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**Bimonthly Newsletter – Jan-Feb 2018**  
**Happy New Year from Post 347**

**Commander's Notes by Al Varrone:** Happy New Year to All. During the month of November we conducted our annual Veteran's Day Ceremony and held our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Thanksgiving Day dinner. December 3<sup>rd</sup> we hosted National Vice Commander, Bobby Bryant, along with Department of Florida Commander Steve Shuga.

On January 7<sup>th</sup> the SAL and Auxiliary will begin offering Bar Bingo on Sunday afternoons. January 13<sup>th</sup> our Post will host a bus load of Legionnaires from Madeira Beach. Madeira Beach is the second largest Post in the American Legion; between our two Posts we have over 10,000 Legion members. January 14<sup>th</sup> is the Early Bird dinner and we've just been informed the National Commander Denise Rohan will be visiting the post at the end of January.

The next Post Initiation is currently scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>. Monthly breakfast for the next two months are scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup> 7-11 AM. **For God and Country. Commander Al Varrone**

**Chaplain's Corner: by Chaplain Joerg Wartenberg.**

We have completed another year. We have enjoyed the Christmas and holiday celebration with our family and friends. There have also been many challenges, questionable principals, difference of opinion and divisions in our American way of life that possibly caused not being comfortable at times, that could have been enjoyable without friction..

Let us go back to what was established by our forefathers when they wrote the constitution. It was written with respect to God first. For without God there is no country, quoted by George Washington. It also made us equal, giving us the right to freedom, choice and democracy. Unity can only come if we place God first. Let us pray:

"Lord, creator over all, we are thankful for your love, understanding and patience. Also for our veterans that have fought and sacrificed, allow us to be proud of the USA and thankful Americans. Give us strength needed to support our veteran organizations, never getting tired in all of our efforts. We ask of you daily to be with our men and women who have taken on the task to fight for our freedom. Give them the courage needed and comfort them in time of need. Be with our leaders, give them the wisdom and respect that all Americans can unite and support Americanism. Keeping our country strong, maintaining its principals and our way of life. Liberty and freedom can only come from within our nation through unity, perseverance, respect for all, including humility and sacrifice. We ask this of you, Lord. Amen" Chaplain: **Joerg Wartenberg.**

**From the desk of the 1st Vice Commander:** I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. For those seasonal residents welcome back. Membership notes - at the time of this writing, mid December, Post 347 is at 82% for 2018. That is almost 5100 members of our 6200+ members. Our goal was 100% by December 31, we did not make that HOWEVER we exceeded the expectations set by the Department of Florida. It takes 62 renewals, transfers or new members to realize 1% increase in our membership. It is easier for smaller posts to meet these goals, so it is imperative we make sure everyone helps with getting the word out. Upcoming membership events: Early bird dinner will be January 14<sup>th</sup> and our next new member initiation will be February 25<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be mailed out shortly. Thank you each and everyone for volunteering. AIM HIGH, FOR GOD AND COUNTRY. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Ellen Tierney**

**From the Adjutants Desk:** Thank you to all the Legionnaires that have renewed for the 2018 membership year. We still have a few members that have not renewed, if you know of a neighbor or friend that has not renewed yet give them a gentle push. 2017 membership expires on December 31<sup>st</sup> and they won't have access to the Post and cannot play any of the member games. To maintain the "Largest Post in the World" title, we need our current membership to renew. There are three ways to renew your \$40 dues, Online at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew), in person at the Post or mail to American Legion Post 347, PO Box 1534, Lady Lake, FL 32158. We are currently over 80% renewed. I know we don't have puzzle page on the newsletter but here is a little math problem. Membership Goal 6200, currently at 81% renewed, how many renewals do we need to reach 100%? For God and Country: **Adjutant Mike Seidel**

**Auxiliary News: by, Mary La Noce, Madam President:** I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday season. An exciting 2018 is in store for the Auxiliary. January 7<sup>th</sup> at noon starts our Post Family Bar Bingo. The Auxiliary will host the bingo portion, the SAL's will serve



## January 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	5-7 pm Hamburgers 6-10pm - Karaoke	5-7pm - Kitchen Open 5-8pm - Music Queen of Hearts Drawing	12 - 2 pm Philly Cheese Steaks 2:30pm Bar Bingo	11am - 3:30 pm Bingo 5-7pm Italian Night: Small Team Trivia	5-7 - Kitchen Open Lounge Music and Dancing	6:30 - 8 pm Lounge Team Trivia

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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...	<b>1</b> New Years Day Lounge Karaoke David Baldwin 6-10 PM	<b>2</b> Queen of Hearts  Lounge Lou Gatto	<b>3</b> Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM  AUXILIARY MEETING 6-8 PM	<b>4</b> BINGO 8AM-4PM Lounge Small Team Trivia 6PM Legion Riders 6:30 pm	<b>5</b> Ameer Reese Lounge 6-10pm	<b>6</b> Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM
<b>7</b>  Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	<b>8</b> Dr Sheri 11:30 AM  Lounge Karaoke David Baldwin 6-10	<b>9</b> Queen of Hearts  Pat Murphy in Lounge 5-8pm	<b>10</b> Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM  POST MEETING 5:30-8 PM	<b>11</b> BINGO 8AM-4PM Lounge Small Team Trivia Ed- Carol-Ellen 6PM	<b>12</b> Pam Valli in Lounge 6-10pm Team Trivia Tournament 7PM until ??? \$5 person Max 8	<b>13</b>  Breakfast 7-11 AM  Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM
<b>14</b> Early Bird Dinner 12-3PM Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	<b>15</b> SAL Hermit Crab Race 5pm-9pm.  Lounge Karaoke David Baldwin 6-10	<b>16</b> Queen of Hearts  Just Mike Lounge 5-8pm	<b>17</b> Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM SUBMARINE VETS 12 - 3PM S.A.L. MEETING 7-8:30 PM	<b>18</b> BINGO 8AM-4PM  Lounge Small Team Trivia Ed- Carol-Ellen 6PM	<b>19</b> Al Brady in Lounge 6-10pm	<b>20</b> Night At the Races 5-9 PM  Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM
<b>21</b> Aux Fashion Show 3-6PM Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	<b>22</b> Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin 6-10	<b>23</b> Queen of Hearts Johnny Ray McCullah in Lounge 5-8pm	<b>24</b> Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM  Polka Dance 4-10PM 40 & 8 Meeting 6-10 PM	<b>25</b> BINGO 8AM-4PM  Lounge Small Team Trivia Ed- Carol-Ellen 6PM	<b>26</b> Flag Repair 8-3PM D J Norm in Lounge 6-10pm	<b>27</b> Flag Placement 8-3AM  Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM
<b>28</b> Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	<b>29</b> Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin 6-10	<b>30</b> Queen of Hearts Joe Allen in Lounge	<b>31</b> Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM			
<b>Notes: Front Office Hours: M-F: 9am - 4pm Sat: 9am - 12pm</b> 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						

## February 2018

### AMERICAN LEGION Weekly Events

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<b>4</b>  Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	<b>5</b>  Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin 6-10	<b>6</b>  Queen of Hearts Mike & Terry in Lounge 5-8pm	<b>7</b>  Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM  AUXILIARY MEETING 6-8 PM	<b>8</b>  Executive Board Meeting 4:30 Open to all  BINGO 8AM-4PM  Trivia Small Team	<b>9</b>  Amee Reese in Lounge 6-10pm  SAL Valentines Dance 6pm- 10:30pm	<b>10</b>  Breakfast 7-11 AM  Trivia 6:30 - 8:30 PM With Al Brady
<b>11</b>  Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	<b>12</b>  Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin 6-10	<b>13</b>  Queen of Hearts Mike Michaels in lounge 5-8pm	<b>14</b>  Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM <b>POST MEETING</b> 5:30-8 PM	<b>15</b>  BINGO 8AM-4PM  Trivia Small Team	<b>16</b>  Al Brady in Lounge 6-10pm Team Trivia Tournament 7PM until ??? \$5 person Max 8	<b>17</b>  Trivia 6:30 - 8:30 PM With Al Brady
<b>18</b>  Ball Room Dance 7-9PM  Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	<b>19</b>  Dr Sheri 11:30  Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin 6-10	<b>20</b>  Queen of Hearts Just Mike Lounge 5-8pm	<b>21</b>  Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM  SUBMARINE VETS 12 - 3PM S.A.L. MEETING 7-830 PM	<b>22</b>  BINGO 8AM-4PM  Trivia Small Team	<b>23</b>  D.J. Norm in lounge 6-10pm	<b>24</b>  Trivia 6:30 - 8:30 PM With Al Brady  40/8 Golf Tournament
<b>25</b>  Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	<b>26</b>  Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin 6-10	<b>27</b>  Queen of Hearts Lou Gatto in Lounge	<b>28</b>  Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM  40 & 8 Meeting 6-10 PM Bar Bingo 230-4pm			

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 Check out the Post Website for the latest updates on entertainment in the Lounge and Hall.