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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well August has been a busy Month:

Aug 3rd, we had our District 3 Meeting in Monticello, Great Turn out from district post.

Aug 13th, we had our Northern Area Training, 82 Members from all over the Northern Area

Thanks to Sharon Huggins, Laura Cabrera, Tom Johnson and Donnie for helping With the Breakfast and lunch great job.

Aug 19th, we had our car show not a great turn out, hopefully we can get more participation in future shows.

Aug 26th Stone Jones band in Lounge great turnout, Thanks to the entertainment committee for a job well done.

Aug 27th ALR roadkill bingo was great, good turnout.

Also, the School Supplies fundraiser was a great success, thanks to the Auxiliary Unit 57, Job well done.

Now for Sept:

COMMANDER'S CORNER (cont'd)

Sept 9th Car Show at 4pm out back, please bring you classic car and enjoy the event.

Sept 10th Please come by and help bring in the Halloween Stuff from shed at 10am.

Sept 10th SAL Roadkill Bingo 7pm in Lounge.

Sept 20th Legion General Membership Meeting, Hot TOPIC all legion members are asked to attend.

Sept 24th ALR Roadkill bingo, 7pm in Lounge.

Sept 17th 50/60s Dance AT 7pm in Lounge, Potluck Finger Food, also we will be trying out a new DJ.

RED Shirt Friday winners are Donnie B, Mike Z, Sharon H.

Don't Forget to wear your RED Shirt on Fridays and get your name entered to win a prize.

Volunteers are always needed please Help your post

For God and Country,

Commander Rick

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

TOM JOHNSON

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS (ALR)



This year is flying by and I believe we are starting to get back to who we are, RIDERS!

August saw us go to Old Town to retrieve our plaque for our monthly Ride, and, on the spur of the moment we decided to visit Post 107 on our way home to capture their plaque. We had a nice visit with 107 and captured their plaque to bring it home. Friday dinner in August was a hit with members who supported the dinner of Baked Ziti and sides.

We finally got a final tally from Christmas in July benefitting Toys for Tots, and it was a HUGE success for being the first time we've done this particular event. The event, chaired by Lisa Dye, was the best organized event we've had in a while with wide open communication and organization. The Riders delivered 165 prepaid meals to the car dealerships in town and other businesses without a hitch and during the event, all in total, after expenses we were able to present Inga Dwyer (Coordinator for the local Toys for Tots) a check for \$6,397.32 in cash in addition to approximately \$3,250 in toys that were donated.

Kudos to you Riders who made this such a resounding success.

Rider's Friday night dinner is scheduled for September 9th. Victoria has agreed to chair the dinner and a menu to be announced.

The Rider's monthly ride is slated to support the POW/MIA Remembrance 7 bridges ride in Jacksonville. This ride is sponsored by the American Legion Riders, Department of Florida on September 17th. This is a fully escorted ride and is no cost to the Riders participating. Dinner after the ride is hosted by American Legion Post 137 on San Juan.

Kudo's to our new Road Captain, Rob (Gabby) Mixon, he has taken the reins of the position and is doing a phenomenal job in the position.

ALR (cont'd)

Mark your Calendars for Saturday, November 5th for our annual Toys for Tots toy run. We are actively seeking sponsors and volunteers to knock it out of the park for the Children at Christmas. If you are available to sponsor or volunteer, you can contact Bill Huggins at 386-984-9565 or Co-Chair, Lisa Dye at 386-466-2851.

As Riders, we want to thank everyone for your continued support to allow us to be the Face of the American Legion Family.

For the Cause, Not the Applause

Bill Huggins
Director



TEXAS HOLD'EM held their monthly fundraiser on Friday Aug 12, 2022 and raised \$640 for the Legion. There were 19 players and the pot of \$1820 was won by 6 players: Joe Harrison, Tom Eagle, Mary-lou Thomas, Bill Wood, Sonny Legera and Dusty Matthews, each got \$300.. Bill Wood and Paul Thomas split high hand and each received \$45. The next Legion fundraiser will be Friday, Sept 9, 2022 at 7 pm in the Poker AUX Room.. 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.

Chaplain's Corner Sept 2022



Welcome to this very special Chaplains Corner. The subject is ***Patriotism***. Since September has at least two major events, I want to express our love of this country on Sept 5th which is Labor Day, and the worst terrorist event of our life time on Sept 11th. The two are very opposite in retrospect, but both draw the best of the good citizens who made our country stronger. Our celebration of Labor Day and how our men and women have prospered show we live in the best country in the world. We handled the worst disaster to our country and proved that freedom and democracy would prevail here in the United States of America. I ask that all pray for our country to stand up for our God given rights within our Constitution. I also ask a special prayer for our Prayer List that inspires recovery, quality of life and peace for all of our Post.

Chaplain Rev Allen (Sarge)

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 57

We are rockin' and rollin'!!! Our school supply drive is in full force and have had numerous donations from members of the Post as well as bingo players. A special thank you to Missy and Tom Bell for their donation of 20 backpacks and school supplies. We will be delivering all of these supplies to the "Emporium" at the school board offices and the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch in Live Oak the first week in September.

We had our District 3 School of Instruction in Live Oak and Unit 57 was very well represented. I am very proud of our unit for participating. It was a great day of learning.

The next District meeting is Saturday, Oct. 1st at Post 83 in MacClenny with registration at 10 AM and meetings starting at 11 AM. All members are welcome to attend.

An ABC School has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15th at Post 49 in Monticello at 10 AM. This school is for everyone and it will give you a chance to learn all about the Auxiliary – it's beginning...all the way thru to today. Ask questions, have discussions, learn!!

I am still looking for a few members to step up and chair a few programs – AEF, Cavalcade of Memories, Education, and Legislative – if you are interested, please contact me.

Auxiliary will be hosting a dinner on Friday, September 16th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM or until the food is sold out. Kay Peterson and Donna Sessa will be preparing Broccoli/Chicken Casserole, 7-bean salad, Roll/Butter and Peach Cobbler for dessert for a donation of \$10.00.

We will start collecting donations of Halloween candy for our Kids Safe Halloween Party on Oct. 31st. Due to the pandemic, this will be the first one we have been able to have in 3 years. Boxes will be provided in the lobby, lounge and bingo hall for you to drop off your donation.

Also a reminder that 2023 dues are now being taken. The dues are still \$35.00 and payable by mail to the Post, to the bartender on duty, or online. National will be sending out the renewal notices in September but you don't have to wait.

Hope to see you soon.

For God and Country,

Lisa Dye

President

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



It's been an exciting month of July with the success of Roadkill Bingo and the Friday Night Dinner. I want to thank Lee, Ray and Post 57 for helping to make our Roadkill a success and I would like to thank Jim, Ray, Donnie for their work in the kitchen and Post 57 and the poker players for making Friday Night Dinner a big success.

I know some of you have paid dues already and are wondering where your membership cards are. Let me explain: Ray and I just got clearance to process the memberships and we will be working diligently to get the cards out to you. Sorry for the inconvenience. If you have any questions you can talk to Ray or me.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday September 6th – Squadron 57 @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday September 10th – S.A.L. Roadkill @ 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

**Friday September 23rd – S.A.L. Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.
(Dinner will be determined at our meeting on the 6th.)**

IF SOMETHING NEEDS DONE! GRAB A SON

Squadron 57 Commander- Brian Wolfe

HONOR GUARD



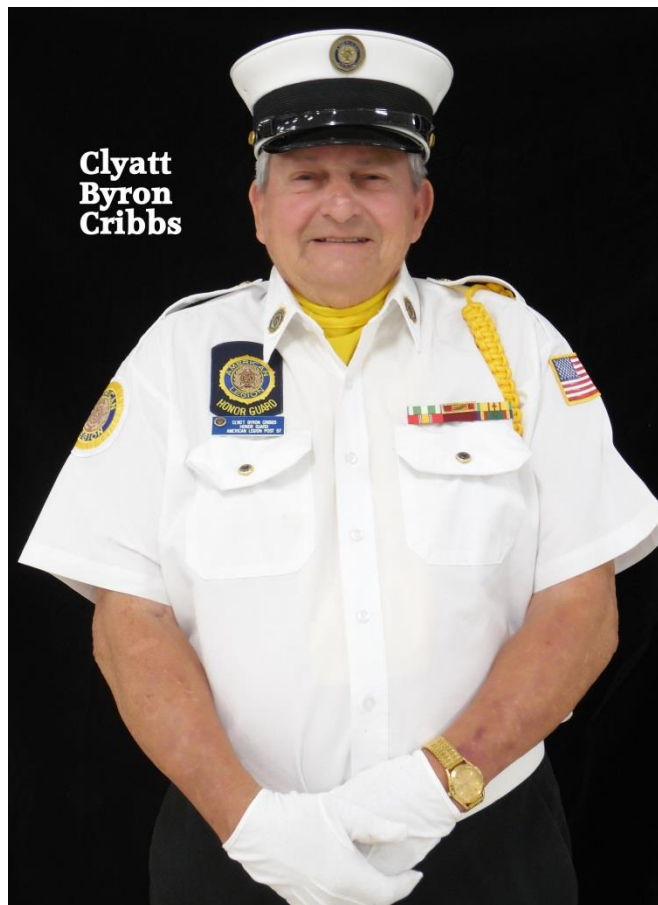
Honor Guard was called to provide rifle support to the US Navy Honor Corps for the committal of WW2 Navy veteran Robert Stewart, Sr on Tuesday, 23 August in the Mt. Pisgah cemetery in McAlpin, FL. Mr. Stewart was 92 years young at his passing in our local VA hospital. The Stewart family was very grateful we could complete the military honor tradition with our rifle squad while three USN sailors from NAS JAX folded and presented the flag and played Taps. Mr. Stewart's son, Robert Jr., also joined our Post from the online realm of Post 400.

Getting To Know Your Team

This month's featured team member is Clyatt Byron Cribbs. Byron was born and raised in Branford, FL. Upon finishing high school, Byron enlisted in the US Army and served four years. Upon his return home he could not find suitable work, so he enlisted in the US Navy. While in the Navy he served aboard the USS Joseph Daniels going to Cuba as well as Vietnam. He also served aboard the USS Bennington which provided artillery support for the Marine Corps fighting in the northern areas of Vietnam. After his honorable discharge, Byron returned home. Although losing most of his hearing from artillery fire, he found employment with the General Electric Battery/Business Section for two years. He moved from there to the US Army Corps of Engineers and worked his way up to earning his Chief Engineer's license Motor of any Horse Power or Gas Turbine.

HONOR GUARD (cont'd)

Byron is married to his lovely wife Glenda and has a step daughter. He also has a son from a previous marriage. Glenda and Byron live in a historic wood home they have renovated. He enjoys farming and showing cars, trucks and tractors. Byron joined the Honor Guard in 2016 and has served faithfully despite injury or illness. He is currently recovering from a broken hip sustained last Christmas and recent shoulder surgery. We are grateful for his service and continued dedication.



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Our post is looking for a **TRIVIA NIGHT MC**. Do you know someone that does this? The Entertainment Committee is working hard to bring new and interesting events to our Post.

We are looking to do this one or two nights per month. Individual must have their own equipment. If interested or you would like more information, contact Steve Cox (386) 466-9535

LOUNGE NEWS



Hello everyone, my name is Connie Greene and I am the new Bar Manager. I would love for you to stop in and introduce yourself and enjoy one of our many specials. Hope to see you soon

The lounge is now offering the following specials:

Weekly specials: Sunday—Bloody Mary / frozen drinks \$3.50

Monday—Margaritas \$1 ALL DAY

Tuesday—BOGO 1-5pm

Last Sunday of the Month—White Russian, Pina Colada or Strawberry or Mango Daiquiri or Margarita \$3.50 ALL DAY

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

I have been trying for several years to understand why our County does very little to assist our veterans with the benefits they've earned. There are no ongoing education classes, the county service office is only open 30 hours a week and maintained by one person. It's time the county stepped up and provided better services for our veterans of this community. I receive calls almost everyday, asking for me to assist them with filing a claim. While I am driven to help, I also realize that I don't have the energy, youth or physical ability to do full time. So what's the answer? I am asking the county to put me on the agenda in the next few months to discuss this very issue. When it comes time for this county commissioner's meeting, I will need a "show of force" from our veteran community and most importantly, from my fellow American Legion members. We can make changes, we just have to unite in our efforts. If you are interested in helping me push this cause forward, please contact me either through the post or my email address, Rustyannb@yahoo.com.

