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POST 57 APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

COMMANDERS CORNER:

Hello members hope everyone is doing well. Wow March was a great month.

Mar 5th The Legion had their Children's Family Party

Great participation about 35 children and parents Had a great time.

Mar 9th The Legion had their First Responders Lunch it was huge success,

We had over 100 First Responders and Delivered over 25 meals, thanks to all that

Helped your time is appreciated.

March 12th ALR Chili Cookoff it was cold and raining at first then turned out to be a beautiful day.

Good turnout, Congrats to ALR took first place and the Legion took third place. Thanks To Sharon and Laura for Making the Legion Chili.

Mar 18th Auxiliary ST. Patrick's Dinner Great food

Mar 30th Florida/Crown and LCPD Luncheon Great Turn out.

Winners of Red Shirt Friday were Victoria Ziegler, Tom Wilcutt and David Holmes

Now for April

Apr 2nd Breakfast with the Chief @10am

Apr 9th SON Roadkill bingo @7pm

Apr 16th Dept Commander & President Ball @5pm tickets are \$40.00 each or two for \$75.00

Go online @ deptfl.com for tickets.

Apr 30th Girls State Orientation for candidates.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER (cont'd)

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Nominations are open for the American Legion Executive Board any member in good standing may run for any position on the board. Please see Nominations Committee if interested.

Volunteers are always needed please Help your post

For God and Country

Commander Rick

AUXILIARY

We had a great visit with our Department President, Wanda Brandt. She attended our Stand Down which was a great success. Haircuts, needful items from clothing to solar batter chargers, food and help signing up for programs and getting needed assistance. Excellent Program. We will be in the Nation Magazine.

The VA Domiciliary is back open and we are so happy for them. It means that we get to donate to their Bingo again. We also donated some monies for them to have a Pizza Party while Bingo was down. I am so glad those days are behind us, and the residents can look forward to playing again.

Irma was able to raise monies for Girls State doing dinners. She didn't reach her necessary goal to buy laptops and other needed items. Our members stepped up and donated the last bit needed. They will have everything they need this year for Girls State.

We had a great show at our 1st Responders Luncheon held March 9th at the Post. It was a great show up with us serving approximately 120 meals.

The Homecoming Ball for Jerry and Wanda Brandt is being held April 16th 5-11pm at our Post. Tickets may still be available. Check with Irma.

AUXILIARY (cont'd)

It's that time of year again. Elections are under way. I am not running again this year. I have too much going on to serve as you should be served. ,

Wishing everyone safe travels and good health. Remember, if you know of a veteran in need get *their* info and pass on to the Post Service Officer or an Officer in the Auxiliary.

Thanks to everyone for doing your best this past year for the good of our Veterans. With much gratitude for having the chance to serve with you. My heart is filled with love for all of you. I wish you well. *President, Dianna Cooper*

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

JEFF LOWES

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO

MEMBERSHIP

We are into April, and we are coming close to closing out the membership year for 2022. Thank you to those who have renewed your membership or joined our post during 2021 and 2022. If you have not renewed your membership for 2022 you still can come by the post and renew with the bartender on duty. You can also renew online at mylegion.org or mail your dues into the Post. As always, if you have any friends or neighbors that are veterans, talk to them about joining the Post and being involved with this awesome organization. *Membership Officer, Michael Ziegler*

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

The Rider's held our 7th Annual Chili Cook off on March 12.

What looked like a possible wash out, once again saw the day here clear, windy and cool, a perfect day for eating chili. While the turn out wasn't what we had hope due to the bleak weather forecast, the results turned out great.

We were able to make our intended donation to Hooked on Heroes, pay the bills and put a little aside for other programs supported by the Rider.

When we approached the American Legion about donating the goods for the outside sales we would donate the proceeds from those sales (\$164) to the Post Service Officer, at the last Rider's meeting we agreed to up that figure to a total of \$1,000 to the post Service Officer's fund.

CUDOS to all the Riders for a fantastic turn out to support our event once again.

Coming up, it looks like another very busy month, we have a number of ride in's on the schedule.

April 2nd, we see the Folds of Honor coming in for an overnight stay before heading south, dinner for them will be provided by the Suwannee Valley Resort and prepared in our kitchen.

April 5th The Folds of Honor returning where they will be doing a presentation of flags to Gold Star Families in the lounge.

April 6th The Hardcore Goat Posse Legacy Run coming in for their last stop of the day.

Sat April 9th sees Chapter 54 out of Fernandina Beach riding in for a visit, time to be determined

Sun April 24th will be the meet and greet for the Rider's in state Unity Ride in the lounge, should be a great time having Riders from across the state paying us a visit.

Elections are coming up for the Legion Family including the Riders.

Nominations are currently open of Officers for the Riders, every position is open to be challenged, currently the ballot looks like this:

Position	Current	Nominated/Running
Director	Bill Huggins	Mitchell Cooper
Asst. Director	OPEN	Michael Ziegler
Chaplain	Allen Wood	
Adjutant	Open	Victoria Ziegler
Finance	Lainie Paul	

A.L.R. cont'd

Sgt at Arms	Open	Jim Rehereman
Historian	Open	
Road Captain	Open	Rob Mixon
Safety Officer	Open	Dave Miller

Your nominating committee is:

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As your current Director, I have enjoyed the continued support our Riders have shown me in the past, I feel that our Riders under my leadership have grown to be an integral part of the American Legion Family and I would like to ask for your support as Director for the 2022/2023 year to help us obtain our goals of continued growth and strength.

Thank you all and remember, it's for the cause, not the applause.

Bill Huggins

HONOR GUARD

Honor Guard has only one scheduled service so far in April. We continue to meet and rehearse the many skills needed to perform at our best level. Byron Cribbs continues to recover well from his broken hip and may be able to join us in April. I will be meeting soon with Hope Jernigan, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, to discuss conducting short flag ceremonies for schools that are replacing their US flags. Our Post generously gives the CCSB a number of flags each year during our Americanism program for schools to fly on their front flagpoles. Mrs. Jernigan welcomed the idea of having the proper flag ceremony when schools replace their flags, especially at elementary and middle schools. This is another opportunity for the Honor Guard to promote the values of the American Legion and represent our Post. Respectfully *Commander JD*

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

This last month was a busy month at our post.

Congratulations to Chuck of the Riders for his win at the Chili cook off with 1st place. Sharon & Laura, representing the Legion placed 3rd. Second was awarded to a newcomer I believe. With a great twist on Chili. Every dish was unique and flavorful. Thanks for coming out to compete.

S.A.L. ROADKILL on April 9th at 7:00pm. Thanks to everyone who came out. S.A.L. is trying to make this a fun night. We have door prizes and appetizers for you to nibble on while you play. (Donations accepted) We have 2 raffles and to 50/50's nightly.



TEXAS HOLD'EM held their monthly fundraiser on Friday March 11, 2022 and raised \$430 for the Legion. There were 17 players and the pot of \$1190 was won by 6 players: Zech Stroph, Paul Thomas, Sharon Harrell, Frank Capallia, Joe Harrison and Jesus Rodrigues each receiving \$198. Zech Stroph got high hand and received \$85. The next Legion fundraiser will be Friday, April 8, 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. Thanks for your support, **Bob Tarlton**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain Allen here. We had a very busy March. April will be the start of another busy month with meetings and functions both ours and others visiting us. I ask that we remain in prayer for those sick and others with personal problems. God tells us that prayer is the powerful tool that sometimes we forget to use. Prayers are not only for those sick but, also for those needs for our existence. Those prayers also may be answered in a way God sees the need and not our own version of the need. I ask that God protect all who travel this month to their destinations and return home safely. So, until next month, may God bless America.

Chaplain Allen

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

This month has been especially busy and difficult. We are in the process of helping a disabled Veteran move from an apartment into her first home. We have also been blessed with \$1000 donation to the Service Officers Fund from the Riders. I helped 10 veterans with claim paperwork, and we assisted 3 other veterans with Walmart gift cards.

Now comes the hard part; at the end of this term, I will no longer be the Post Service Officer. I am needing to put my health issues as a priority and my family. I really hate leaving the position but am now asking any member that would even contemplate this position, to come forward. I would love to work with someone for a while so they have a clear picture of what they can do. And I would always be available to answer questions. Thank you for the opportunity to service this Post as your Service Officer. *Rustyann Brown*

P.S. I will still be doing the newsletter, so send me anything you think should go into it.