

Monthly Newsletter

AMERICAN LEGION POST 57

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August 2024



Post Info

American Legion
Post 57

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1:00pm to 10:00pm

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Post 57 Website:

www.americanlegion57.org



Donations Needed

Commander Bill Huggins and 1st Vice Kelly Valliere went to the Veteran's Domicile last week, they asked what we could help them with, and they requested the following items.

If anyone wishes to donate, please drop your items at the post in a box or a bag. Please drop off items between the hours of 1:00pm and 7:00pm.

Veterans Domicile needs:

- Magnifying glasses
- Reading glasses 300 and up
- Men's sweatpants (NEW) all sizes but 2x and up are needed even more desperately
- Men's clothes 3x and up can be used but in good condition
- Grabbers with handles on the side the front handled ones are difficult to operate
- Women's toiletry items
- Make up
- Makeup remover towelettes
- Deodorant
- Face cream
- Nail polish
- Nail polish remover
- Cologne/body spray
- Ladies razors
- Body lotion
- Hairspray
- Shower gel
- Shampoo



Commanders August Newsletter

Here we are, already into August and we are off and running.

Kelly Valliere, your 1st Vice and Membership officer has really taken hold of membership and, we are striving to maximize membership to maximize our voice in Congress. For those who renew PRIOR to September 5th, you will receive a stamp on your card entitling you to join us for an "early bird dinner" to be held on October 5th to show our appreciation for your loyalty.

YOUR Executive board has heard from you, and we are listening. We realize one of the chief issues facing us, as a post in the past, has been a lack of communication, especially as to activities being held at the post, specials and so forth.

As you come into the post and into the lounge, you will see screens showing all the scheduled activities within the post such as Roadkill Bingo, Friday night dinner w/ menu, specials as well as other information to help keep everyone in the know.

Your Board realizes we are here to represent you and to make American Legion Post 57 the best that it can be.

The suggestion box is back in the hallway and I am anxiously waiting to see your suggestions. We would ask that if it's something like "imported beer" please be specific in your choice.

We've had an unexpected resignation from the Executive Board, Second Vice Rusty Brown has stepped down.

Election for 2nd Vice will be held during the August General Membership meeting on August 20. If you'd like to run or nominate someone for this position, please contact Jason Massey at post57adjutant@gmail.com , Kelly Valliere at kellyvalliere49@gmail.com to let them know.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST

- Bingo every Sunday, Monday, and Thursday, quarters at 3:00pm and evening Bingo at 6:45pm.
- Texas Hold 'em in the Family meeting room, every Monday and Friday at 7:00pm.
- Friday, August 2nd in the lounge, Karaoke at 6:30pm, Red Shirt Friday, and SAL Dinner from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.
- Tuesday August 6th, SAL Meeting at 6:30pm.
- Friday, August 9th, Legion Dinner from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.
- Saturday, August 10th, Auxiliary School of Instruction in the hall followed by SAL Roadkill in the lounge from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.
- Tuesday, August 13th, Legion/Auxiliary Meeting at 6:30pm.
- Friday, August 16th, Auxiliary Dinner from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.
- Sunday, August 18th, District 3 meeting at Post 107, McAlpin followed by Buddy Check Training.
- Tuesday, August 20th, Legion/Auxiliary General Meeting at 6:30pm.
- Friday, August 23rd, Rider's Dinner from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.
- Friday August 23rd thru Thursday August 29th, National Convention
- Saturday, August 24th, Rider's Roadkill in the lounge at 6:00pm.
- Friday, August 30, Sea Cadet Dinner from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

For God and Country
Bill Huggins
Commander, American Legion Post 57

Membership

I would like to thank all the members who are assisting with our recruiting efforts!

We went out to North Florida Speedway on Friday July 19th and spread the good word about Bingo and Texas Hold 'Em. We were able to talk to a few Veterans, but mostly just letting the community know what we do here!

We are currently at 36.78% of our annual goal with 15 new members, 216 renewals, and 7 transfers.

For the folks who would like to renew their memberships by September 5th, we will be hosting an Early Bird Dinner sometime in October.

Membership renewals have been made super easy on mylegion.com. If you need assistance registering please feel free to reach out me! We have a new membership tab on americanlegion57.org website for easy access.

If you don't want to register on Mylegion.org, you can renew at floridalegion.org if you have your member number.

You can always renew here at the post. I have been checking the online renewals and have been mailing membership cards daily.

If you have a membership issue, please reach out to me at kellyvalliere49@gmail.com.

Thank you to all who have renewed as you are aware, we need every member we can to keep our Veteran Voice strong in Tallahassee and Washington D.C. Numbers count when it comes to Veteran benefit bills presented at both the State and Federal level.

If you wish to volunteer or would to be a member of a post membership committee, please reach out to me at the email provided above.

For God and Country

Kelly Valliere, First Vice
Commander/Membership Chair



Service Officer

Hello 57,

I am Lisa Brown, the newly appointed Veteran Service Officer.

Please reach out to me by calling The Post at (386) 752-7776, by Email at serviceofficer@americanlegion57.org, or just drop by the Post.

The VSO helps Veterans with Emergent Financial Needs: food and housing are just a couple.

Since taking office I have had the pleasure of helping Two Veterans, and look forward to helping many more.

Thank you 57, for giving me the opportunity to Help my fellow veterans.

Lisa G. Brown



Liberty Division Sea Cadets

We are with the Liberty Division Sea Cadets in Lake City, Florida. We meet twice a month at the American Legion on Saturdays from 7:30 am to about 4:00 pm. We are a US Navy sponsored program for young men and women from ages 10 to 17.

Our drill days include physical training, classroom training, field exercises, drill, and fun activities. This year we will have some joint drill with FDR Division (Jacksonville) to include a campout and the Blue Angels Air Show at NAS Jax and the Seal Team

Muster in Ft. Pierce at the Sea Team Museum. We are also attempting to set up tours of Navy ships in Jacksonville and surrounding areas.

The cost for the first year is \$180.00. We supply a full set of uniforms for the Cadets. Training is also available for Cadets to travel to other locations during winter, spring and summer breaks. Training is available in a number of fields including aviation,

Coast Guard, construction, dive, food services, international exchange, leadership/professional development, medical and health, Navy shore, public safety and seamanship.

Sea Cadets are broken into two groups, League Cadets (Ages 10-13) and Sea Cadets (Ages 14-17).

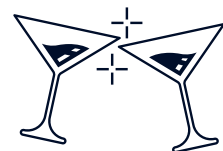
Opportunities are also available for adults who want to assist with the program as leaders and instructors. No military experience is necessary.

We will be having our first drill on August 3, 2024 which will also be an open house for anyone interested in the program from 9:00 am to noon. Please feel free to come and ask any question you might have.

Please feel free to contact us if you are interested or have any questions. Niki Patterson, Operations Officer at 303-725-3889.

August Canteen Specials

- Monday - Mojito Monday - All Day \$6.00
- Tuesday - Tequila Sunrise - All Day Well \$2.00 and Top Shelf \$4.00
- Wednesday - Well Wednesday - \$2.00 All Day
- Thursday - Tom Collins - All Day Well \$2.00 and Top Shelf \$4.00
- Friday - Fireball Friday - All Day \$4.00
- Saturday - Screwdriver - All Day Well Only \$2.00
- Sunday - Bloody Marys - All Day \$4.00





American Legion Riders Chapter 57

Director Update:

July started off with a Bang as the Riders showed up for Post 57 to support the local veteran community at the annual 4th of July fireworks display at the fairgrounds. We followed that up with the installation of our new officers.

Director: Chuck Caldwell
Asst. Director: Leland Willis
Sergeant at Arms: Mike McKinzey
Adjutant: Alice McKinzey
Treasurer: Lisa Dye
Chaplain: Maryann Cikovich
Historian: Tom Wilcutts
Membership: Cindy Caldwell
Road Captain: Rob Mixon
Safety Officer: Don Hickman

Congrats to all the new officers, I know we can make this a successful year,

Going forward we need to focus on our objectives of Unity in the post and the district. I have reached out to the SAL with ideas on how we can move forward together with possible fundraising events as we both struggle with this area. July Roadkill and Riders dinner were a success we hope to continue this path. Any new ideas are welcome, David Miller has suggested a Bike Night at the post we just need to work on the logistics.

As always it is FOR THE CAUSE NOT THE APPLAUSE.

CHARLES (CHUCK) CALDWELL
DIRECTOR
ALR 57





Sons of the American Legion

Hello S.A.L. Squadron 57 Members

Hope everyone had a safe and fun month of July!

We had another great month with Roadkill Bingo and Friday Night Dinner. I would like to thank Jim, Lee, Liam, and Bailey-Jo for helping with Roadkill and I would like to thank Jim, Leland, and Vanessa for their help with Friday Night Dinner. You all made our events a huge success.

Upcoming Events:

Friday August 2nd @ 5:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner
Tuesday August 6th @ 6:30 p.m. Squadron 57 Meeting
Saturday August 10th @ 3 to 5 p.m. Roadkill Bingo

S.A.L. Squadron 57 Commander: Brian Wolfe

Volunteer Spotlight

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH FOR JULY IS

--LEE NEWSOME--

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU AND ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS DO!





Auxiliary News

The new Executive Committee has been installed and we are hitting the ground running.

Donna Sessa, our Community Service Chairman, and I went to the Workshop in Altamonte Springs last month and came back with so many new ideas for all the programs we are working on.

We took the Lady Vets from the Domiciliary to lunch last month at the Marion Street Bistro. What a fabulous lunch we had and what great group of women that we are getting to know.

The Education Chairman, Sharon Manning, will be collecting school supplies starting August 1st. There will be boxes in the lobby as well as in the bingo hall for you to drop off any donations. We need all kinds of supplies, such as paper, pencils, pens, erasers, glue sticks, binders, folders, etc. These will be divided between Columbia County Schools and the school at the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch.

Another Ice Cream Social is planned at the Domiciliary for Thursday, August 8th at 2PM. All post members are encouraged to attend and meet some of our local veterans. They love telling their stories.

Our annual School of Instruction will be held on Saturday, August 10th at Post 57. Registration starts at 9AM with the class beginning at 10 AM. I encourage all Auxiliary members to attend. Your District Chairmen will be teaching their specific program. Come see what great things we can do for our Veterans and our Community.

The next Troop Care Packages will be assembled on Wednesday, August 14th at 1 PM in the bingo hall. Please come help us. Last time we packed over 13 large boxes full of care packages. Hey, Legion and SAL, you are all welcome to help us out too. Let's make this a FAMILY affair.

The Legion and Auxiliary both rely heavily on the proceeds from Bingo each week in order for us to do all the wonderful things we do for our Veterans and our community BUT we are in desperate need of volunteers for both day bingo and night bingo. Day bingo you would be selling on the floor or learning to cashier, or how about learning to be a bingo caller? Night bingo needs a cashier for Thursday nights and help on Sunday doing floor sales or payouts. If you can spare a little of your time each month to help us continue this bingo program, please contact me or Jan Davis (386-344-2476).

District 3 Auxiliary is still looking for program chairmen. If you would like to be a chairman on the District level, please contact me.

The next District 3 meeting is Sunday, August 18th at Post 107 Live Oak. Registration starts at 1 PM with meetings beginning at 2 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

Don't forget, Auxiliary will be having a Yard Sale on Saturday, Sept. 21st from 8 AM to 1 PM. If you have anything you would like to donate to the yard sale you can start bringing things in the week before the event (NOT ANY SOONER).

We are starting to collect 2025 dues. They are still \$45.00. If you pay your 2025 dues BEFORE September 1, 2025, you are considered an "Early Bird". All Early Birds will be treated to a catered dinner from the Post, which is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 5th .

For God and Country,

Lisa Dye
President

Events Calendar

August 2024

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
				1	2 SAL Dinner 5:30pm - 7:30pm Red Shirt Friday Karaoke 6:30pm Texas Hold'em 7pm Juniors Meeting	3 Sea Cadets Open House 9:00am to Noon
4 Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm	5 Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm Texas Hold'em 7pm	6 SAL Squadron 57 Meeting 6:30pm	7 \$1.75 Draft	8 Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm Ice Cream Social at Domiciliary 2pm	9 Red Shirt Friday Texas Hold'em 7pm Legion Dinner 5:30pm - 7:30pm	10 District 3 Auxiliary School of Instruction 9:00am SAL Roadkill Bingo 3:00pm - 5:00pm
11 Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm	12 Texas Hold'em 7pm Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm	13 Legion & Auxiliary Executive Meeting 6:30pm	14 Troop Care Packages 1:00pm \$1.75 Draft	15 Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm	16 Red Shirt Friday Auxiliary Dinner 5:30pm - 7:30pm Texas Hold'em 7pm	17
18 Buddy Check Class at Post 107 3:30pm Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm District 3 Meeting at Post 107 1:00pm	19 Texas Hold'em 7pm Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm	20 General Membership Meeting 6:30pm	21 \$1.75 Draft	22 Bingo 3pm & 6:45pm	23 Riders Dinner 5:30pm - 7:30pm Texas Hold'em 7pm Red Shirt Friday National Convention	24 Rider's Roadkill Bingo 6:00pm National Convention
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