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AMERICAN LEGION POST #57

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello members, I hope everyone is doing well especially with the Covid-19 still around. Please make sure to take care of yourself in these trying times. First, I'd like to say our newsletter this month doesn't look the same. We had a computer crash thus we had to recourse to a basic newsletter. June was a great month with several hall rentals and events. Thanks to all who helped with the hallway painting; it looks great. A much needed change. Elections went well. I will list new officers after installation. The food truck, *Smokin' like a 57 Chevy BBQ*, did a great job for our first car show. Due to the Hood Blower being replaced, the kitchen was not available. It has now been replaced and running great. Rolling Thunder Poker run was a great success. Post 57 was the third stop on the run. Thanks to all who helped.

Our Naval Sea Cadets is now being recognized as an American Legion Program. Thanks to Michael Ziegler for preparing the resolution to be submitted to Department of Florida.

Dept of Florida Convention was great with lots of training and comradery. Thanks to all Legion Family members that attended.

Now for July. We have another busy month ahead of us.

July 1st Ladies dressed as Men Night with DJ Will

July 4th BBQ 11am-1pm Hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans and a dessert.

July 8th Steak Dinner If you haven't purchased your tickets, please see bartender for info.

July 9th Installation of all officers

July 15th Car Show 4-8pm If you have a classic car, please bring to show. Food will be available at the kitchen.

July 20th Legion Family planning meeting

July 22nd *Late for Class Band* will be in the lounge 7-11pm members and guest free

July 29th District 3 Meeting and dinner 5:30-7pm with Cheese Steak, Fries and Dessert. \$10 Donation will go directly to the District 3 account.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: *LEE NEWSOME*

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO

Volunteers are always needed. Please help if you can.

For God and Country,

COMMANDER RICK

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS (ALR)

Well, here we are! We are halfway through the calendar year, have no idea where the time is going.

June was hot as all get out, yet we managed to have a good month, the elections are over along with all the drama they brought. It's time to come back together as our family has always been.

Several members of the Riders and the Legion family attended the Florida Department 103rd Convention in Orlando. There was so much good information that we all got to bring home and improve on what we do.

Rider's dinner for July will be Friday July 22 from 5:30-7:30, menu will be announced when it's determined.

Don't forget that the Rider's will also be hosting our Saturday night Roadkill in the lounge on Saturday, July 23 from 7-9pm, this event continues to grow and is always a great time for all.

Our next Rider's meeting is Tuesday, July 26th at 6:30 pm, hope to see you all there with great ideas to move forward and prosper.

Saturday, July 31st, your Riders are hosting our first ever, Christmas in July to benefit Toys for Tots of Columbia and Suwannee counties.

This promises to be a fun filled day for the entire family, there will be kid's games for kids of all ages and lo and behold, Santa has agreed to take a day off from his summer vacation to stop by for a visit and to pass out gifts for the little ones.

For the adults we'll have \$1.00 drafts, full bar, 50/50 drawings, Chinese auctions, raffles and more. Dinner will be ¼ chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans and cookies. Donation for the Dinner is \$5.00 plus a new unwrapped toy valued at \$10.00 or more, or \$10.00 at the door with ALL net proceeds going to Toys for Tots.

We'll have a classic car show for your enjoyment as well as Entertainment to be provided by the Stone Jones Band.

On behalf of YOUR Riders, I want to say thank you to the American Legion Family for your continued support.

Bill

HONOR GUARD

Honor Guard has not been called to service since our last newsletter. We are happy to have Terry Libbert back with us. Terry suffered broken ribs after a fall in April. Bryon Cribbs continues to recover from his broken hip and has returned to limited duty. Lydia Fortier suffered a shoulder injury and is currently on limited duty. Despite our injuries, our team is ready to serve our community. Getting to Know Your Team: This month I would like to introduce Lydia Fortier who serves as our Honor Guard Chaplain. Lydia is from Waltham, MA, and grew up in a military household as her father served in the US Army for many years. Upon graduation from high school she moved to

New Hampshire and attended Northern Essex Community College earning her Associate of Arts degree. From there she attended the North East Conservatory of Music studying voice. She found work in the advertising industry doing voice overs and commercials for television and radio. She met her husband George and they had a son in 1976. Three years later she went back to college and earned a business degree. She worked for 23 years for the State of New Hampshire as a Conservation Commission Agent while her husband had a successful construction business. Her husband's health declined so they retired and moved to Florida. George passed away in 2018 and Lydia chose to remain in Florida. She enjoys the warm weather and community of High Springs. In addition to serving on the Honor Guard, Lydia is very involved in her church, St. Madeline's Catholic Church serving as a lector and Eucharistic Minister. Lydia joined the Honor Guard in 2021 and we are thankful for her hard work and dedication

Auxiliary News

We are beginning a new fiscal year with lots of things in store for the Auxiliary. First of all, the installation of officers for our Post will be held on Saturday, July 9th at 11:00 AM. Everyone is invited to participate. Lunch will be served immediately following the ceremony.

Now is the time to be an “Early Bird” by paying your dues for 2023 between now and September 1st. Dues are still \$35.00. Payment can be made with the bartender on duty or by mail to 2602 SW Main Blvd., Lake City FL 32025

Auxiliary’s first general membership meeting of the new fiscal year, July 19th, we will be having a “Meet & Greet” so that you can meet all the new Executive Committee members and learn about all the programs that Auxiliary works every year. Who knows, you might find a program that suits you to work with. The Meet & Greet will be at 5:00 PM (coffee, tea, and desserts served) with the general membership meeting beginning at 6:30 PM. All that come to the Meet & Greet and stay for the meeting will be eligible for a chance to have their membership for 2023 paid by the Unit. I hope to see some new faces that day.

Some of the Post events coming up are:

Ladies Dressed as Men – Friday, July 1st, 7:00 PM in the lounge

Steak Night – Friday, July 8th - \$20 per person – must pay in advance – deadline is July 1st to pay – see the bartender or bingo cashier.

Auxiliary Dinner – Friday, July 15th - \$10 per person – 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Late for Class – Live band in the lounge – Friday July 22nd
– 7:00 to 11:00 PM

Christmas in July – Saturday, July 30th – 11:00 AM to 3:00
PM – Riders event to benefit Toys for Tots – Bring a
new unwrapped toy

Lots more coming up this year.... Come join us at a meeting or
volunteer at the Post for the kitchen or bingo. We are going to
make a difference this coming year but, we need you to
participate.

For God and Country

Lisa Dye

Incoming President

Chaplain's Corner July 2022

This month's Chaplains Corner is about having respect for each other and realizing the true meaning of the 4th of July. I ask that strong prayers be said for our Nation, its real citizens, and our rights under the Constitution. The bible, as with other scholars, agree that, "We should treat one another as we want to be treated". One more example," We are to love and respect our neighbors as we would our parents". Again, Respect is the key word for this next month.

Chaplain Rev Allen

TEXAS HOLD'EM held their monthly fundraiser on Friday June 10, 2022 and raised \$380 for the Legion. There were 17 players and the pot of \$1,020 was won by 4 players: Sharon Harrell, John Ludwig, Zech Stroph and Jarod Pruett each got \$255. Kal Schwarz got high hand and received \$85. The next Legion fundraiser will be Friday, July 8, 2022 at 7 pm in the Main Hall. We now play Texas Hold'em every Monday and Friday in the AUX Room (No Smoking) starting at 7PM. Sign in by 7 PM to get your 2,000 chips bonus.

And finally, the rest of the story..... We have a new member who is interested in helping homebound veterans. Below is a description of his idea:

Old Vet Net

The Old Vet Net is a new start up program designed to serve homebound veterans. At issue is a continued distressful situation with a portion of our elderly veteran homebound community. These ex-service members are too often left alone for extended periods of time.

The OVN is a radio based solution offered to veterans in need of a sustainable and reliable method of contact with other veterans and service providers. The program is structured in such a way as to allow fellow veterans in similar situations a method of communication with each other.

Each qualified veteran will receive a free (to them) handheld portable radio, with antenna(s), battery chargers and an F.C.C. operational license. (NO formal testing required for the license) The transmit frequency is on an open civilian repeater located on the WCJB TV tower in Gainesville.

The repeater antenna location gives the radio an operational footprint extending from Lake City to Ocala. The radios will be programmed for this frequency. The veteran will receive personalized instruction on the operation of the equipment. Testing has been successfully completed utilizing these radios and frequencies within the footprint of the repeater.

The cost to fully equip and train the veteran can be obtained via club donations; crowd sourced funding or private donations. Each set up costs approximately \$100 which covers all equipment and licensing.

The OVN is moving into the Proof of Concept phase. We're looking for several homebound vets that may be interested in participating in this program. Should you know anyone interested, please contact Rustyann Brown, at the Post, for more information.

Larry Annen

USN Vietnam

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And finally the rest of the story (cont'd)

EMERGENCY PETITION

Richard Herring is a local veteran that has been under the guardianship of the state. His wife has been trying for a very long time, to regain guardianship so she can bring her husband home. She has done everything she can think of to include contacting the Governor's Office. The last resort, is to present to the Governor, signatures of other veterans and family members who want to see the best happen for Mr. Herring. Please come by the Post and sign the petition; it will be on Post Bulletin Board.

Thank you,
Rustyann Brown

