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## COMMANDERS CORNER

Members March was an excellent month:

Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Department of Florida Auxiliary President, Jane Hardacre visited our post. She had a great time.

Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Karaoke Night 7pm in the Lounge

Mar 17<sup>th</sup> Saint Patrick's Party in the Lounge was a great event with music provided by the Heritage Highway band, Dinner Provided by SAL great turn out.

Mar 25<sup>th</sup> Northern Area Ball was a good showing 1920 theme food cooked by Sharon Huggins and Crew all some food. Thanks to all who helped with this event, as usual you make Our POST Shine.

Mar 25<sup>th</sup> SAL NEC Picnic at post 383 Oldtown was a good turn out

Redshirt Friday's winners were Laura Cabrera, Kathy Honeycutt twice and Brenda congratulations.

Queen of Hearts winners were Vinnie won twice Nate Buxton

Now for April:

April 1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting and District picnic at post 291 registration 10am, Picnic to follow

April 7<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry and Karaoke Food being served at 5:30 pm

April 9<sup>th</sup> NO BINGO lounge we be open 1- 7pm

April 12<sup>th</sup> First Responders Lunch from 11am – 1pm

April 15<sup>th</sup> Rock into Spring Dance 7pm with Late for Class Band bring finger food to share.

April 19<sup>th</sup> Legacy Run at 5pm

April 22<sup>ND</sup> Gold Star Family ceremony 5pm

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Auxiliary Yard Sale at 8am- 1pm

As always Volunteers are needed in Bingo, Kitchen and Events please take time To Volunteer and help your post. Thanks.

For God and Country

Commander  
Rick Cabrera



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## Volunteer of the Month

# Penny Weber

Thanks for all you do.

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Welcome to April, Riders and Legion Family

April brings in this year's Round Robin so we need to be thinking about riding once again. For Round Robin points it only takes 3 Riders visiting 3 posts for points. Points are awarded for miles and hours and all count from the time you leave your beginning location and if that's our post, that counts as one of the

posts. For each ride, let one person be in charge of documenting the Riders taking part and the hours and submit them to Victoria for tracking purposes.

We have a great shot at being Chapter of the year in our size group and it would be great for our Riders to have that honor.

As you know, nominations are open for the Riders for the 2023/2024 year, with elections being held in

May.

After much deliberation, I have come to the realization that it's been great being your Director for the past 7 years and I feel we as a group have accomplished a great deal. With that being said, due to many things going on in my personal life, I feel I have lost the focus needed to properly lead the group and have chosen not to run for Director for the upcoming year. I will remain an active member of the Riders and will support the incoming officers in any way I can. So far, the nominations we have are Director: Michael Ziegler and Asst. Director Charles (Chuck) Caldwell. Your nominating committee is David Miller, Kelly Valliere and Ray Funck. If you wish to nominate anyone for any position, please let them know and make sure that person is in attendance at the upcoming meetings to declare acceptance of the nomination.

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, April 19 sees the Florida in State Unity Riders stopping at our post for the final stop of the day. The Riders will prepare the dinner for them where they can eat and enjoy a beverage in the lounge.

Saturday, April 22 sees The Gold Star Families Memorial Ride stopping here for the evening of the first day of their ride. The plan is for them to stop for a rest break, then mount up and ride to the VA Domiciliary to visit with the Veterans there followed by returning to the Post where the American Legion will prepare dinner for them. Due to the Gold Star Families Memorial Ride being on the schedule night for Rider's Roadkill, it was decided at our meeting to cancel Roadkill for April. Rider's Dinner is on Friday, 28 April, Don Hickman and Ray Funck have volunteered to chair the dinner and the menu will be posted soon.

Once again, it has been an honor to serve as your director for the past 7 years and I thank each and every one of you for the support you have given me.

Bill Huggins



# AUXILIARY NEWS



Department President Jane Hardacre's was a total success. Our ice cream social for the residents at the Domiciliary was a big hit for them. They piled the toppings on, and some came back for seconds and thirds. Jane was in her element as she talked with most of the residents and then she was taken on a tour of the facility. The next day we visited the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch in Live Oak and then we came back to our post and packed backpacks for homeless teens and delivered them to United Way for distribution. We then had dinner at the post which was being prepared by our Juniors. Jane was having so much fun in the lounge, dancing and singing karaoke. The Juniors also presented her with a box of frosted goodies which she shared with everyone in the lounge. We played Bunco a few days this past month. Some female veterans from the Domiciliary came to play with us one night and had a great time. Our Saturday pretty much got rained out but we still played with the numbers that showed up. All in all it did what we wanted and that was to bring some fellowship to our unit. We will be planning some other events like lunch out together, or a craft project, or "painting with a twist". Stay tuned for more fun to come. We have been having a book drive for the Domiciliary during the month of March but I am going to extend it until April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any used books, hard back or paper back, that you think the residents would enjoy and you are willing to part with them, please drop them off at the post. Boxes are in the lobby and in the bingo hall for collection. Let's welcome a few new members: Jessica Huth, Laura Hansen, Denise Kelii, and Bailee-Jo Ambrose and transfers Linda Midla and Karen Cox. Congratulations to our Juniors that have worked so hard this past year on earning patches.

The Auxiliary yard sale is coming up this month, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 8 AM to 1 PM. If you would like to donate any items (NO CLOTHES) you can start bringing them in April 18<sup>th</sup> during our meeting or contact Judy Morelan at 386-288-3122 and she can meet you at the post. We will be needing volunteers to help set up on the 21<sup>st</sup> around 3 PM. This also gives you a chance to get that first peek at what's going on the tables.

Other events coming up:

April 1<sup>st</sup> – District Meeting and Picnic – Post 291 Steinhatchee – 10 AM registration

April 7<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday Fish Fry – 5:30 PM

April 12<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Lunch – 11 AM to 1 PM – Free to all first responders in our area. Volunteers will be needed to help prep food and serve.

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Auxiliary Dinner - 2 Sweet & Sour Bratwurst, hot German potato salad, Salad w/German Dressing, Roll/Butter and German Chocolate cupcakes – 5:30 PM  
\$10.00

April 15<sup>th</sup> – “Rock into Spring” – Live band (Late 4 Class) in the lounge – 7 PM

Congratulations to Nancy Moschetti. Her number was drawn at our March meeting and she will get her dues paid by the Unit for 2024. Anyone attending a general membership meeting gets a ticket when they come in the door and a number is picked at the end of the meeting. Wouldn't you like us to pay your dues for next year? They will be going up to \$45 for 2024. Elections are coming up in May. A nomination committee has been formed and they will present that list to us at the April meeting. The May meeting will require everyone to bring their membership card.

For God and Country,  
Lisa Dye  
President



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## HONOR GUARD

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Commander JD

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## Chaplain's Corner Apr 2023

This month is about our health and it's reality to how quick it changes our life with one little trip to the emergency room. I have struggled with high bp. I take natural supplements for it and one prescription med. The final day I had a shortness of breath and mild heart cramps. I drove to the VA in Lake City and thought it was possibly the flu. Wrong, they treated me as if it were a heart attack. This scared the stuff out of me along with a trip to G'ville VA with a race car driver at the wheel of the van. After 4 days of

being poked and stuck I was released with no apparent damage to my organs Take care of your health so you can take care of your family. If not, then you could be in a position with no quality of life, or have a severe heart attack and you will be concerned about the last beat it will take. God says "You must take care of yourself before you serve others". Take a hard look at how you see your health NOW.

Chaplain Rev Al



## Hello S.A.L. Squadron 57 Members

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable March

It's been another fun-filled month of March. I would like to thank the members of S.A.L and the Junior Auxiliary for making our St. Patrick's Friday Night Dinner a huge success.

Members, please plan on coming to our April meeting for nominations of officers

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday April 4th @ 6:30 p.m. S.A.L. Squadron 57 Meeting

Saturday April 8th @ 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. S.A.L Roadkill  
Bingo

Friday April 21st @ 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday Night  
Dinner

S.A.L Squadron 57 Commander: Brian Wolfe

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## Mikes Message

Hello Post 57 Membership

March was another good month for membership. We recruited 14 new members giving us 83 new members for the year. The rest of our membership numbers are 458 renewed members and 3 Headquarters Transfers to give us 611 total members paid for 2023 so far. This is 89.5% of our goal of 682. Our final numbers for membership awards have to be completed and submitted by April 23, 2023 so lets get a final push and if you know any veterans have them sign up or if they are members who haven't renewed have them renew their memberships.

We also received a few 50 Year Continuous Membership certificates for Willaim Dix, William Gootee Jr, Willie Merrell, and John Singer. We presented Mr Gootee his certificate at the last General Meeting and all were humbled at this accomplishment. This is a great accomplishment for a Legionnaire and the continued service to our organization for 50 years is awesome. If you see these members be sure to say congratulations.

Thank you for all you do on the membership front.  
Mike

