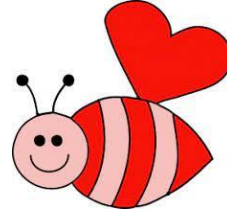


February 2024  
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## COMMANDERS CORNER



We are off to a great year, thank you for supporting the Post.  
Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, We had our Karaoke night in the Lounge, good turn out  
Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, We held the Norton area ball, great turn out lots of fun.  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Rusty held her Veterans Class  
Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary held The Americanism event, great turn out.

Now for February

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Karaoke at 6:30 pm

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> District 3 Four Chaplin's Ceremony at Post 224.

Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Valentines Dance and Steak Dinner, Service officer fundraiser with DJ Scott, Ribeye Steak Cooked to order, Bake Potato, Salad , Roll and Dessert. Signup sheet on bulletin board.

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl Party 4:30

Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Post 57 Four Chaplin's ceremony at 7pm

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> ALR chili cook off and car show 11am -2pm. Make your best chili and help support our ALR Chapter 57.

Red Shirt Friday winners: Charolette, Kelly, Annabelle and Sue Hoffman

Queen of Hearts winners: Connie Green, Troy Horsely, Peter Borghese and Dan Davis

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

Thanks for God and Country  
Commander  
Rick Cabrera

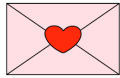
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# VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

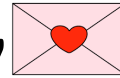
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Thanks for all you do!

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## S.A.L SQUADRON 57



Hello S.A.L. Squadron 57 Members

Hope everyone had a safe month of January!

We had another fun filled month of Roadkill Bingo and Friday Night Dinner. I would like to thank Lee, Ron, Leland, Kevin, Liam, and Bailey-Jo for helping with Roadkill and would also like to thank Jim, Leland, and Liam for helping with Friday Night Dinner. You'll make our events a huge success.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday February 3rd @ 7:00 to 9:00 pm Roadkill Bingo
- Tuesday February 6th @ 6:30pm Squadron 57 Meeting
- Friday February 23rd @ 5:30 to 7:30 pm Friday Night Dinner

S.A.L. Squadron 57 Commander:

Brian Wolfe

♥ HAPPY  
Valentine's  
DAY ♥



## AUXILIARY NEWS

January was a very busy month for us as we come off the holidays.

I have some sad news to report. We lost two of our members this month. Joanne Saucedo and Marylan Kerley both passed away. Joanne has been a member since 2012 and Marylan since 2003. Please keep their families in your prayers.

In January we donated to Catholic Charities, Lake City Humane Society, and our local schools (for snacks).

We took our lady vets from the Domiciliary to lunch at Beef O'Brady's. They had so much fun and it was so great to get to know these ladies and their stories. Looking forward to the next lunch.

We held our annual Americanism Essay Awards on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. We had such a great turnout of parents and teachers. The first place winners in each grade level read their essay and will now go on to Department for judging on the state level.

The Legion (Rusty Brown) is looking for volunteers to help out in the new County Service Officers office. These volunteers will be greeting veterans as they come in and making sure they have all their documents before making an appointment with the service officers. If you are interested, please contact Rusty through the Post.

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM we will be putting on a "Tea" for the lady veterans at the Domiciliary. Anyone interested in attending please let us know by RSVP to [alaux57@gmail.com](mailto:alaux57@gmail.com) or contact Maryann Dennis at 352-843-2353.

Our next Friday night dinner will be February 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 or until the food runs out. This is a special dinner celebrating Valentine's Day with Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Salad, and dessert for \$15.00 but you MUST prepay with the bartender before Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. If you wait until the day of it will be \$20.00 per dinner on a first come first served basis.

District 3 will be holding an ABC School of Instruction at Post 107 Live Oak on Saturday, March 2. Registration will begin at 9 AM and class will start at 10 AM. Lunch will be provided by Unit 107 for a donation. This is one event everyone needs to attend. You can learn about all of the workings of the ALA. If you are planning to attend and would like to carpool or follow to Live Oak, we are meeting at Harvey's on West 90 at 8:30 AM under the big tree.

### Upcoming events:

Valentine's Dinner and Dance: Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM, \$20.00/person - \$35.00/couple

4 Chaplains Ceremony: Saturday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 4 PM

Riders Chili Cook-off: Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 11 AM to 3 PM

Congratulations to our Unit for membership renewals. As of this writing we have surpassed our Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> goal of 85% renewed – we are standing at 90.13%. Great job everyone. If you have not yet renewed, please do so as soon as possible. We want to be sure we are at 100% + this year.

For God and Country,  
Lisa Dye  
President



# JUNIOR AUXILIARY



The Juniors Auxiliary and Junior SAL Members had their first meeting of the year on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Even though only a few could attend it was a productive meeting and we have some plans carved out for February leading us to the Riders Chili Cook-off.

Following are members of the Committee.

Harrison Ambrose - Mentor for the Junior SAL Members, Lisa Dye, Auxiliary President Brenda Morgan, serving as a back-up to me should I be unavailable Caitlin Hanechak - to assist the girls in their activities. Maryann Dennis & Carolyn Anderson – helping the Juniors with crafts. Some will be used to raise funds for the Juniors' fun activities.

We decided we would hold Junior (both Auxiliary and SAL) meetings at least once a month on Saturdays. With the chili cook-off coming up February 24<sup>th</sup>, both the girls and the boys at the meeting wanted to compete. Our National Engagement Plan refers to the Junior Auxiliary members as "Tinker Bells" and the Junior SAL members as the "Lost Boys."

Both the Auxiliary and SAL Juniors decided they wanted to enter the Riders Chili Cook-off and will be sharing one tent with each decorating one side of the tent. Even though they will be participating in the chili cook-off they want to compete against each other for the best decoration and best chili as determined by the crowd who will be asked to cast votes at our tent. They're excited deciding on their costumes and the decorations.

Because we're entering the chili cook-off, the following dates are for February to help us get prepared with crafts to sell and chili made.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 - to acquaint the girls and boys and get more ideas for the Riders Chili Cook-off which we will be entering as two groups.

February 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 - our monthly meeting and crafts

February 23<sup>rd</sup> – from 4:00 to 6:00 (or as decided by parents at the meeting on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>). We will be preparing the chili for the chili cook-off.

This is their entry and all girls, if possible, will need to participate in the chili preparation as we will only have one entry for the cook-off. The girls will be meeting at Donna Sessa's house and the boys will prepare chili at Harrison Ambrose's house.

February 24<sup>th</sup> – from 9:00 to 4:00 - Chili Cook-off - request all girls and boys attend to run their tent and sell any crafts we have completed as a fundraiser.

Those who attended the meeting were all so excited and had more recommendations than I can remember. Harrison and I are looking forward to seeing our other Juniors members join us from 1:00 to 3:00 on February 3rd as we get ready for the chili cook-off. We look forward to seeing the parents and Junior members at our next meeting on February 3rd so that folders can be handed out, forms signed, and getting to business.

Kay Peterson  
Juniors Chair  
Membership Chair/Auxiliary Secretary



## **SERVICE OFFICER**



*And finally, the rest of the story...*

**January was a busy month with veteran financial assistance and VA claim information. We are excited to get started with our volunteers that will be assisting the County Service Office and our local veterans. At the moment, we are in a holding pattern as the county determines the liability associated with volunteers in a county office. So far, I have 6 volunteers that hopefully will be trained in basic information to assist our veterans. If we can help them get prepared before they speak with the county service officer, it will help them both. When I have more specific information from the county, I will let you know.**

**Back in August the Post went to non-smoking in the lounge. We did this believing it was in the best interest of the Post but, we also realize that if the Post starts to lose money, it could go back to smoking. If you want to keep your lounge non-smoking, we need to support it. So all you non-smokers that wanted a smoke free lounge, you got it now come on down and use it.**

**Our next Veterans Education Class will be Wednesday February 7, 2024 at 1pm. This class will be the basics of filing a claim for**

**disability through the VA. This class is open to the public and will last anywhere from 1-1.5 hours.**