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## Bimonthly Newsletter – March-April 2019

### **Commander's Notes** by Al Varrone:

March 9th we will hold our last Saturday Breakfast of the year. The next Breakfast is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup>.

January 19<sup>th</sup> marked the return of Saturday night at the races. A fun filled evening was had by all. The next Saturday at the races is currently scheduled for April.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> we hosted the National Commander Brett Reistad along with US Congressman Daniel Webster, Lady Lake Mayor Jim Richards, Mayor Ruth Kussard, Commissioner Paul Hannah, and Legion Rider National Director Bob Sussan. It was Officially announced at the dinner that the 2019 American Legion Legacy Run would begin at Post 347.

February 10<sup>th</sup> we held new member initiation. The next initiation is scheduled for June.

March 9th The 6<sup>th</sup> District Conference will be held at Post 80 St Cloud beginning at 9AM.

March 11<sup>th</sup> we will be an Honored Guest at the Boy Scout's Golden Eagle Dinner.

April 13<sup>th</sup> Department Madam President Michelle DeGennaro will hold her Home Coming in our hall.

April 17<sup>th</sup> is the next Honor Flight to Washington DC.

April 20<sup>th</sup> the 6<sup>th</sup> District Picnic will be held at Post 183 in Fern Park.

April 27<sup>th</sup> the Department Children and Youth Golf Tournament will be held at Harbor Hills and the dinner will be held in the Hall at the Post.

Finally, the months of March and April are when we nominate all the Post Officers for the coming year. All the positions are up for election. All members interested in becoming an officer should contact Johnny Gibbons about being placed on the ballot.

**For God and Countr.,. Commander Al Varrone**

### **Chaplain's Corner:** by *Chaplain Joerg Wartenberg*. Let us pray,

Almighty God, creator of the universe, we are thankful for all of your love, guidance and grace. Permit us to continue giving of ourselves for our Country promoting Americanism, the American Legion, our community and Post 347 in your name. Guide our Leaders to make the right decisions that will promote everlasting peace and freedom. Be especially with the brave men and women that are actively serving our country, dedicated to assure we will continue our way of life for generations to come. Let us always be united and supportive to assure our future. Bless our volunteers that actively continue to give their time and talent to serve our Post.

**Amen, Joerg Wartenberg**

**From the desk of the 1st Vice Commander Ellen Tierney:** Thank you one and all, Post 347 continues to grow for the 31st year in a row. Our Post was chartered in November 1988 with 72 members. As of this writing (mid February) we are at 98.5% to our goal of 6460, less than 100 members. I have no doubt that we will reach this goal before the Legion celebration birthday in March. So once again THANK YOU everyone for bringing in all you're legible friends and neighbors.  
**AIM HIGH, FOR GOD AND COUNTRY –1st Vice Commander Ellen Tierney**

**Auxiliary News:** by *Ruth Sovern, Madam President:* Happy Spring! Before we know it summer will be here! We want to thank all of you for your generous support of our Bar Bingo every Wednesday and Sunday and also our recent fundraisers: the Spaghetti Dinner for Pam Kelly and our Fashion Show to benefit "Final Salute" a program for homeless women veterans. We/I can't thank all of our volunteers enough for making these events so successful so that we can do what we do best, serve our Veterans and our community. Our Volunteers truly represent the American Legion Auxiliary motto: "In the Spirit of Service, Not Self".

Auxiliary Unit 347 is now a proud sponsor of Lady Lake Little League including a softball team in the major division (9 to 12 year olds), The Major Bruisers. We also made donations for a field sponsorship, Umpire sponsorship, and a Scholarship donation to help children pay registration fees. Opening day is March 2 and hope to see our membership support the Lady Lake Little League. We will be posting the schedule on our new website (still a work in progress): <http://florida-legion.com/auxiliary/default.html> . These children are our future, show them we care!

Our next membership Initiation Ceremony will be held Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. If you have never been initiated and would like to be, please contact Cathy Trout, Unit 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Membership Chairman via email: [ALAUNIT347@comcast.net](mailto:ALAUNIT347@comcast.net) .

Our General Membership meeting is held the first Wednesday of the month, social hour 5:30 – 6:30 and the meeting promptly starting at 6:30. Please join us to learn what we do for our Veterans and our Community. Keep checking our bulletin board for updates and upcoming events.

**For God and Country, Ruth Sovern, Auxiliary President**

**Sons of the American Legion**. . The Vegas Night Dinner Show is March 1, with Elvis Presley and Patsy Cline (Greg Bastin and Rebecca Mills) at the Post; tickets @\$25 Per Person are going fast! Buy tickets at the Post at the front window or the lounge. Doors open at 5:00PM; dinner at 5:30PM. Show is at 7:00PM. The event flyer is on the website: [http://florida-legion.com/sons\\_events/default.html](http://florida-legion.com/sons_events/default.html)

We desperately need volunteer help in the kitchen/lounge on Monday nights (our burgers are the best and we are selling a lot more than last year). Come and give 2-3 hours to meet the demand as we raise money for the Veteran, Youth, and Community causes that we support. Contact Bernie Harcher (440)724-2137 or email [bernieharchersal@gmail.com](mailto:bernieharchersal@gmail.com) or Dave Callies (920) 716-4899 or email [dandcallies@icloud.com](mailto:dandcallies@icloud.com).

**John Gorsuch, Commander SAL #347**

**American Legion Riders from Michael Haynes Director:** Many Thanks to all Legion Family members and other supporters in the Tri-County area for the outstanding support of the monthly ALR Sunday Dinners, featuring our Winter Menu of Shepherd's Pie. The dinners will continue in March with a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on March 17<sup>th</sup>, then resume with our seasonal menu changing to Pulled Pork BBQ with all the fixings in April.

Our members were very busy preparing for, and taking part in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dept. Our Florida ALR Summit is 4-6 Feb in Cocoa Beach. This was a great training, education and comradeship conference that drew riders from all across the Sunshine State.

Once again, it is a pleasure to announce that our less than 2-yr old ALR Chapter 347 continues to grow, adding more than 10 new members in recent months; bring our total membership to 89 as of the end of January. We encourage everyone in the Legion Family to inform their friends and neighbors who enjoy motorcycling and may, or may not, be Legion Family members already to look into joining ALR Chapter 347. It would be a "double win" if they joined the Legion Family and ALR 347!!

A the recent Special Dinner in early February honoring the American Legion National Commander, it was announced that Post 347 was selected to be the official Departure Point for the 2019 American Legion Legacy Scholarship Motorcycle Run. This is a HUGE honor for both our ALR Chapter and Post 347 and will see over 500 ALR members from across the state and region converging on Post 347 in mid-August to participate in this very special event. You can learn more about this event at <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy>

For anyone interested in learning more about our Chapter, please join us at our regularly scheduled monthly meetings in the Main Hall of Post 347 on the first Thursday each month at 1830. Or, visit our web page at <http://www.florida-legion.com/riders>  
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**Michael Haynes, Director**

## Members who went to Post Everlasting in Jan 2019

DOD	Member's Name	DOD	Member's Name	DOD	Member's Name
01/18	James E. Cisewski	01/19	Jack N. Scales	01/21	Calvin D. Mook
01/27	Richard G. McCarthy				

## FUTURE EVENTS

**Don't forget your food bank items.**

### **POST IN NEED OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

We loan out donated wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, etc. to members and to the general public. We are currently *extremely* short of such equipment. If you have borrowed equipment and no longer have need for it, please return it to the Post. If you or a neighbor has such equipment that is no longer needed, please consider donating it. We do NOT accept commode/toilet items or motorized equipment. Harry Miller, Office Volunteer

**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.

All Tuesday night and SAL kitchen menus are posted on our website at [www.florida-legion.com](http://www.florida-legion.com)/Kitchen

## OFFICERS

<b>Legion Officers 2018</b>	<b>Auxiliary Officers 2018</b>	<b>SAL Officers 2018</b>
Al Varrone <i>Commander</i>	Ruth Sovern <i>President</i>	John Gorsuch <i>Commander</i>
Ellen Tierney <i>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander</i>	Cathy Trout <i>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</i>	Doug White <i>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander</i>
T.C. Biddle <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander</i>	Maureen Caswell <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</i>	Tony Watkins <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander</i>
Bill Behn <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander</i>	Peggy Hearlson <i>Secretary</i>	George Worton <i>Financial Officer</i>
Joerg Wartenberg <i>Chaplain</i>	Kathy Allen <i>Treasurer</i>	Ben Kisielica <i>Chaplain</i>
Mike Seidel <i>Adjutant</i>	Ann Huxtable <i>Historian</i>	VACANT <i>Historian</i>
Ken DeMello <i>Finance</i>	Betty Spencer <i>Sgt At Arms</i>	Angelo Speziale <i>Sgt-At-Arms</i>
George Zablocki <i>Sgt at Arms</i>	Maureen Merlette <i>Chaplain</i>	David Callies <i>Member at Large</i>
Bill Walsh <i>Judge Advocate</i>	Members at Large:	Charlie McGlone <i>Member at Large</i>
John Trenkle <i>Service Officer</i>	Mary LaNoce (Past President)	Mike Shebel <i>JAG</i>
Guy Knaak <i>Member at Large</i>	Carol Pirone-Udell	Robert O'Neal <i>Adjutant</i>
Lois Glosch <i>Member at Large</i>	Mary Seidel	<b>Legion Riders 2018</b>
Bob Soultter <i>Member at Large</i>	Marcia Silva	Mike Haynes <i>Director</i>
Ron Monat <i>Member at Large</i>		Bill Lynn <i>Asst Director</i>
Tim Tierney <i>Past Commander</i>		Daniel Martin <i>Treasurer</i>
Mike Horn <i>Historian/ Editor</i>		Betty Martin <i>Secretary</i>
		Craig Bonfant <i>Sgt At Arms</i>
		Jim Dollins <i>Chaplain</i>
		Felicia Rawls <i>Ride Captain</i>

## March 2019

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	Doors Open 0730 am For Bingo 5-7pm Italian Night:	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
					1 <b>Lounge:</b> Pam Valli, 6-10pm <b>Hall:</b> Sons Dinner Show Elvis/Patsy Cline 5-7PM	2 <b>Lounge</b> Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM
3 <b>Lounge</b> Bar Bingo 2PM	4 <b>Lounge Karaoke</b> David Baldwin 6-10	5 <b>Queen of Hearts</b>  Mike Michaels Lounge 5-8pm	6 <b>Lounge</b> Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM  Auxiliary Meeting 530 Social Hour 630 General Meet	7 <b>Executive Board</b> Meeting 4:30  Legion Riders 6:30 pm  Trivia Small Team	8 <b>Lounge</b> Amee Reese 6-10pm	9 <b>Lounge</b> Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM  Breakfast 7-11AM \$7.00
10 <b>Lounge</b> Bar Bingo 2PM	11 <b>Lounge Karaoke</b> David Baldwin 6-10	12 <b>Queen of Hearts</b>  Mike & Terry Lounge 5-8pm	13 <b>Lounge Bar Bingo</b> Members & Their Guests 2:15PM  <b>POST MEETING</b> 5:30-8 PM	14 <b>Lounge</b> Small Team Trivia 6PM	15 <b>Lounge</b> Al Brady 6-10pm	16  <b>Sat Night at</b> The Races \$5.00
17 <b>Lounge</b> Bar Bingo 2PM SONS Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	18 <b>Recreations Show</b>  <b>Lounge Karaoke</b> David Baldwin 6-10	19 <b>Queen of Hearts</b>  Just Mike in Lounge 5-8pm	20 <b>Lounge Bar Bingo</b> Members & Their Guests 2:15PM SUBMARINE VETS 12 - 3PM S.A.L. MEETING 7-830 PM	21 <b>Lounge</b> Small Team Trivia 6PM	22 <b>Lounge</b> Pat Murphy 6-10pm	23 <b>Lounge</b> Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM
24 <b>Lounge</b> Bar Bingo 2PM	25 <b>Lounge Karaoke</b> David Baldwin 6-10	26 <b>Queen of Hearts</b> Bubba in Lounge	27 <b>Lounge Bar Bingo</b> Members & Their Guests 2:15PM 40 & 8 Meeting 6-10 PM	28 <b>Lounge</b> Small Team Trivia 6PM	29 <b>Lounge</b> Joe Allen 6-10pm	30
31 <b>Lounge</b> Bar Bingo 2PM	<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					

## April 2019

### AMERICAN LEGION Weekly 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	Doors Open 0730 am For Bingo 5-7pm Italian Night:	5-7 - Kitchen Open Lounge Music and Dancing	6:30 - 8 pm Lounge Team Trivia

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	1 <b>Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin</b> 6-10u	2 <b>Queen of Hearts</b>  <b>Just Mike in Lounge</b> 5-8pm	3 <b>Lounge Bar Bingo Members &amp; Their Guests 2:15PM</b>  AUXILIARY MEETING 6-8 PM	4 <b>Executive Board Meeting 4:30</b>  <b>Legion Riders</b> 6:30 pm  Trivia Small Team	5 <b>Johnny Ray McCullah in Lounge</b> 6-10pm	6 <b>Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady</b> 6:30 PM
7 AUX Initiation Ceremony will be held at 1PM  <b>Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM</b>	8 <b>Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin</b> 6-10u	9 <b>Queen of Hearts</b>  <b>DJ Norm in Lounge</b> 5-8pm	10 <b>POST MEETING 5:30-8 PM</b>  <b>Lounge Bar Bingo Members &amp; Their Guests 2:15PM</b>	11 <b>Lounge Trivia Small Team</b> 6PM	12 <b>Pat Murphy in Lounge</b> 6-10pm	13 <b>Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady</b> 6:30 PM
14 <b>New members Initiation Dinner</b>  <b>Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM</b>	15 <b>Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin</b> 6-10	16 <b>Queen of Hearts</b>  <b>Mike &amp; Terry in lounge</b> 5-8pm	17 <b>Lounge Bar Bingo Members &amp; Their Guests 2:15PM</b>  SUBMARINE VETS 12 - 3PM S.A.L. MEETING 7-830 PM	18 <b>Lounge Trivia Small Team</b> 6PM	19 <b>SONS Elvis &amp; Patsi Cline Tribute.</b>  <b>Al Brady in lounge</b> 6-10pm	20 <b>Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady</b> 6:30 PM
21 <b>Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM</b>	22 <b>Dr Sheri 11:30</b>  <b>Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin</b> 6-10 pm	23 <b>Queen of Hearts</b>  <b>Fred Campbell In Lounge</b> 5-8pm	24 <b>Lounge Bar Bingo Members &amp; Their Guests 2:15PM</b> 40 & 8 Meeting 6-10 PM	25 <b>Lounge Trivia Small Team</b> 6PM	26 <b>Pam Valli in lounge</b> 6-10pm	27 <b>Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady</b> 6:30 PM  <b>Children &amp; Youth Golf Tournament</b>
28 <b>Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM</b>	29 <b>Lounge Karaoke by David Baldwin</b> 6-10 pm	30 <b>Queen of Hearts</b> <b>Joe Allen McCullah</b> 5-8PM				
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