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COMMANDER'S CORNER

July was a busy month,

July 1st “Ladies Dress as Men”, good night, only 5 Participants, thanks to all who participated.

July 4th Cookout was a great Day A lot of members showed up.

July 8th Steak night a great night put on by the entertainment committee, over 60 steaks sold, served and cooked.

July 9th Installation of officers congratulations to all Entity's. SAL Roadkill was a great success

July 22nd ALR Dinner Was a great success, Baby Back Ribs Cooked by Tom Johnson, great job! Late 4 Class Band put on a great show great turnout.

July 23 ALR Roadkill was a great turnout.

July 29th District 3 Dinner was awesome, Thanks to Sharon Huggins for cooking the Philly Cheese Steaks.

July 30th Christmas in July was a great event, Thanks for the Riders and Lisa Dye for a great event.

Here we go another month:

Aug 6th District 3 meeting at Post 49 11am registration, Lunch will follow, any member interested in hearing what the District does please come.

Aug 13th Northern Area Training, here at post 57, @9am lunch will follow.

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Red Shirt Friday Winners

Tom Willcutt 2 times, Robert Preston and Ray Funck

We will be holding *Line Dance Lesson* on Aug 19th and Sept 9th @ 7pm

Will be having Bands Monthly we are currently Looking for a Country and Western Band and Jazz Band. If anyone knows a good band, please contact Steven Cox or Myself.

Starting Oct 1st, the Lounge will be NON-SMOKING. if any members have any concerns or questions, I suggest you attend the Legion General Membership meeting on Aug 16th @ 18:30 Sharp.

Volunteer of the Month is Caitlin Hanechak thanks for what you do.

Volunteers are always needed please Help your post

For God and Country

Commander Rick



AUXILIARY

What a great start to the new fiscal year!! Before the June General Membership meeting we had a Meet & Greet. It was so good to see so many new faces. We had some good chats and good snacks then went into the meeting.

In the meeting we covered the importance of keeping track of your volunteer hours. There are always little things you do every day that contribute to the hours we need to complete our programs. Please pick up a volunteer sheet in the black box on the wall next to the Auxiliary room door. Once you have it fill in just drop it off in the same box and pick up a new one.

Most of the meeting was used to go over our new budget for this year. All of our recommendations were put into place and we will vote on it at the August General Membership meeting.

Sharon Huggins and I spent a few days in Orlando at Workshop. Boy did we learn a lot about our programs and got lots of ideas on how we can work on each one. I will be looking at all of you for your ideas too.

Saturday, August 6th is the District 3 meeting at Post 49 in Monticello. Registration starts at 10 AM with the meeting at 11 AM. All members are welcome at these meetings and is encouraged.

Saturday, August 13th there will be a School of Instruction held at Post 107 in Live Oak. Registration at 10 AM and class starts at 11 AM. This is open to all Auxiliary members. If you thought you knew everything.....you don't. Come to the class and learn something new.

The next Auxiliary Dinner is Friday, August 12th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Your Unit Secretary, Charlotte Houston, will be preparing Beef Stew, Salad, and Dessert for a donation of just \$10.00. You are welcome to dine in or take out.

The next yard sale will be Saturday, October 8th from 8 AM to 1 PM. Start digging thru those closets and drawers to see what you can come up with to donate to the sale. The proceeds will be divided between our Unit and the Sea Cadets.

Hope to see you soon.

For God and Country,

Lisa Dye

President



TEXAS HOLD'EM held their monthly fundraiser on Friday July 8, 2022 and raised \$365 for the Legion. There were 16 players and the pot of \$995 was won by 3 players: Joe Harrison, Tom Eagle and Kal Schwarz, each got \$330. Kal Schwarz got high hand and received \$80 and he also got a straight Flush worth \$565. The next Legion fundraiser will be Friday, Aug 12, 2022 at 7 pm in the Main 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. *Bob Tarlton*

ALR
(AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS)



Welcome to August

I want to begin by congratulating your Rider's officers who have now been formally installed for the 2022/2023 year coming up. Expect big things from the group as we continue to grow in numbers and strength.

Riders have been a busy group! I want to give a huge shout out to all the volunteers who came out for our Rider's Friday Dinner, Tom did an outstanding job on both the Ribs and the rosemary potatoes as the other volunteers jumped in to insure we had an outstanding Friday dinner, selling out within just 30 minutes.

The next day was our Rider's Roadkill again staffed by Mike and Vicky Ziegler, Rob (Gabby) Mixon and the other volunteers who made this another enjoyable Roadkill for our members and guests.

It looks as though August is going to be another busy month with our having our District 3 meeting on August 6 at Post 49 in Monticello, followed up by Northern Area Training here at the post on August 13.

The Rider's next Friday dinner is slated for Friday August 27th with menu to be determined and followed on Saturday, August 28 with Rider's Roadkill at 7pm.

ALR (cont'd)

We discussed a charity ride slated for a young lady who lost her leg in a shark attack recently, due to it being on a Roadkill night, no definitive decision was made to ride in support, we did; However, elect to donate \$200.00 to the cause to help her out.

For any who are not aware, at the Legion's Executive board meeting it was voted the American Legion Post 57 will be non-smoking effective October 1st.

Please stay tuned to the Rider's Facebook page as well as your Rider's email account for updates as the month progresses.

Remember, it's always for the cause and never the applause.

Bill

A few photos from our Christmas in July



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

Hello S.A.L. Squadron 57 Members

There have been some changes recently. We had a last-minute election at our July 5th meeting because our Commander Mitch Cooper stepped down and we needed to fill his position before installation. I, Brian Wolfe am the newly elected Commander, Ray Funck has accepted the Vice Commander position that I recently held. Jim Sherfy continues to be our Finance Officer, Lee Newsome continues to be our Sergeant-At-Arms, Allen Wood continues to be our Chaplain and Donnie Bossuyt has stepped up to be our elected Historian. We are still in need of an Adjutant. Any S.A.L. that are interested please step forward.

Encouraging all members and dual members to come to the next meeting because we need some fresh ideas to support Veterans!

I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to all the Post 57 members and S.A.L. members who stepped up to make our July Roadkill a big success. LOVE YOU ALL.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday August 2nd-Squadron 57 meeting @ 6:30 pm

Saturday August 13th-S.A.L. Roadkill Bingo

Friday August 26th- S.A.L. Dinner 5:30-7:30 pm (The dinner will be determined at our next meeting).

Change is good! LET'S EMBRACE IT!

Squadron 57 Commander-Brian Wolfe

Chaplain's Corner Aug 2022

Hello all. This month the Chaplain's Corner subject is Participation. My prayer at all Board and General meetings , is for our general membership to participate in decision making of our post. Commander Rick has invited all who wish to attend our Board meetings to observe only what goes on during this meeting itself. At the General meeting, ideas and voting on discussions are appropriate and are welcomed by the membership. It saddens me to hear around the post and I quote, "The post should do this or that about a problem." Some would rather do something else than spend one Tuesday a month at the post General meeting. So in love please take time to attend YOUR General meeting and be part of the function for the good of the post. As in my prayers, all our emphasis should be on our veterans and their families.

Please note that our post was the winner of the Religious Emphasis Award at this years' 2022 Conference. You can view this plaque on the Hall of Honor in post 57.

Chaplain Rev Allen (Sarge)

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

CAITLIN HANECHAK

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO

MEMBERSHIP

We are underway for the 2023 membership year. Thank you to all who have already submitted their renewals. I am diligently processing them but, thankfully they are coming in faster than I am able to work through. I am asking that we all be patient as I process these renewals, new applications and transfers to Post 57. With all that being said, if I receive your application before September 1, I will be stamping your card with the early bird stamp so others will know that you renewed early. As I reported a couple of months ago, we achieved 100% membership goal for 2022. We can do this again for 2023 but it will take all of us. There are various recruiting awards that the Department of Florida and National will award for recruiting. All you need to do is when you recruit a member, ensure that your name is on the application as their recruiter. I will keep track of this and next May I will submit for award presentations.

Now for the paperwork concerns that we are seeing. National sent out renewal notices to all Legionnaires so we can renew our dues. On that notice you will see that it says you have been a member since 2022. This is on all renewal notices that National sent out. This is the last year you paid your dues, not when you joined. I have verified the ones that have been sent in and the years of membership are correct on the cards and on the membership roster. I ask that you ignore that number and send in your renewal and once you receive your card if your membership years are incorrect contact me and we will work through it.

Let's have a wonderful membership year,

Michael Ziegler

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

I would like to talk a little about extending a helping hand to our fellow veterans. We've seen over the last year, prices on everything going up and everyone is struggling to get by. If you know of someone struggling to get by, reach out and let us know; maybe there is something we can do to help. Also, it might not be financial worries but could be mental health or just personal problems. Our post is here to assist our members when they reach out. Our chaplain works really hard to keep up with our members but, if you know someone who could use some encouragement or just to check in on them, please let us know.

Remember, if you need assistance with your VA disability claim, contact our county service officer, George Wehrli. His office is located at 437 Hall of Fame Dr. next to the West Branch Library. Phone is (386) 758-1013. Please note, if you plan on filing a claim in the near future, you need to send in first form 21-0966 "*Intent to File Claim*". This form gives the veteran up to 1 year to submit claim and evidence. If the claim is granted, benefits go back to the date of the *Intent to File Claim*. You can fax this form directly to the VBA Scan Site at (844) 531-7818 with a fax cover sheet. Be sure and keep your proof of fax as this is your date of claim.

A note about VA appointments. We are seeing more appointments getting cancelled and the veteran not being notified. We are noticing the veterans, especially the older ones, are getting their appointments too far out. If you are having problems with getting into see your provider or a specialist, don't be afraid to contact the hospital administrator for assistance. There is a Patient Advocate but, I see better results going to Admin.

Have a great month. Stay safe and we hope to see you around the Post.

Rustyann Brown