

OCTOBER 2022

AMERICAN LEGION POST #57

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Members, hope everyone is doing well. It appears that we were spared from Hurricane IAN hitting way down South. Our Prayers go to those who were impacted by this hurricane.

September was a Month:

Red Shirt Friday is a big success, thanks to all who support:

Sept 9th Line dancing Lessons good turn out thanks to Paula Brotherton for Volunteering to teach us how to Line Dance. It was a ball!

Sept 10th SAL Roadkill bingo great turnout.

Sept 17th 50/60 s Night awesome event with a good turnout; great costumes. Congrats to the Winners Patrick and Jennifer Scott.

Sept 24th ALR Roadkill Bingo everyone had a good night.

Sept 20th Legion General Membership Meeting, great turnout, voting on NON-Smoking in Lounge. Legion Members voted and the smoking issue stays the same. Also, subject cannot be brought up to the board for at least 6 months.

Thanks to all who helped bring down the Halloween stuff from shed for safe Halloween. We have started to collect candy for Safe Halloween, we have boxes throughout the post. Please donate candy if you can.

District meeting was canceled due to possible Hurricane.

Commander's Corner (cont'd)

Now for October:

Oct 4th Auxiliary Unit 57 Collects items for yard sale.

Oct 8th Auxiliary Unit 57 Yard sale with assistance from Sea Cadets.

Oct 8th SAL Roadkill bingo

Oct 14th Legion Halloween Party in the Lounge, with Late 4 Class Band 7-11pm for entertainment. Auxiliary Unit 57 will be serving dinner for a \$10.00 donation.

Oct 22nd ALR Roadkill bingo

Oct 12th First Responders Lunch 11am -1pm

Oct 21st Line dancing Lessons 7-8:30 pm in the Lounge

Oct 21st SAL Octoberfest Dinner for a \$10.00 Donation with Car show 4pm,

Oct 22 ALR Roadkill bingo

Oct 30th and 31st NO BINGO

Oct 31st Safe Halloween please come out and support the event.

Thanks for all you do.

Volunteers are always needed please help your post if you can.

For God and Country,

Commander Rick

AUXILIARY NEWS

Auxiliary is at it again. Doing what we do best by helping our veterans, our children, and our community.

We donated food, water, and paper goods to one of our own post members to help through a difficult time. We are making goody bags of candy and snacks for our first responders to give out during the First Responders Lunch on Wednesday, Oct 12th at the Post. We are meeting with representatives of the VA Hospital to deliver mechanical cats/dogs for veterans with dementia and Alzheimer's. We purchased 10 books for the Domiciliary for their alcohol dependency group. We have purchased personal hygiene products and food for the parole office to help those that are trying to make a better life for themselves. And we are just getting started.....

Just a reminder to members, we have a District Meeting coming up on Saturday, Oct. 1st in MacClenny at Post 83. Registration begins at 10 AM with the meeting at 11 AM. Everyone is welcome to join in. Then on Saturday, Oct. 15th there is an ABC School of Instruction at Post 49 in Monticello. Registration begin at 9 AM with classes starting at 10 AM. You will learn a lot about the Auxiliary thru these classes.

Our yard sale will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 8 AM to 1 PM. If you have anything you wish to donate for the yard sale you can start bringing them in on Tuesday, Oct. 4th. The Liberty Division Sea Cadets will once again be helping with this event.

Our Halloween Kids Fest is a GO for this year. Due to the pandemic we haven't been able to have one since 2019. The community is looking forward to this and so are we. We have started collecting donations of individually wrapped candy. There are boxes all over the post so you can drop in your bags the next time you come to the post.

The next Auxiliary dinner will be Friday, Oct, 14th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, fresh vegetable medley, roll/butter, and apple spice cake. All for a mere \$10.00 donation. This is the same night the post is having their adult Halloween party in the lounge with a live band, Late 4 Class. Come dressed in costume for prizes and more.

Auxiliary (cont'd)

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

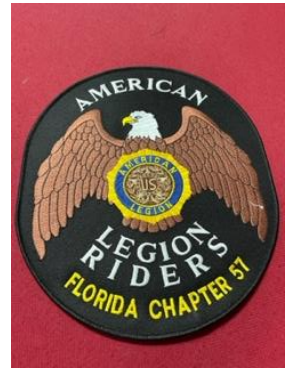
CHAPLAINS CORNER

Hello Everyone. October the Chaplain's Corner deals with a subject that is near and dear to my heart. The subject of suicide and the damage it does. Approximately 22 veterans end their lives a day as a result of suicide. Usually there are no indications of how a person intends on leaving this world. No one is prepared to see this happen but it does. It is important to notice symptoms when a person shows signs of severe depression and anxiety. There are many options and resources to help veterans through their dark time, and find a purpose and renewed outlook on life for living. When you see these signs, encourage that person to seek help through the VA by calling 386-755-3016 and listen to instructions given. As the Post Chaplain, I also stand to help with counseling and encouragement to all members of our post. 22 lives is 22 too many to lose to this unnecessary tragedy.

God bless our veterans

Chaplain Rev Allen

AMERICAN LEGION RIDER (ALR)



Welcome to October my Brothers and Sisters,
Fall is in the air and we definitely dodged a bullet with Ian.

On a more urgent note, please keep Jimmy Campbell in your prayers! I know we joke with him about his continued bad luck, and usually, he jokes back. Unfortunately, as of this note, Jimmy is currently in the VA Hospital in Gainesville with serious health issues. PLEASE, he needs our thoughts and prayers right now.

We are once again beginning to do what we do, and that's ride (if we can avoid the storms). September saw us participate in the POW/MIA Seven Bridges ride in Jacksonville. The ride was fully escorted for the route, which was fantastic, especially, since all but about 15 minutes was driving rains. Other than rain, the ride went off without a hitch and the ride home was much dryer.

October sees us planning a ride Sunday, Oct. 2 to Post 107 in Live Oak to retrieve our plaque, the plan is then to visit Post 83 in MacClenny the ride to Post 250 in Middleburg to capture their plaque. As of this time, the weather appears perfect for the planned ride.

October is open for the Merry-go-Round where we gain points for riding to other posts with additional points for going out of District, so we are planning several rides for the month. So ready for wind therapy as I know most of us are.

Riders have no dinner scheduled for October and our next Roadkill is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22 from 7-9 pm in the lounge, so please come out and support.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Riders will host our 4th Annual Christmas Toy run to benefit Toys for Tots of Columbia and Suwannee Counties.

The ride is graciously sponsored by Honda of Lake City where we will hold registration from 9am till noon on November 5th. We will go KSU at noon for an escorted country ride ending at American Legion Post 57 at approximately 1:15.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS (cont'd)

Upon arrival, dinner of your choice of beef or chicken tacos made your way on your choice of hard or soft shells accompanied by rice and refried beans will be served. Entertainment will be provided by Joe Santana and the Kingfish band, there will be a cash bar, \$1.00 drafts, 50/50 drawing as well as a Chinese auction. This year the after party will be held in the hall with seating available outside for those who wish to smoke. Cost for the Ride is \$20.00 per rider and \$15.00 for the passenger plus a new unwrapped toy with proceeds going to benefit Toys for Tots.

Our next Rider's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30 pm.

For the Cause, not the Applause,

Bill Huggins
Director

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

JAN DAVIS

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

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (S.A.L.)

SQUADRON 57

Hello S.A.L Squadron 57 Members,

It's been a fun filled month of September with the success of Roadkill Bingo and Friday Night Dinner. I want to thank Ray, Lee and Victoria for helping with Roadkill. Also, I would like to thank Jim, Ray, Vanessa, Post 57 and the poker players for their efforts to make Friday Night Dinner a huge success.

Don't forget S.A.L. members, It's that time again. Membership dues are required by the end of the year. Contact Ray or I if there are any questions or issues.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, October 4th, S.A.L Meeting @6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 8th, S.A.L. Roadkill Bingo @7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Friday, October 21st, S.A.L. Octoberfest Friday Night Dinner@ 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

I hope everyone made it through the storm okay.

Squadron 57 Commander- Brian Wolfe

HONOR GUARD—Honor Guard served full honors for U.S. Army Sgt Terry Cutford on September 14, 2022. Mr. Cutford had a small graveside service at Hopeful Baptist Church Cemetery.

We enjoyed the delicious Appreciation Dinner the Post served on September 10th. Some of our team members continue to recover from illnesses, surgeries and injuries. We thank everyone for continued thoughts and prayers.

COMMANDER JD

LOUNGE NEWS

**OCTOBER
DRINK SPECIALS**

REDD'S HARD
APPLE ALE
\$2.00 A BOTTLE
UNTIL GONE




BLUEBERRY
MANGO
PEACH
PINA
COLADA
PINEAPPLE
STRAWBERRY

**FROZEN DRINK
SPECIALS**
\$4.00/DAILY

**FROZEN DRINK
SPECIALS**
\$3.50 ALL
DAY SUNDAY

TUESDAY
BUY 1 GET
ONE DRAFT
OR
WELL
DRINKS
1PM - 6PM

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

American Legion Auxiliary presents

**Halloween
Fest**



Monday, October 31, 2022

6 PM to 8 PM
American Legion Post 57
2602 SW Main Blvd.
Lake City, FL



Prizes - Games - Cake Walk - Candy
Kids eat FREE

For kids ages
0 to 12 years old

FUN for all !!!



And finally, the rest of the story.....

This month has been especially stressful with Hurricane Ian just missing us. So thankful our area was not impacted but, terribly sad for our fellow Floridians who were affected. Prayers to all especially in the Fort Myers/Sarasota area.

This next month, November 3rd, I have requested to be put on the County Commissions Meeting to discuss the lack of veteran services in Columbia County. I am asking my legion family to show up at this meeting as only a show of force will get anything accomplished. Here are a few things I believe our county should be doing: Ongoing Benefit Education Classes; a full time county service officer with a clerical/support staff to assist with claims and records research; Quarterly visits to nursing homes/assisted living facilities to inform veterans of assistance with costs; education on Ebenefits and MyHealthyVet. These are just a few of the items that should be done on a regular basis.

DON'T FORGET, NOVEMBER 3rd @9:00 Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055
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