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*Legion meeting, second Monday of the month at 7 pm.
Auxiliary meeting, second Monday of the month at 8 pm.
Post Hours: 8:30am - midnight Mon-Thurs; 8:30am - 2am Fri - Sat; 1pm - midnight Sun*

Commander's Corner

Hope everyone has had a great month so far. We are continuing our Wednesday and Saturday morning improvements to the Hall. Contact the Commander or House Committee Chairman for more information. We are going to replace the ceiling tiles in the meeting room. Installation for our new officers will be Sunday, June 28th at 1600 (4:00 PM) at the Post. Hope to see everyone there. Saturday the 4th of July we will have a 250th celebration at the Post. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings as well as games for the adults and children. Have a great month. **Remember to please pay your dues for 2026.** Our goal is 791 and we are 78 members short at 713.
Jim Bright 904-776-9004

Executive Committee and General Assembly

Approved \$1,200 to Fletcher Band for uniforms
Approved not to exceed \$1,000 for July 4th festivities

We welcome these new members and thank them for choosing Post 316 as their Legion home:

New: Sulee Allen, Wiley Bateman, Jarad Castro, Jean Hernandez, Donald Holdridge, Victor Miller, Hector Pena, Paul Trometer

Transfers: none

Taps: Roger Long, Raymond Corbin

Booster List

The booster list is for members and member's businesses only. **Gold boosters are \$25 annually.** Thank you to these Gold Boosters:

Clarence & Liz Hill 8/26

Pete Wait 11/26

Eddie George 1/31

2026 Membership Renewal

Post dues as of January 1, 2026 are \$50 for 59 and younger, \$40 for 60 and older and \$45 for Early Birds; the 3-year rate is \$130 for 59 and younger, \$120 for 60 and older. If you pay dues online, you will be charged our official dues rate of \$50. You can only get our senior dues rate of \$40 by using the renewal notice and mailing your \$40 to the Post. The same is true for the Early Bird rate of \$45 for 59 and younger. If you pay 3-years online, you will be charged 3 X \$50 = \$150. You can only get the discount rates of \$120 for 60 and older/\$130 for 59 and younger by paying at the Post. **Two things are important when you pay online: make sure you are paying for 2026 unless you are behind and want to catch up your years; and do not click on the \$25 or \$30 options. If you click on one of them, the system will make you a new member starting with one year and a new membership number and put you in the headquarters Post which is Orlando 400.** Post 316 will lose you as a member and get no credit for your renewal. **Please remember that you cannot pay your dues to the Post by credit card as we cannot process them.** Use the ATM next to the East side exit.

Social Media Notice

The following notice was posted on the bulletin board, will be incorporated into the Post Regulations and is effective immediately. It reads: At a regular meeting of the General Assembly on Monday, October 14, 2024, the membership ruled that any negativity toward The American Legion Post 316, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 316, Sons of The American Legion Squadron 316, Riders Chapter 316, their officers or their members on Facebook or any other social media platform would lead to

consideration of disciplinary action by the House Committee. It was also noted that used in a positive way, Facebook and other social media platforms can be tools to promote news, functions and activities going on at our Post. We want to build on a reputation of a Post that supports the Legion Family and a safe haven for our members as well as to promote new members that may want to join our Family Organization. Any concerns should be dealt with at your respective meetings.

ELECTIONS

All elections were successfully completed in May. Officers elected for the Legion were: Cdr-Jim Bright, 1st Vice-Clarence Hill 2nd Vice-None, 3rd Vice-Tom Stephens, 4th Vice-None, Chaplain-Greg White, Historian-None, Sgt-at-Arms-None, E-Board-Bill Knipper and Steve Bartelt. The **Auxiliary took their final nominations and held their election at the May meeting-the results are in the Auxiliary article.** The **SAL took their final nominations and held their election at the May meeting-the results are in the SAL article.** The **Riders took their final nominations and held their election at the May meeting.** There are still unfilled positions, so elections will be held at monthly meetings. Installation is on Sunday, June 28 at 4:00 PM. All are invited to attend and dishes are welcome.

Post 316 Family Status

A number of items like jackets, sweaters, glasses, keys, etc. have been left in the Post and are stored in the liquor locker waiting to be claimed. If you have lost anything, please get with the Manager and see if it is there. **All items will be disposed of at the end of May.**

Post 316 has over 700 Legionnaires, nearly 400 Auxiliary members, 168 Sons of the Legion and nearly 70 Riders, yet each organization struggles to get a quorum at our monthly meetings, and it's the same people each month. More members need to take an interest in the Post, step forward and hold an office or attend meetings and bring forth your ideas. **We also have a problem with items disappearing**-an example is tables and chairs are gone without being signed out and getting the Manager's approval and haven't come back-if you have any Post property, please return it. As the Commander has noted, our 3 dollies are missing. The Post can't afford to keep replacing these items. **Please respect Post property.**

SAL STATE EMAIL GROUP

The SAL Detachment of Florida has a Google email group open to all SAL members which promulgates information on activities and functions sponsored by Squadrons, Districts or the Detachment. **Members are welcome to sign up by going to the Detachment website (www.floridasons.org).** At the bottom of the page is a button and information about the Google group. Just click the button and follow the prompts. You will then be set up to receive information about your Detachment. There is a full page QR Code posted on the bulletin board next to the liquor locker. Currently, there are only 491 out of the more than 30,000 SAL members subscribed to this group.

July 4th Birthday Party

We will be **celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States on Saturday the 4th of July from 1-4 PM.** There will be hamburgers and hot dogs, and we ask that you bring a dish to share. We will have activities-a dunk tank, face painting, bouncy house, cornhole, pool tournament and darts. Let's celebrated this great day. Hope for a great turnout. We also have red shirts for sale. If you can help, we need you. Call me at 904-234-2692.

POST 316 IS A FREE WiFi HOTSPOT.

Post Officers

Commander	Jim Bright
1st Vice Commander	Clarence Hill
2nd Vice Commander	VACANT
3rd Vice Commander	Tom Stephens
4th Vice Commander	Jerry Lee
Finance Officer	Randy Casey
Adjutant	Greg White
Chaplain	VACANT
Service Officer	VACANT
Judge Advocate	VACANT
Historian	VACANT
Sergeant-at-Arms	VACANT

House Committee

Chairman: Bill Knipper

SAL Officers

Commander	Denny Luke
Adjutant	Clarence Hill
1st Vice	Tom Mari
2nd Vice	Glenn LaForm
Finance Officer	Clarence Hill
Chaplain	Lester Verrette
Historian	Tom Horn
Sergeant-at-Arms	Kevin Berton

Executive Board

Steve Bartelt	Bill Knipper
VACANT	VACANT
VACANT	VACANT

Legion Riders

Director: Denise Strickland

Auxiliary Officers

President	Liz Hill
1st Vice President	Brenda Sahioun
2nd Vice President	VACANT
Secretary	Denise Strickland
Treasurer	Cathy White
Chaplain	Annie Anderson
Historian	Diane Conrad
Sergeant-at-Arms	Lea Carlisle
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Linda LaForm
Membership	Nicole Thigpen

Auxiliary Executive Committee

TracyLynn Jenkins	Bonnie Buchmeier
VACANT	VACANT

Club Manager Liz Hill

Legion First Vice Vibes

The 2027 cards will be here this month. You will receive the first 2027 renewal notice in July. The renewal notice you receive has areas on the back to provide info on email address, phone number, date of birth, etc. Please Note: We cannot accept credit card payments as Department will not process them for us. Pay by check, money order or come in and pay cash.

You can create your own national membership account by visiting legion.org/renew and follow the steps. You can also register for the Automatic Annual Renewal Program. **You can only Pay Up For Life online** and the **\$100 discount is still in effect.**

2027 Dues are \$50 for 59 and younger and \$40 for 60 and older (year-round). Early Bird rate is \$45 until Veterans Day. Our 3-year renewals are \$130 for 59 and younger and \$120 for 60 and older. **If you pay online to national, you will be charged \$50-national only recognizes our official dues. If you pay 3-years online, you will be charged \$150.** You can only get the discounted senior rate of \$40, Early Bird rate of \$45 or the 3-year rates of \$130/\$120 by paying at the Post.

Clarence Hill

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S PROSE

Thank you to the Ladies who attended our May meeting. It was great to see so many new faces and a huge thanks to all who accepted an office: **President-Liz Hill, 1st Vice Brenda Sahioun, Treasurer-Cathy White, Secretary-Linda LaForm, Chaplain-Annie Anderson, Historian-Suzanne LaMonica, Sgt-at-Arms-Lea Carlisle, Asst Sgt-at-Arms-Bonnie Buchmeir, Executive Committee-Dawn Gann, Tara Dyal, Kim Sands.** 4 positions were filled by 1st time attendees at our meeting, 2 open positions: 2nd Vice & Executive Committee. If interested, please let me know or attend the June meeting. Thanks to all who volunteered in May-we appreciate your help.

June dinners are: Steak or Salmon on Friday the 5th and 19th. If you would like to help in the kitchen, let me know. Thanks to all who have donated books, toiletries, etc. We will continue to collect and donate to our veterans and community. **We still have not reached 100%-we need 16 renewals or new members.** If you have a girl under 18 you can sign them up for \$5.00. We will be getting our 2027 cards at Convention.

We have red shirts for sale.

Installation of our new officers is Sunday June 28 at 4:00PM. Please try to attend and bring a dish to share. **We will be celebrating the 250th birthday of the US on Saturday the 4th of July from 1-4 PM.** There will be food served and we ask that you bring a dish to share. **We will have activities-a dunk tank, face painting, bouncy house, cornhole, pool tournament and darts.** Let's celebrated this great day. Hope for a great turnout. If you can help, we need you. Call me at the number below. **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** For God and Country

Liz Hill, lizardlassie@aol.com, 904-234-2692

From the Bar:

Monday-**Men's Night**-7 PM-\$.50 off drinks
Monday-Bingo 6:30-8:30 **Riders serving food-volunteers needed**
Tuesday Bingo 2-4 PM-**volunteers needed**
Tuesday Tap Trivia 6 PM-**players needed**
Wednesday-**Ladies Night**-7 PM-\$.50 off drinks
Wednesday-Pass the Trash 7:30 PM-**volunteers/players needed**
Thursday-Bingo 2-4 PM-**volunteers needed**
Friday-Steak Bingo at 6:30 PM by the 40 & 8

Thanks to Patti Harrison and Brian Knauss for pass the trash. Tuesday TAP TV trivia is at 6 PM. Monday bingo 6:30, Tuesday/Thursday bingo 2:00.

The **kitchen and storage room are off-limits and closed when meals are not being served. No one is authorized** to go in the kitchen or storage room and help themselves to anything or to use any of the equipment. Once again, thanks to all our volunteers. **We need help repairing bar stools if anyone can volunteer.** Thank you to our bingo callers, card sellers, winner checking. There is a

sign-up list for Sunday food. With receipts, up to \$50 can be reimbursed.

If you know of any family needing help with food, please let Liz know. Thank you for all your support.

Lost & Found. If you are missing any item, like jackets, cell phones, car keys, etc., please see Liz.

Customer Consideration: Please do not move other customer's drinks, money or property at the bar as this causes issues and accusations. If you want their seat, please ask them or ask the bartender to ask them.

The **Queen of Hearts** contest needs volunteers on Friday nights for the drawing to be held at 8:00 PM. **You must be present, be a 2024/25 regular member of a VSO (no associate members can play and no signed-in guests can play), have your membership card on you, & pick the Queen of Hearts to win.** We need volunteers to sell the tickets and get the program back on track. Please see Liz if you can help.

DO NOT USE Handicap parking spaces for overnight parking.

All kitchen workers (lunches, Friday steak crews, Saturday dinners, Monday meal nights) **are volunteers who depend on tips. Please remember to tip them.**

Monday Bingo is at 6:30 with a progressive lucky ball jackpot. The Riders serve a variety of different items, so the price varies based on your order. Tuesday and Thursday Bingo is at 2 PM with a progressive lucky ball jackpot.

Pass the Trash is back in action on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. Thank you Patti Harrison. If you would like to deal, please let Liz know.

Red shirt Friday drink specials are served every Friday. **You must be wearing a RED shirt to get the special. Wear official NASCAR shirts on race day Sundays and get the drink special.**

We ask your cooperation in NOT bringing in or ordering outside food during times someone is serving food. Remember, they are donating their time and effort to prepare, serve and clean up. **The meals are fund raisers for our various programs. If you do not wish to buy the meal, please eat before you come to the Post or wait until the meal is done. Please do not bring in your own snacks, sodas, water, or any item whether we sell them or not at the bar at any time.** When ordering food from outside the Post, please be sure to order plates and cutlery if needed. We will be locking the storage room at 6:00 PM nightly and on the weekends.

When you sign in a guest, that guest must leave when you leave. Guests eligible to be members may only be signed in 4 times a month.

Steak Bingo is conducted by the 40/8 at 6:30 PM every Friday steak night. Eight games are conducted-7 for steaks and 1 for road kill.

As a reminder, **the bartenders' priority is serving drinks to customers at the bar and in the line. If you wish to be served, use the waitress station-do not stand at the end of the bar or between people sitting at the bar.** If you want to redeem or buy a ticket for any machine, you will have to wait until drinks are finished. **The Post has 72 hours to pay out on the machines and the bartenders cannot pay tickets of \$599 or more, or prior day tickets. You are limited to redeeming \$1,000 a day. If the bartender runs out of money, you will have to return later. Please note: The Manager will only redeem tickets Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Seats at the games are for player only. Players are restricted to playing one game at a time. The rules are posted -please read them.**

Liz Hill

Legion Riders

Hello Riders, here are the latest chapter updates and upcoming dates to keep on your calendar.

Chapter Updates

Department Convention: June 11-14.

Installation: Please prepare for installation. Remember black pants, white shirt & vest. Installation will be Sunday, June 28 at 4PM.

Welcome New Member: Please join us in welcoming Regina Maske to the American Legion Riders 316.

Next Meeting: Saturday, June 6 at 9:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting and at Department Convention. Thank you for your continued support of the American Legion Riders.

Ride safe, ride proud, and ride together. With respect and gratitude,

Denise Strickland

VACANT	2nd Vice Reverbs
VACANT	Chaplain's Corner
Bill Knipper	House Committee
VACANT	Service Officer
VACANT	History Tidbit

Online Legion Account

To register in MyLegion.org, [you must have your email attached to your name in the online National roster](#). If it is not in your profile, the account you establish will be a non-Legion account. See 1st Vice Clarence Hill if you are not sure. To establish the account, go to [mylegion.org](#) and select "Register." Enter the email in the [Register window](#) and click next. Then follow the prompts. After you create your password, the email must be verified. The system will send you a one time password (OTP) to verify it. Once your account is established, click on "My Account" and your information will be displayed to you and you can make additions or corrections as needed. [With this system, you can print your own replacement cards if you lose yours.](#)

New American Legion App

The American Legion has launched a new mobile membership app—Legion+ which can be downloaded through Apple iTunes and the [Google Play](#) store. [Legion+ provides a direct route for members to access their digital membership card, manage membership information, recruit new members, help a suicidal veteran and get the latest news on legion.org.](#) The new app includes these channels: **Home and News:** A list of the latest American Legion news head-lines; **Recruit:** A QR code appears that takes potential members to [legion.org/join](#); **Be the One:** Features the ability to call the 988 Veteran's Crisis Line, follow QPR (question, persuade, refer) suicidal training and listen to Be the One podcast episodes. Other key features include: **A digital membership card** (top left corner icon) with current status and number of consecutive years; **Member-ship Account** (top right corner icon) with membership card, personal contact information, branch of service, service era, post and department contact information and more. More features will be added in the future such as the ability to send Post notifications to members, approve new members, and access Buddy Check rosters, Post Data Reports and Consolidated Post Reports.

BE THE ONE Campaign

At the Spring NEC meetings this past May, the NEC passed Resolution 13: Be the One Days to provide a new method for raising awareness of the Legion's "Be the One" veteran suicide-prevention initiative. The Resolution [urges American Legion Family members and American Legion posts to set aside the first day of each month as an opportunity to reduce the stigma around mental health issues.](#) Legion Family members are urged to wear a "Be the One" item to signal their commitment to the initiative. This can be a great way to keep awareness high about this important issue all year long. Resolution 7 passed at the same Conference establishes the last Saturday in April as "American Legion Family Day" and encourages posts to open their doors to their community with the intent to educate, recruit, recognize and give back to those members who support the post and to place

Sons of The American Legion

Greetings Squadron 316,

I want to congratulate the incoming 2026–2027 Squadron 316 officers:

Commander: Tom Hrom

1st Vice Commander: Tom Mari

2nd Vice Commander: Glenn LaForm

Finance Officer: Clarence Hill

Historian: Open

Chaplain: Lester Verrette

Sgt-at-Arms: Kevin Bertin

I know they will do an excellent job, and I ask each of you to fully support them in their endeavors. The Squadron Installation is currently scheduled for Sunday, June 28 at 4:00 PM. Let's all be there to show our support.

The Detachment Convention will be held June 11–14, 2026, at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista. The delegate sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Attending Convention is not only enjoyable, but educational as well. Convention Training will be held on Thursday from 1:00–4:00 PM. Newly elected officers, as well as seasoned members, can benefit greatly from these sessions.

Convention details are available here: [Detachment Convention Information](#)

All incoming officers should prepare themselves by reviewing our Constitution & By-Laws, the Administrative Manual, and the Squadron Handbook available under the Resources tab on the Detachment of Florida website: [Detachment of Florida Website](#)

Members are also encouraged to read *The Source* and complete the free Legion Basic Training course: [Legion Basic Training Course](#)

Who has researched the **Five Point Program of Service**? Take the test, pass, and your name will be submitted for the 5 Star Medal. This award recognizes SAL members who demonstrate excellence in the five points of service:

- Patriotism
- Citizenship
- Discipline
- Leadership
- Legionism

Trust me when I say the test is difficult, but I know you can do it if you are determined.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Friday Steak Nights, Wednesday evening BBQs, and General Assembly meetings. Be sure to check the Post Facebook page for upcoming menus — your support keeps our Squadron strong.

Upcoming Events:

- **General Assembly Meeting** – Tuesday, June 2 at 6:00 PM
- **Wednesday Evening Meals** – Every Wednesday from 5:30–7:30 PM
- **Detachment Convention** – June 11–14, 2026
- **Steak Night** – Friday, June 12

Remember to practice C.A.R.E. every day:

Communicate—Action—Recruit—Educate.

Together we keep SAL strong. Respectfully

Denny Luke

special emphasis on "Be the One."

SAL Eligible for NEF Grants

The Legion's National Emergency Fund Trust Committee has amended the Trust to allow Sons of the Legion members to apply for NEF grants for "declared" natural disasters. While application forms and information on Legion.org are being updated to reflect the change, effective immediately, [SAL members can apply for an NEF grant of up to \\$3,000 if they meet the necessary qualifications:](#) they have been displaced from their primary residence due to damage sustained during a declared natural disaster. If emergency/disaster shelters are available, and the applicant chooses not to stay at a shelter, their reason must be included in the application; and the SAL member must have a current membership at the time of the disaster and at the time of the application. NEF grants are not meant to replace or repair items, only to meet the most immediate needs (i.e. temporary housing, food, water, clothing, diapers, etc., during the period immediately following the disaster. They also do not cover insurance compensation or monetary losses from a business, structures on your property (barns, tool sheds, etc.), equipment or vehicles. Application must be submitted to Department Headquarters within 90 days of the disaster. Only one grant per household per disaster. Supporting data (photos, receipts, repair estimates, etc.) should be included if possible. For more information, go to [Legion.org/Emergency](#).



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June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
VODKA	1 Liver or Meatloaf Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders' Food Men's Night 7PM	2 Chicken Bruschetta Bingo 2:00—4:00 TAP TV Trivia 6 PM SAL Mtg 6 PM	3 Hamburger Stroganoff Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7:30	4 Fish or Shrimp Bingo 2:00—4:00	5 Nacho Supreme Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30	6 D-Day 1944 ALR Mtg 0900
7 GIN	8 Stuffed Pork Chops Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders' Food Men's Night 7PM Legion Mtg 7PM Aux Mtg 8 PM	9 Chicken Enchilada Bingo 2:00—4:00 TAP TV Trivia 6 PM	10 Pepper Steak Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7:30	11 BLT & FF Bingo 2:00—4:00	12 Women's Vet- eran's Day SAL Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30	13
14 Flag Day Army B-Day BOURBON	15 Baked Chicken Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders' Food Men's Night 7PM	16 Spaghetti w/ Meatballs or Clam Sauce Bingo 2:00—4:00 TAP TV Trivia 6 PM	17 Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7:30	18 Shepherd's Pie Bingo 2:00—4:00	19 Juneteenth Chicken Veggie Soup/Grilled Cheese Sandwich Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30	20 SUBVETS 1100
21 Father's Day Summer Begins SCOTCH	22 Beef Stew Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders' Food Men's Night 7PM	23 Philly Cheesesteak Bingo 2:00—4:00 TAP TV Trivia 6 PM	24 Fish Tacos Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7:30	25 Ham or Turkey Wrap Bingo 2:00—4:00	26 Taco Soup Sandwich Legion Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:30	27
28 WHISKEY	29 Rib Dinner Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders' Food Men's Night 7PM	30 Lasagna Bingo 2:00—4:00 TAP TV Trivia 6 PM		Lunch is served Mon—Fri 11:00—1:00		