

May 2023
American Legion post 57



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COMMANDERS CORNER

Members April was a busy month:

April 1st District Meeting and District picnic at post 291 registration 10am, Picnic to follow great event.

April 7th Fish Fry and Karaoke Food being served at 5:30 pm thanks to Sharon and crew for a job well done

April 12th First Responders Lunch from 11am – 1pm We had over a 100 First responders attend, again great job to Sharon, Laura, Phyllis and crew for a Delicious meal.

April 15th Rock into Spring Dance 7pm with Late for Class was a great turn out good food and music.

April 19th Legacy Run attended our post with fifty riders. Thanks to ALR 57 for representing our post.

April 22nd Gold Star Family ceremony again great event.

April 22nd Auxiliary Yard Sale was a success.

Now for May:

May 2nd SAL Elections are held at 6:30pm at post.

May 6th Kentucky Derby night wear your best hat. Please bring finger food to share with everyone, members that bring a dish will receive a wristband to ensure they get to eat. Please if you don't bring a dish don't eat.

May 12th Karaoke night at 7pm.

May 20th Country Night with the Stone Jones band 7PM, a \$5.00 per person charge for Food provided by Mr. B, s Barbecue.

May 16th Legion and Auxiliary Elections please bring your current membership cards to vote.

May 26th / May 27th Auxiliary Poppy day please Volunteer and help give out poppy's

May 27th Navy Sea Cadets Awards

May 29th Memorial Day Ceremony, Flag Ceremony at 10am, Please attend and see what a flag disposal ceremony is, lunch at 11 am until 1pm or if food runs out if you attend Ceremony you will get a wrist band to be in line first for food.

CONGRATULATIONS

Queen of Hearts winners: Terrie Cummings, Albert Johnson, Anabella Joson, and Vinnie.

Friday Red Shirt winners: Liam Ambrose, Brenda Morgan 2 times, and Tom Johnson

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

Volunteer of the Month

Tom Pipen

Thanks for all you do.



RIDER'S MAY NEWSLETTER

Here we are. As we wind down the 2022/2023 membership year, we can look back and be proud of what y'all did so successfully this year. Toys for Tots, over \$13,000 raised in cash, estimated \$5,002 donated in toys and you were instrumental in Inga being able to help over 11,000 children at Christmas. Hooked on Heroes received a \$1,000 donation that helped them take over 250 Veterans Fishing. In addition, over the past year, as a group you raised and donated an additional \$9,600 to various programs of the American Legion, Veterans, Community and youth programs. Take a moment to reflect on all the accomplishments we have done as American Legion Family. Going forward, our next dinner is May 19, 2023, Chuck Caldwell has agreed to chair that dinner and is thinking of doing a low country boil, Please help him if asked as I know you will. Our next meeting is May 23, this is when you choose who will lead the Riders and have a position on the board. Nominations from the floor can be made at that time the elections will be held. All Riders in good standing are requested to attend and let your voices be heard. The only pending changes to the board at this time is Mike (Chief) Ziegler is running for Director and Charles (Chuck) Caldwell) is running for Assistant Director. Due to a conflict with the Post Entertainment committee, Roadkill scheduled for Saturday, May 20th has been cancelled. As always, I want to take a moment to say a hearty "Thank You" for your support as your Director for these past 7 years. It's been an amazing ride.

As always, For the Cause, Not the Applause.
Bill



AUXILIARY NEWS

We wrapped up April with our Yard Sale which unfortunately did not go as well as in previous times. I think we will just hold off until September 2024 for the next one....

May is Poppy Month and we will be out two days this month with our Poppies. On May 20th we will be at Publix and May 27th we will be at Winn Dixie. We are still looking for volunteers to man the table at Publix for one of the shifts. If you are willing to volunteer, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway at the Post.

Our used book drive for the Domiciliary Library was a huge success. Thank you to those that donated. I am sure the residents will enjoy them.

Our next Auxiliary Friday Night Dinner will be May 12th. Phyllis Hanechak is the chairperson and will be serving Goulash, vegetable, roll/butter and dessert for a donation of \$10.00. Come out and support your Auxiliary. This is also a Karaoke night in the lounge.

May is election time. We have a full slate of officers, most of those who are serving now will hopefully be coming back. There probably will be positions that will be contested so, if you want your voice heard you must be present to vote on Tuesday, May 16th at 6:30 PM. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD TO ENTER THE MEETING ROOM.**

A few of the Post activities coming up are:

- Saturday, May 6th – Kentucky Derby Day – 6 PM – Wear your Derby bonnet and bring some finger food to share.
- Saturday, May 6th
– Girls State Orientation – 10 AM
- Thursday, May 11th – NO BINGO – New floors going down in the bingo hall
- Saturday, May 20th – Country Night – 7 PM – Stone Jones Band performs - \$5.00 BBQ for Mr. B's
- Saturday, June 3rd – District Meeting – 10 AM – Post 57 Lake City
- Saturday, June 10th – Margaritaville Summer Party – 7 PM – Wear your best Jimmy Buffet outfit – Grilled Chicken, Island inspired side dishes

For God and Country,
Lisa Dye
President



HONOR GUARD

For news and information about Honor Guard, please follow us on Facebook. Search Honor Guard 57 to find our page. You can also email us at honorguardpost57@gmail.com

Thank You
JD Morris, Commander
American Legion Post 57 Honor Guard



Chaplain's Corner May 2023

Hello everyone, your Chaplain here. Our conversation for May is going to be one that is near to my heart. It has to do with nonprofit organizations and groups that work to make veterans lives better through citizens support. Our government is more concerned with brain washing our military and be darned with the sacrifice they have made to keep America free. Our veterans have served to keep Communists and Marxists from over running other countries, and now we have that very same problem within our own country. Our own veterans who are unaccounted for, injured, and neglected have only our nonprofit organizations to do the huge task of helping our veterans. Please step up and support these organizations and save our heroes that have given so much.
Chaplain Allen (Sarge)



Hello S.A.L. Squadron 57 Members

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable April. It's been another fun-filled month of March. I would like to thank Lee, Jim, Junior S.A.L. member Liam and the Junior Auxiliary member Caitlin for making our Roadkill Bingo a huge success. I would also like to thank Jim, Warren, Vanessa, and Junior Auxiliary member Caitlin for making our Friday Night Dinner a success.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday May 2nd @ 6:30 p.m. S.A.L. Squadron 57 Meeting and Elections

Saturday May 13th @ 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. S.A.L Roadkill Bingo

Friday May 26th @ 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner

S.A.L. Squadron 57 Commander:
Brian Wolfe

Mike's Message

Hello Post 57 Members

We have had a fantastic year for membership. We have recruited over 90 new members to the American Legion and our post, have transferred over 15 members to Post 57, and had over 580 members renewed their memberships. I will have all your recruiting efforts submitted to the Department so we can get recognized for the 90 plus new members you all recruited. We are projected to meet our goal that the American Legion Department of Florida gave us last May and that is because of all of your hard work. I thank you and am humbled by your achievement.

As we move into next year let's keep this momentum going. If you have ideas for recruiting, please let me or another board member know so we can work with you to make it happen. Lake City and Columbia County are very veteran friendly and accepting of us as a Legion Family. They have several opportunities throughout the year for us to get out and recruit. We need your assistance in identifying the most opportune options.

I will be attending the Convention again this year and will bring back to us any new information in the area of membership and will work with the board and you all as the membership to move us forward with that information.

Until next month.
Michael Ziegler

