JUNE 2022 AMERICAN LEGION POST #57 2602 SW MAIN BLVD LAKE CITY, FL 32025 Americanlegion57@comcast.net



#### **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

May was a busy month for the Post.

5/7 we had our peanut Boil, great turn out thanks to Steve Cox for Boiling the Peanuts.

5/14 Auxiliary/ Sea Cadets Yard Sale, great job to the Auxiliary Unit 57

5/20 Men Dressed as Ladies Night great fun awesome turn out Jamie Won first Place.

1st place Jim Reherman

2<sup>nd</sup> place Jeff Lowes

3rd place Joey Carroll

5/21 DCC Meeting over 40 members participate Thanks to Sharon Huggins for an awesome dinner

5/22 District 3 picnic at post 107 great turn out Thanks to the District SAL for a great job.

5/27 Poppies Day

5/28 Poppies Day

5/30 Flag Ceremony and our Memorial Day Event had a steller turn out. We had more people show up for the ceremony then every before. Thanks to Sharon for cooking another great meal. Elections Have Been completed. Congratulations to:

Commander: Rick Cabrera	First Vice Bill Huggins
Second Vice: James Campbell	Third Vice Victoria Ziegler
Fourth Vice: James Reherman	Finance Officer Otis Puett
Historian Tom Wilcutts	Judge Advocate Thomas Johnson
Service officer Tom Pepin	Sargent of Arms Jim Taylor
Adjutant Mike Ziegler	Chaplin Allen Wood
Executive Committee Members:	

George Wehrli, Richard Mobley and Ray Fuchs (1 vacant position)

#### **RED SHIRT FRIDAY WINNERS ARE**

5/6 Richard Meadurp 5/13 Tom Wilcutts 5/20 Rob Mixon 5/27 Rob Mixon

Now for June

6/3 We will be taking stuff down in Hallway to prep for Painting

6/4 Paint Party starts at 9am anyone who can help please come by.

We now have a pool team playing in the APA League on Wednesday at 7 at different locations.

We have Hall rentals all month long

Dept Convention June 15 – 19<sup>th</sup>

Volunteer of the month is Penny Weber thanks for all you do.

For God and Country

**Commander Rick** 

#### ALR (AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS)



Welcome to June to all our American Legion Family.

Your American Legion Riders are gearing up for a busy push as we enter the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The Riders held elections on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, here are your officers for the upcoming year:

Director:	Bill Huggins
Asst. Director:	Michael (Chief) Ziegler
Adj/Membership:	Victoria Ziegler
Finance Officer:	Lainie Paul
Chaplain:	Rev. Allen Wood
Sgt at Arms:	Jim Reherman
Historian:	VACANT
Road Captain:	Rob (Gabby) Mixon
Safety Officer:	David Miller

Please support your elected board as the year opens.

On Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, your Riders will be supporting the Wellborn Blueberry festival by participating in in their annual parade.

After the parade, Riders are requested to assist with the Legion's Hall painting project to update the hallways of our post in a continuing effort to improve our post.

From June 15<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup> members of the Riders will be attending the Department of Florida Convention in Orlando to bring back valuable information to aid our Chapters growth.

Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> will be the Rider's Dinner (menu to be determined), Legion Family members are invited to come support your Riders then relax in the Social Quarters to enjoy a night of Karaoke with DJ Will.

Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, your Riders will host our monthly Roadkill Bingo in the lounge, this event seems to be enjoyed by all that attend, so if you have not experienced it come give it a try.

Saturday, July 30, the Riders will host their Christmas in July event here at the post to benefit Toys for Tots to assure no child is left behind at Christmas. This event is open to the public and details will be released as they develop, so please mark your calendars for this date.

Finally, as your Rider's Director, I want to say "Thank you" to all who supported me during this hotly contested race. As always, I am available for any suggestions you may have as to how me may grow or improve our Rider's family

Til next month, remember as always, it is for the CAUSE, not the applause.

Bill

### **TEXAS HOLD'EM**

TEXAS HOLD'EM held their monthly fundraiser on Friday May 13, 2022 and raised \$305 for the Legion. There were 13 players and the pot of \$815 was won by 3 players: 1ist and 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank Capallia & Kal Schwarz split \$652, and 3<sup>rd</sup> was Guy Thurston who got \$163.00 Chris Costello got high hand and received \$60. The next Legion fundraiser will be Friday, June 10, 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.

#### HONOR GUARD



Honor Guard proudly represented our Post by Presenting the Colors at the All-Tech Raceway on Saturday, 28 May. The racetrack was celebrating the life of long-time racer Harvey Jones. A memorial race was created, and competition was enjoyable. With several members out, our Honor Guard team did very well. Our Post's Memorial Day event began with Flag Disposal ceremonies. Honor Guard Presented the Colors and ended the ceremony with a bugle call. We assisted in the burning of the flags.

KNOW YOUR TEAM.... Introducing Your Honor Guard Team Each month a member will be featured in our newsletter just for the Post to get to know a little about our team members. This month I will start things off by a brief profile of myself. My family ancestry includes service in all five branches of the military in wars from the American Revolution to present day. My father was a USAF mechanic who served from 1962-1966 at Lackland AFB in Amarillo, TX. Upon discharge he returned to Miami, FL and worked for Pan American World Airways. My family moved to Lake City in 1971 where both my parents were employed as teachers, and we also had a farm. I graduated from Columbia High School, then Lake City Community College, and finally from the University of North Florida with a degree in Deaf Education. I taught middle and high school Deaf students for ten years in various Florida counties. I became medically disabled after the birth of my son. I enjoyed being a full-time mother of an autistic child. My son is currently a senior at the University of Florida. I enjoy volunteering in my community and helping others. I support the Future Farmers of America chapters in Columbia High School as Secretary for the Columbia FFA Alumni & Supporters in addition to my involvement with the American Legion Honor Guard. I thoroughly enjoy my work with the Honor Guard and the members on the team. Thank you for the opportunity to serve veterans in this most special way and represent this Post to the community.

Respectfully Commander JD



**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH** 

# **PENNY WEBER**

#### THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO



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

Both the Friday night dinner and Roadkill were a great success. Thanks to all who came out to support this event. The 3rd District Picnic, sponsored by S.A.L. District 3 was a great success also. Thanks to the District Squadrons #291, #383, #224, #57 and #49 and our host #107. You Squadrons did an awesome job and I give you a **big thanks!** Our next meeting will be on June 7th at 6:30.

Our Men's Night on May 20th was so much fun, it was ridiculous. Thanks to all that came out. 1st Place: Jim Reherman 2nd Place: Jeff Lowes and 3rd Place: Joey Carroll. As always, we need volunteers for the dinners and Roadkill. Our next Roadkill is on Saturday June 11 at 7pm. Our next Friday dinner will be June 10th 5:30-7:30.

Thanks again for all your support for our veterans. Teamwork makes the dream work.

S.A.L. Commander, Mitch Cooper

### AUXILIARY

Thank you, members of the Auxiliary Unit 57, for giving us new insights and perspectives throughout this past year. Elections were held with the following results: President: Lisa Dye 1st Vice: Sharon Huggins 2nd Vice: Sharon Manning 3rd Vice: Maryann Dennis Secretary: Charlotte Houston Treasurer: Judy Morelan Chaplain: Rose Johnson Historian: Maryanne Bell Sargent at Arms: Laura Cabrera Executive Committee: Irma Wehrli, Penny Weber and Phyllis Hanechak Installation of new officers will be the 1st week of July but I would like to welcome them in.

Please stay safe! With the Summer upon us we need to stay hydrated and give ourselves time to get where we are going. So many accidents as of late.

Wishing all a blessed and safe month ahead.

President, Dianna Cooper

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Hello all. This month the Chaplain's Corner is about "Elections and Voting." Now that all our voting and elections are done, we can move forward with business at hand. This is a God given right to vote and elect competent people to run our post board and its entities. Many elections fraud voting has occurred, and it can be happen in any nation including mail in ballet fraud. How that all has been completed it is time for us act as one unit to support our Post and community. Let us prove that we are the best service organization in this country. Congrats to all who are filling positions no matter if it in leadership or staff the goal is to support our veteran's which God will bless all of us for doing.

Chaplain Rev Allen

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

So, this is my last article as Service Officer. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to assist our members and other veterans of the community. Our new Post Service Officer is Tom Pepin. He can be reached by calling the post.

Remember that if you need assistance with VA claims, please contact our county Service Officer, George Wehrli. He can be reached at (386) 758-1013 email is gwehri@columbiacountyfla.com.

Thanks for everything,

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