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American Legion post 57



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Commanders Corner

Members January has been a tough Month,

Jan 1, we had our New Year's Party good turnout lots of fun.

Jan 7, we conducted Jimmie Campbell Post Everlasting, we had a great turn-out
Jimmie will truly be missed.

Jan 14, we had SAL Roadkill Bingo

Jan 28, Auxiliary Unit 57 conducted Americanism Great turnout

Now for February

Feb 4, Four Chaplin's Ceremony and district three meeting at Post 224 Cherry Lake 10am.

Feb 10, Valentines Dance at 7pm in Lounge.

Feb 11, Auxiliary Game Day, and SAL Roadkill Bingo@7pm

Feb 12, Super Bowl Party in Lounge at 7pm, please bring a dish to share.

Feb 18, Four Chaplin's Ceremony for post 57

Feb 25, ALR Chili Cookoff @11am, Come out, cook your best chili and support our post.

Queen of Hearts is doing great last month's winners were:

Lisa Dye, Cliff McGill, Terrie Cummings, Charlotte Bennett

Red Shirt Fridays winners were:

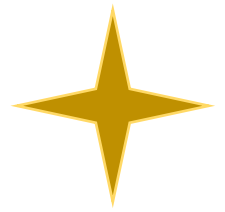
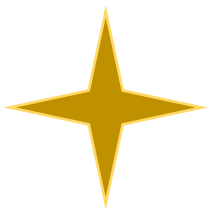
Mike Ziegler, Penny Webb, Meadow Crews

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

For God and Country

Commander

Rick Cabrera



Volunteer of the Month

Janie Philpot

thanks for all you do.



Rider's February Newsletter

Welcome to February to all our Riders, time is speeding away, and we are looking at a very busy month.

Friday, February 3rd, Chuck has agreed to chair the Rider's February dinner. The menu he's come up with is Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans and dessert.

February 8th-12th, sees some of our Riders attending the Rider's Summit for continuing Rider training to help make us better and stronger, with new ideas and opportunities to network and build stronger relationships with other Rider's groups.

We need to focus like a laser over the next few weeks as we have our annual Chili Cook off on February 25th, I still have tickets for the shotgun raffle for anyone willing to help sell them. We only did 500 tickets at \$5.00 each so they should be easy to move. If we can get these sold, then anything day of will go to our programs as costs will have been covered.

As of this time, we do not have a monthly ride scheduled, so anyone with any ideas, please let us know your thoughts. I've had conversations with several of our members and we feel it's time to quit focusing on fundraisers so much and go back to focusing on fun and start riding again. Unfortunately, I feel that due to the Covid situation we dealt with for two years, and being unable to do what we love, we lost focus on having fun and being a team.

The next Rider's meeting is Tuesday, February 28th, so come up with some great ideas for fun runs. The next Rider's dinner is Friday, March 24th, this is the evening of decorating for the Northern Area Ball, so between volunteers doing the decorations, Poker tournament and normal Friday business, this should be a great opportunity. I'm looking for a volunteer to Chair the dinner. Please let me know if you are willing and able to help here.

As always, thank you all for your continued support.
Bill



AUXILIARY NEWS

Congratulations to Alice McKinzey. Her name was pulled from a basket at the January General Membership meeting and her dues will be paid for 2024 by the Unit. Every month we pull a name of a member in attendance at the meeting and pay their dues for the next year. Come join us at the next meeting for your chance.

Welcome to our newest members, Sue Hintz and Mary Johnson. Please let us know what we can do to get you started working on our mission.

ABC School of Instruction that was held at Post 49 in Monticello last month was so informative. We learned so many new things. I am so proud of our unit for the number of members that attended.

Our Americanism program that was held in the hall on January 28th was a huge success. The essays that these kids wrote were so inspiring. And I am so glad to see so many parents and teachers this year. The 1st place winners will now go on to Department for judging on the state level. Last year we had 2 state level winners.

Our next Auxiliary Dinner is Friday, February 10th at 5:30 PM. Charlotte Houston, our unit secretary, will be heading up the crew to make meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable and dessert for a \$10.00 donation. Please come out to support the Auxiliary. You can either dine-in or do take-out.

The next District Meeting is Saturday, February 4th at Post 224 Cherry Lake. Registration begins at 10 AM and a 4 Chaplains Ceremony at 11 AM followed by the meetings. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Our own Post will hold a 4 Chaplains Ceremony and Dinner on February 18th at 4 PM. If you have never been to this ceremony, it is well worth it. Very moving story. The ceremony will take place first and dinner will be served at approximately 6 PM for those who attend the ceremony.

Congratulations are in order for one of our own Junior Auxiliary members. Kenslee Vickers has qualified to compete in the World Baton Championships in England this August. So, the Post families are putting together some fundraisers to raise money to

help her pay for her trip. The Legion will be donating the proceeds from their February 24th Friday Dinner. Please come out and support the Legion and Kenslee.

The Legion Riders will be hosting their annual Chili Cook-off and Car Show on Saturday, February 25th starting at 11 AM. There will be a live band – the Doc Adams Band, lots of raffles and of course plenty of chili to sample. A \$5.00 wristband will get you access to all the chili you wish to sample.

For God and Country,
Lisa Dye
President

Honor Guard

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Commander JD

Chaplain's Corner Feb 2023

This month's theme is remembering the heroes of the past and the present. The heroes of the special OPS missions such as our Brother Jimmy Campbell who was never awarded for his valor. Because of his missions were classified. I wonder who got the mission medals that were meant for him and others. As a Marine in his tenure with his group, they saved 29 POW/MIAs which was kept secret. Of the today's heroes it is easy to pick them out because so many are missing limbs for their sacrifice. The 13 that lost their lives in the pull out also were heroes who were not given the medals due them. In fact, you can't even find their names on the lips of any of our leaders. On the 18th of February 2023 at 4pm we will conduct the 4 Chaplain Ceremony at the Post 57. This is about the unselfish sacrifice of 4 Chaplains during WW2. Please come join us for a view of valor and faith in God. May God continue to bless our military.

Chaplain Rev Allen (Sarge)



Hello S.A.L Squadron 57 Members

Hope everyone had a Happy New Year It's been another fun-filled month of January. I would like to thank all of you that made our Roadkill Bingo and Friday Night Dinner a huge success.

Reminder:

All current members who haven't paid their 2023 dues can still so. Anyone interested in becoming a new member can go to the lounge and fill out an application along with a DD-214 from your father or Grandfather that served. The dues are \$30.00.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday February 7th @ 6:30 p.m. S.A.L Squadron 57 Meeting

Saturday February 11th @ 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Roadkill Bingo

Friday February 24th @ 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner

Anyone wanting to volunteer their time to help us make our events a success you are welcome to join in.

S.A.L Squadron 57 Commander: Brian Wolfe

MEMBERSHIP

Hello Post 57,

As of January 26, 2023, we are at 80.21% of our membership goal of 682. We have 52 new members, 2 currently paid 2023 transfers and 493 current renewals for a total of 547. That is wonderful for us as a post, but we can finish strong. If we all go and find one veteran who is not a member and have them join, we can finish at our 100% goal.

There are some incentives to assist with this. The Department of Florida American Legion and National American Legion have membership recruiting rewards that are given out to those who recruit new members. If you recruit 3 or members you will win the National Commanders Recruiter Pin and the Department of Florida Recruiters Pin. The Department of Florida has other rewards for those who recruit more than that. All you have to do is ensure your name is on the member application as the recruiter and I will do the rest.

Our top recruiters are Commander Rick Cabrera, Dennis Mendoza and 1st Vice Commander Bill Huggins.

Until next time,
Michael Ziegler
Post 57 Membership Officer