



THE SOURCE



First, let me thank everyone for their efforts in the area of membership. As of our March 22nd 80% goal, the Detachment stands at 93.75% with all Districts exceeding the 80% goal. You guys are amazing "WOW". Celebrate and keep going. Congratulations to Rocky Cirigliano 12th District Commander 101.63%, Richard Duncan 6th District Commander 101.16, Lee Mortimer 2nd District Commander 101.09% and Bryan Barcomb 17th District Commander 100.15% for being the first to exceed 100%. Our next membership goal is April 11th @ 90%. Please "Don't be the missing piece".

District Commanders, now is the time to identify the Squadrons that may need assistance with the year end reports and reach out to them to see if they need assistance. The year-end report forms were mailed March 23rd, they need to be returned by June 1st. In addition, **I would like each District and Area Commander to come prepared to any Squadron visits to sign them up to the Google email list that resides on the Sons web site.**

March 11th "Legion Family One" was deployed to Hidden River RV Resort in Riverview Florida 15th District. March 12th kicked off the 16th District visits with a stop at Post 79 Paradise in New Port Richey. This Post is one of the best examples of "Legion Family" a real pleasure to visit.. We spent the afternoon visiting Post 173 Holiday Florida. We were privileged to be joined by National Chaplain Bob Vick and his wife, Marion.

March 13th we started the day with a visit to Post 238 Safety Harbor. This is another amazing Post and wonderful example of "Legion Family". We spent the afternoon at Post 275 Dunedin. We were honored with PDC Kirk Miller joining us for pizza and beverage. This Post is the perfect example of "Legion Family".

March 14th we were joined by District 16 Commander Gerard Sambets Sr. We were treated

to a tour of Bay Pines Health Care Center; in the afternoon we continued with a visit to Post 7 Clearwater. This is the home Post for Central Area Commander Tom Klinger and Detachment Chaplain Randy Collinsworth.

The Amigo's continued on to visit Post 119 Largo, FL. March 15th started with a visit to Post 14 St. Pete, FL. We were treated to a fabulous lunch. The Amigo's continued on to Post 104 Pinellas Park, FL to celebrate the American Legion's 99th birthday. It was a great party. Commander Steve Shuga took the opportunity to recognize two WWII veterans, 90 and 96 years old.

March 16th was a great day. Commander Shuga and the Post Commander of Post 252 Seminole did a fund raiser for Project Vet Relief. Donations were collected for the Commanders to dive into the pool at the Post. The results were amazing, raising over \$2000. We wrapped up the day with visits to Post 125 St. Petersburg and Post 158 Treasure Island. Post 158 presented the Commander a check for over eleven thousand dollars for his charity, Project Vet Relief. That evening, Madam President Treva Kay Wildrick was treated to a beautiful reception at Post 14 St. Pete put on by many Units in the 16th District.

March 17th began with a visit to Post 305 St. Pete Beach. This is the home Post for Paul Micieli, Detachment Special Olympics Chairman. We then wrapped up our visits to the 16th District at Post 272 Maderia Beach. I had the pleasure of having lunch with the leadership of that Auxiliary Unit.

March 18th kicked off the Amigos visit to District 15 at Post 138 Port of Tampa. We then continued on to wrap up the day with a visit to Post 139 Dale Mabry. March 19th began with a visit to Post 148 Riverview; Home Post to District Commander Mark Getty. We were joined

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by Carol Weiss and other Squadron members. We then went on to visit Post 26 in Plant City, FL. The Post Commander met with me requesting to start a Squadron at the Post. I presented him with a Sons handbook and Prayer book. Then we called Irene Graham at Department Headquarters to mail a Squadron start-up package. District Commander Mark Getty will continue to follow up on this opportunity.

March 20th we started our day with a visit to Post 5 Tampa. This is an amazing Post with a Military cemetery adjacent to the Post. If you ever get the opportunity to visit this Post it is very worthwhile. Special thanks to the Legion Family at Post 5 for the two hundred dollar donation to my charity of choice Special Olympics. We continued the day with a visit to Post 111 Seminole. That evening Tom Klinger, Paul Micieli, and I attended a Squadron meeting at Post 238 Safety Harbor. The Squadron presented the local Special Olympics representative a check for over five thousand dollars. WOW. Great job.

March 21st began with a visit to Post 152 Tampa, FL. That afternoon we visited Post 147 Odessa, FL. March 22nd started with a visit to Post 99 Brooksville. This Post looks great. They have been doing many improvements and is well worth the visit. That afternoon we visited Post 186 Spring Hill, FL. This is the home Post of the American Legion District Commander Richard Little. Great lunch provided by the Auxiliary Unit. March 23rd the last day of visits to District 15 started with a visit to the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital. It is amazing to witness the Department Commander's priorities in action to insure the continued quality treatment by the VA to our veterans.

I have heard talk about holding membership till next year. Please, please, please do not do this. If you feel it is not fair to charge full price for just a few remaining months may I make a suggestion. You can prorate your membership amount for 2018, charging only for the remaining months as long as the person is willing to pay their 2019 dues in advance. Please, if you have any accumulated membership at your Post send it in now. The Southern Region has been in first place for membership all year. We are the largest contributor to the Region with the next largest Detachment being less than five thousand. Keep up the great work.

We as Sons raise money, don't forget to have FUN and please continue to support our programs. I am very proud to represent all our members as your Detachment Commander 2017 - 2018. If I can help, please let me know. For God and Country.

Commander Wildrick's Photo Gallery



District 16 , Post 275 Dunediin



Post 79 New Port Richey guests included National Chaplain, Bob Vick



Post 14 St Petersburg's reception for Madam President

Commander Wildrick's Photo Gallery *(continued)*



The state leadership entourage visiting Bay Pines VA Hospital in the 16th District



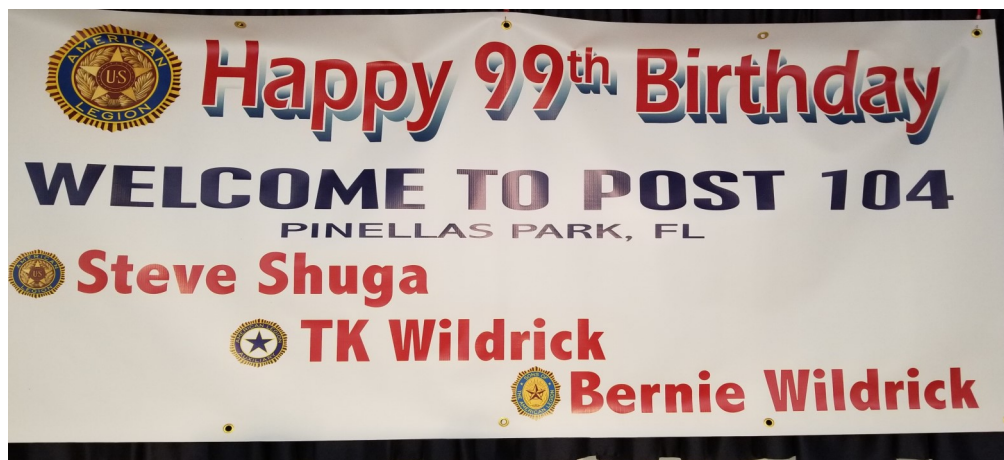
The state leadership entourage visiting James A Haley VA Hospital during District 15 Visitations



Squadron 148 Riverview — 15th District



District 6 Commander Richard Duncan and District 12 Vice Commander Randy Chilcott. (Gavel vs Toilet)



Welcoming the 3 Amigos to Post 104's Legion Birthday Party



It's hard to imagine that this administrative year is almost gone. In just three short months, we will meet in Orlando for our 46th Annual Detachment Convention. Between now and then, it is the busiest time of the year within the Detachment. We elect new Squadron Officers, hold our District Constitutional Conferences and elect new District Officers. In electing Officers, whether it is a Squadron Office, District Office, or Detachment Office, we must elect the most qualified members to these positions. The selections made will lead us for the coming year. Without strong Leadership we will not continue our successes. In addition to elections, we must complete all of our projects for the year. This includes, but is not limited to, The Child Welfare Foundation, Children's Miracle Network, and Special Olympics.

The Year-End reports have been mailed to the Squadron Adjutants. Also included in this mailing was the National Consolidated Squadron Report or NCSR for short. All forms must be completed and sent back to the Detachment Adjutant, unless otherwise noted on the form(s). The Detachments Year End Reports are used to determine several Detachment Awards. By not completing them, you omit your Squadrons chance of winning the Awards. Also, by not completing the forms, it takes away from our time and monetary contributions that we report to National Headquarters. There is so much GREAT WORK being accomplished by all of you. Let's make sure it counts by submitting the required report forms. The NCSR is required by National Headquarters. This is the only report form that will be accepted by the National Organization. Again, by not completing the NCSR, it eliminates your Squadron from any National Awards. Please make sure to submit each report. Please remember that even if your Squadron had "NO ACTIVITY" last year you must return the reports with NO ACTIVITY written on them.

If you have not yet made your reservations for the upcoming Detachment Convention in July, please do so as soon as possible. All meetings will be at the Marriott Orlando World Center. Please take a moment to look at the attached Convention Agenda. On Friday, July 6th we will be starting our DEC meeting at 12:30pm and will have the opening session at 1:30 pm. The Committee and Commission will meet on Friday after the opening of the General session. With having the opening session on Friday, this will allow us to have all of our members attend the Committee meetings and actually participate and add value and input. We look forward to seeing you there!

By now, all District Commanders should have their meeting dates and times scheduled for their District Constitutional Conferences. We have received several of the dates and meeting times. Please forward the information as soon as possible and so they will get posted on the Detachment Website. The meeting information can be forwarded to floridasons@legionmail.org.

All District Commanders MUST hold a meeting and election of new District Officers for the coming year. We want to go into Convention with a full slate of Elected District Commanders. Please remember that you do not have to hold your Conference in conjunction with The American Legion's. Sometimes there is not enough space or time to fit all meetings into one. I would encourage that you try and hold it at the same time and place if possible. If you wish to have a representative from the Detachment at your Conference, please let us know. We have the tools and knowledge, and we are ready to pass this information on to all of our members.

Until next month!!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Roberts III".



IT IS GREAT TO BE A DETACHMENT OF FLORIDA MEMBER!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

The Detachment has made its seventh (7th) consecutive target, OUR 80%. As of our March 15th, 2018 membership report the Detachment stands at 91.79% which is 620 members ahead of this same time last year.

- We had 135 Squadrons meet or exceed the 80% target with 74 Squadrons at or over the 100% goal.
- We have 16 of 16 Districts that exceeded the 80% target and all Areas at or above the 80% target with a renewal rate of 74.10%.

“BIG” Congratulations to District #12 Commander Rocky Cirigliano and his membership team for being the “FIRST” District to reach the 100% target at 101.14%.

Congratulations also go to Eastern Area Vice Commander Tim Chancellor and his membership team for being the “FIRST” Area to reach the 100% target with 100.45%.

We have eight (8) Districts over the 90% target and all others are well over the 80% target. WHO will be the next 100% District???? The race is on between several Districts...should be interesting.

You guys have now made the first seven (7) target dates. “WHAT A GREAT JOB” by everyone. With this report we are already over our April target of 90%. Again “WOW”, “WOW”, and “WOW”. What a great job that each of the Area and District membership teams are doing. Keep up the great work!!!!!!

The Detachment is 1,474 members away from our 100% target and 2,212 members away from Commander Wildrick’s goal of 18,750 members. I know that you guys are up to the challenge and you will bring it home for the Commander. We will complete “ALL THE PIECES OF THE PUZZLE”.

We need to keep our focus on the 3-R’s: **RENEW, REINSTATE, AND RECRUIT** as we move into the

toughest part of our membership campaign for 2017-2018.

I know that everyone is looking forward to me talking about our “0” zero Squadrons. We now have 4 Squadrons with the big ZERO. I know that I sound like a broken record, but I will continue to address the zero Squadrons because it is very important and is a big indicator to possible issues within the Squadron. We may lose these Squadrons, but we will not give up until we know there is no hope. I know you are working hard on this issue and Commander Wildrick and I thank each of you for your continued hard work.

District and Area Commanders, during your travels and your visits “be the salesman”. We need to get out of the box and think on new ways of getting our members interested in their membership. It is not just a card, get them involved. It is being a part of the greatest Veteran organization in the world that supports our Veterans, our children, and our communities. Why did they join? They joined to honor someone in their family for their service to this great country.

Working membership should be fun, so have some fun. I have always said “work hard, play hard”, and most of all “have fun”. We would be nothing without the “BLUE” caps and we need to always remember that it all starts “BLUE”. So, let’s get motivated and have some fun and continue all the great things that The Detachment of Florida does.

“DON’T BE THE MISSING PIECE”

The Membership Committee has been working hard to help when needed. Each of the Membership Committee members have been addressing issues within the Detachment and helping those Districts and Squadrons when ask to help. They are there to help. Let them help you to help us make our goals and make the Detachment of Florida the strongest it can be. Everyone works better as a “TEAM”.

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Membership Committee Members:

- John Jennings - Chairman
- Kent Smith - #1, #2, #3, #4, & #5
- Michael Dooley - #7, #8, #13, #15, & #16
- John Eckenrode - #6, #9, #11, #12, #14, & #17

Are you hearing from your assigned Membership Committee Member? If not, I would like to know. We as a Committee will continue to work aggressively and always remember that we are here to support you in any possible way. "DO NOT LET MEMBERSHIP BECOME AN ISSUE". BE LOOKING AND TALKING WITH YOUR SQUADRON'S AND LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE HERE FOR SUPPORT. As I have stated before "Any Squadron having membership issues is a clear sign that a problem or problems are going on". Stay on top of it!!!!

Thank You again for all the hard work and make sure that the Squadrons get the Thank You as well. They are the ones doing the work.

So, let's get it started by remembering, "To Work Hard", "Play Hard", "Have Fun" and most of all "Don't Be The Missing Piece"

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2018 American Legion Washington Conference Update

During the last weekend of February this year the American Legion Family held it's Washington Conference, Commission Meetings and Legislative meetings in the nation's capital.

On Sunday 24 March 2018, Sons of the American Legion National Commander Danny Smith along with our National Officers and 98 American Legion Family members boarded busses to present wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Korean War Memorial and the World War II Memorials. The Detachment of Florida was one of 26 Detachments represented. On Monday 26 March 2018 the Sons of the American Legion were invited to attend the American Legion Commission Meetings. Later that day, we were treated to welcoming speeches from American Legion Family Leaders as well as guest speakers including David Shulkin, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.



Legislative Chairman Bill Kelly

Tuesday 27 March 2018 the entire American Legion presence participated in the #LegionStormsHill event; the Department of Florida was assigned 11th District Congressman Webster and 4th District Congressman Larson. We were able to meet with the Chiefs of Staff for both our assigned congressmen who assured us that they were in support of Veteran's causes. The Legislative Commission asks that constituents of these elected officials hold them to this.

The Washington Conference concluded on Wednesday 28 March 2018 with American Legion National Commander Denise Rohan giving testimony before the joint session of Congress on the subject of Veterans Affairs. I was honored to have been able to attend this session.

The Sons of The American Detachment of Florida are looking for a few good men to fill vacancies on the 2018-2019 Florida Legislative Commission. Step up, make a difference by joining the Legislative Commission, Contact Bill Kelly or Jim Roberts.



Hello Sons!

It's that time of the year again! Time to start scheduling your District Constitutional Conferences. Districts 1, 8, 12 and 13 have already scheduled theirs. When you schedule your DCC, please submit it through the website. Doing that will ensure that it is published to both the website and the Detachment Calendar. Visit <https://floridasons.org/district-constitutional-conferences/>.

While we have seen an increase in the number of Squadrons submitting events, the number being received is very low. Our goal with the website, calendar, and Facebook page is to keep the entire Detachment informed and to assist your Squadron / Post Family in achieving a better turnout for your events. I encourage you to submit any event that your Squadron or Post Family is holding through our Event Submission form on the website. We've made the form easier to use, and you can even attach event flyers to your submission. The form can be found at <https://floridasons.org/event-submission-form/>.

Detachment Google Group: Have you signed up for the Detachment Google Group | Mailing List? Out of the 18,000 + members of the Detachment of Florida, we have a VERY small percentage of you as members of our Google Group. We use this service to distribute the weekly membership report and other information instantly across the Detachment. If you're not already subscribed, please visit our website at

<https://floridasons.org/>.

The subscription box is located in the *STAY INFORMED* section in the bottom right corner of the page.

If you have suggestions for improvements or features that you think would make our website better or easier to use, please send me your thoughts. You can email me directly at PublicRelations@floridasons.org.

Thanks for all you do for our great organization and the American Legion Family!



“The Source” Spotlight — Squadron 238, Safety Harbor

Squadron 238 Safety Harbor proudly donates \$5,150.00 to Special Olympics Florida Pinellas County. These funds were raised by raffles to support Detachment Commander Wildrick's charity of choice, Special Olympics.

We chose to give the money directly to the Pinellas County office since that is our backyard.

It was an honor to present this check while Detachment Commander Wildrick and Special Olympics Committee Chair Paul Micieli were in attendance!



L to R, Detachment Commander Wildrick, Special Olympics Committee chair Paul Micieli, Special Olympics Pinellas County Development Coordinator Julie Brecher, and Squadron 238 Commander Richard J. Cummings

CALL TO CONVENTION

The 46th Annual Convention of the SAL, Detachment of Florida is hereby called for in compliance with Article V, Section 2 of the Detachment Constitution.

PURPOSE: The convention is called for the electing of Officers, receiving reports and for the transaction of such business which may be properly brought before it.

REPRESENTATION: Representation shall be in compliance with the provisions of Article V, Section 4 of the Detachment Constitution and other sections that may be applicable. A registration fee of \$5.00 will be paid to the Detachment Convention Headquarters for each delegate and alternate registered.

IMPORTANT INFO: Voting strength of Squadrons shall be determined by the membership paid into Department Headquarters by the close of business on June 21, 2018. Forms for the certification of delegates and alternates are in the administrative manual. In accordance with Article XI, Section 8 of the Detachment (Department) Constitution that reads as follows: "No Squadron (Post) with past due accounts owing to the Department and unsettled before convening of the Annual Detachment (Department) Convention shall be entitled to seat their Squadron (Post) delegation in that Convention." As a program of The American Legion any Squadron that owes funds to the Department will cause their sponsoring Post to not to be seated during The American Legion convention as well.

ELECTION OF SQUADRON AND DISTRICT OFFICERS

In accordance with the Detachment of Florida Constitution, Article IX District Organization, Section 6 and Article X Squadron Organization, Section 13. All Squadrons and District Officers must be elected annually and certified to the Detachment and Department Adjutants not more than 60 days nor less than 10 days prior to the opening of the Annual Detachment Convention. The election of Squadron and District Officers this year must be held between Monday, May 7, 2018 and Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

DELEGATE CUT-OFF

Delegate cut-off for Squadron voting for the Convention is June 21, 2018 at the close of business at Department Headquarters. A registration fee of \$5.00 per delegate and alternate is hereby established. Squadrons will be allowed to cast votes on registered delegates only. For example, if your squadron has four votes and only registered two, then your Squadron may only cast the two delegate votes that have been registered.



Delegate At-Large votes must be registered in order for those At-Large Delegates to vote. Forms for registration are in your Administrative Manual and on our website at www.floridasons.org. Bring this form with you to the Convention. Make all checks payable to The American Legion, Department of Florida.

46th Annual Detachment Convention Schedule

This schedule is tentative and subject to change without notice

July 5 - 8, 2018

Thursday, July 5, 2018

1:00pm to 4:00pm Delegate Registration – Outside Meeting Hall – Crystal J1 / J2

Friday, July 6, 2018

8:00am to 12:00pm Delegate Registration – Outside of Meeting Hall – Crystal J1 / J2
12:30pm to 1:15pm Pre-Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting – Crystal J1 / J2
1:00pm to 4:00pm Delegate Registration – Outside Meeting Hall – Crystal J1 / J2
1:30pm to 4:00pm Detachment Convention Opening Session – Crystal J1 / J2
Detachment Officers Reports
Guest Speakers
Convention Commission and Committee Meetings
4:00pm to 5:00pm SAL Past Commander's Club Meeting – Crystal J1 / J2

Saturday, July 7, 2018

7:30am to 12:00pm Delegate Registration – Outside Convention Meeting Hall – Crystal J1 / J2
8:00am to 12:00pm Detachment Convention General Session – Crystal J1 / J2
Memorial Service
General Business
Commission and Committee Reports
12:00pm to 1:15pm Recess for Lunch (On Your Own)
1:15pm to 3:00pm Detachment Convention General Session – Crystal J1 / J2
Completion of Commission and Committee Reports
Keynote Speaker
Area Cautuses
Election of Detachment Officers
Ratification of District Commanders and District Vice Commanders
Installation:
Detachment Officers
District Commanders
District Vice Commanders
3:00pm to 3:30pm Post-Convention Detachment Executive Committee – Crystal J1 / J2
3:30pm to 4:30pm Ambassador's Course – Crystal J1
(All Detachment Officers, Commission & Committee Chairmen)
3:30pm to 5:00pm District Commander's Training – Crystal J2
(All District Commanders and Vice Commanders)

Sunday, July 8, 2018

8:00am to 9:00am Joint Religious Service

Endorsements for Office

It is the policy of the Detachment of Florida that no endorsement be posted prior to the Annual Fall Conference. The Detachment of Florida provides this information for the benefit of our membership. The addition of endorsement information does not indicate support for an individual candidate by the Detachment of Florida.

In order for an endorsement to be posted to the Detachment Newsletter "The Source" or the Detachment Website, an endorsement letter must meet the following requirements.

1. Each endorsement letter must come from a Florida Squadron or Post and must be signed by the Squadron Commander and Squadron Adjutant, or the Post Commander and Post Adjutant or any combination of these.

- The letter must be on Squadron or Post letterhead and include the date that the Squadron or Post made the endorsement and that the membership approved said endorsement.
- This letter should contain information explaining why the individual should be considered for the office he is seeking and a narrative of positions held to show his leadership potential.

2. Endorsements will only be accepted for the elected Detachment Officers, District Commanders as follows:

- Detachment Commander, Detachment Vice Commanders, National Executive Committeeman, National Executive Committeeman Alternate, Detachment Historian, Detachment Chaplain, Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms and the District Commanders

Endorsement letters must be submitted, in writing, to the Detachment Adjutant as follows with the required signatures (in the format listed above).

1. Endorsement letters can be sent via the US Postal Service to the Detachment Adjutant Jim Roberts - 1112 South Magnolia Drive - Apt S106, Tallahassee, FL 32301.
2. Endorsement letters can be scanned and sent by e-mail to the Detachment at florida-sons@legionmail.org. Scanned documents are required to be in an Adobe Portable Document Format (.pdf) and must have all of the original signatures as required and be of good quality.



Detachment Officer Endorsements

Detachment Commander	<u>Tom Klinger (7, Clearwater)</u>
Office of Detachment Vice Commander	
Western Area	
Northern Area	<u>Brian Carter (120, Holly Hill)</u>
Eastern Area	<u>Rocco Cirigliano (81, Melbourne)</u>
Central Area	<u>Gerard Sambets (275, Dunedin)</u>
Southwestern Area	<u>Christian M. Rapp (323, Lehigh Acres)</u>
Southern Area	
National Executive Committeeman	<u>John Jennings (71, Lake Wales)</u>
National Executive Committeeman Alternate	<u>William D. (Bill) Kelly Jr. (137, Jacksonville)</u>
Detachment Chaplain	<u>Randy Collingsworth (7, Clearwater)</u>
Detachment Historian	<u>Paul Micieli (305, St. Pete Beach)</u>
Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms	<u>George Steger (238, Safety Harbor)</u>

District Commander Endorsements

District 1	
District 2	<u>Kent Smith (82, Lanark Village)</u>
District 3	
District 4	
District 5	
District 6	<u>Richard Duncan (347, Lady Lake)</u>
District 7	
District 8	<u>Ernest Sheffield (266, Sarasota)</u>
District 9	
District 10	
District 11	
District 12	<u>Randy Chilcott (117, Palm Bay)</u>
District 13	<u>Thomas 'Tom' Burns (323, Lehigh Acres)</u>
District 14	
District 15	
District 16	
District 17	<u>Bryan Barcomb (270, Port Orange)</u>

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Annual Children & Youth Picnic

American Legion Post 117, Palm Bay, FL

This year's theme is a carnival theme. We'll have events for people of all ages! Admission will be \$10/person. Children under 12 are free.

There will also be a poker run. Registration starts at 8am with KSU at 9am. \$10 per car | \$10 per passenger.

Entertainment will be provided by DJ Doc Holiday!

For More Information Contact:

Bruce Carl

brucell955@yahoo.com

(352) 942-7948

Gene Baker

erbaker1957@gmail.com

(321) 693-5178



Saturday, April 21, 2018

5th District Annual Picnic

Hosted by Legion Post 283

- Kids Fishing Tournament
 - Ages 4-12
- Chip, Toss & Shoot Event



For more information visit www.AL5DistrictFL.org

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Squadron 138 Annual Golf Tournament

8am—2pm

Rocky Point Golf Course

4151 Dana Shores Dr, Tampa, FL 33634

Proceeds benefit Boys and Girls State Programs

For More Information and Registration Forms Contact Mike McCullough (813) 416-1414

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 5, 2018
Family Fun Day — American Legion Post 64
501 SE 2nd St, Okeechobee, FL 34974

Bring the kids to Family Fun Day

- Kiddie Corner, including bounce house, face painting, arts and crafts and more...
- Dunk Tank
- Lip Sync Contest
- 50/50 Raffles
- BBQ
- Poker Run! (Motorcycles, cars, trucks, bicycles and airplanes welcome!)

Proceeds to go to Local Veterans Charities



You Are Invited
D E P A R T M E N T
3 A M I G O ' S
H O M E C O M I N G



DATE: MAY 26, 2018

TIME: 3:00 pm - ? pm

PLACE: POST 347 LADY LAKE

ATTIRE: CASUAL [No Jackets, Shorts or Flip flops]

Reception and Cocktails 3:00 pm *** Dinner 4:00 pm

Choice of Entre ** \$30 per Person ** R.S.V.P. by May 20th

Mediterranean Chicken *** Beef Medallions

Department Presentations ** Raffles - Proceeds for Charities



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HOTEL INFORMATION:

La Hacienda Hotel
1201 Avenida Central North
Lady Lake, FL 32159
352-750-6863
Standard Rate: \$76.95 + tax AAA, AARP: \$69.95 + tax

Comfort Suites
1202 Avenida Central
Lady Lake, FL 32159
352-259-6578
Standard Rate: \$133.00 + tax AAA, AARP: \$120.00 + tax

Hampton Inn & Suites
11727 NE 63rd Drive
Lady Lake, FL 32162
352-259-8246
Standard Rate: \$149.00 + tax AAA, AARP: \$134.10 + tax

Holiday Inn & Suites
1205 Avenida Central North
Lady Lake, FL 32159
352-750-3888
Standard Rate: \$129.00 + tax AAA, AARP: \$123.26 + tax

Microtel Inn & Suiters
850 South US Hwy 27
Lady Lake, FL 32159
352-259-0184
Standard Rate: \$89.99 + tax AAA, AARP: Call to Request

Towneplace Suites
1141 Alonzo Avenue
The Villages, FL 32159
352-753-8686
Standard Rate: \$159.00 + tax AAA, AARP: \$149.00 + tax

DINNER SELECTION: \$30.00 Either Choice

Mediterranean Chicken	** OR **	Tender Beef Medallions
Oven Roasted Potatoes		Loaded Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Zucchini & Tomato		Green Bean Almandine
Dessert: Triple Chocolate Parfait		Dessert: Triple Chocolate Parfait
Includes: Family Style Tossed Salad, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea & Water Service		



RSVP TO: Bill Walsh
1732 Madero Drive
The Villages, FL 32159

RSVP By May 20, 2018

Mediterranean Chicken # _____ Meals X \$30.00 = _____ Check Amount

Tender Beef Medallions # _____ Meals X \$30.00 = _____ Check Amount

NAME FOR TICKETS: _____

 Detachment Commander Wildrick has asked any planned gifts to him be made in the form of donations to Special Olympics. 



Detachment of Florida Member Training Survey

The purpose of this survey is to help the Detachment Member Training & Development Committee to identify some of the training need that members of the Sons of The American Legion may have. We have developed several trainings already and we are looking to improve on what we currently have. This survey will also help us to possibly identify opportunities to develop new courses to deliver to our membership.

Please take the opportunity to complete this survey and give the committee some feedback on how we can provide training opportunities to our membership.

During this survey we ask that you do not use any Squadron identifiers. We also ask that you not reference specific members or other local problems in your comments. It is OK to provide feedback based on your experiences, but please do not air out dirty laundry. This survey will be published at some point and it can't be edited.

To complete the survey please visit this link – [Click Here to take Survey](https://goo.gl/forms/exHA6TDKJvdKq8EB2). If you have trouble clicking on the link, just copy & past this link into your browser window - <https://goo.gl/forms/exHA6TDKJvdKq8EB2>

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Having an Event? Let the Detachment of Florida Help!

Attention all Sons of the American Legion

If your Squadron, Post Family, District or Area are having an event, we can help get the word out.

If you are interested in getting your event published and promoted using:

- The Detachment of Florida's Website (floridasons.org)
- The Detachment of Florida's Facebook page (facebook.com/pg/FloridaSAL)
- The Detachment of Florida's Newsletter, The Source

There's only one thing you have to do: Let Us Know!

Visit the Detachment of Florida's online events calendar at

<https://floridasons.org/detachment-events-calendar/>, and click the button labeled 'Click Here To Submit Your Event'.

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