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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 is keeping cool in this hot weather.

It's a new membership year so please get your 2027 dues paid. Thank you in advance. Our American Legion baseball team finished 17-0, undefeated, and are playing in the State regional playoffs. More to follow. We are selling Post 316 baseball hats for \$25 each. If you are interested in buying one, ask the bartender, the Manager or myself. The team is 19-0, won the Northern Division & is in the state tourney.

We hold our monthly meeting the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 PM in the meeting room. Come out and join us. Have a great month.

Jim Bright 904-776-9004

Executive Committee and General Assembly

Approved \$10,710 to repave the parking lot
Approved \$150 for plaques for Atlantic Beach Police Department, Fire Department and EMTs

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

New: Chuck Butts, Ricky Concepcion, Steve Dixon, Gary Epp, Brian Long

Transfers: Jim Lipton, Howard Reichbach, Bob Schlengoff

Taps: Denny Moyer

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

Continuing this month, Post 316 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. Please plan to attend your respective meeting.**

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.floridason.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.

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. **For ticket questions, contact Cam Bell at 813-638-8509 or cbell@buccaneers.nfl.com.**

New Scam Targeting Veterans

Scammers are mailing postcards claiming you may qualify for "extra VA benefits" through something they call the Veterans Savings Program. These mailings may also mention CHAMPVA, TRICARE, dental coverage or additional payments. These postcards **are not from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Veterans Savings Program does NOT exist.** The scammer's goal is to pressure you into calling a phone number printed on the postcard. They often try to create a sense of urgency, telling you to respond within a short time frame window. Once on the phone, they may use flattery about your service to build trust, but **their real intent is to collect personal information such as your Social Security Number, bank account details or other sensitive data.** To protect yourself: **Do not call the number listed on the postcard and never share personal or financial information with someone you don't know.** Your safety, privacy and well-being matter. Please stay alert to potential scams and take steps to protect your personal information.

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	VACANT
Finance Officer	Randy Casey
Adjutant	Greg White
Chaplain	Greg White
Service Officer	VACANT
Judge Advocate	VACANT
Historian	VACANT
Sergeant-at-Arms	VACANT

House Committee

Chairman: Bill Knipper

SAL Officers

Commander	Tom Horn
Adjutant	Clarence Hill
1st Vice	Tom Mari
2nd Vice	Glenn LaForm
Finance Officer	Clarence Hill
Chaplain	Lester Verrette
Historian	VACANT
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	Linda LaForm
Treasurer	Cathy White
Chaplain	Annie Anderson
Historian	Suzanne Lamonica
Sergeant-at-Arms	Lea Carlisle
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Bonnie Buchmeier
Membership	Nicole Thigpen

Auxiliary Executive Committee

Dawn Gann	Tara Dyal	Sherry Wright
Kim Sands	Shawna Buchmeier	
<u>Club Manager</u>	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

July was a great month-celebrated the 250th birthday with a party, games for the kids and plenty to eat. Thanks to all who donated food and helped with the activities. Thanks to Commander Jim Bright for your support. We also held a yard sale in July that went great. Thanks to all who helped and participated as we had a good turnout.

Our Installation was well attended, had great food and again, thanks for your support. Thank you District President Robbin Walker for installing our Unit. **The first 5th District meeting will be held at Post 316 on Sunday the 9th at 2 PM.** Please try to attend and if you can donate a dish we would appreciate it. Your 2027 membership cards are here-let's pay our dues early and be an Early Bird. Dues are \$38 for under 60, \$35 for over 60 and \$5 for Juniors. Let's meet our goals and pay early.

Our July meeting was well attended and we invite more to attend. **We will be planning our upcoming events at the August meeting on the 10th at 8 PM.** Bingo starts at 6:30 and the meeting follows. All are invited.

Our August dinners are steak or salmon 5-8 PM on the 7th and 21st. On Saturday the 15th, we will serve a fried chicken dinner starting at 4 PM. Pre-orders will be taken.

We will continue to collect for our Veterans and community, toiletries, books, etc. Thanks for your support.

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

Riders - Welcome to Summer Heat & Rain! Make sure to check your tires for tread and pressure. Get that rain gear out and dust it off. We had a good turnout for our first meeting of the new year but always have room for more!

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has stepped up to help cook in the kitchen! Teamwork makes the dream work!

Mark your calendars for some upcoming dates:

August 1 ALR 137 ride for Disabled Vets

September 19 is the 6th Annual POW/MIA Ride please sign up as space is limited. We could use some help with registration if you are interested, please reach out to me or Denny. The website is <https://www.floridalegion.org/programs-services/legion-riders/special-events/pow-mia-ride> this is a police-escorted ride over all 7 bridges.

We are still making plans for our Zombie Ride on October 24. We are looking for bottle donations to raffle at each stop. Please make plans to get your face painted and ride with us on the bus then come back to the post to enjoy some food and fun and attend the Witches Brew put on by the Auxiliary.

Reminder...our next meeting is **Saturday, August 1 at 9 am**. Come out fill up the meeting hall and make your voice heard! Plus take a chance to win the 50/50!

The 5th District meetings are being held at our post on Sunday, August 9 for Legionnaires, Auxiliary & Riders (at 12:30 pm). Everyone is welcome to attend so come out and show your support and as always look for side dishes to share.

Stay safe, ride proud,

Denise Strickland

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](#) 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 headlines; **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. 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.

SpinLife Mobility Products

The Department of Florida is excited to announce a new partnership with SpinLife, one of the nation's leading mobility product providers. Through this partnership, Legionnaires and Florida Veterans now have the opportunity to purchase discounted mobility products, not just scooters. This includes items such as lift chairs, rollators, ramps, scooter accessories and many other mobility and medical-support products. SpinLife also offers a wide selection of many American-made products, and this partnership is another way we can support both

Sons of The American Legion

Greetings Squadron 316,

It is an honor to serve as the new Commander of the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 316. Thank you for the trust you've placed in me. I'm excited about what we can accomplish together as we continue supporting our Veterans, strengthening our Post and building an even stronger Squadron.

My vision is simple: One Team. I want every member to feel welcomed, valued and encouraged to get involved. Whether it's attending meetings, volunteering at our Wednesday Smoke-outs and our Friday Steak nights on the second Friday of the month, or helping with community events, everyone has something to contribute. Together, we can create an active, transparent and enjoyable organization that we're all proud to be part of.

I encourage everyone to join us for our Squadron meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM. It's the best opportunity to stay informed, share ideas and help shape the future of our Squadron.

We also invite everyone to our Wednesday Smoke-outs where great food and fellowship help support our programs and our Post.

I'm excited about what lies ahead and proud to serve alongside of each of you. Together, we'll continue making Post 316 a place we're all proud to call home.

For God and Country,

Tom Horn, Commander

our Veterans and trusted U. S. manufacturers. How to Receive the Discount: visit: www.spinlife.com and use Discount Code **FLLEGION10**. Be sure to enter the code at checkout to ensure you receive the lowest pricing available.

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](#).

VA Home Loan Program

The VA Home Loan Program Reform Act authorizes the VA to create a "permanent partial claims program" that gives Veterans a second chance to stay in their homes. Thousands of financially distressed Veterans using the VA Home Loan Guaranty Program who are at risk of foreclosure will become eligible for federal assistance to cover their mortgage under this new program signed into law in July by President Trump that allows them to defer monthly mortgage payments temporarily without losing their homes. Under the program, the VA buys a portion of the Veteran's debt and secures a lien on the property. The legislation is intended for homeowners struggling to rebound from financial setbacks, such as a job loss or high medical bills. The Veteran does not have to pay off the claim until the home is sold or refinanced. The legislation passed unanimously in the House and Senate. The bill also enables the VA to continue funding not-for-profit community agencies that run homeless prevention programs that provide transitional housing and services for Veterans experiencing homelessness through the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. The American Legion supported this bill. "This critical legislation represents a profound commitment to safeguarding the financial security and dignity of Veteran homeowners."



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August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Lunch is served Mon—Fri 11:00-1:00			1 ALR Mtg 0900
2 GIN	3 Liver or Meatloaf Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM	4 Coast Guard B-Day Chicken Marsala Bingo 2:00—4:00 TAP TV Trivia 6 PM SAL Mtg 6 PM	5 Pork Bowl w/ Cornbread Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7:30	6 Reuben Sandwich Bingo 2:00—4:00	7 Purple Heart Day Chicken Soup Grilled Cheese Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30	8
9 BOURBON 5th Dist Mtg 2PM Atlantic Bch 316	10 Baked Ham Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM Legion Mtg 7PM Aux Mtg 8 PM	11 Chicken Enchilada Bingo 2:00—4:00 TAP TV Trivia 6 PM	12 BLT & FF Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7:30	13 Shepherd's Pie Bingo 2:00—4:00	14 V-J Day Chicken Salad Wrap SAL Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30	15 SUBVETS 11:00
16 SCOTCH	17 Chicken & Dumplings Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM	18 Lasagna Bingo 2:00—4:00 TAP TV Trivia 6 PM	19 Filet-O-Fish Sandwich Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7:30	20 Pepper Steak Bingo 2:00—4:00	21 Clam Chowder Egg or Tuna Salad Sandwich Aux Steaks 5—8 Steak Bingo 6:30	22
23 WHISKEY	24 Chicken or Veal Parmesan Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM	25 Philly Cheesesteak Bingo 2:00—4:00 TAP TV Trivia 6 PM	26 Crispy Beef Tacos Ladies' Night 7PM Pass the Trash 7:30	27 Pork Stir Fry Bingo 2:00—4:00	28 Legion Steaks 5-8 Steak Bingo 6:30	29 Marine Corps Reserve B-Day
30 WINE	31 Hamburger Steak Bingo 6:30-8:30 Riders Food Men's Night 7PM		Lunch is served Mon—Fri 11:00—1:00			