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THE SOURCE

Here we go again, 5 months from now we will come together to celebrate all of your achievements and a mile stone 50th convention. I encourage all who can attend to do so. The team is planning a big party to honor our Detachment and those who made it one of the best in the country. However, we do need your help to make this a great time. If you have any pictures, programs, or memorabilia from past conventions, conferences, on Past Detachment Commanders you would like to donate or lend the Detachment for this event, please copy or send them to us. We want to make this a year to remember.

Ok. I may have been a little rough last month about membership. I know all of you are doing your best to make our goals and I thank you for all the hard work. I set the bar high at 21,000 as a membership goal and I knew this going in. I just want the best for this Detachment because I know we are the best and all of you show it ever year. I want you to know that this was not my intent to upset or deter you from success. Zeros are never a good thing in membership. We as a Detachment need to show our Squadrons and help them understand the life blood of this organization is based on membership. Without our membership numbers we cannot continue our mission, supporting our Veterans, their families, and our communities. Please continue to push membership while supporting and mentoring your Squadrons. The ball is in play on the other side of the 50. The end zone is in sight and we only have a little more than a quarter to play. Break out the play book, put on your helmets and lets cross the goal line to another all-time high and score big for our Veterans and our organization.

Due to a schedule change with my job I have not been able to travel as much as I want to at this time. Also I am just not seeing a lot of chatter on the web page or this

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From the Detachment Commander (continued)

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newsletter of the happenings in Districts and Squadrons. Yes some of you are using the sources given to you while others are not. There is a page set up for each district for you to use on our web page. Not just the District Commanders but also the Squadrons. Our webmaster has worked hard to create and give you these tools. Why not use them?

I will be attending all of the Area balls and the Department Commander and President's homecoming in April. So hope to see a lot of you there. Also for the first time ever I will be playing golf with Squadron 275 in March. If you're there: duck. I have never played this game, but I am sure it will be a great time for a very worthy cause, Special Olympics, and I look forward to see some of you there.

As for homecoming for the Detachment, last month it was put out we would hold it April 30th; due to a scheduling conflict with NEC and the Eastern Area ball I have had to change it. **The new date for the Detachment Commander's Homecoming will be MAY 7th @ Post 120 in Holly Hill. Please see the flyer attached in this newsletter for details.**

In closing I want to thank you all for everything you are doing and I know will continue to do. Now let's get back in the game and Score for Veterans and tackle all of their needs.

For God and Country,

Brian Carter, Detachment Commander





Team,

This year seems to be flying by us at a fast pace. We are already in February. In just 5 months we will be meeting for our 50th Anniversary Convention. The 50th Anniversary Committee is working hard to make sure we have a great Convention. We are still asking if any member would like to submit a design for the 50th Anniversary Coin. Time is running short, and I ask that all designs be submitted to me by the end of the month. "50 Years of Living up to Our Fathers Legacy"! What a milestone achievement for our Organization. More information will be forth coming on the Convention.

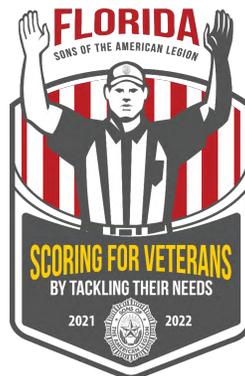
On Tuesday, January 25th, we had a Conference call with the Area Commanders and District Commanders. We have tasked them to contact the Squadrons that still have not submitted the required National Squadron Data Form, or SDR for short. The National Headquarters has stated that until we are at least 90% compliance with these reports, our members will not be able to go online and pay their dues. If they open the portal now, the Squadrons that have not submitted this form, when the member goes online to pay will only be charged the per-capita rate of \$11.00. Therefore it is to your Squadrons advantage to complete the form and transmit to National. Please send me a copy as well.

We are currently working on putting the Year-End packets together to mail out to the Squadrons. Yes, we are getting close to that time when we need you to submit your Year End Reports. Why are these so important? A couple of reasons....First, several Detachment Awards are geared around what you as a Squadron have accomplished this past year. Second...when all the numbers from the reports are tabulated, these figures are submitted to National Headquarters. When the National Commander goes before Congress, he reports on what our Squadrons and Posts do for our Communities and the Veterans of this great nation.

Let's move onto the subject of Membership. We are now in the 4th Quarter of the game. Our numbers are coming up, but we need to push our "PLAYERS" to score as many "POINTS" (Members) as we can. We are looking to surpass the 21,000 Goal line this year. So let's tighten our pads, and dig in for all the yardage we can get. I know you will not let Detachment Commander Brian down.

Until next month! Scoring for Veterans, By Tackling their needs!!!

Ed Sheubrooks,
Detachment Adjutant





Greetings Detachment Membership Team,

WOW!!!! The 2021-2022 membership year is moving along very rapidly. The teams are on the fields, the fields are in great shape, the footballs have the correct air in them, the fans are ready for some football to be played, the Director of Player Personnel has been down and out but back and ready to go, the Commissioner has let us play ball, the Division Managers, Coaches, and Assistant Coaches have been working hard with their Teams to get them ready to play ball. Some Teams are ready and other Teams are having some real problems putting a squad on the field. We are at HALFTIME of the SEASON and the SCORING for the Detachment is at 62.45%. We are also at 61.70% of the Commanders goal of 21,000 by delegate cut-off.

The Detachment has made our first 5 membership scoring targets, what a great job under the condition of our lack of timely reporting. The 75% target will be here about the time this new letter is sent out and we have some work to do to get to our 75% scoring goal.

We must continue to work the 3 – R's as we "Reinstate and Renew" our current members and work to "Recruit" new members. Keep up your great work, as we all look forward to another great year in membership.

We still have ongoing issues with the MyLegion membership portal and are being told that the portal for online membership will not be operational until the Detachment has 90% of its Squadrons' having submitted their SDR forms to National.

Please continue to work with your Post Officers and get your access. Each of you that have not completed the REQUIRED Squadron Data Report form (SDR) must complete the form and send to the National mailing address or the National email address that is on the form so your information can be put into the data base. The SDR form is available on the Detachment website at www.floridasons.org under the forms tab. When sending to National, please send our Detachment Adjutant (Ed Sheubrooks) a copy so the Detachment may have it on record as well. This gives the Detachment a check and balance when someone says "it was not received". This way, we will have something to show it was sent and when.

I am sure that you will hear a lot more about the Squadron Data Report form in the very near future.

Commander Carter as I want this year (2021-2022) to be another record year. I am asking now that each Area, District, and Squadron get on top of your membership early. Being early just gives you a better seat in the room. So, let's all make the commitment that Zero Squadrons and slow reporting Squadrons will not be an issue this year. You ask how? Communication, Communication, and Communication and follow up with visitations, visitations, and visitations. We must Communicate and Visit to reach Commander Carter's goal of 21,000+ members.

Below is some great information that needs to be communicated to every Squadron along with this article. If we are asking for them to react, they need to know what to react to. Please pass this along.

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From the Membership Chairman (continued)

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You will see that the next target date is 75% and as of February 3rd, we're at 76.69% Congratulations! Looking at the dates you will also see that we have a target date each month up to our delegate cut-off date.

Let's make this year even more fun as we will be having our 50th Anniversary Convention when all the great work is disclosed.

This year, the Detachment Membership Theme is:

"Scoring for Veterans by Tackling Their Needs"

Now is the time to get your "FIELDS" in shape and make sure that all of your playbooks are updated so that we may "Tackle Veteran's Needs".

The Detachment Commander will serve as the "Commissioner". The Detachment Membership Chairman will serve as the "Director of Player Personnel". The Detachment Vice Commanders will serve as the "Division Managers". The District Commanders will serve as the "Coaches". District Vice Commanders will serve as "Assistant Coaches". And finally, the Squadrons will be the "Teams".

This year the Detachment Commander's goal for membership is 21,000 members by the delegate cut-off date of June 1st, 2022.

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From John Jennings, 50th Anniversary Convention Committee Chairman

Greeting Detachment of Florida,

I am sure questions are being asked about our up coming Convention. As the Chairman of the Anniversary Committee, since it is going to be our 50th, I do have some information to share.

The Committee is meeting via conference calls monthly. We have had three calls to date and have identified many things we want to do for our members and the Legion Family during our 50th Anniversary Convention.

If anyone has planned large events, they know that they do not just happen overnight, and it takes a lot of hands and thought. We have 15 people on the Committee working very hard to put together a great event for you, the members, and for the entire Legion Family.

We have selected Saturday evening (June 18th, 2022), time to be determined, more to come. We will have entertainment; we will have finger type foods along with adult beverages. We will have lot of other stuff going on.

Please pass on to your Squadrons and Posts that a sponsor letter will be forthcoming. Keep your eyes out for a flyer about the event. We need everyone to make plans to attend this event as it is a once in a lifetime event and the Committee is excited to be involved planning this event.

Please do not let rumors get started. If anyone has a question about our plans have them get in touch with John Jennings (Chairman) @ fl.johnjennings@gmail.com for clarification. We do not want people misinformed about the event.

I will share more when it becomes available.

John Jennings, Chairman

Detachment 50th Anniversary Convention Committee





Gentleman,

Just a reminder that American Legion National Commander Paul Dillard (TX), will be visiting the 16th District on Feb 3, 6 and 7th.

Please check with your Post Commander on times of the visits as the schedule has changed. It would be a good thing for the Sons to represent at our Legion Posts. Please put your best foot forward and make the Sons a proud asset of your Post. Unfortunately, I don't have his schedule for the 7th or 15th. Again, check with your Post Commander.

The Central Area is working hard on Membership and we still have a lot to work on, especially on zero squadrons. Communication is the key, and as your Commander, I still haven't received answers back from some regarding their issues. I can only help if you get back to me. Email me at vccentral@floridasons.org or call me at 727-515-7973. Please reach out, I am here to help you, take advantage of the support that is available.

That being said, I am very proud of the Central Area and its accomplishments, keep up the great work.

The Central Area Ball is March 19, at post 252, \$35.00 per person or \$ 65.00 a couple, 4 pm - 9 pm, menu is Hawaiian Chicken or Hawaiian BBQ pork, vegies, desert.

Squadron 275, Dunedin is hosting the Children and Youth Golf outing on March 5th. This year we are supporting Special Olympics. \$75.00 per golfer, Crescent Oaks golf course, Tarpon Springs, contact me for more info.

Thank You

Gerard Sambets





Greetings from the Eastern Area,

2021 was certainly an interesting year with many events influenced by Corona restrictions, we are looking forward to 2022. Some posts are still being cautious, but we see a general move to getting back to normal. Some events are moving forward that will enable us to restore funding to worthy causes, help our posts, and take care of veterans and our members.

Some national and statewide charitable organizations are coming back and if we can safely organize events to support them it will help demonstrate some of the purpose that we, as Sons of the American Legion hold dear. Child Welfare, Special Olympics, Fisher House all deserve and need our support. Closer to home many food pantries and critically low in supplies and volunteers needed to serve our communities. Each community has specific needs and issues that we can address.

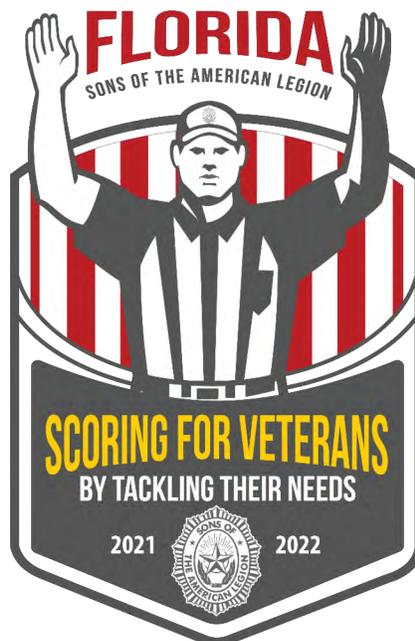
Some Posts and Squadrons may be financially challenged but we can still gather some members to help them serve the needs each area may find critical. We are a service organization and helping the community, veterans, children, and the community are at the core of what many of us strive to contribute to.

Sometimes, taking the time to call a member, veteran, or neighbor in need can be just what that person needs to make it another day. You can make a difference and helping someone in distress can be rewarding for them and for you!

God Bless every member of our Armed Services and all Americans and we are looking forward to a brighter future!

Yours for God and Country,

George Worton,
Eastern Area Commander



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.
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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:
 - a. 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 Ed Sheubrooks – 800 S. Brocksmith Rd., Fort Pierce, FL 34945.
2. Endorsement letters can be scanned and sent by e-mail to the Detachment at floridasons@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	Gerard Sambets (275, Dunedin)
Office of Detachment Vice Commander	
Western Area	
Northern Area	Gerald Kaufman (383, Oldtown)
Eastern Area	Peter Puzzo (189, Sebastian)
Central Area	Richard Cummings (238, Safety Harbor)
Southwestern Area	
Southern Area	
National Executive Committeeman	William D. Kelly, Jr (137, Jacksonville)
National Executive Committeeman Alternate	
Detachment Chaplain	Raymond S. Leventhal (323, Lehigh Acres)
Detachment Historian	James Reed (1, Titusville)
Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms	

District Commander & Vice Commander Endorsements

District	District Commander Endorsements	District Vice Commander Endorsements
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8	David Thompson (24, Sarasota)	
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13	Michael Nlgbor (303, Bonita Springs)	
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16	Greg Tong (158, Treasure Island)	Gary Sanderson (238, Safety Harbor)
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All Squadrons are urged to submit highlights of their events to *The Source*. Let's let the world know how the Detachment of Florida 'rocks the house' when it comes to making the words in our preamble come to life.

The Source will continue to be a great place to let the rest of the Detachment know about your upcoming events and your fundraising successes. Thanks to the Detachment of Florida's Public Relations Chairman Christian Rapp, it is now easier than ever to make a submission for publication in The Source.

Simply visit <https://floridasons.org/the-source-source-article-submission-form/> to submit your article. Submissions are due by the 23rd of each month, as we make every effort to publish on or near the 5th.

Now more than ever it is important that we use all means available to us to remain connected and in communication. *The Source* is **your newsletter** and is intended to serve all we do as Sons of the American Legion. If you know anyone, in or out of the American Legion family, who could be inspired by what we do, ask them to subscribe.

Subscription is easy and free. Simply join the [Detachment of Florida Mailing List](#).

***The Source* can only continue to be a viable and vital tool with your help and involvement.**

In an effort to provide the easiest access to important forms and information, we've compiled this quick reference list of links for you:

- [Detachment of Florida Website](#)
- [Squadron Administration Manual](#)
- [All Squadron Report Forms](#)
- [Squadron Membership Report](#)
- [District Membership Report](#)
- [Detachment Officer Endorsements](#)
- [Detachment Email List Subscription](#)
- [Article Submission Form for *The Source*](#)
- [Event Submission Form — Promote Your Event\(s\) to the entire Detachment](#)

Thank you for what you do and for helping to keep *The Source* focused on what we do and who we are!

Respectfully,

Ray Leventhal • Editor, The Source



THE SOURCE



DETACHMENT COMMANDER CARTER'S
TAILGATE HOMECOMING PARTY



SATURDAY, MAY 7
STARTING AT 6PM

-  **GAME DAY APPETIZERS**
-  **PIZZA & WINGS**
-  **CASH BAR**
-  **DRESS: FOOTBALL CASUAL**
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE FOOTBALL ATTIRE!

LOCATION
AMERICAN LEGION POST 120
461 WALKER STREET | HOLLY HILL, FL
(386) 258-5275

HOTEL: HOLIDAY INN
137 AUTO MALL CIRCLE | DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32124
(386) 944-5988
GROUP: SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
RATE: \$149.99 PER NIGHT

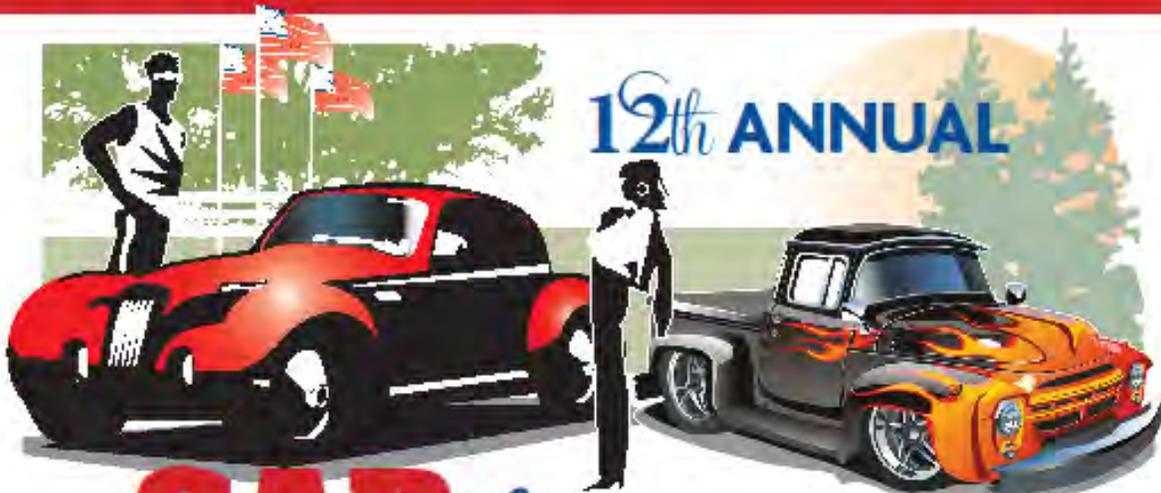
TICKETS: \$15 AT THE DOOR

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PROCEEDS BENEFIT FISHER HOUSE





12th ANNUAL

CAR & TRUCK Show



Sons of the American Legion, Squadron #138

Saturday, February 19, 2022

11am - 4 pm/Open to the Public

- Great Trophies • 50/60s DJ Music
- Food for Sale • Raffles • 50/50

✓ Be a Sponsor Put your company's logo or loved one's name on the back of the Car/Truck T-Shirt for only \$100.00. Sponsors get one free: Show Entry, T-Shirt, Meal, & Raffle Ticket.

ENTRY REGISTRATION FEES: \$15 in-advance; \$20 day-of-event
*(no rain checks, encourage entrants to arrive early to select your parking spot)
all entrants receive 1 free meal, 1 raffle ticket & voting ballot
(see your bartender for registration forms)*

All proceeds benefit Veteran & Children Charities

American Legion Post 138—Pavilion Area
5535 W. Prescott St. Tampa, FL • (813) 839-5119
For more information, call Larry Begy (813)767-1197



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DINNER AND MUSIC

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2022

SHOW TIME 6-10PM

(DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM)

\$15 PER TICKET



SPECIAL TREATS, CASH BAR
DOOR PRIZE, BASKET OF CHEER,
50/50

CHICKEN PARM OR LASAGNA

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FOR INFORMATION OR TICKETS

CONTACT ROBERT "HUMPTY" PIZZILLO



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Sons of the American Legion Post 8

300 Avenue M NW 863-293-7029

Winter Haven, FL 33881-2406

Dear Friends,

The Sons of the Legion Annual Golf Outing is Saturday, March 19th, 2022 at Cypresswood Golf & Country Club. It is the catalyst to raise funding for our Children and Youth programs in our community. Your donation will be gratefully appreciated.

Many courses provide us golf packages. We use these at our golf outing as a tool to promote our Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. and our annual Youth Scholarship funding for the Polk County area.

Your donation is humbly appreciated and welcomed. We can also make arrangement to stop in and pick-up any donations you can provide.

We look forward to your support!

Dan Heier 1st Vice, Children & Youth Programs Coordinator

Sons of the American Legion Post 8

300 Avenue M NW

Winter Haven, FL 33881

Office 863-293-7039

cell 863-212-6327

BREAKFAST
Every Sunday Morning

The AMERICAN LEGION - POST 24

2000 75th. Street W. Bradenton, Fl.

8:30-11:30 AM

\$8.00 Breakfast

Includes:

Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy,
Grits, Potatoes, Pancakes, Toast and Coffee

Non-Smoking Building

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

All are welcome!



"All Proceeds and Donations go toward the support of Veterans"



BIKE NIGHT

BIKER BAY / AMERICAN LEGION POST 336
3RD Saturday of each Month

5PM ~ 10PM

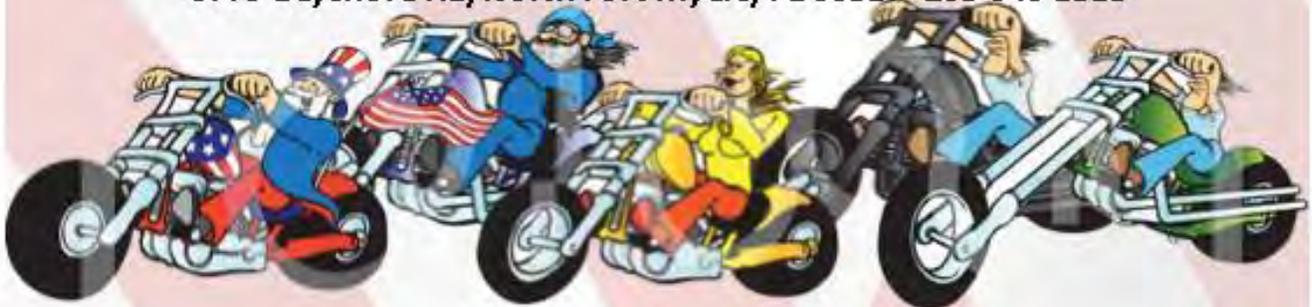
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**Food
Drinks
Music
and**



a little something for EVERYONE
There will be Raffles
& 50/50 Drawings.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT



PICNIC

Sat. April 9, 2022

Golf - Shotgun Start at 8:00am, Indian River Preserve Golf Club

3950 Clubhouse Drive, Mims, Fl

Picnic at Noon, Post 1

1281 N Washington Ave. Titusville, Fl

- FOOD
- FUN
- ENTERTAINMENT
- FUN
- AUCTION
- FUN
- LEGION RIDERS RIDE-IN
- FUN
- GOLF AWARDS
- FUN



Golfers, dinner is available on Friday the 8th, at Post 1. Call ahead at least one week to let them know you are going to dinner, so they can have enough food for the night. (321) 269-9959

Hotel reservations for the 8th and/or 9th, Best Western Space Shuttle Inn, \$59 per night - (321) 269-9100

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
CHILDREN & YOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022
Team Registration Form

GOLFERS

1) _____ 2) _____
3) _____ 4) _____

SPONSORSHIPS & FEES

GOLD SPONSOR (4 GOLFERS & HOLE SPONSOR SIGN) \$325 _____
SILVER SPONSOR (HOLE SPONSORSHIP ONLY) \$100 _____
GOLFERS ONLY (\$70 PER GOLFER) \$280 _____
SPONSORSHIP CUT-OFF DATE: MARCH 25, 2022
TOTAL SUBMITTED _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT PERSON FOR THE TEAM _____
PHONE NUMBER _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: S.A.L. Squadron 325. Put "C&Y Golf" in memo and mail to Squadron 325, 3412 HWY 301N - Unit 103, Ellenton, FL 34222

ANY QUESTIONS - CALL LES MARTIN (941) 201-7293



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Each member has access to many benefits including the National Emergency Fund if a natural disaster should occur. However, your dues have to be current at the National Organization for you to be eligible for this and many other benefits.

Remember, your dues also help support Squadron Programs, the Child Welfare Foundation, National Emergency Fund, Operation Comfort Warriors, Fisher House and many more.

Without your support we cannot continue to support the great programs of the American Legion Family. Please follow up with your Squadron Membership Chairman to pay your dues and ensure they are transmitted for the current year.

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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The Florida Sons of The American Legion with over 185 Squadrons and nearly 20,000 members this year donated hundreds of thousands of dollars and hours to the many programs of The American Legion Family.

**For More Information about the
Florida Sons of The American Legion,
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Source Articles

Scan the QR Code below to
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We are looking for your input and help to keep this newsletter going. We are looking for articles from the Squadrons, Districts, or Areas. Let us know what is happening in your Squadron, District & Area and we will inform the rest of the Detachment. It could increase attendance at your functions and or meetings!!!! This is your newsletter. ***Please send all articles to the Editor by the 23rd of every month.***

The official way to submit articles for publication in The Source is to simply click here.