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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 14th and our next new member initiation will be February 25th. Invitations will be mailed out shortly. Thank you each and everyone for volunteering. AIM HIGH, FOR GOD AND COUNTRY. 1st 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 <a href="https://www.legion.org/renew">www.legion.org/renew</a>, 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

delicious food and the Post will be serving the beverages at the bar. Come on out on Sunday afternoons and join us in the fun. We hope you will enjoy Sundays with us as you do Wednesday bar bingo. We look forward to seeing you.

We are starting our new season with a Fashion Show luncheon on January 21<sup>st</sup> from 3-5pm, with fashions from Anthony's. There will be door prizes, 50/50 and some surprises. The tickets are on sale now for \$15.00 in the front office and at the bar in the Lounge. The proceeds from this event will go to K9's for Warriors, our Department President's project.

We will be hosting a Women's Veterans luncheon on March 5<sup>th</sup>. If you know of any woman veterans who would like to attend please contact Carol Pirone-Udell at 914-373-9947. The lunch is free to the veterans and \$5.00 to all to non-veterans.

There will be an ABC School at Post 286, Pine Castle on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. and our District meeting at Mt. Dora Post 35 on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please try to attend these events.

Our Chaplain, Donna McGlone 617-943-5960, wants you to notify her of members who have passed away. We will notify membership and we also donate to a scholarship fund in the name of the deceased. We also have a service honoring our member at our meeting. If a member is ill please let her know since we send cards and schedule get well visits. Our members are important to us and we would like to show them how much we care about them and their families.

For God and Country Mary LaNoce, Madam President

#### Sons of the American Legion:

Yours in God and Country, George M. Worton, Commander, Sons of The American Legion

### American Legion Riders from Michael Haynes President

## Members who went to Post Everlasting in Sep-Oct 2017

Member's Name	DOD	Member's Name	DOD	<b>AUX Member's Name</b>	DOD
Earnest H. Moebiu	11/01	David Scheffel	11/23	Bette Tanger	09/11
Dennis Velie	11/09	Walter V. Morey	12/03		
Robert M. Fitzgerald	11/11	Robert S Feljzor	12/03		

# **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.

### **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, <a href="www.VillagesHonorFlight.org">www.VillagesHonorFlight.org</a> and print out an application. You may also pick up applications from the Post 347 front Office, or phone Honor Flight at <a href="352-432-1382">352-432-1382</a>.

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

Lounge and Hall Entertainment information if changed will be updated on the Legion website.

Legion Officers 2017		Auxiliary (	Officers 2017	SAL Officers 2017		
Al Varrone Ellen Tierney T.C. Biddle Bill Behn Joerg Wartenberg Mike Seidel Ken DeMello George Zablocki Tom Murphy	Adjutant Finance Sgt at Arms Judge Advocate	Mary La Noce Jean Flake Wendy Adams Lynn Barbarotta Donna Hodge Ann Huxtable Betty Spencer Donna McGlone Ruth Sovern	President  1st Vice President  2nd Vice President  Secretary  Treasurer  Historian  Sgt At Arms  Chaplain  Membership	George Worton Paul Pitts David Booth Danny Adams Jack Dirga Cory Meloni Gary Blanchard David Callies Bill Gray	Commander  1st Vice Commander  2nd Vice Commander  Financial Officer  Chaplain  Historian  Sgt-At-Arms  Member at Large  Member at Large	
John Trenkle Guy Knaak Lyle Koch Johnny Gibbons Ron Monat Tim Tierney Mike Horn	Service Officer Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Past Commander Historian/ Editor	Members at Large Carol Pirone-Udell Barb Kajda Lois Glosch Cathy Trout Maureen Caswell		Bill Lynn Daniel Martin Betty Martin	lers 2017 President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Sgt At Arms	

January 2018

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

~January 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 New Years Day Lounge Karaoke David Baldwin 6-10 PM	2 Queen of Hearts Lounge Lou Gatto	3 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM AUXILIARY MEETING 6-8 PM	4 BINGO 8AM-4PM Lounge Small Team Trivia 6PM Legion Riders 6:30 pm	5 Amee Reese Lounge 6-10pm	6 Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM
7 Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	8 Dr Sheri 11:30 AM Lounge Karaoke David Baldwin 6-10	9 Queen of Hearts Pat Murphy in Lounge 5-8pm	10 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM POST MEETING 5:30-8 PM	11 BINGO 8AM-4PM Lounge Small Team Trivia Ed- Carol-Ellen 6PM	Pam Valli in Lounge 6-10pm Team Trivia Tournament 7PM until ??? \$5 person Max 8	Breakfast 7-11 AM  Lounge Team Trivia AI Brady 6:30 PM
Early Bird Dinner 12-3PM Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	15 SAL Hermit Crab Race 5pm-9pm. Lounge Karaoke David Baldwin 6-10	16 Queen of Hearts Just Mike Lounge 5-8pm	17 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM SUBMARINE VETS 12 - 3PM S.A.L. MEETING 7-8:30 PM	BINGO 8AM-4PM  Lounge Small Team Trivia Ed- Carol-Ellen 6PM	Al Brady in Lounge 6-10pm	20 Night At the Races 5-9 PM  Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM
Aux Fashion Show 3-6PM Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	22 Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin 6-10	23 Queen of Hearts Johnny Ray McCullah in Lounge 5-8pm	24 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM  Polka Dance 4-10PM 40 & 8 Meeting 6-10 PM	BINGO 8AM-4PM Lounge Small Team Trivia Ed- Carol-Ellen 6PM	26 Flag Repair 8-3PM D J Norm in Lounge 6-10pm	Flag Placement 8-3AM Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM
28 Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	29 Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin 6-10	Queen of Hearts Joe Allen in Lounge	31 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM	Anna Cata O	42	
		Updates to this sch	te Hours: M-F: 9am edule of events will be may contact the pos	oe posted on our wel	osite, in your local	

# February 2018

			LEGION Wee	kly Events		
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 pm – Kitchen Open Lounge Music and Dancing	6:30 – 8 pm Lounge Team Trivia
		~ Fe	bruary 20	18 ~		
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		Note: There will be no Music in the Hall on Tuesday Night to allow more seating for diners		Lounge Small Team Trivia Ed- Carol-Ellen 6PM	Pam Valli in Lounge 6-10pm	Trivia 6:30 – 8:30 PM With Al Brady
Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin 6-10	Queen of Hearts Mike & Terry in Lounge 5-8pm	7 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM  AUXILIARY MEETING 6-8 PM	8 Executive Board Meeting 4:30 Open to all BINGO 8AM-4PM Trivia Small Team	9 Amee Reese in Lounge 6-10pm  SAL Valentines Dance 6pm- 10:30pm	Breakfast 7-11 AM Trivia 6:30 – 8:30 PM With Al Brady
Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin 6-10	13 Queen of Hearts Mike Michaels in lounge 5-8pm	14 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM POST MEETING 5:30-8 PM	BINGO 8AM-4PM Trivia Small Team	Al Brady in Lounge 6-10pm Team Trivia Tournament 7PM until ??? \$5 person Max 8	17 Trivia 6:30 – 8:30 PM With Al Brady
18 Ball Room Dance 7-9PM Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	Dr Sheri 11:30  Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin 6-10	Queen of Hearts Just Mike Lounge 5-8pm	21 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM  SUBMARINE VETS 12 - 3PM S.A.L. MEETING 7-830 PM	BINGO 8AM-4PM Trivia Small Team	D.J. Norm in lounge 6-10pm	Trivia 6:30 – 8:30 PM With Al Brady  40/8 Golf Tournament
Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM	Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin 6-10	27 Queen of Hearts Lou Gatto in Lounge	28 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM  40 & 8 Meeting 6-10 PM Bar Bingo 230-4pm			
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