



# Dewitt B. Tilden Memorial American Legion Post 316

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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

The Legion along with the Auxiliary and SAL will be sponsoring a 250th celebration on the 4th of July starting at noon and ending at 4 PM. There will be a bouncy house, dunk tank, face painting, a pool, dart and cornhole tournament. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, etc. will be served. Please bring a dish if you can. **We sent 10 boys to Boys State at a cost of \$5500.**

**Jim Bright** 904-776-9004

## Executive Committee and General Assembly

**Approved up to \$2,000 to rewire our internet**  
**Approved not to exceed \$10,000 to replace the outside cooler**  
**Approved getting quotes to repair the parking lot**

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

**New:** David Clark

**Transfers:** Ernest House

**Taps:** None

## 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.

## Meeting Attendance

**Beginning this month (July), members will not be served at the bar when their organization is meeting. Legionnaires will not be served on the second Monday from 7 PM until the meeting ends. Auxiliary members will not be served on the second Monday at 8 PM until their meeting ends. SAL members will not be served on the first Tuesday at 6 PM until their meeting ends. Riders will not be served on the first Saturday at 9 AM until their meeting ends. Members' drinks will be collected until their respective meeting ends.**

## 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 July.**

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.

## 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](http://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.

## FOOTBALL WITH A PURPOSE

The Florida Department of The American Legion and PROJECT VetRelief Suicide Prevention Initiative are proud to work with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for **Football With a Purpose, a special game day experience dedicated to raising awareness and support for Veterans' mental health.** It'll be the Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday, Nov 1, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa. A portion of every ticket purchased through the link in the email that can be accessed at the Post will be donated directly to PROJECT Vet Relief's Suicide Prevention Initiative. Department anticipates additional game day activities and will share them when received-they be on Department's web site [floridalegion.org](http://floridalegion.org). **For ticket questions, contact Cam Bell at 813-638-8509 or [cbell@buccaneers.nfl.com](mailto:cbell@buccaneers.nfl.com).**

## Post 316 Yard Sale

**The Post will host a yard sale on July 11th starting at 8:30 AM. To reserve a table in either the meeting room or outside, please call Liz at 904-234-2692.**

**POST 316 IS A FREE WiFi HOTSPOT.**

### Post Officers

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

### 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
<b>VACANT</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
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### Legion Riders

Director: Denise Strickland

### Auxiliary Officers

President	Liz Hill
1st Vice President	Brenda Sahioun
2nd Vice President	<b>VACANT</b>
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
<b>VACANT</b>	<b>VACANT</b>

Club Manager Liz Hill

## **Legion First Vice Vibes**

The 2027 cards are here. 2027 renewal notices will be received this month. 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 Ladies for attending our June meeting. **We have one position on the Board open-2nd Vice. I appreciate Sherry Wright and Shawna Buchmeier for stepping up.** Ladies we are going to have a great year. Thanks to all who volunteered and donated dishes in June.

July dinners are on the 3rd and 17th-steak and salmon. **We need volunteers July 4th as we are celebrating with a cookout and fun activities** starting at 1 PM-bouncy house, face painting, a dunk tank and pool, cornhole and dart tournaments. Please bring a dish to share.

We sent 6 girls to Girls State in June at a cost of \$3,000. **At our July meeting on the 13th, we will discuss our plans for the 26-27 year and how we will raise money to continue supporting our programs.** Please plan to attend and share your ideas. We did not reach 100% in membership yet but we have two weeks to get there. If you have not done so, please renew now.

We continue to collect books, toiletries, etc. and we are collecting back to school supplies. If you can donate to support the Children and Youth program drop them off at the Post.

Again, thank you for your time and donations. You are very much appreciated. Hope to see you at the meeting July 13th at 8PM. Come out and play bingo then attend the meeting. It takes approximately 30 minutes.

**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 Post will host a yard sale on July 11th starting at 8:30 AM. To reserve a table in either the meeting room or outside, please call Liz at 904-234-2692.**

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

### Welcome to July, Riders!

As we kick off a new month—and a new chapter—I'd like to warmly welcome our 2026 leadership team:

**Director:** Denise Strickland

**Assistant Director & Quartermaster:** Ron Wilhite

**Finance Officer:** Clarence Hill

**Secretary:** TracyLyn Jenkins

**Road Captain & Safety Officer:** Ken Hedgecock

**Chaplain:** Brenda Sahioun

**Sergeant at Arms:** Denny Luke

**Assistant Sergeant at Arms:** Open

**Membership Chair:** Annie Anderson

**Event Coordinator:** Annie Anderson

**Historian:** Suzanne LaMonica

Let's give them our full support as we roll into the year ahead!

### Looking Ahead: Growth, Rides & Events

One of my top goals is to grow our membership and rebuild our charter into the strong, vibrant group it once was. That means getting out in the community, attending rides and meet-ups, and finding opportunities to recruit and represent the Riders proudly.

I also hope to coordinate more fundraising events and social gatherings that bring together all branches of our post family—Legionnaires, SAL, AUX, Riders, and guests. So, get those wheels turning and ideas flowing!

### Upcoming Rides:

July 4 is the ALR 372 Scavenger Hunt

July 25 is the ALR 194 Fallen Riders Memorial Scholarship Ride

### Have an idea or know of an event we should attend?

✉ Email me at: [dndfishing@aol.com](mailto:dndfishing@aol.com)

📱 Text me at: 904-699-5914

Also, check out the **Mighty 5th District Calendar** to stay up to date:

🔗 <http://sites.google.com/a/alr5thfl.org/american-legion-5th/district-calendar>

### Cedar Key Ride & More

I'd love to organize another ride to Cedar Key soon - let's talk about it at our next meeting and see who's ready to roll!

In the meantime, don't forget to come out and support **Monday Night Bingo & Dinner**, served from **5:30–7:00 PM**. Even if you're not on kitchen duty, your presence means a lot.

### Meeting Reminder

📅 **No July meeting** (as voted in June due to the holiday).

📅 Our next meeting is **Saturday, August 1 at 9:00 AM**

Let's get together, share ideas, and maybe even ride out afterward—can't wait to see where our Road Captain takes us!

**Stay safe, ride proud,**

**Denise Strickland**

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### House Committee

**Bill Knipper**

### 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](http://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](http://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

## Sons of The American Legion

### Greetings Squadron 316,

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have completed the Installation of our new officers. Congratulations to each of you. I trust you will receive the same outstanding support from our members as they gave me.

I want to personally thank our Squadron Officers for the dedication and support they gave me. Without you, I would have failed miserably. I also must thank all Squadron members for helping make our Squadron stronger than ever this past year. We improved in every aspect of our organization. At the time of this writing, our membership stands at 173 members, which is 102.98% of our Detachment goal of 168 members.

In addition to our traditional 2nd Friday Steak Nights, we introduced Wednesday evening BBQ dinners, which proved both popular and well received. These events not only brought members together, but also strengthened our finances, increasing our bank balance by more than 25% even after contributing over \$2,000 to charitable causes.

Attendance at our monthly meetings improved significantly. We reached a quorum at most meetings and often exceeded the minimum required. Because the Squadron is led by its members, each of us shares responsibility for its direction. Attend meetings, stay involved, make motions, vote, and support the decisions once they are made.

### WELL DONE, SQUADRON 316!

As I read the latest issue of *The Source*, I noticed a recurring theme centered around communication, education, and involvement. Detachment Commander Nigbor, in response to a tasking issued to his Area Vice Commanders that was not completed, stated:

"This is not acceptable. We obviously need more training and dedication in how to do our jobs effectively and improve our communication skills. Our mission, **C.A.R.E. — Communicate, Act, Recruit, and Educate** — was put in place for a reason. We have to engage with our organization and our members."

We should all continue striving to improve our mission of CARE. Take the time to read our C&BLs, the Squadron Handbook, and *The Source* (our Detachment newsletter). Take advantage of the free Legion training courses, attend District and Department training sessions, and participate in our monthly meetings, District meetings, Detachment Convention, and Conferences.

This year's Convention offered valuable training on Committees & Commissions, Event Planning, Reporting, and the myLegion.org website. Education is free, but priceless for those willing to learn.

Let us continue to educate ourselves, attend meetings, participate in events, volunteer for leadership roles, and keep Squadron 316 strong!

### Upcoming Events:

• **General Assembly Meeting:** Tuesday, July 7 at 6:00 PM

• **Wednesday Evening BBQ:** Every Wednesday, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

• **Installation:** Sunday, June 28 at 4:00 PM

• **Steak Night:** Friday, July 10

For God and Country,

**Denny Luke**

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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.

### 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](http://Legion.org/Emergency).



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July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>WHISKEY</b>	Lunch is served Mon—Fri 11:00—1:00		1 Italian Hoagie Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7:30	2 Smothered Pork Chop Bingo 2:00—4:00	3 Chef Salad Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30	4 <b>Happy 250th Birthday</b> B-Day Party 1-4
5 <b>WINE</b>	6 Fried Chicken Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders' Food Men's Night 7PM	7 Spaghetti w/ Meatballs or Ital- ian Sausage Bingo 2:00—4:00 TAP TV Trivia 6PM SAL Mtg 6 PM	8 Hamburger Stroganoff Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7:30	9 Ham or Turkey Wrap Bingo 2:00—4:00	10 BBQ Pork Sandwich SAL Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30	11 Yard Sale 8:30 AM
12 <b>BEER</b>	13 Chicken Fried Steak Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders' Food Men's Night 7PM Legion Mtg 7 PM Aux Mtg 8 PM	14 Philly Cheesesteak Bingo 2:00—4:00 TAP TV Trivia 6PM	15 Cheese Enchi- lada Casserole Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7:30	16 Shepherd's Pie Bingo 2:00—4:00	17 Beef Veggie Soup/Grilled Cheese Sandwich Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30	18 SUBVETS 1100
19 <b>RUM</b>	20 Beef Tips Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders' Food Men's Night 7PM	21 Lasagna Bingo 2:00—4:00 TAP TV Trivia 6PM	22 Chicken Swiss Casserole Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7:30	23 Chicken & Rice Bingo 2:00—4:00	24 Soup & Sandwich Legion Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:30	25
26 <b>VODKA</b>	27 Chicken & Dumplings Bingo 6:30—8:30 Riders' Food	28 Meatloaf Bingo 2:00—4:00 TAP TV Trivia 6PM	29 Crispy Beef Tacos Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7:30	30 Chicken or Steak Caesar Salad Bingo 2:00—4:00	31 Nacho Supreme Riders' Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:30	