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POST 57 MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

COMMANDER'S CORNER:

February was a great month: Feb12th SAL Roadkill bingo. Feb 13th we had our Super Bowl party was a good turnout.

Feb15th Axillary Unit 57 had a dinner for all members, we had a special guest, Wanda Brandt the Department of Florida Auxiliary President. Thanks to Auxiliary Unit 57.

Feb 16th and 17th We had our Veterans Stand Down with over 60 veterans showing up! Thanks to all who showed up to Volunteer; it is greatly appreciated.

Feb18th we had our February Birthdays, Happy Birthday to all who have a birthday in Feb.

Feb 18th Victoria Ziegler won **RED SHIRT FRIDAY** and received 5 lounge chips. Feb 25th Linda Lowes won **RED SHIRT FRIDAY** and received 5 lounge chips. Thanks to Katlin, Phyllis, Sharon M, and Laura for Decorating the Bulletin Board.

Now for March. Mar 4th March Birthdays in Lounge.

Mar 5th Legion Children's Party 4pm -7pm

Mar 9th First Responders Lunch 11am – 2pm All First Responders receive a free lunch.

Mar 12th ALR Chili Cookoff 8am – 3pm, come out and bring your Best Chili.

Commander's Corner cont'd:

Mar 12th SAL Roadkill Bingo 7pm in lounge.

Mar 19th DCC Meeting at post 291 10am.

Mar 26th ALR Roadkill Bingo.

Mar 26th Sea Cadets breakfast 9am – 11am

Mar 30th Commander Meeting with all entity Leaders

Starting Mar 1st the North side of BAR will be NON-SMOKING; meaning from Bartender Ordering Station to Pillared.

Volunteers are always needed please Help your post.

For God and Country

Commander Rick

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

I will make this a short one. I had surgery recently so not much energy right now. I would like to thank everyone who came out to support S.A.L. and our Veterans at our Roadkill Bingo and our Friday night dinner. They were both a great turn out. I also would like to thank the Squadron for stepping up to do these events. We have a great Squadron. The prayers are working. Thanks to all.

Commander, Mitch Cooper



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

We are approaching the one quarter mark of 2022 and are starting to get really busy.

March is going to be a busy month beginning with Riding to Post 316 on March 5th to show our support by taking part in their Oyster Roast and Shrimp boil, the event begins at 1:00 pm so we'll leave our post around 11:00 am to allow ample time to arrive without being rushed.

After a visit to 316, we'll return to our post to assist with the Legions Kid's party beginning at 4:00 pm in the hall where we'll have a DJ and ample games for the children of our Legion Family.

On March 12, the Riders will host our 7th annual Chili Cook off out back, there's already a ton of excitement building for the event, and we look forward to having a great time with friends from around the area, we already have one entry coming all the way from Orlando to take part, so please come out and support YOUR Riders as we host this event.

On Saturday, March 26th Riders will once again hold our Roadkill Bingo in the lounge, we are looking at ways to make it even more exciting and fun so come out and experience it for yourself.

At our last meeting we also discussed the need for the Riders to get back to what we enjoy and that's riding, not just for fundraisers but FUN runs just to ride and maybe capture a plaque or two.

Elections are coming up soon and nominations are open. Once again, I am asking for your support for Director of your Riders as we continue to build and grow as a family.

As always, it's for the cause, not the applause.

Bill

HONOR GUARD

We are always grateful for the opportunity to participate in the beautiful ceremony honoring The Four Chaplain's. The ceremony was held 12 February, and everyone did a wonderful job.

We were called to provide military honors in the Celebration of Life for John and Sara Courtney on Sunday, February 20th, 2022. John was a US Navy Veteran serving in the Vietnam War. John and his wife were very involved in the Veterans of Foreign War Post 2066, here in Lake City. He was Commander for several years and his wife was active in Auxiliary, serving in many positions including President. Their Celebration was held at the VFW post and led by their current Commander A.C. Collins. In addition to our rifle salute, flag presentation and bugle call, Commander Collins had me sing the National Anthem and our Chaplain, Lydia, lead the final prayer. We were honored to work with the VFW to provide a wonderful service for John and Sara's three daughters and one son.

We look forward to Presenting the Colors in March for a postponed celebration at the North Florida Raceway in Lake City. The ceremony was planned several times last year, but rain caused cancelations.

Finally, our injured team member, Byron Cribbs, continues to recover at home from a broken hip. We miss Byron and his lovely wife Glenda and ask for your continued thoughts and prayers for them.

Respectfully,
Commander JD





TEXAS HOLD'EM held their monthly fundraiser on Friday February 11, 2022 and raised \$380 for the Legion. There were 18 players and the pot of \$1040 was won by 5 players: Bill Wood, Jason Hill, Janet Creel, Tom Eagle and John Grubb each receiving \$205 Bill Wood got high hand and received \$85. The next Legion fundraiser will be Friday, March 11, 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

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

NANCY MOSCHETTI

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I want to start off this Chaplain's Corner by say that "Post 57 is only as strong as its weakest member. God gave his son to teach us to love and support one another. All of you know that we should share our thoughts with each other in a constructive manner that shows respect for a positive resolve. The 4 Chaplains service is behind us and it was a success. I know in the past it was like a church service with Fr Malloy preaching from the pulpit for hours. Last year it was produced where it lasted only 50 minutes. This year there was an added testimony of Petty Officer David Jr. The service lasted 1 hour and 10 minutes. I am hoping that word gets out and a respectful group in numbers shows up to support the service next year. Please continue to keep me informed of our members and loved ones who are sick and need us to pray for them as a group. May God bless America with Love and Freedom.

Chaplain Allen (Sarge)

And finally, the rest of the story... We were very blessed this month with multiple donations to our Service Officer's Fund. The Auxiliary donated \$2000 and we collected more than \$500 at the Winn Dixie Chili Cook-Off. These donations enable our post to help Veterans in need. I am working to get our Veterans Project to the Library of Congress. These are video recordings from veterans talking about their time in the service and what it meant to them. We need to honor our veterans and their stories. If you are interested or know of a veteran that would like to submit their video, please contact me. I am hoping to get the word out via FB and our local newspaper to get as many veterans as possible. Thank you all for your support of our veteran programs and charities.

Service Officer, Rustyann Brown

