

August 2023
American Legion post 57



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Commanders Corner

Wow I always say every month has been a busy Month, but July was busy. Jul 1st We helped the Chamber Park cars at the Rodeo Grounds for veterans for this year's 4th of July Fireworks.

July 4th Legion Pig roast was a great success with a big turnout. Thanks to Chuck for helping with the cooking. Jul 4th Rusty Tom Wilcutts, Laura Cabrera Caithlen ,and myself were at Nissan Dealership representing post with Membership application, we also cooked Hot dogs and hamburgers for them.

Jul 8th Was the Installation of Officers

Jul 14th We hosted Florida Crown Youth Program event.

Jul 19th We had our Safe Serve Class a good turnout.

Red Shirt Friday winners were Dan Hendrick, Debra Young and Tom Wilcutts congratulations.

Queen of Hearts winners: Lisa Stockburger, Donna and Brenda, Larry Potts and Jill Parnell Congratulations.

Now for Aug:

Starting August 1st, the Lounge will be Non-Smoking.

Aug 2nd Ice cream Social at the Dom @ 2pm

Aug 5th Sea cadets open House at 11am to 1pm

Aug 5th Hooked on Veterans Crochet class 1pm – 3pm

Aug 6th District 3 meeting at Post 83 McClenny 1pm

Aug 11th Karaoke 6:30 pm in Lounge

Aug 18th District 3 Dinner @ 5:30 Cheesesteaks will be cooked

Aug 18th Karaoke 6:30 pm in Lounge

Aug 18th Daniel Brickert our American Legion Dirt Track racer will be here with his car @ 6pm

Aug 1st Thru Aug 31st School Supply Drive please help our local children with school supply's.

As always Volunteers are needed in Bingo, Kitchen and Events please take time.
To Volunteer and help with your post.

Thanks for God and Country
Commander Rick Cabrera

Volunteer of the Month

Lee Newsome

thanks for all you do.



Hello Team,

As we wind down the first month of the 2023 to 2024 year for us, I want to first say on behalf of your board, thank you for your confidence in our abilities to do what we are tasked to do and what you expect us to do in the coming year of guiding Chapter 57 to continued success. Success in supporting our Veterans, their families, and the communities we are in/ride in. I also want to thank Bill Huggins on his success in leading us over the past several years. He along with Lisa Dye, Darelle Tope did a phenomenal job in making us a strong chapter for us to add to that legacy.

July was busy for us. On July 1, 2023, we helped the Legion Park over 400 cars at the Columbia County Rodeo Ground for their annual fireworks display. Thank you, Commander, Chuck, Cindee, Lana, Ray, Rob, Mark, Billy, Vicki, Tom Wilcutts, James, Mike, Alice and all others that were there. -We then had two events on July 4th; Commander, Laura, Rusty and Tom Wilcutts went to Roundtree Nissan and supported them for their Veterans Appreciation Day. It turns out while Rusty was on the radio, Commander Laura and Tom cooked and served hamburgers and hotdogs to the customers. This was after Commander put a whole pig on the la caja china for our Post cookout. Chuck also put some chickens on a la caja china. Thank you for the hard work. Also thank you Riders for coming and supporting our cookout and bringing desserts. On July 8 your board members were installed at the post. On July 14 Kelly, Chuck, Cindee, Bill, Lana, and Kim aka Seven put on a wonderful dinner for us. They cooked breakfast for dinner with their pancakes, eggs, and breakfast sausage. It was a hit with everyone and had multiple members say we need to do that again. Thank you. On July 29 we had our roadkill. Thank you to all who supported us and those who volunteered to help.

It's time again for us to help our Inga and Toys 4 Tots of Columbia County and Hamilton Counties. The Toy Run is set for October 6, 2023, starting out at Honda of Lake City and ending at the Post. Kelly Valliere and Victoria Ziegler agreed to chair, and co-chair this year's event and we have already made major moves to make this event another

success. As they set planning meetings, please do your best to attend and help out, there are plenty of committees to join and be part of this great event. Thank you to all who have already stepped up.

Future Events

August 6 District Meeting at Post 83 in Macclenny, FL. Riders will gavel in at 1pm,
Legion Family will gavel in at 3pm

August 22 Riders Meeting 630pm

August 26 Riders Roadkill 7pm

Toys 4 Tots Toy Run October 7 time TBD

Merry Go Round October 2023

Fall Conference November 17 -19 in Orlando

National Convention August 25 – 31 in Charlotte, NC

Look forward to seeing you all around the post and Let's Ride for the Cause, all of you are awesome.

Mike "Chief" Ziegler



AUXILIARY NEWS

We had a very successful month. The July 4th Pig Roast at the Post surpassed any event I've ever been to. We had well over 100 people and the food was fantastic.

Our "Painting with a Twist" had a great turn out. Next time we will invite the guys to try their hand at painting. I'm sorry I couldn't make this event, but I was a bit under the weather with a bad head cold.

The month of August is our School Supply Drive. Any school supplies are needed. We will have boxes at the Post in the lobby, lounge, and bingo hall for you to drop off your donations. These supplies will be divided between Columbia County schools (for the Emporium at the school board office) and the school at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch in Live Oak.

We also voted to put together "Care Packages" for our troops overseas. We will be asking for donations of items such as: chewing gum, nuts, sunflower seeds, travel-size personal hygiene

products, playing cards, beef jerky, Pringles potato chips, candy (non-melting), audio gift cards (for audible books), and anything homemade. Any item must be able to stay fresh for 4-6 weeks. Please donate if you can. Boxes for these items will also be in the Post lobby. The USO out of Jacksonville will be helping us get these packages sent to our troops.

Our next Auxiliary dinner will be Friday, August 4th. I will be chairing this dinner with the menu being Garlic/Parmesan Chicken over Angel Hair Pasta, Cucumber/Tomato Salad, and Dessert for a \$10 donation. Food will be served from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM (or until the food runs out). Meals can be eaten at the Post or take-out.

We are planning a game day at the Post for Saturday, September 16th from 3-6 PM. We will have all kinds of games such as UNO, Yahtzee, Canasta, Gin Rummy, and whatever else we can think of. Please come join us for fellowship and fun.

Our next District Meeting is Sunday, August 6th with registration at 1 PM and meeting at 2 PM. This meeting will be held at Post 83 in MacClenny. All members are welcome to attend. Auxiliary has a new District President, come meet her. Anyone wishing to go to the Fall Conference in November will have a chance to have their hotel room paid for by the Unit (you will be responsible for your meals). We budgeted for an additional room this year, so we will draw two names at the September meeting.

Next General Membership meeting will be Tuesday, August 15th at 6:30 PM. Hope to see you there. Remember anyone attending a meeting will be eligible for a drawing to get their dues paid by the Unit.

For God and Country,
Lisa Dye
President

HONOR GUARD

Honor Guards members are traveling and visiting with family over the summer months. (We still remain on call for military honors.) We currently have seven members and could add an eighth member soon! On a more somber note, we had the sad duty to conduct honors for our former member, Bill Dews in May. Bill was an original founding member of our honor guard and served proudly from 2014 until 2019 when dementia robbed him of his ability to serve. Soon after Bill's passing, his loving wife Kathy also passed after a brave battle with cancer. Bill and Kathy had a son, BJ, that was lost in 2012. Although we miss them, we are comforted to know they are all now happily together healed and whole forever. We look forward to serving our Post and community in the fall. With the start of school, I will once again go to local schools to instruct students on flag etiquette and the proper way to raise and lower flags. In middle schools, this daily duty falls to Student Government students. We hope to visit local nursing and rehabilitation centers in October and November to honor veterans that are employees and residents. In December we join the Post families in Wreaths Across America.

As always, we thank you for your support.
and wish everyone a safe and healthy summer.
Respectfully
Commander JD

CHAPLINS CORNER

Here we are with a new Chaplain's Corner which is back to school for our youth and our involvement in our youth programs as in Boys State, Girls State, Cadet program, Junior Auxiliary, Junior Sons of the American Legion, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts. Our youth are not being taught the importance in God and Country and the basics of a well-rounded education, which are reading, writing, math, and history. As parents we must stand against Critical Race Theory and 1619 lies that poison our youth. Again, this year our Post was runner up for the Department of Florida, Religious Emphasis Award for 2023. I thank all of you who have helped to compile such a great year of service to our veterans in our community. I am also continuing my position as your Post Chaplain, and 3rd District Chaplain for 2023/2024. Many prayers are sent out to all our vets and their families.

God bless.
Chaplain
Rev Allen (Sarge)

Hello S.A.L. Squadron Members

Hope everyone had a safe and happy 4th of July. It's been another fun filled month with Roadkill Bingo and Friday Night dinner. I would like to thank Jim and Lee for a successful Roadkill, and I would also like to thank Jim, Vanessa, Leland, and Don for your help with Friday Night Dinner.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday August 1st @ 6:30 p.m. Squadron 5 Meeting
Saturday August 12th @ 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Roadkill Bingo
Friday August 25th @ 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner

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

It's official

As of 2023, the Liberty Division Sea Cadets are now an addition to the American Legion Post #57 Family and have been adopted by the American Legion Riders. Our very own Commander, Rick Cabrera is the American Legion Sea Cadet Chair and Michael Ziegler is currently the Liberty Division Sea Cadet Commanding Officer. This year we are growing and fine tuning the Liberty Division Sea Cadets and are currently recruiting boys and girls ages 10 to 17. We are having an informal "Meet and Greet" with interested parents on Saturday, August 5th from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the American Legion Post #57. Please pass the word if you know of anyone that might be interested or call Judy Morelan at 386-288-3122 for more information.

Follow, like and share our Facebook page,

Liberty Division Sea Cadets. Each month on Facebook, we will be focusing and putting facts out on different subjects. In August our focus will be on Aviation. The National Aviation Day is a United States National Observation that celebrates the development of aviation. This holiday was established in 1939 by Franklin Delano Roosevelt who issued a Presidential Proclamation which designated the anniversary of Orville Wright's birthday (August 19th) to be National Aviation Day.

Also be sure to check out our website-

www.libertyseacadets.org

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PAO, Liberty Division Sea Cadets