

- Final Saturday Breakfast on April 12th from 7-11 a.m. All WW II vets eat free; Post members Korean Vets and children under twelve eat free. The Blood Mobile will be here. Donate and get a free breakfast.

3rd VICE: Dan Martin

- Report for February
 - Hours 150
 - We need to set up for Thursday Bingo, after the meeting.

FRONT OFFICE Jim Stasse gave a report.

The Front office is doing well. We can always use volunteers.

POST SERVICE OFFICER-JB and Maria Alexander

- JB explained that they are a resource for veteran's needs. They will be available every Tuesday in the lobby from 3:30-6:00 pm.
- February: 14 contacts
 - Three seeking an increase in disability percentage.
 - Three seeking follow-ups on current claims.
 - Two new claims.
 - Six miscellaneous assistances
 - We managed seven and the other seven went sent out.
- Total Hours-27
- Total Miles-84

JUDGE ADVOCATE-Heath Davenport

- The Post Constitution and By-Laws have finally been approved by the Department of Florida.

HONOR GUARD: Commander John Gorsuch (Absent)

Report taken from Executive Committee meeting.

Honors Funerals (1) FNC 1 Local-0

Total Events (5) Post-3 Community13

Total hours (370) Funerals-90 Post-190 Community-90

Total miles (1296) Funerals-1200 Post-69 Community-300

Total membership-49

Volunteers are needed. Please consider.

We have 30-35 active members.

A reminder that the Honor Guard does participate in numerous community events.

LOUNGE: Rob Burgess

- Net profit for the lounge-\$26,800
- Volunteer and Honor Guard beverages-\$2,691.
- Volunteer hours-1456.
- Del-Phis are coming in on Friday, March 14th.
- Tuesdays are still members and one guest.
- Volunteer of the Month explained with emphasis on the free parking space out front.

KITCHEN: Harriet Turnbull-Report submitted.

- November Volunteer Hours-878
- Total Profit: \$10,987.
- Saturday breakfasts sold-396. 2 WW II, 6 Korea Vets and approximately eighteen workers.
- We are understaffed and could use more volunteers.

AUXILIARY: Tina Burgess gave the report

- Barbara Kyle stated that Auxiliary Unit 347 donated \$5,000 to the Post 347 Legion.
- Membership: 2,708 for 103.9%.
- Thirty-Three new members were inducted at March's meeting.

- Women Veterans Luncheon was held on March 10th. There were 110 Women veterans served. Heath Davenport was the guest speaker. The Auxiliary has hosted the luncheon for 31 years. We had a 101-Year young veteran.
- March 22nd, the Sixth District will be holding their annual picnic at Post 183 at Fern Park. The picnic will begin at noon. All proceeds go to Boys and Girls State transportation expense. Post 347 is looking for a foursome to compete in the Corn-Hole tournament. The Commander is willing to pay the entry fee.
- Scholarships: The Auxiliary is offering four \$5,000 scholarships. Two are under the umbrella of Americanism and two under Education.
- The Auxiliary will be covering thirteen second year nursing students' expenses at Sumter State College in Leesburg.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION: Danny Roe (Absent) Report submitted.

Sons Liaison, George Haman, gave the report.

- Membership: 1053 members for 99.2% of goal of 1061.
- Volunteer hours-595.
- Family Golf Tournament: Saturday, May 17th (due to a date conflict) at Broad Stripes Country Club. (formally Stonecrest). Four-some's are \$95 pp. Thanks for the Family support again this year. If anyone wishes to serve on the committee, let me know. Will sell out fast. There are about four teams left. We are still looking for volunteers.
 COMMANDER COMMENT: Commander Dave encouraged our new members to fill out a coupon to participate in a four some team for this tournament. The drawing will be at April's meeting.
- Dine-to Donate at Culvers on route 466A, Thursday April 10th, 4-8 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Children and Youth Programs.
- Special Olympics: The 2025 State Equestrian & Corn Hole Championships will be held in Ocala on Friday, March 28th, and Saturday March 29th. We are looking for volunteers to help run the events. The Son's are taking 5 or 6 volunteers on Friday. You MUST sign up with Special Olympics as a volunteer. Please see Danny or John Gorsuch for information.
- Wednesday, March 26th is "Jersey Mikes" Day of Giving. They will be donating 100% of sales to The Special Olympics, Florida. There are ninety-five participating locations.

LEGION RIDERS: Report given by Sherri Ward.

- Miles-13,838 Hours-2,432
- Riders will continue to work in the kitchen on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday.
- Wednesday lunch rides are well attended. We continue to participate in funeral escorts when requested.
- Fund Raiser: Spring Fling with Scooter the DJ on April 12th. Tickets are \$20 and are available on Saturday's Breakfast and Wednesdays 12-2 at the Post.
- Five riders attended the riders Summit in Orlando. It was a great learning experience.
- Tickets for the District 6 \$25,000 voucher for a new or used bike are ongoing until the end of March. Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100.
- The Annual Poker-Run held on February 22nd and organized by Wayne Rodgers was a tremendous success. Funds raised were \$460 for Vet Relief and everyone had a wonderful time.
- Membership stands at 75 active members.
- Lastly, the Riders are having the glass replaced in the display cabinet in the hall. A quote is forthcoming.
- The Riders represent the entire American Legion family, with or without bikes. We have Rider's supporters.

SIXTH DISTRICT: Joan Suelter-Commander

- Thank you to the Honor Guard for posting colors at the Sixth District meeting.
- A Women's Expo was held on March 8th.
- Joan is the Department of Florida Women's Chairwoman.

JVSC: Ellen Tierney-Chairwoman.

- Joint Veterans Support Committee at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell.
- Ellen thanked the Post for its generous donation and support. The next memorial will cost \$350,000.
- This will be the third monument being installed.
- A poster is in the lobby and see Ellen for more information.
- There are also handouts with QR code for further information.

CHAPLAIN-Lisa Johnson

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- PURSE BINGO-Was a TREMENDOUS success. Proceeds that can be realized will be about \$10,000.
- The Nomination Committee Chair, Pete Carston conducted the Nominations from the floor.
- If nominated, you MUST see Pete and fill out a nomination form.

Nominations for Office-March 12, 2025

Currently Submitted

Commander: Dave Musser
 1st Vice: Tina Burgess
 2nd Vice: John Gorsuch
 3rd Vice: Robert Carrilo
 Finance: Bob Irvine
 Chaplain: Lisa Johnson
 Historian-
 Sgt at Arms-
 Member at Large: (4)
 Mike Haynes
 George Ries
 Jim Stasse

Nominations from the Floor

Commander: None
 1st Vice: None
 2nd Vice: None
 3rd Vice: None
 Finance: None
 Chaplain: None
 Historian: None
 Sgt at Arms: None
 Member at Large (4) None

The Adjutant, Service Officer and Judge Advocate are appointed.

April meeting is the final deadline for nomination. Candidates will be given 5 minutes to speak. There were no further nominations for office from the floor.

DONATIONS

- A request from MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) Golf Tournament through Dennis Storey.

Ellen Tierney made a MOTION to donate \$500. SECONDED: Heath Davenport

DISCUSSION: No foursome will be fielded.

MOTION PASSED

- Marion Therapeutic Riding Association
 Located in Ocala. The training is directed at Veterans who suffer from PTSD, TBI or other disabilities. They train 14-15 veterans. Currently, there is a waiting list of fifteen veterans. The program has grown and gets referrals from Ocala and Gainesville. But they do not send funds.

Tina Burgess made a MOTION to donate \$2,000 to this organization. SECONDED: Bob Irvine

DISCUSSION: A new member suggested we pay for the whole waiting class. The executive Committee will visit this every month. It is an eight-week program. It cost \$400 per rider. This fee goes to the care and feeding of the horse.

NOTE: The Post cannot commit funds beyond June 30th.

No further Discussion.

MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

- Pavillion: Plans are in the works for the construction of a Pavillion. ROMAC has drawn up the plans and will be setting the estimate. We must present it to the Lady Lake Council for approval. The location will take away thirty-four overflow parking spaces.
- We have one nomination for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year from Lady Lake.

- We are looking for EMS and Firefighters nominations.

CORRESPONDANCE

- Thank you from Peg Hearlson
- Thank you from Carol Socha (for wheelchair)
- St Jude Hospital donation request (2X)
- The Rancher magazine (Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches)
- Thank You from Phyllis Walters for support on health. (walker)
- Thank you from the Benowitz family for Honor Guard Services.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- Vietnam era Veterans can get a free sandwich at Mission BBQ on March 29th.

With no further business to come before the General Membership, the meeting was closed in good order.

Time Adjourned: 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip R. Crouthamel

ADJUTANT

March 12, 2025