

May 2024
American Legion Post 57



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COMMANDERS CORNER



I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in the American Legion Family, For their support of my tender as Commander. Without all your support, I could not have accomplished the things we have done in the last six years. A special thanks to my wife Laura, she always had my six. This is a great post known by many and other posts in Florida. We are the Post that everyone likes to be a part of for their visits and many functions that we have held here. As I as I walk away from Commander duties, please show the new incoming Commander the same support and enthusiasm you have shown me. With your continuing support of Post 57 we will always be great.

Rick Cabrera

In April We had:

5th April karaoke - great turn out

11th Apr we held our First Responders lunch ,fantastic turn out thanks to all that made it happen.

13th Apr SAL Roadkill Bingo, Girls and Boys state Orientation, Gold Star Family Presentation

18th Apr JROTC

20th Apr Men's Dress as ladies party in the lounge with DJ Scott

21st Apr Unity Ride came to Post 57 we had over 56 Bikers form different district participate , Thanks to the Post Family for being a great host

27th Apr ALR Roadkill at 7pm

Now for May

3rd May Cinco De Mayo dinner at 5:30

4TH May Dress in your craziest outfit for free drinks from 7-8pm (for those who are costume)

6th May SAL meeting and Elections at 6:30 pm
10th May Sea Cadets Dinner at 5:30 pm
11TH May Sea Cadets Awards, Sal Road Kill Bingo at 7pm and Safe Serve Class at 2pm
14th May Executive meeting (legion and auxiliary) at 6:30pm
15th May Honor Guard Meeting at 3pm
17TH May Auxiliary Dinner at 5:30pm
18TH May Auxiliary Juniors meeting at 1:30 pm
21ST May Legion and Auxiliary Meeting Elections at 6:30
24th May SAL dinner at 5:30pm
25th May ALR Roadkill Bingo at 7 pm
28th May ALR Meeting and Elections at 6:30pm

Queen of Hearts is doing great. Last month's winners were: John Priola, Annabelle Freshour, Bill Huggins and Larry Potts congratulations.

Red Shirt Friday's winners were Kathy Honeycutt, Kay Peterson congratulations.

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

Nominations for all Executive positions are open, if interested please contact our nominating committee, any member in good standing is eligible to run for office.

For God and Country

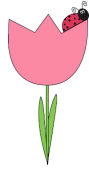
Commander

Rick Cabrera

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Charlotte Houston

Thanks for all you do!



S.A.L SQUADRON 57



Hello S.A.L. Squadron 57 Members

Hope everyone had a wonderful month of April!
We had another fun filled month with Roadkill Bingo. Since we changed our Roadkill time to 3 to 5, everything went well, and we will keep this time slot. I would like to thank Lee, Jim, Vanessa, Liam, and Bailey-Jo for making our event a huge success.

Just a reminder that Officer elections are in May. Good luck to all the guys that were nominated.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday May 6th @ 6:30 pm Squadron 57 Meeting/Elections

Saturday May 11th @ 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm Roadkill Bingo

Friday May 24th @ 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Friday Night Dinner

Saturday June 1st @ 11:00 am DCC Meeting

S.A.L. Squadron Commander:

Brian Wolfe





SERVICE OFFICER



Service Officer's Report

Well, once again the month was busy with financial assistance for a total of 5 veterans. I am seeing more homeless veterans coming in for assistance and am happy the shelter at Renewed has been open. We've been referring individuals to the facility which can assist 16 individuals per night.

We will not have a Veteran's Education Class in May due to my upcoming trip to Montana to visit with grandchildren. We will pick back up in June with our next class. While I'm gone, May 13-23, all requests for financial assistance should be directed to board member on duty. Also, Columbia County has just hired a new Veterans Service Officer, Ron Beasley, so veterans needing claims assistance can contact him at (386) 758-1013.

We still have a motorized scooter that is available to any veteran that may need one. This scooter is in great condition. Please let us know if you have any questions or know of someone that could possibly use it.

Elections are coming up on May 21st and I hope all our members will come in and vote. Whether you are a legionnaire voting for our board members or auxiliary members, your vote is important.

Have a safe month,

Rustyann Brown
Service Officer



AUXILIARY NEWS

Another busy month for our unit. But we are rocking it !!!! April was supposed to be when our District was to have our Department President, Dee Bell, visit us and we were looking forward to it. Unfortunately, her husband passed away on Easter Sunday and she had to cancel all visits. Then the news came this week that her mom also passed away. Please keep her in your prayers.

The USO contacted us to say that their shelves were bare. All the care packages that we sent to them last month were all shipped out. Some going to our troops in Gaza and some to an Air National Guard Unit. They were desperate. So what did we do? Made more! We packed 13 + boxes of gallon sized zip bag care packages on the April 24th and they were delivered to the USO on the 25th.

The weather is getting warmer and it's time to have another Ice Cream Social for the Domiciliary which will be on May 13th at 2 PM. Everyone is invited, just check in at the front desk. The residents really love this and love talking to all of us. Sometimes we are the only ones that come to visit them.

The Lady Vets at the Dom will be treated to lunch by us on Wednesday, May 1st at 11 AM at Gator's Dockside. All are welcome to participate but you are responsible for payment of your lunch (we are paying for the Vets).

Donna Sessa and her crew are still visiting our veterans in the local nursing homes and taking care of their immediate needs, either with clothing or their favorite candy or cookie. These veterans look forward to their visits each week.

We donated needed items to the local homeless teen shelter. They needed such things as a microwave, pillows, craft items, towels, bath mats, etc. We loaded up the counselor's car.

May is Poppy time. We will be at Publix on the May 24th (9-3) and at Winn-Dixie on May 25th (9-3). Please stop by to see us. Wear a Poppy for a Veteran.

Our next yard sale is being planned for September 21st in the bingo hall. If you have anything to donate, please let us know. We will be taking clothes this time, so clean out your closet.

The next Auxiliary Dinner will be Friday, May 17th from 5:30 to 7:30 or until the food runs out. The menu will be Brats, fries and banana pudding for a \$10.00 donation.

May 21st is Election Night at the Post for Legion and Auxiliary. The officers for the new fiscal year will be elected. Come vote!! You MUST have your current membership card in hand in order to enter the room. If you have lost your card, please get with Kay Peterson, membership chairman, ASAP to get a replacement. You can contact her via email at kay.l.peterson5@gmail.com or call her at 386-466-6586.

For God and Country,
Lisa Dye
President – Unit 57



May Drink Specials



Monday: 2.00 Well Margaritas ALL DAY

Tuesday: Buy one get one free drink 1-5pm (no Chips)

Wednesday: 1.00 well Drinks 1-5pm (no Chips)

Thursday: 1.00 Draft Drinks 1-5pm (no Chips)

Friday: Red shirt Friday 2.00 domestic 1-5 pm (if you wear a red shirt)

May 5th Cinco De mayo 2.50 Margaritas

**Peach, Mango, blackberry, Blueberry, Strawberry, Watermelon, and
pineapple**

Mother's Day

1st Drink free for all mothers

JUNIOR AUXILIARY HONOR GUARD



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

