No outside food will be permitted in the Post Lounge or Hall when the Post kitchen is open (dinners and fund raisers). Special occasions are excluded with prior consent of the Post Commander, Hall Manager, Lounge Manager, or Kitchen Manager.

**14. SERVICE DOGS:** Service dogs, as defined in Americans with Disabilities Act, are allowed in the post. Service dogs must remain leashed and on the floor; they are only permitted in non-restricted areas of the Post.

**15. COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS:**

- No member or guest shall reprimand an Officer or a Volunteer of Post 347.
- Any complaints, suggestions or criticisms of the Lounge, Hall, Kitchen, Staff or American Legion operation shall be submitted in writing using the suggestion forms. This form must be signed and have contact information to receive due consideration by the House and/or Executive Committee.

**16. EMERGENCIES:** In the event of an emergency, the managers of each department and certified Crowd Managers shall provide direction, including building evacuation.

**17. CLOSINGS:** The Lounge will be closed on Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

**18. SOLICITATIONS:** No solicitation for personal gain are permitted in the lounge.

**19. VIOLATIONS:** Violations of the House Rules shall result in disciplinary action. Any member receiving a disciplinary action will have the right to appeal that action to the House Committee and then the Executive Committee. The decision of the Executive committee is final.

**20. REPRESENTATION:** The Post reserves the right to have a representative present during all activities at the post.

**21. APPROVAL:** The House Rules must be approved by the Executive Committee.

**22. ENFORCEMENT:** The House Committee and the Executive Committee feel that the enforcement of the above rules will provide fair and equal treatment for our members and guests while using our facility.