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Bimonthly Newsletter – May-June 2018

Members who went to Post Everlasting in Jan-Feb 2017-2018

| DOD | Member's Name | DOD | Member's Name | DOD | Member's Name |
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| 02/15/18 | Rodney T. Johnson | 02/19/18 | James J. Hagan | 02/20/18 | Richard S. Byrne |
| 02/26/18 | Phillip R. Stravine | | | | |

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.

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

Commander's Notes by Al Varrone: Congratulations and THANK YOU to all of the members who renewed their membership, transferred from another Post or are new members of Post 347. As of April 12, 2018, Post Membership was at **101% with 6283** members.

On April 7th Members from the post visited Madeira Beach Post 273, we were treated very cordially and a good time was had by all. I'm looking forward to seeing these fellow Legionnaires at convention in July.

May 4th is the Department Children and Youth Golf outing at Harbor Hills Country Club, anyone interested should see our SAL Commander George Warton.

May 9th we will be voting for all elected positions of the Legion of the Post. Voting will be held from 11AM to 1PM in the Hall and during the Membership Meeting in the evening.

May 26th we will be hosting the Homecoming Party for the Department of Florida. Tickets can be purchased from Bill Walsh at \$30 each.

May 27th flags will be placed at the grave sites at the Florida National Cemetery.

May 30th we will have our Memorial Day Celebration at Lady Lake Cemetery.

June 2nd the 6th District Constitutional Conference will be held at Post 347.

June 10th the next Post Initiation will be held, Ellen will send invitations to all the candidates.

June 14th we will have our Flag Day Ceremony Time to be announced.

Finally, our many "SNOWBIRDS" have either left or are getting ready to leave for the frozen tundra up north. We hope they have a safe journey and we hope to see them when they return in the fall. **For God and Country. Commander Al Varrone**

Chaplain's Corner: by Chaplain Joerg Wartenberg. We are approaching the summer months, time for family and friends to enjoy the festivities. Let us be mindful that every day is made possible by having this freedom and privilege, because of our Veterans who fought and those who gave the supreme sacrifice to keep America Free. Let us be especially mindful to honor our Veterans on **Memorial Day, May 30th**. Pray for our members in the armed forces, who are continuously willing to pursue their mission for our freedom and a better world to live in for us and future generations? May God give them strength and courage.

As members of the American Legion let us unite, reach out, and support each other not only in difficult times, also every day. Let us always be mindful as Legionaries to promote comradeship by respecting each other at all times. Keeping our cause pure and positive. **For God, Country and the American Legion, AMEN Joerg Wartenberg.**

From the desk of the 1st Vice Commander: WE DID IT – YOU DID IT... we reached our goal of 100% + 1 prior to March 31st. We had 6212 members that equal 100.194% and we continue to grow. So again, thank you each and everyone for spreading the word and bringing in your eligible friends and neighbors. I look forward to seeing you around the post or at functions that are being done for our veterans each and every month and at our monthly membership meeting. **For God and Country 1st Vice Commander Ellen Tierney**

Legion Officers 2017

Auxiliary Officers 2017

SAL Officers 2017

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| Al Varrone | Commander | Mary La Noce | President | George Worton | Commander |
| Ellen Tierney | 1 st Vice Commander | Cathy Trout | 1 st Vice President | Paul Pitts | 1 st Vice Commander |
| T.C. Biddle | 2 nd Vice Commander | Wendy Adams | 2 nd Vice President | David Booth | 2 nd Vice Commander |
| Bill Behn | 3 rd Vice Commander | Lynn Barbarotta | Secretary | Danny Adams | Financial Officer |
| Joerg Wartenberg | Chaplain | Donna Hodge | Treasurer | Jack Dirga | Chaplain |
| Mike Seidel | Adjutant | Ann Huxtable | Historian | Cory Meloni | Historian |
| Ken DeMello | Finance | Betty Spencer | Sgt At Arms | Gary Blanchard | Sgt-At-Arms |
| George Zablocki | Sgt at Arms | Donna McGlone | Chaplain | David Callies | Member at Large |
| Tom Murphy | Judge Advocate | Ruth Sovern | Membership | Bill Gray | Member at Large |
| John Trenkle | Service Officer | Members at Large | | | |
| Guy Knaak | Member at Large | Carol Pirone-Udell | | | |
| Lyle Koch | Member at Large | Barb Kajda | | | |
| Johnny Gibbons | Member at Large | Lois Glosch | | | |
| Ron Monat | Member at Large | Maureen Caswell | | | |
| Tim Tierney | Past Commander | | | | |
| Mike Horn | Historian/ Editor | | | | |

Legion Riders 2017

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| Mike Haynes | Director |
| Bill Lynn | Asst Director |
| Daniel Martin | Treasurer |
| Betty Martin | Secretary |
| Craig Bonfant | Sgt At Arms |

Auxiliary News: by, Mary La Noce, Madam President: We are at the end of our fiscal year and we will be electing a new slate of officers at our May 2nd meeting at 6:30 pm. Please come and vote for the candidate of your choice. It has been my honor to serve as your President for the past two years. Thank you all for your support and I hope you will assist the new officers.

Constitutional Conference has been changed from Saturday May 5th to Sunday May 6th at Post 219, Fruitland Park, at 12:30 pm. Please try to attend; we have an election of officers and delegates at this meeting.

The homecoming dinner for the “3 Amigos” will take place at our Post on May 26th, the ticket price is \$30.00.

Our Convention if being held at Marriot World in Orlando, July 5th thru July 8th, if you are planning on attending make your room reservations soon. You may come on a daily basis if you don't want to stay overnight. We will be electing our Department Officers at this meeting. I wish to thank all the officers and chairman who did such an outstanding job serving the Auxiliary these past 2 years. God bless them and all of our members. **For God and Country Mary LaNoce, Madam President**

Sons of the American Legion, George Worton, Commander: As we march forward this administrative year we can look at some significant accomplishments that we can take pride in. We achieved new highs in membership, were able to help many worthwhile charities and organizations that deliver needed help to many great causes, and we faced many challenges that we were able to overcome. Two hurricanes and the revenue drop because of the NFL situation both caused us to concentrate on our other income streams and try some new ideas.

We are working on two very important events that should help us meet our needs and help us support some great causes. The Department and Detachment are organizing a Golf Tournament at Harbor Hills Golf Club on May 4th with the intent of having the entire Family participating. As this is Children and Youth Month they wanted to use this as a way to support that very worthy effort. We are still looking for golfers and volunteers and any help is appreciated. The next great event is a Casino Night for June 8 and this is one that we believe could be a truly great time. We are working to make this a memorable event and will feature many table games, slots, roulette, poker and more. Tickets will go on sale very soon and it should be a fun time.

One area we need to work on is communication with the other organizations in this great organization and we will try harder to work with our Brothers and Sisters to make this an even better Family!

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

American Legion Riders from Michael Haynes Director: The American Legion Riders (ALR) have been busy. We have added new members in the past month and are continuing to receive applications for new members. The Riders chapter has sponsored a "Silver Hole" for the Children and Youth Tournament at Harbor Hills Golf Club. This will hopefully extend our outreach to the community as well as support a worthy charity. The ALR were represented at the District 6 meeting held at Mt. Dora. The ALR presented a \$500.00 check to the District for Boys State Transportation fund. Two of our lady riders participated in the "All Women Ride Event" in March; riding 167 miles and met with other Legion riders. ALR gathered at the Legion in March and April to support the SAL breakfast and then follow up with two great rides after a hearty breakfast. Twelve to fifteen bikes participated in these rides. We are looking forward to our planned ride to the Leesburg Bikefest April 28th. **Michael Haynes, Director**

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| | 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 | 10am - 3:30 pm Bingo 5-7pm Italian Night: | 5-7 - Kitchen Open Lounge Music and Dancing | 6:30 - 8 pm Lounge Team Trivia |

| ~May 2018~ | | | | | | |
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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... | | 1 Queen of Hearts Just Mike in Lounge 5-8pm | 2 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM Auxiliary Meeting 5:30PM | 3 Executive Board Meeting 4:30 PM Lounge Small Team Trivia 6PM Legion Riders 6:30 pm | 4 Lounge DJ Norm 6-10pm Sons Golf Tournament | 5 Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM |
| 6 Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM | 7 Lounge Karaoke David Baldwin 6-10 | 8 Queen of Hearts Mike & Terry Lounge 5-8pm | 9 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM POST MEETING 5:30-8 PM | 10 Lounge Small Team Trivia Ed- Carol-Ellen 6PM | 11 Lounge Amee Reese 6-10pm | 12 Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM |
| 13 Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM Boy-Cub Scouts 2-4PM | 14 Lounge Karaoke David Baldwin 6-10 | 15 Queen of Hearts Bubba Lounge 5-8pm | 16 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM SUBMARINE VETS 12 - 3PM S.A.L. MEETING 7-8:30 PM | 17 Lounge Small Team Trivia Ed- Carol-Ellen 6PM | 18 Lounge Pam Valli 6-10pm | 19 Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM |
| 20 Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM | 21 Lounge Karaoke David Baldwin 6-10 | 22 Queen of Hearts Al Brady in Lounge 5-8pm | 23 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM 40 & 8 Meeting 6-10 PM | 24 Lounge Small Team Trivia Ed- Carol-Ellen 6PM | 25 Lounge Joe Allen 6-10pm | 26 Lounge Team Trivia Al Brady 6:30 PM 3Amigo's Homecoming Dinner |
| 27 Lounge Bar Bingo 2PM Flags to National Cemetery | 28 Lounge Karaoke David Baldwin 6-10 | 28 Queen of Hearts Lou Gatto in Lounge | 30 Lounge Bar Bingo Members & Their Guests 2:15PM Lady Lake Cemetery Memorial Day Celebration | 31 Lounge Small Team Trivia Ed- Carol-Ellen 6PM | | |
| 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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