

# American Legion-Veterans Memorial Post 347

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**OCTOBER 2020**

**Lounge is open!**

**SPECIAL CORONA-COVID 19 EDITION**

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**THE NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING: [florida-legion.org](http://florida-legion.org)**

## **1st Vice Commander-Joan Suelter**

Membership renewals are in full swing. Again, as last year, I will make available for a few Tuesday Nights to renew your membership; hopefully avoiding that last-minute dash to renew. Check the bulletin boards for dates in the coming weeks.

Currently we are at 59.4% with a long way to go to achieve our 100% plus 1 by March 31, 2021.

As fellow legionnaires, I look upon all of you as my helpful recruiters. Just a reminder, the qualifications to become a member of the largest veteran organization changed last July 31, 2019, when President Trump signed the "Legion Act" stating you just need to have served one day active service from December 7th 1941, through Present Day. Please help me get the word out.

Looking forward to seeing and serving with you all.

*Fair Winds and following seas.*

## **Sons of the American Legion: Bob O'Neal-Adjutant**

2021 renewals have passed 40%. The SAL is back in the kitchen as of Monday September 21st for the best burgers in town. The Squadron won the National Award for its 2019-2020 Children & Youth program.

## **Commander-Al Varrone**

The Post re-opened on August 17th with CDC social distancing protocols in place.

On September 25th, Governor DeSantis signed an order to enable Bars and Restaurants to reopen to 100% capacity. Some restaurants changed their protocols immediately while others decided to wait a little longer.

The Post decided to wait until the Executive Committee meeting on October 1st, in order to gain more knowledge and be able to have an intelligent and informed discussion on what, if any, changes should be made to our protocols.

We should always have the safety and well-being of our members in the forefront.

Any further developments will be posted on the NEW website. ([florida-legion.org](http://florida-legion.org))

Plans for Veterans Day and Thanksgiving have yet to be finalized. More details to follow.

Finally, we hope our Snowbirds have safe travels returning to the Sunshine State,

*Aim High. For God and Country.*

## **Auxiliary-Maureen Caswell, Madam President**

I think it might be appropriate this month to give you an update of where The Auxiliary is in its program start up efforts.

Membership renewals are going extremely well, we've renewed over 1,000 members thus far. It seems that having a renewal team available is helping to simplify the process. As a reminder, we will be continuing with these renewals in the Post lobby on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Note the hours are 12pm-4pm.

Your response to our "No Bake Cake Sale" has once again been overwhelming. We are on track to reach \$10,000 in the next few weeks. THANK YOU this will certainly help fund our Programs going forward.

Wednesday Bar Bingo is up and running and doing well. Each week our crowd gets a little larger as do our prizes. We are pleased with the progress we are making and feel quite comfortable that the environment is a safe one!

Stay Tuned...Sunday Bar Bingo will be starting up in the near future. We invite you to join us for an Oktoberfest to be held on Sunday, October 25. Further details and ticket availability will be forthcoming.

Our Membership meetings are the first Wednesday of the month. We practice social distancing and we'd love to see you. Thanks for all your support.

*In Spirit of Service, Not Self*

## **American Legion Riders-Gene Haplea-Director**

**NEW MEETING DATES:** Chapter 347 has adopted a new meeting day for regular Chapter Meetings. Starting in September we are meeting on the **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** each month. The monthly Advisory Board Meeting will also change to the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** at 1630. 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 at 1830. Our social and networking hour starts at 1730, with a Cash Bar and complimentary pizza.

Join our Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALR347/>

Officers are listed on page 2. Please contact them if you need assistance.



## POST EVERLASTING

Tim Tierney



### Lounge News-Ed Lawson, Manager

\*Mon-Sat: 12-9 pm Sun: 12-7 pm

\*We are still at limited seating. Please read the Commander's comments.

\* We are admitting our members and their S.O and outside guests.

\***Everyone must sign in. & temperature check (for contact tracing)**

\*Sanitize hands when entering post.

\*Face masks are **REQUIRED**. (Mask may be removed when you are seated but must be worn when moving about the post with **NO drink** in your hand. **You must be seated to be served.**

\*These are CDC guidelines and we will strictly enforce them. Please cooperate.

Bar snacks are available.

### Kitchen Talk-Harriett Turnbull, Manager

#### TUESDAY MENU

HOT DOG	\$3.00
LEGION BURGER-8 oz Angus	\$7.00
CHICKEN TENDERS (4) w/ Fries	\$7.00
FRENCH FRIES	\$2.00
ONION RINGS	\$3.00

#### FRIDAY MENU

SHRIMP FRY (6) W. Fries & Slaw	\$9.00
FISH FRY w/Fries & Slaw	\$9.00
LEGION BURGER-8 oz Angus	\$7.00
CHICKEN TENDERS w/ Fries	\$7.00
FRENCH FRIES	\$2.00
ONION RINGS	\$3.00
COLE SLAW	\$1.00

- **Burger Night has returned to Mondays from 4:30 –6:30 pm (SAL)**
- **Limited Menu before M.O.B. Bingo on Wednesdays from 12-2 pm. (SAL)**
- **Starting November 3rd, the Tuesday night menu will be reinstated with Specials.**

All meals are served from the kitchen. You must pick up. No wait service.

## ONGOING EVENTS

**Oktoberfest Dinner & Dance-Auxiliary Queen of Hearts-Tuesdays**

**Halloween Raffle-Auxiliary Music & Dancing-Fridays**

**M.O.B. Bingo-Wednesdays-Auxiliary Trivia-Saturdays**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO OUR REDESIGNED WEBSITE;

**florida-legion.org**

### LEGION

### AUXILIARY

### S.A.L.

### LEGION RIDERS

COMMANDER	Al Varrone	PRESIDENT	Maureen Caswell	COMMANDER	John Gorsuch	DIRECTOR	Gene Haplea
1ST VICE	Joan Suelter	1ST VICE	Marie Ray	1ST VICE	Danny Roe	ASST. DIRECTOR	Sherri Ward
2ND VICE	Dave Musser	2ND VICE	Carol Pirone-Udell	2ND VICE	Bud Bowyer	ADJUTANT	Linda Haynes
3RD VICE	Dan Martin	TREASURER	Kathy Allen	FINANCIAL OFFICER	Bill Grieco	FINANCE	Louise Labbe
CHAPLAIN	Lon Hertel	SECRETARY	Beth Musser	CHAPLAIN	Ben Kisielica	SGT-AT-ARMS	Bob Myles
ADJUTANT	Mike Seidel	HISTORIAN	Nancy White	HISTORIAN	Doug White	CHAPLAIN	Robert Johnson
FINANCE	Ken DeMello	SGT-AT-ARMS	JoAnn Thomas	SGT-AT-ARMS	Tony Watkins	RIDE CAPTAIN	Larry Pekoe
SGT-AT-ARMS	George Zablocki	CHAPLAIN	Maureen Merlette	MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Dave Callies		
ASST. SGT-AT-ARMS	Sheldon Gotesky	M.A.L.	Maureen Caruso	MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Charlie McGlone		
JUDGE ADVOCATE	Tom Murphy		Judy Samuelson	JAG	Paul Pitts		
MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Joe Holdreith		Mary LaNoce	ADJUTANT	Bob O'Neal		
MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Fred Jary		Mary Seidel				
MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Guy Knaak	PAST PRESIDENT/MAL	Ruth Sovern				
MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Bob Suelter						
PAST COMMANDER	Bob Kiley						
HISTORIAN/EDITOR	Phil Crouthamel						