

# Monthly Newsletter

AMERICAN LEGION POST 57

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March 2026



## Post Info

American Legion  
Post 57

**Address:**

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Lake City FL 32025

**Phone:**

Post: (386) 752-7776  
Membership Office: (386) 243-8088

**Hours:**

Mon to Sun  
11:00am to 10:00pm

**Kitchen Hours:**

**- Lunch -**

Monday Thru Friday  
11:00am to 1:00pm

**- Dinner -**

Saturday Thru Thursday  
4:00pm to 8:00pm  
Fridays

5:30pm to 7:30pm

**Kitchen Phone:**

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## Commanders Corner

Welcome to spring, remember to set your clocks ahead, Sunday March 8th.

Effective March 1st, the prices in the kitchen have increased \$.50 on most items in an effort to stay with inflation.

Our Valentine's Day dinner and dance turned out to be a huge success with 116 dinners being sold and the lounge well supported afterwards. Thank you for all the support for the event.

The Riders are hosting their annual Chili cook off on Saturday, March 14th to benefit the legiondogs program. To enter the competition it's \$20.00 for a 10x10 space and requested a minimum of two (2) gallons of chili. Arm-bands for unlimited tasting are \$5.00 each. This will be an event to remember so all are asked to come out and support.

The American Legion is celebrating it's 105th birthday from March 15-17th, our General Meeting is March 17th which is also St. Patrick's day, we will combine the two with the kitchen special for the day being Corned Beef and Cabbage, potatoes and carrots for lunch and dinner, after the General meetings we will cut the cake celebrating the Legion's Birthday in the lounge.

Texas Holdem poker every Monday and Friday night at 7:00.

Bingo is every Sun, Mon and Thurs, afternoon begins at 3:00 and evening at 6:45.

Ronnie Beasley, County Service Officer, will hold office hours at the post from 9am-3pm.

Girl Scout troop 21000 meets every Wednesday from 4-6 pm

Queen of Hearts every Saturday at 6:00 in the lounge.

Draft beer every Wednesday \$1.75 all day

## Commanders Corner (Cont.)

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH

Tuesday	March 3rd	Sal and Marine Corp League meetings	6:30
Friday	March 6th	Auxiliary Dinner/Red Shirt Friday	5:30-7:30
Saturday	March 7th	Paddle Auction/Queen of Hearts	5:00-7:00
Tuesday	March 10th	Legion/Auxiliary E-Board Meeting	6:30
Wednesday	March 11th	Auxiliary Bingo at the Domiciliary	6:00-7:30
Friday	March 13th	Sea Cadet Dinner/Red Shirt Friday	5:30-7:30
Saturday	March 14th	Rider's Chili Cook-off	11:00-3:00
Saturday	March 14th	Son's Roadkill/Queen of Hearts	5:00-7:00
Monday	March 16th	DAV meeting	4:45
Tuesday	March 17th	Legion/Auxiliary General meeting	6:30-7:30
Tuesday	March 17th	Legion 105th Birthday/St. Patrick's day	4:00-8:00
Wednesday	March 18th	Honor Guard Meeting	11:00am
Wednesday	March 18th	Uplift Columbia resource fair	8:00-2:00
Friday	March 20th	Son's dinner/Red Shirt Friday	5:30-7:30
Saturday	March 21st	Sea Cadet Drill	8:00am-3:00pm
Saturday	March 21st	Crim/Jenkins Wedding (Hall)	8:30am-11:00pm
Saturday	March 21st	Paddle Auction/Queen of Hearts	5:00-7:00
Tuesday	March 24th	Rider's meeting	6:30
Friday	March 27th	Rider's Dinner/Red Shirt Friday	5:30-7:30
Saturday	March 28th	Auxiliary bear stuffing	11:00am-2:00 pm
Saturday	March 28th	Rider's Roadkill/Queen of Hearts	6:00-8:00

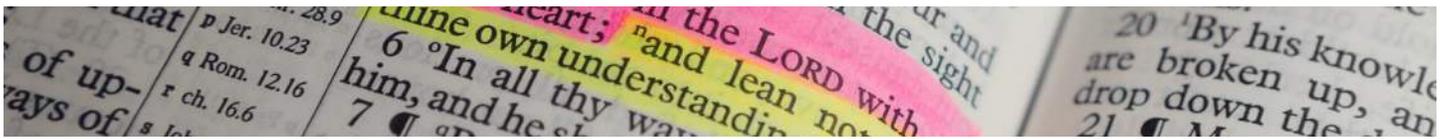


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## Chaplain

**“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.” – Ecclesiastes 3:1**

As we step into March, we begin to see signs of new life all around us. Spring reminds us that even after the coldest and darkest seasons, renewal always comes. It is a time of growth, restoration, and fresh beginnings.

Here at Post 57, we are seeing that renewal in action.

Our membership continues to grow. Our Honor Guard stands ready with dignity and pride. Our youth programs are building momentum. Families are gathering, friendships are forming, and new ideas are taking root. These are not just activities — they are seeds of fellowship, planted with intention and nurtured with care.

As Post Chaplain, I am continually encouraged by the way our Post family shows up for one another. Whether it is supporting a fellow veteran, mentoring our youth, organizing community events, or simply sharing a meal together, you are living out the very values that make this organization strong.

Let us use this season to:

- Renew our commitment to service
- Reach out to a member we have not seen in a while
- Encourage our youth and invest in their future
- Offer prayer, kindness, and understanding to those who may be struggling

Remember, sometimes the most powerful ministry is simply being present.

If you or your family are facing illness, loss, hardship, or simply need prayer, please know I am always available. No burden is too small to share.

May this month bring peace to your heart, strength to your spirit, and hope for the days ahead.

For God & Country,  
William Bell  
Chaplain  
Chaplain@americanlegion57.org

## Happy Beginning of Spring (and allergy season)

What a month February was! We have a total of 878 members, 173 New Members, 627 renewals for a and we are hardly done!!! My new goal is 900 paid members this year! We are currently at 104.40% of our 2026 Membership Goal. Thank you to each and everyone of you working to help us find veterans and help them get the benefits they so richly deserve, whether they become members of our family or not. We are here for all the veterans!!

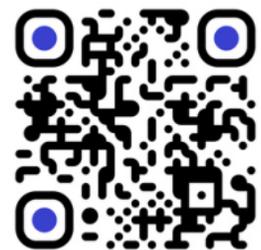
## Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 16, 2026

One of my goals for the rest of 2026 is to reach out to all our Active Duty families in Lake City, Columbia County and the surrounding area. Armed Forces Day is on May 16th, 2026, I would truly love to have a Blue Star Family Celebration and honor those families with Active Duty Personnel. Chaplain Bill Bell already has his Ceremony written, but we need you to help us reach these families!! If you are aware of a family who has active duty members, please reach out to me so that we can let them know that the American Legion is here for them also. Gold Star Families are also encouraged to reach out. (Gold Star families who have lost a family member serving on active duty) and Red Star Families are those whose loved one has become one of the 22 A DAY we lose. These are families that also desperately need our support. Please help me find these families so that we can honor them. You can contact me by using one of the methods provided in my signature line.

Let's welcome last month's New members voted into our post by General Assembly on February 17th:

### New Members:

Zachary Longo USA  
Justin Longo USN  
Patrick Wayson USN AD  
Leo Fleming USA Ret  
Joseph Shoniker Jr USA  
Norman Bernal USA  
John Shultz USN  
Chester Szymecki USN  
Edward Smyers USAF  
David Becker USAF AD  
Ronald Durham USCG  
Kyle Buck USA  
Charles Irving USA  
Denise Suddereth USA  
Stephen Gaudet USN  
Walter Dorfner USAF  
Thomas O'Hara USA  
Ronald Master USMC  
Steven Eddings USA



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## Membership (Cont.)

### Transfers:

John Barnhart USA FI0137

William Martin USA FI0059

Eric Crim USN FI400-AD

There is still plenty of time to renew! You can use [Legion.org](https://legion.org) to pay online, Auxiliary can renew at [Legion-AUX.org](https://legion-aux.org) and Sons can renew online at [Legion.org](https://legion.org). Sons and Auxiliary renewing at the post can renew using cash or check options. Legionnaires can pay by check cash or debit card.

**Please renew and be a part of the awesome things we are doing in our community!!**

**On a personal note, my husband Les and I are eternally grateful for all the love and support we received when he was in the hospital for two weeks. We are awestruck by the care and consideration shown to us by our Post Family.**

For God and Country,

Kelly Valliere, First Vice Commander, PH: 904-563-0618 Email: [Post57membership@gmail.com](mailto:Post57membership@gmail.com)



## Sea Cadets

Sea Cadets are young men and women aged 10 to 18. We are supported by the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard, and our Cadets train on naval bases and other military installations. Sea Cadets gain unique and valuable experiences that incorporate hands on learning and teamwork. We meet at the American Legion in Lake City twice a month for drill. The cadets have many opportunities to go to training over the summer and winter. If you are interested and would like more information you can contact Niki Patterson 303-725-3889. You can also click the link to get more information [America's Sea Cadets - The US Navy's youth development program](#).

Our Sea Cadet drills are scheduled for 2025 -2026, These are the drills for the first part of the year.

March 14th, 2026, March 21st, 2026, April 4th, 2026, April 18th, 2026, May 2nd, 2026, May 16th, 2026.

Sea Cadet fundraiser dinners are schedule as followed for until the end of this year:

March 13th, 2026, May 15th, 2026, July 31st, 2026.



# American Legion

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# MENU

LAKE CITY, FL



## Burgers

Classic Burger	\$6.00
Cheeseburger	\$6.50
Bacon Cheeseburger	\$7.00

## Sandwiches

Patty Melt	\$6.50
Hot Dog	\$4.75
Grilled Cheese	\$4.25
Fried Chicken Sandwich	\$5.75
BLT	\$5.75
Chicken Salad Sandwich	\$5.25
Fried Fish Sandwich	\$5.50
Grilled Chicken Sandwich	\$6.75

## Salads

Chef Salad with Ham	\$7.25
Chef Salad with Chicken Salad	\$7.25
Chef Salad with Grilled Chicken	\$8.25
Chef Salad with Fried Chicken	\$8.25
Small Salad	\$2.25
Scoop Chicken Salad	\$4.00

## Extras

Extra Ham	\$2.50
Extra Bacon	\$2.50
Extra Burger Patty	\$3.50
Extra Dressing	\$.50
Extra Crackers	\$.25
To Go Boxes	\$.50

## Appetizers

Egg Rolls (2)	\$4.25
Chicken Strips	\$7.00
French Fries	\$3.75
Onion Rings	\$4.25
Fried Mushrooms	\$4.75
Fried Green Beans	\$4.25
Corn Nuggets	\$5.25
Jalapeno Peppers	\$4.75
Mozzarella Sticks	\$5.75
Shrimp	\$5.25
Potato Skins	\$7.75
Sampler (any 3 above)	\$5.00
Corn Dogs (2)	\$4.25
Curly Fries	\$4.25

## Wings & Pizza

6 Wings	\$6.50
10 Wings	\$10.25
10 Wings with Fries	\$11.75
Whole Pizza	\$8.25

## Drinks & Candy

Soda	\$1.50
Water	\$1.50
Candy	\$2.50
Cookies	\$1.00
Chips	\$.75

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MONDAY THUR FRIDAY  
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## Riders

### Riders' February Newsletter

Hello and Welcome Chapter 57 Riders!

**Board Members:**

**Director**

Dakota Linder

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Eric Daniels

**Road Captain**

James Gruber

**Sgt-At-Arms**

Rob Charles

**Safety Officer**

Cason Adams

**Finance**

Elaine Lagasse

A/G Shirley Gruber

**Membership**

Shirley Gruber

**Adjutant**

Samanthia Reid

**Historian**

Thomas Wilcutts

**Chaplain**

Maryann Dennis

**New Members:**

N/A

Thank you for joining the ALR Chapter 57 Riders!

**Past Events:**

**February 7th Plaque Retrieval Post 250**

The riders' rode out to post 250 Middleburg to retrieve our plaque and participate in their breakfast. We had a total of 8 motorcycles for a total of 8 participants. Thank you to post 250 for your hospitality and to everyone who participated.

**February 13th Riders' Friday Dinner**

Thank you to all Riders, guests, and participants for a wonderful night.

**February 16th Mr. Edward McCarthy 100th Birthday**

The riders' hosted an escorted ride, taking Mr. McCarthy to Denny's for his birthday. We had a total of 12 motorcycles for a total of 12 participants. I would also like to thank all family, friends, Riders, and CCSO for making this gentleman's birthday a memorable one.

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## Riders (Cont.)

### Upcoming Events:

#### **March 4th Escort & Funeral service**

Meeting up at Post 57 7:30 AM KSU 7:45 AM. This is a joint event with CVMA.

#### **March 7th Post 383 Chili Cook-Off**

Post 383 Old Town will be hosting their own chili cook-off. The Riders' plan on attending to show our support. Entry fee \$10. Meeting up at post 57 11:30 AM KSU 12:00 PM.

#### **March 14th Riders' Chili Cook-Off**

Come support Post 57 and the Riders' for our Annual Chili Cook-Off. Expect vendors, a live band, car show, bike show, delicious chili and much more!

#### **March 27th Friday Dinner**

Come out and support the Riders' for our Friday Dinner. The current menu is; Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, and Cookies. \$12 a plate. 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

#### **March 28th Roadkill Bingo**

Roadkill Bingo is 6 PM to 8 PM. Early bird tickets go on sale at 5 PM to 5:30 PM for 2 cards for \$15, after 5:30 PM its 1 card for \$10.

Riders' Dues are \$20. If you haven't already, please pay your dues!

Please make sure to update your contact info to stay up-to-date on future events.

Please refer to our Riders' Facebook page for any new events or changes.





## Auxiliary News

We continue to add new members every month. Our annual luncheon, with an RSVP number hitting 100, will be a great time to get to know them all.

Our Friday Auxiliary dinner was held on February 20 th hosted by Earnest and Weegie Garcia. It was a real treat as we enjoyed a Night in Havana with authentic Cuban food. Our next dinner is to be determined, but will no doubt be of our usual excellent quality.

We are no longer collecting coats, sweatshirts, and jackets. We will resume this project next fall. If you are doing spring cleaning please save these donations for the next winter season. Thanks to everyone who participated in this drive.

The Auxiliary room continues to be a work in progress, now looking toward the aesthetics of hanging pictures etc. It is being used and we now have enough chairs for a proper meeting. The community computer has also been placed in the room for all Legion entities to use.

Tiffany has restarted our junior program with a great deal of enthusiasm and lots of great ideas. Our first meeting was held this past month as a fact-finding event. We looked at some of the history of the last youth group, but with an emphasis on what the members would like to see in the future. If you have a child under 18 that you would like to have participate, please let us know, we are trying to get as many members as possible for this youth group to be a great success.

### **Ongoing projects and opportunities to be involved:**

We continue to collect soda can pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House. When you have a small (or large) plastic bag filled you can turn these into the bar, into a large container in the bingo hall or at any of the Auxiliary meetings. These tops do not need to come exclusively from soda cans. Soup and vegetable cans are acceptable.

We have a standing invitation to join the ladies at the Domiciliary for Tea every month. The Tea for February will be held this month on February 27 th . This is a great opportunity to provide for our lady veterans who reside in the Domiciliary. It is always a fun time.

The Auxiliary continues to be enthusiastic about the making and stuffing of bears for the Boggy Creek children. For the knitters and crocheters we also make afagans. The next stuffing party will be held on March 28 at 11:00. If interested, please contact Weegie Garcia.

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## Auxiliary News (Cont.)

We continue to collect new cosmetic bags to be stuffed with hygiene products. These go to homeless teens and adult women through various organizations and to school nurses in Columbia County schools for distribution as needed.

For our upcoming Family Day in April, we are asking the members to bring in empty baskets and any new, unused, unopened items that can be used for the Chinese Auction for this event. No item is excluded as we will be making up a variety of themed baskets for both children and adults. For example, last year we had a children's basket with toys, puzzles and games, a cat basket, and a dog basket. We had adult baskets with wine and liquor and snacks. Anything that can be included in a Chinese auction is appreciated and of course, if you would like to make up a whole basket on your own, we encourage you to do so.

### **Dates to remember in February and beyond:**

February 28th : Members luncheon to celebrate us! 11:30 -2:00.

March 14th : Chili Cookoff sponsored by the Riders. We are looking for participants for our booth at this event to make the best chili and claim first place for the Auxiliary.

March 18th : The Legion will host a community event for veterans at 12:00. If you can help with this event, please let Sharon Huggins know.

March 21st: The Committee chairpersons will get together at 10:00 to collaborate on the year end reports for each committee.

Look for emails from the Auxiliary if there is more information on the happenings.

Donna Sessa  
President Unit 57 Auxiliary

For Spirit of Service, Not Self



## Sons of the American Legion News

Hello, SAL Squadron, 57

Just a few comments on our last month and some reminders about upcoming events. We had a good month of February even though we did not have a Roadkill Bingo because of Valentines Day dinner which was very successful. Our SAL Dinner Night was very successful thanks to our SAL members and their hard work. Thank you to Gerald Canavan for his generous donation of time and money to SAL as he made that excellent Red Velvet Cake for dessert. We have been very lucky to have several volunteers come out on our dinner nights to help out and it has made a huge difference. Thank you all very much.

We have had several new members signed up this past month and we continue to seek more young and old. March is going to be busy with meetings and events, we hope you SAL members can come out and attend volunteer and have some fun.

We have our Squadron meeting on March 3rd at 1830 and our SAL Friday night dinner on March 20th at 1730. Our Roadkill Bingo is on March 14th 1700-1900. This is the same day as the Chili Cook-off.

Looking forward to a good month

Stay safe,  
Eric Gibson  
SAL Commander

**Join us on  
Facebook!**



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH IS

**JOYCE McFARTHER**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU AND ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS DO!

**THANK  
YOU!**



## Honor Guard

Honor Guard Newsletter for February 2026

February has been a meaningful and productive month for our Honor Guard.

On **Tuesday, February 12th**, members of the Honor Guard visited Mrs. Thelma Lawrence to present her with a sympathy card, a flag case for Mr. Lawrence's burial flag, a thumb drive containing the funeral procession video and pictures, (per her request) and a flag folding picture frame. Mrs. Lawrence was extremely grateful and generously made a monetary donation to the Honor Guard. We are honored to support our veterans and their families during such important moments.

### **February 18th – Honor Guard Meeting**

During our February 18th meeting:

- Jackson Koon, Wayne Hons, and Johnny York practiced proper flag folding procedures.
- We discussed two upcoming funerals scheduled for March.
- Members worked on moving several tables to start working on the new Armory room.
- Jackson Koon brought four baskets that have been started for the Honor Guard raffle. The Army-themed basket will be raffled off at the Chili Cook-Off on March 14th.
- Monetary donations were collected from Honor Guard members, totaling \$100 to purchase additional basket items. Thank you to everyone for your contributions and continued support.
- A discussion was held regarding proper uniforms, uniform setup, and the purchase of newly ordered uniforms.

We also discussed wearing polo shirts for public functions to ensure a unified and professional appearance.



# Honor Guard

## February 19th

The Honor Guard and SAL met in the bingo hall to begin construction on expanding and building a larger armory. This is an exciting step forward for our program and future growth.

We remain committed to honoring our veterans with dignity and respect.

Honoring my vets,  
Patty Koon  
Public Relations Officer



## Honor Guard Volunteers Needed



**Practice:**  
Every Third Wednesday at 11:00am at the Post

**Interested?**  
Contact Kelly Luker (386) 213-2369





## Post Service Officer

On July 4, 2026, the United States celebrates its 250th birthday—the Semiquincentennial anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

This milestone marks 250 years since 56 patriots signed the document in Philadelphia, launching a bold experiment in liberty and self-government that has endured through centuries of challenges and progress.

Led by the nonpartisan America250 initiative and the White House’s Salute to America 250 Task Force, festivities kicked off in 2025 and continue through 2026. The goal: engage all Americans in reflection, gratitude, and looking forward.

Key highlights include:

- Massive fireworks and celebrations on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., with patriotic programming and a grand Salute to America 250 event.
- Philadelphia’s neighborhood-focused events, new exhibits at historic sites like the Museum of the American Revolution, and Wawa Welcome America festivities.
- A tall ships parade in New York Harbor.
- Nationwide community events, volunteer drives, storytelling projects, and mobile museums touring states.

From coast to coast, Americans are honoring the past, celebrating diverse contributions, and recommitting to building a more perfect union.

Happy 250th, America—here’s to the next chapter!

Thanks to all who donate to the VSO!

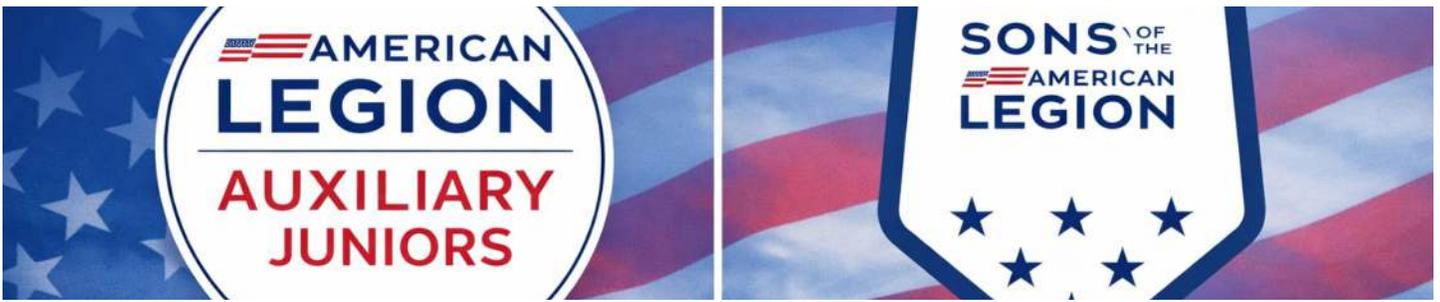
Have a great March!

Lisa Brown

Veteran Service Officer

Post 57

Lake City, Florida



## Youth

### Building the Future — Together

At **American Legion Post 57**, our youth program continues to grow, and we could not be more grateful for the incredible support from our Post family and community.

This program is more than activities — it's about leadership, respect, patriotism, and giving our youth a place where they feel supported and encouraged.

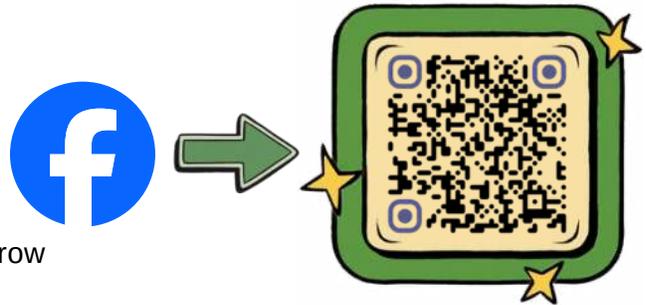
We are especially thankful to our Post leadership and members, the Auxiliary members, and Sons members, who continue to step up and invest in our young people. Your time, donations, encouragement, and presence truly make a difference.

### Come See Us at the Riders Chili Cook-Off!

We are excited to announce that the Youth Program will have a booth at the upcoming Riders Chili Cook-Off!

Stop by our booth to:

- Learn more about our youth activities
- Support upcoming youth events
- See how you can get involved
- Help us continue building strong leaders for tomorrow



### Thank You

It takes a village — and Post 57 is that village.

Together, we are creating a safe, family-friendly environment where veterans, families, and youth can gather, grow, and serve side by side.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Chili Cook-Off and continuing this incredible momentum!



## Columbia County Veteran Service Officer

### Serving Those Who Served

As we move into March, I want to personally thank every veteran and family member who continues to place their trust in our office. It is an honor to serve this community and fight for the benefits you've earned.

We have seen a significant increase in phone calls and walk-ins over the past several months. While this tells me veterans are seeking help — which is a good thing — it has also made it difficult to keep up with the volume at times.

To better serve you, **we are currently in the process of hiring a receptionist for the office.** This will allow us to answer calls more consistently, schedule appointments more efficiently, and ensure no veteran falls through the cracks.

I appreciate your patience as we work to improve service for everyone.

### ⚠️ Important VA Rule Change: Medication & Disability Ratings

On February 17, 2026, the VA published an interim final rule amending **38 CFR § 4.10**.

### 🔍 What Changed?

VA will now evaluate disabilities based on how a veteran functions **while on medication or treatment**, rather than how severe the condition would be without treatment.

If medication improves symptoms, VA may consider that improvement when assigning or reviewing a disability rating.

### 🧠 What This Means for Veterans

This could affect veterans whose conditions are managed by:

- Mental health medication
- Cardiac medication
- Pain management
- Respiratory treatment
- Other ongoing therapy

## Columbia County Veteran Service Officer (Cont.)

If treatment makes a veteran appear more functional during a future exam, it may impact the evaluation level.

This does **not** mean veterans should stop treatment. It does mean claims should be filed strategically and supported with strong documentation of functional limitations.

### ● **What About 100% Permanent & Total?**

Veterans with Permanent & Total designations are generally protected from routine re-examinations.

However, filing a new claim or requesting an increase can expose the file to review under the updated standard.

If you are considering filing a new claim and have concerns, please contact our office first so we can review your situation carefully.

### ✦ **Our Commitment**

We are actively monitoring how this rule is being applied and will continue advocating to ensure veterans' ratings reflect their true functional impairment — not just surface-level improvement from medication.

As always, our goal is to protect what you've earned while helping you move forward safely.

### **Appointments**

We are open Monday through Friday by appointment.

Available time slots:

10:00 AM

11:00 AM

1:00 PM

2:00 PM

 386-758-3350

 1486 SW McFarlane Ave, Lake City, FL 32025

If you call and we are assisting another veteran, please leave a message. Once our new receptionist is in place, response times will improve significantly.

Thank you for your continued trust and patience.

It is a privilege to serve you.

Ronnie Beasley  
Veteran Service Officer  
Columbia County, Florida



# March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm	<b>2</b> Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm Texas Hold'em 7:00pm	<b>3</b> SAL Squadron 57 Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm <b>Marine Corps League Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm</b>	<b>4</b> Escort & Funeral Service 7:30am <b>\$1.75 Draft 11:00am</b> Girl Scout Meeting 4:00pm-6:30pm	<b>5</b> Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm	<b>6</b> <b>Red Shirt Friday</b> Army Recruiters Luncheon 8:00am-2:00pm Karaoke 6:30pm-9:30pm Texas Hold'em 7:00pm	<b>7</b> Sea Cadet Drill 8:00am-3:30pm <b>Paddle Auction 5:00pm-7:00pm</b> <b>Queen of Hearts 6:00pm</b>
<b>8</b> Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm	<b>9</b> Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm Texas Hold'em 7:00pm	<b>10</b> Legion & Auxiliary Executive Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm	<b>11</b> <b>\$1.75 Draft 11:00am</b> Girl Scout Meeting 4:00pm-6:30pm Auxiliary Bingo (Domiciliary) 6:00pm-7:00pm	<b>12</b> Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm 	<b>13</b> <b>Red Shirt Friday</b> Sea Cadet Friday Night Dinner 5:30pm-7:30pm Texas Hold'em 7:00 PM	<b>14</b> Riders Chili Cookoff 11:00am-3:00pm <b>SAL Roadkill Bingo 5:00pm-7:00pm</b> <b>Queen of Hearts 6:00pm</b>
<b>15</b> American Legion Birthday Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm  <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>16</b> Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm <b>DAV Meeting 4:30pm-6:00pm</b> Texas Hold'em 7:00pm	<b>17</b> <b>Saint Patrick's Day</b> Legion & Auxiliary General Membership Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm 	<b>18</b> Honor Guard Practice 11:00am <b>\$1.75 Draft 11:00am</b> Girl Scout Meeting 4:00pm-6:30pm Living Hope 7:30pm-6:00pm	<b>19</b> Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm	<b>20</b> <b>Red Shirt Friday</b> SAL Friday Night Dinner 5:30pm-7:30pm Texas Hold'em 7:00 PM	<b>21</b> Sea Cadet Drill 8:00am-3:30pm <b>Auxiliary Committee Meeting 10:00am</b> <b>Paddle Auction 5:00pm-7:00pm</b> Crim/Jenkins Wedding 8:00am-11:00pm <b>Queen of Hearts 6:00pm</b>
<b>22</b> Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm	<b>23</b> Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm Texas Hold'em 7:00pm	<b>24</b> Rider's Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm	<b>25</b> <b>\$1.75 Draft 11:00 am</b> Girl Scout Meeting 4:00pm-6:30pm <b>Legion Bingo (Domiciliary) 6:00pm-7:00pm</b>	<b>26</b> Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm	<b>27</b> <b>Red Shirt Friday</b> Riders Friday Night Dinner 5:30pm-7:30pm Texas Hold'em 7:00 PM	<b>28</b> Auxiliary Bears 11:00am-2:00pm <b>Queen of Hearts 6:00pm</b> Riders Roadkill Bingo 6:00pm-8:00pm
<b>29</b> Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm 	<b>30</b> Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm Texas Hold'em 7:00pm	<b>31</b>				