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AMERICAN LEGION POST #57

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well, this month has been a sad month for Post 57. With the passing of Richard Mobley on Thursday, Oct. 20th and the resignation of Jimmy Campbell, due to health reasons.

October 12th, we had our First Responders lunch with a great turnout. Thanks to Sharon, Laura and all that helped with this successful event.

Oct 14th, we had our Halloween Party with a great Band, *Late 4 Class*, and lots of great costumes. 1st place ladies were won by Debbie Cox as Mary Poppins and 1st place men was Patrick Scott dressed as a medieval knight. 1st place couples contest was

October 15th District 3 Meeting at Post 83 MacClenny; great turnout from Post 57 family.

October 21st Octoberfest Dinner was good with Line Dancing lessons. Great turnout.

October 22nd Hall rental was success

October 28th Naval Sea Cadets dinner was successful.

October 30th Safe Halloween Set up. Thanks to all that helped set this up. Over 300 children attended this event.

Now for November:

November 1st Veterans Crosses get displayed; Halloween take down 10 am;

November 3rd County Commissioners Meeting, 9:30 with Veterans Issues on agenda;

November 5th ALR Toys for Tots event;

November 8th Stand Down set up 9am;

November 9th Stand Down 10am;

November 11th Veterans Day, Flag ceremony at 9am and parade 10am. For those who don't want to attend parade, a movie will be shown in hall until parade floats return. Lunch will be served after parade. Don't forget to wear your Red Shirt.

Commander's Corner (cont'd)

November 12th New DJ, Karaoke 7-11pm;

November 17th—20th Department of Florida Fall Conference;

November 24th, **Thanksgiving, NO Bingo and lounge opens at 3pm.**

November 25th No Friday Dinner;

November 26th Christmas decorating at 10am.

The Executive Board will be accepting nominations for 2nd Vice Commander and Executive Committee Member. Anyone interested in running for positions, must be a current member in good standing and nominated from the floor.

Thanks to all veterans for your service.

Happy Thanksgiving.

As always volunteers are needed in Bingo, Kitchen and events. Please take time to volunteer and help your post.

For God and Country,

Commander, Rick Cabrera

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

KATHY HONEYCUTT

**THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO. ENJOY
YOUR \$50 GIFT CARD**

AUXILIARY NEWS

I would like to start out by welcoming our new Auxiliary Chaplain, Gwen Allen, who has taken over for Rose Johnson who resigned due to health reasons. I know she will do a fabulous job for our members.

Our yard sale was a success even though we did not have as many items as we have had in the past. The Liberty Division Sea Cadets helped us out and we made over \$800 for their uniforms and training.

Our Unit voted to send \$2,500 to Department for the Hurricane Ian Relief fund. That way they can purchased exactly what is needed for our veterans and Legion family members that lost so much down south. Commander Rick Cabrera presented our check and the Legion check to the Department Commander while he was in Orlando for training.

Our ABC School of Instructions that had to be postponed due to the rescheduling of the District meeting, will now be held on Saturday, January 21st at Post 49 in Monticello. All members are urged to attend.

Homeless Veterans Stand-Down will be held on Wednesday, November 9th at 10 AM. We need volunteers to help us set-up on Tuesday, the 8th starting at 10 AM. If you can spare an hour or more that day, PLEASE come help.

Come help us decorate the Veterans Day float on Thursday, November 10th at 4 PM. The parade will be held on Friday, November 11th. Meet at FDOT on 441 at 10 AM, parade starts at 11 AM. Our Post flag ceremony will be held at 9 AM on the 11th and lunch will be served around 12:30 after the parade.

Our next Auxiliary dinner will be Friday, November 18th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Our Junior Auxiliary members will be hosting this dinner. The menu consists of Sheppard's Pie, side salad, rolls/butter and dessert for \$10.00. Please come out and support them.

We will be decorating for the Christmas holidays on Saturday, November 26th at 10 AM. Everyone is asked to come help us make our Post beautiful for the holidays. We will need men to help too, please.

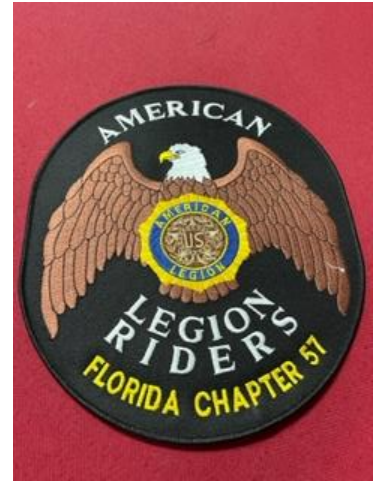
Dues for 2023 are being accepted now. Don't wait until the end of the year. Dues are still \$35.00 and can be paid to the bartender at the post or mailed to 2602 SW Main Blvd. Lake City FL 32025.

For God and Country,

Lisa Dye

President

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS (ALR)



Welcome to November, one of the busiest months of the year.

As of publication of the newsletter, the Auxiliary's kid safe Halloween is over, I want to thank everyone who came out to help in whatever fashion you could.

As we enter November we have our 4th annual Toys for Tots Christmas Toy Run, we will be setting up both in the hall and at Honda of Lake City on Friday the 4th in preparation for the ride so that on Saturday we'll be ready to rock and roll.

We have Sea Cadets as well as members of the JROTC to assist with parking at both locations as well as the posting of the colors for both. Hopefully, we'll have enough supporters and cadets to cover the positions so that the Riders can participate in the ride. We are looking forward to another great event benefitting those less fortunate children.

Friday, November 11, we will be participating in the Veteran's Day parade, we will meet at the Post at 8:30 am for the Flag disposal ceremony at 9:00 then mount up and ride to the staging area for the parade, after the parade we'll return to the Post for lunch. Dress for the day is Red Shirts and black slacks (As voted on in the meeting)

We voted at the last meeting to reach out to support LCMS Special needs for their Christmas party this year, I have reached out to get a date and am awaiting a response. I will advise the date when it is determined. We voted to once again, do pizzas, drinks and candy for the party and donate up to \$1,000 to the program for their spring field trip. Our thanks go out to our new member, Stoney, for stepping up and volunteering to be Santa for the event.

We also voted to begin planning for our next Chili Cook off tentatively scheduled for February 18 so we can begin the process and allow us enough time to assure it's a success. We need volunteers to come forward and help in the planning process.

I'd also like to wish every one of you a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

Bill



TEXAS HOLD'EM held their monthly fundraiser on Friday Oct 14, 2022 and raised \$760 for the Legion. There were 21 players and the pot of \$2180 was won by 5 players: Brent Whitcomb got 1st place for \$580. Cory Howard, Ron Durham, Robert Harrison and Dusty Matthews each got \$400. Kal Schwarz got high hand and received \$105. The next Legion fundraiser will be Friday, Nov 11, 2022 at 7 pm in the Bingo 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.

HONOR GUARD

Today I witnessed seniors in high school who believe the National Anthem is God Bless America and do not know the words to the Star-Spangled Banner much less why and how it was written.

As commander of our Honor Guard, I have reached out to several schools discussing with principals the lack of patriotic instruction. I am glad to say I will soon be teaching young student Council members how to handle a flag and other flag etiquette in several elementary schools and at Richardson Sixth Grade Academy. Honor Guard should have an educational component to teach and reinforce the proper respect for our flag and nation. I am grateful for any opportunity to do so.

Respectfully, Commander JD

Hello S.A.L. Squadron 57 Members

It's been another fun filled month of October with the success of Roadkill Bingo and the Oktoberfest Dinner. I would like to thank everyone for being patient during our Friday night dinner. We underestimated the prep time and that made us start late. It was definitely a learning experience for the Sons. We will be working harder to not let this happen again.

S.A.L. Squadron Members: Membership dues are required by the end of the year. Contact Ray or I if you have any questions

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday November 1st: S.A.L Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

We don't have a dinner or Roadkill Bingo scheduled for November, but I suggest everyone to come out support the other functions the Post offers.

Squadron 57 Commander: Brian Wolfe

Chaplain's Corner Nov 2022

Hello Everyone. November's Chaplain Corner will deal with 2 parts of how God blesses us. The 1st part is dealing with a special blessing that Jimmy Campbell is surviving a very bleak determination of his: "No time left on this earth" by the doctors. God has shown that, because of the prayers from Jimmy asking for a miracle, in fact there are many. Today Jimmy is enjoying his time with family and all those grand kids. God has determined that Jimmy has had a great personal relationship with Him and being awarded time on this earth not projected by the doctors. Thanks to you God for best blessing to us, knowing a great loving and giving human being Jimmy C. The 2nd part is, have you thanked God for all the blessings you have received? Many people do not have a prayerful relationship with God until they need something. Therefore, many prayers go unanswered or the answer given is not what they wanted or expected. This mistake also clouds a perspective of "does God even exist". So, if you are looking for answers to your life, I suggest you start today with a prayer thanking God for all those blessings you have received and will receive in the future. Again, thank you God for all those blessings.

Chaplain Rev Allen (Sarge)

And finally, the rest of the story...love you Richard and Jimmy

