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Remember Always Veterans First!

Gentleman, another month has gone by, and all the installations of officers should be done. If not contact your District Commander for help and he will help you get it done. The new membership report came out on Sunday, and I thank those of you who are submitting and transmitting membership. All our Squadrons should be working on membership now that we all have our cards. It was easy to blame the lack of transmissions on not having them, but now is the time to get it done. Are there Squadrons out there that don't know how to do this? I hope not but if there are please communicate with your District Commanders and let us get it done. There is no reason for Zero squads now that the installations are completed. I challenge all Vice and District Commanders to be the first to eliminate the ZEROS! (I think District #9)

I would like to thank Post #57 Lake City for their training class and for having Sons members present at their class. I was told it was excellent and well attended. The 12th and 6th Districts are also planning a training event along with the 4th District which also wants to include a history of the Sons in their training class. Plans will be out shortly on the locations and times of the events.

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Squadron 323 (Lehigh Acres) held a Labor Day event on Sept 3rd that included a fundraiser for the U.S.A Patriots amputee softball team. There was a clam bake, corn hold tournament, pool tournament, show me the money game and a cart of cheer raffle all to benefit U.S.A. Patriots.

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February 9, 2023	75%	
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April 13, 2023	90%	
May 4, 2023	100%	
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Commander's Message (continued)

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From what I heard, over \$2,000 was raised by Squadron 323 from the day's festivities.

Wherever possible, I will travel to any post to support this or other charities, so let me know when your event is scheduled.

AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE COMMANDER IN A DUNK TANK!!!

My Post is doing a fund-raiser for me on Sept 24th at 1pm. Lots of games and fun, a shopping cart full of BOOZE could be won by you if buy some tickets. My home Post is 276 (Dunedin).

On a personal note, I would like to thank all for the prayers and calls about my Health! I had a heart attack early Sunday morning on July 31st. Luckily for me, there was a great surgeon there that got me in and put a stent in a blocked artery. I feel great now, it was scary for a day or so, but I think God has a plan for me and it was not my time, THANK YOU TO ALL FOR THE PRAYERS.

~Gerard Sambets, Commander
Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Florida
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Hello Sons!

I'd like to start this article by thanking all of the Area, District and Squadron Commanders for your prompt response in collecting and submitting the missing Squadron Officer Reports (SORs). I'm having them turned in to me weekly, which I then forward to the Department of Florida. I will be getting an updated list of missing SORs this week. If you haven't done so yet, please review the Squadron Directory that was distributed at the beginning of August, and fill out the Squadron Officer Report and email it to me. **DO NOT EMAIL ME WITH JUST THE UPDATED INFORMATION.** To process and update the information properly, the form must be completed and sent to Department. Send the completed form to me and I will forward it to department. The form can be found by clicking [here](#).

Now let's talk Squadron Data Reports (SDRs) – we still have many Squadrons that have not submitted the Squadron Data Reports. This is a new form that was released when the new myLegion.org system was installed. This form allows the NATIONAL ORGANIZATION to properly enter the total dues amount to collect in the new system. As Membership Chairman John Jennings has stated repeatedly, these forms **MUST** be turned in **EACH YEAR**, even if your dues structure doesn't change. The form is fillable on your computer. You can complete it, save it and then email it in. It only takes a few minutes. Please take the time to do this ASAP if you haven't done so already. I've been provided the most recent SDR. Your Adjutant team will be reaching out to you all to have this information submitted. Like the SOR reports mentioned above, you can send them to me and I will forward them, that way I have record of them in case National says they do not have yours. The form is available by clicking [here](#).

Talking about these reports brings me to my next talking point. In a conversation I had with John Jennings earlier this month we discussed the constant use of acronyms throughout our organization. While there are many seasoned members in our ranks, we have many more new members each year that may get confused by the "Alphabet Soup" they hear being used. While there are many others, here's a few of the most common terms you may hear:

- SOR: Squadron Officer Report (described above) – This report must be completed and turned in to Department immediately after Squadron elections each year. This must be turned in **BEFORE** your end of year paperwork.
- SDR: Squadron Data Report (described above) – This report must be completed yearly. A Good rule of thumb is to complete and submit it when you submit the above SOR.
- CSR: Consolidated Squadron Report – The most important report. This report informs Detachment and National of all of your Squadron's Activities and donations. The information in these reports (there's a Detachment and National report) assists our parent organization, The American Legion, in having a voice in Congress when they are lobbying and fighting for veteran related issues.

I encourage all of you leaders reading this article to limit your use of acronyms without explaining what they are. It is our goal to "mentor ourselves out of a job" and educate of future leaders. One good way of doing that is by not assuming everyone knows what we're talking about when we start using acronyms.

REMINDER: Fall Conference will be Nov 18 – 20, 2022 at the Caribe Royal Orlando. If you are going, you can start booking rooms now. Your Membership, Training and Development (MTD) team is working on having training classes available on Friday, Nov 18 at Fall Conference. The itinerary for classes as well as for the rest of Fall Conference has yet to be finalized. Please look for more information on both to come soon. The final itinerary will be distributed through our email group, website, social media pages and through this publication.

Keep up the good work, keep increasing those communications and most of all **HAVE FUN!** If I can help in any way, I'm only a phone call or email away. Don't hesitate to reach out – it's **NEVER** a bother!

Until next month!

Christian M Rapp, Adjutant
Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Florida





CLARENCE HILL

THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Tampa was chosen to host the 2025 National Convention, the first convention to be held in Florida since Orlando in 1997. While it is three years out, I thought I'd introduce the Committees that will be required to be filled by volunteers. A lot will rely on the Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, SAL members and Riders volunteers to make it a success.

There are 5 committees (Badges and Packets, Distinguished Guests, Information/ Registration, Memorial Service and Special Events) required by National to have a successful convention, plus a Tampa Liaison. I will give a brief description of the duties of each. More specific duties will be described as we get closer and need to start signing up volunteers.

The Liaison is someone with political connections locally and perhaps statewide. They may be asked to assist with agencies such as police, fire, public works, parks & recreation, mayor's office and airport officials. The individual should also be familiar with local businesses such as retail stores, restaurants, recreational facilities, transportation companies and other businesses that could impact convention activities.

The Badges and Packets Committee is responsible for setting up the Office located in the Convention Center. Badges and Packets for The American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion are shipped from National Headquarters to this office. The bags must be assembled for each delegate for each Department. The estimated number of assistants needed is 28-30.

The Distinguished Guests Committee has a Chairman and two Vice Chairmen. The Vice Chairmen are the Distinguished Guests Registration Chairman and the Distinguished Guests Holding Area Chairman. The Committee will also need two full time drivers for the National Commander and for the National Adjutant. The estimated number of assistants needed is 2-6 for each committee. The duties of each committee are exactly as they sound.

The Information/Registration Committee mans the desks set up in the convention center to answer questions from the attendees. National will provide binders with lots of information in them. The estimated number of assistants needed is 8-10.

The Memorial Service Committee coordinates with the National Chaplain to set up the service, proved rooming arrangements that may be required and provide volunteers to assist with seating attendees. The estimated number of assistants needed is 3-5

The Special Events Committee coordinates meeting the requirements for all special events scheduled, whether it be obtaining permits, coordinating with city agencies (police, fire, sanitation, emergency management, etc.) and must be a resident of the city. The estimated number of assistants is 30 or more.

This brief overview will give you an idea of the immense project Florida has taken on, and how important your support and volunteering will be to its success.





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Membership Team,

MEMBERSHIP: As of this article our membership cards are being delivered to our Squadrons. We still have some Squadrons that have not received their cards for some reason or another. If you have not received your cards, please check with your Post Commander as the Squadron's cards would have been mailed with the Post's cards. You may need to contact Department Headquarters in Orlando and speak with JoAnn Collins the Department membership Director.

As we work through our membership year let's all remember the three R's of membership. Reinstate – Renew – Recruit – This would be a great Squadron meeting topic to discuss the meaning of each word and the value it brings to the Squadron. These three little words have a lot of meaning to the growth and success of your Squadron and to the Detachment. Membership is the life blood of our organization. As of our August 19th, 2022, membership report we have recruited 568 new members and renewed 1,917 members for a total of 2,485. We have always said we do a great job signing up new members. Let's find a way to reinstate our old members!

As of the writing of this article the Detachment has reached it's 10% target early. Congratulations on reaching our 10% target early with a 11.78% as of this article. Great job by all. We currently have 8 Districts at or over the 10% target being led by Districts #4, #11, & #9. Congratulations to all these Districts and their District staff members for a job well done. We also had 4 out of 6 Areas at or over the 10% target being led by the Southern, Eastern, & Northern Areas. Congratulations to each on these Areas and your staff members on a job well done. Let's go to work on our October 6th, 25% target and stay ahead of the curve.

WE MUST stay focused and submitted our REQUIRED SDR (Squadron Data Report) form ANNUALLY. This is no longer an option. Follow the instructions on the form and email our Detachment Adjutant Christian Rapp a copy (adjutant@floridasons.org) The form is available on our website. (www.floridasons.org)

For the Membership Committee to contact the Squadrons as may be necessary during the year, the Squadron Office Report form should have been turned in before Convention. If not done, please get this completed as it is an important tool for our communication to you the Squadrons and for you to communicate to your membership.

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Commander Sambets Commanders goal is 22,250---Let's go to work.

Our Detachment 28th consecutive all time high is 21,094. Let's go to work.

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As you can see, we have a lot to get done in the next few months. Our Fall Conference is in November, which is only a few months away and a lot of work to get started.

For our membership campaign to be a great success, we must work it each day. When a Squadron reaches the 100% goal and does not move from that number, what does that tell you? I will be watching this, and I hope all of you will also. Membership numbers should always be moving and never standing still. We have plenty of resources in Florida and we must reach out to them if we are to grow.

Target Dates: The target dates in your manual will most likely have some adjustments as we move forward, and you will see these changes in the Source. The target dates listed above are the originals.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



**DETACHMENT
OF FLORIDA**



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National Executive Committeeman Convention Report

The Sons of The American Legion convened their 50th National Convention at the Miller Highlife Theater in Milwaukee Wisconsin August 26th through 28th 2022. Our Florida delegation, while small, it was mighty. Delegation Chairman Detachment Commander 2022 Brian Carter, Detachment Commander 2023 Gerard Sambets, Past National Commander and Delegation Secretary Jim Roberts, National Assistant Adjutant and Detachment Adjutant Emeritus Ed Sheubrooks National Executive Committeeman William D (Bil) Kelly, District Vice CDR. Jamie Grinis and Jessie. A big shout out of Thanks to all these men who took time out of their busy schedules to represent you at the National Convention.

After we travel halfway across the country, we get settled very early the next day. We start with our Standing Convention Committees at 8:30 AM. At 10 AM we have our pre-National Executive Committee Meeting. This is where our governing body finishes up all the 2022-year business.

Later on Day 1 August 26th, 2022 at 1 PM The National Convention is gaveled to order by National Commander Fox. This year's Day 1 ran longer due to the 50th National Convention Luncheon on Day 2, and the business of running our organization must still be done, and it was. On behalf of the Detachment of Florida, Commander Carter received the Child Welfare Foundation Award for the Largest Contribution in the Southern Region and a Certificate of Recognition from CWF for exceeding the \$1.00 per member.

Day 2 began with a visit from The American Legion Department of Florida Department Commander 2022 Jerry Brandt, Commander 2023 Eunise Butts, Adjutant Bruce Compton, PDC & NEC Elect Jim Ramos and PDC Larry White came and sat in with their Detachment at our Convention. This action proves that when we say "We Are Family" we all stick together. Thank you to the TAL Department Officers who took the time out of their busy convention schedule to sit in with their Sons of The American Legion at their National Convention. Unfortunately, just after they left The Detachment of Florida was presented with The American Legion National Shadow Box Award for the Most Dollars Contributed to The Veterans and Children's Foundation (renamed from TAL Endowment Fund). The final award was received by The Detachment of Florida the Snapshots of Service 2022 Award for Veterans Affairs on behalf of Florida Lakeshore Squadron 137 in Jacksonville. Detachment of Florida Commander 2023 Gerald Sambets became the 1st Detachment Commander to be awarded a Certificate of Completion for his attendance at the new National Detachment Commanders Class at National Convention.

The Convention adjourned and we went directly to the Milwaukee Hilton Crystal Ballroom for The 50th Anniversary Banquet in celebration of 50 years of Sons of The American Legion Conventions. The luncheon was a fabulous affair and our compliments to the Anniversary Committee for their outstanding job.

Day 3 started early at 8 AM and after opening business, the National Chaplain provides a Memorial Service with a tribute to all the members who passed into Squadron Everlasting. Immediately after the service we preseeded into the election of the National Commander 2023 and 5 National Vice Commanders from each of the regions. Leading Candidate Chris Carlton from Indiana was elected Sons of The American Legion National Commander 2023 The Southern Region elected Ron Roberts from Mississippi National Vice Commander. Florida was recognized due to our National Assistant Adjutant Harold Thompson's absence and National Adjutant Tony Wright was called off the floor for business elsewhere. National Assistant Adjutant Ed Sheubrooks was tasked with providing all the delegates accreditation report and with running the election for National Commander and NVCs. Thank you, Ed, for your service to The Sons of The American Legion and The Detachment of Florida and for representing us with all you do. With the installation of the newly elected officers, the 50th Convention and the 90th year of the Sons of The American Legion passed into the books.

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NEC Convention Report (continued)

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Immediately after the end of the Convention the 91st a new year of The Sons of The American Legion began with the Post National Executive Committee Meeting where all National Executive Committeemen are sworn in for 2023 by the National Commander. The next order of business was to ratify the appointments of the National Commander. With the end of all NEC business the meeting was adjourned, and our business was completed in Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Returning home safely and while watching The American Legion live stream of The 103rd National Convention when Sons of The American Legion National Commander 2022 Michael Fox announced on the floor of the Convention that the total dollar value of donations by the Sons of The American Legion 2022 to The American Legion Programs was over \$98 Million Dollars. Thank all of you for your contributions to this outstanding total and remember this is why YOU are the processors of a priceless heritage.

Next month we will discuss some of the resolutions after review by The American Legion Oversight Committee, The Sons of The American Legion Advisory Committee and distribution of the 2022 Convention minutes. Finally thank you for allowing me to represent you as your NEC and as a delegate to The Sons of The American Legion 50th National Convention.





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As we reflect on the service year past and look forward to the current year and our goals, I urge you to remember that we do what we do because of the founding principles of the great American Legion Family. The words 'For God and Country' mean something and I trust that you take them to heart whenever you act on behalf of our great organization.

As members of the Sons of the American Legion, we gain our eligibility through the service of a veteran who came before us. Each and every time you represent the Sons, please remember you do so in their honor. Paying honor to those who gave us eligibility through service to our great nation is in and of itself an honor, and it is one that I trust you all take seriously.

It is paramount that we remember this at every turn. In a Squadron meeting, if something is said that you object to or find offensive; in the social quarters when voices are raised; outside the American Legion, when we're at the grocery store or driving down the road. You are tasked to pay ongoing tribute and honor to those who came before you. Take a breath before reacting and ask yourself this one vital question before you act: To what end? If the answer isn't one that produces love and peace, consider another path.

Our great nation was founded on the principles of the Judeo-Christian ethic. There is but one God and we are His children. This, too, is a gift and a blessing – more so when we take the love that God has for us and share it with all we encounter.

Calm a harsh word with a kind one. Let love and peace conquer hate and violence. As supporters of our military men and women and their families, we owe it to ourselves to protect the foundations of the great nation for whom they sacrificed.

Please remember to reach out to me by [email](mailto:chaplain@floridasons.org) or phone if you would like me to attend any event or service. I consider it an honor to be invited to participate, and if my schedule allows, I will be there for you, your Post, your Unit, your Squadron, or your Chapter.

God bless you all and God bless America, the greatest nation ever known to mankind.

For God and Country,

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TOGETHER
WE CAN
AND WILL
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE





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As we begin to dig in for 2023, the Eastern Area will become a model (hopefully) to the organization. Many of you know about my Info-gram Training I began last year in the 12th District. I have refined that program and have broadened it to now include EVERY Squadron Officer Position.

We are in the process of getting the facilities and dates. All Officers will train together. I believe that you can do your job better if you understand what my job is, and vice versa.

I have created a guideline manual for Commander/Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Sgt-At-Arms, Chaplain, Historian, and Judge Advocate.

If other Area Vice Commanders or District Commanders are interested, once I have the sites and dates, I will be happy to let everyone know.

Keep the membership transmittals coming in. It was a slow start, but there shouldn't be any Zero Squadrons if they have Officers.

For God and Country,
Peter Puzzo



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Hello Southwestern Area members.

I hope everyone is doing well. By now I believe everyone should have their membership cards and starting to process membership.

My goal this year is to finish 1st to 100% for Areas or at least be in the top 3.

In my travels of District and Area Squadrons I've seen some innovating ways to get members in to pay dues. You can offer early bird payment with a dinner, or a reduced rate for a limited time. There are many options out there. Check with other Squadrons in your District to see what they offer. Squadrons out there that will read this report could share their options or opinions on this topic. If we all work together and share our experiences, we can crush our membership numbers.

If anyone needs help for anything let your District Commander or any District Officer know. We don't want you to get frustrated with anything.

I'm available for visits or functions if you let me know in advance.

Keep doing what you do and support your Post and veterans.

For God and Country,

Ernest Sheffield, Southwestern Area Commander
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George Worton

Detachment VA&R Chairman

Fellow Son's of The American Legion,

We wanted to share a program that we have re-engaged with that allows any Legion member or Veteran to donate to The Villages Workshop to obtain an Urn. This Urn is used to contain their ashes and can be interred at a National Cemetery or wherever the Veteran or family prefers. The program is structured to take the proceeds above cost for one Urn and to allow the woodshop to build 4 or 5 additional Urns for indigent Veterans at no cost.

There are many thousands of Veterans remains in cardboard boxes at mortuaries or funeral homes that we contend deserve a dignified resting place. This effort should result in a self-sustaining program to address this critical need. Any member of the American Legion, or qualified Veteran can support this program through a donation either for an Urn, or a direct donation to the workshop, or by contacting me.

The need skyrocketed during Covid, and the need is critical. The program is focused on the 5 National Cemeteries in central and northern Florida including Bushnell, Jacksonville, Cape Canaveral, Pensacola, and Tallahassee.

We have a tri-fold brochure that we can be downloaded by clicking [this link](#).

Thank you,

For God and Country

George Worton, VA&R Chairman
Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Florida

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Hello to all from District 13,

What an exciting, wonderful time our Squadrons have been having. Besides all of us being involved with 4th of July events and Labor Day events, many have held corn hole tournaments, pulled pork contests, pool tournaments, clam bakes, golf outings, chili cook offs.

Now that installations are completed, Squadrons can now begin working on renewal cards. That's just to name a few. The time is flying by. Please try to let us know when you are having special events so we can come support you. Please try to support each other in their events and programs. We are all in this together. Let's get the camaraderie going and make 2022-2023 service year the best ever and let's have fun doing it.

I would like to take this time to keep reminding everyone about our "BUDDY CHECK" program. These are very trying times for many people. You have no idea how much it means to a person to hear from you - to know they are more than a number, and to know that they are appreciated. Another new program is the 988 Call Center. 988 will change how our nation treats, supports, and talks about mental health and suicide. When working on your renewals, make sure to get their email address and phone number so you have a better way to stay in touch. Membership is a priority.

Congratulations to our new District 13 Historian, Nicholas Napolitano from Squadron 90 in Cape Coral. Thank you for coming on board. If you would be interested on serving with the District team, please feel free to contact me.

We appreciate all your hard work and donations to our charities. The Sons of The American Legion is often called the hardest working arm of each post. Remember the S.A.L. mission which states to strengthen the four pillars of The American Legion. Squadrons' place an emphasis on preserving American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship and Americanism.

For God and Country,

Mike Nigbor, District 13 Commander
Detachment of Florida



Hope everyone had a fantastic Summer. With that time to go to work for the Kids.

This years' Department Chairman for C&Y is PDC Dianne Boland. We Sons all offer our assistance and support for the success of the Department Children and Youth programs.

- April is Children and Youth Month - PDC Dianne has two or three events planned for C&Y.
- April 15 is the Annual C&Y Picnic this Year at Post 323, Lehigh Acres.
- A Cruise like last year is being discussed.
- A Golf tournament is also in the Offering.

Other Department and Detachment C&Y Activities & Flyers to Follow

Post 347 Child Welfare Foundation - Family Golf Tournament May 13, 2023 at Harbor Hills in Lady Lake.

Thank You

Tom Soeder, Detachment of Florida Chairman, C&Y 2022-2023

Call or text for Details – 410-707-2331



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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



National Convention Photo Gallery



**Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Florida
Limited Edition 50th Anniversary
Commemorative Challenge Coin**



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**Only 1,000 of these coins were be created to commemorate this auspicious event.
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**Ed Sheubrooks, Detachment Finance Committee Chairman
800 S Brocksmith Rd
Ft Pierce, FL 34945**

**Coins are still available. Get a piece of history and help
your Detachment at the same time.
Order your coins today!**

Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Florida



AUXILIARY #325
presents their
3rd Annual ...
"Dirt in the Skirt"
Golf Scramble Fundraiser

Sat - October 8, 2021

ENTRY FEE: \$85 pp

*includes lunch & prizes

7:30am REGISTRATION

8:30am SHOTGUN start
4-person SCRAMBLE

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Oct 3rd

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- **CHIPPING** contest
- Longest Drive / Closest to the Pin - men's/ladies
- Raffles / Silent Auction ... *and so much MORE!*

Proceeds to benefit 325 Auxiliary to help in their continual aid to Veterans and their families, in addition to the charities below:



We are dedicated to feeding Manatee County's most needy, homeless and food insecure students - one backpack at a time!



A nonprofit, spiritually based organization, Volunteers of America operates Manatee Veterans Village. Its mission is to foster life long learning and inspire individuals to become contributing members of society.

★ **SPONSORS NEEDED!** (call for more details) ★

To register, or become a Sponsor: Call or Text Amy @ (941)518-7673



"Dirt in the Skirt"

Saturday Oct 8, 2022

Terra Ceia Bay
COUNTRY CLUB
2802 Terra Ceia Bay Blvd.
Palmetto, FL 34221

Sponsor type / Cost:

available:

- HOLE sponsor** **\$100.00** **18**
 Includes:
 - *2-sided full-color sign
 - *placed at tee box
 - *sponsor recognition list @ each table
- "GREEN GUARDIAN" Hole sponsor** **\$100.00** **no limit**
 (In memory of a Veteran loved one, who has passed)
 Includes:
 - *2-sided full-color sign, placed at EDGE of GREEN
 - *you keep sign once tournament is finished
 - *recognition on Green Guardian "wall", during lunch
- Male Closest to the Pin sponsorship** **\$150.00** **1**
 Includes:
 - *2-sided full-color sign
 - *recognition at awards ceremony
 - *company info/logo on framed award to winner
- Female Closest to the Pin sponsorship** **\$150.00** **1**
 Includes:
 - *2-sided full-color sign
 - *recognition at awards ceremony
 - *company info/logo on framed award to winner
- Male Longest Drive sponsorship** **\$150.00** **1**
 Includes:
 - *2-sided full-color sign
 - *recognition at awards ceremony
 - *company info/logo on framed award to winner
- Female Longest Drive sponsorship** **\$150.00** **1**
 Includes:
 - *2-sided full-color sign
 - *recognition at awards ceremony
 - *company info/logo on framed award to winner
- ~~Putting contest sponsorship~~** **~~\$500.00~~** **~~1~~**
 Includes:
 - *2-sided full-color sign
 - *Chance for participant to win \$5,000
 - *recognition at awards ceremony
- 3pk Golf balls w/Company Logo** **\$750.00** **1**
 *Placed in every Goody Bag for (100) golfers
 *(12) additional 3pk golf balls given to Sponsor
 *recognition at awards ceremony
- Silent Auction Items / Raffle Items / Goody Bag items (for 100 golfers)**
 Suggested *Silent Auction* Items include individual items, or baskets, with a value of \$75 or more

Contact Amy Sage @ (941)518-7673 for more info



SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

FLORIDA'S 2ND SEVEN BRIDGES POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE DAY RIDE

Sponsored by: The American Legion Riders Department of Florida

**Police Escorted Ride from
Adamec HD Baymeadows, over
the Seven Bridges, crossing the
St. Johns River, and ending at
the National POW/MIA Memorial
(6112 POW-MIA Memorial Pkwy,
Jacksonville FL 32221) for a
POW/MIA Ceremony.**

- Meet & Greet on Friday Night
September 16 at American Legion
Post 129 (1151 S 4th, Jacksonville
Bch, FL 32250)**
- After event Dinner on September 17
at American Legion Post 137 (5443
San Juan Ave, Jacksonville FL 32210)
for \$10**

Registration: 8:30AM
Cost: FREE
KSU: 10:30AM



Register for ride



Event Page

All Riders Welcome!

**limit to 250 motorcycles or
trikes (no autocycles)**



**Adamec Harley-Davidson®
8909 Baymeadows Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32256**

Gerard's Giggle Gathering

Come out and support

Gerard Sambets



Florida Detachment
Commander 2022-2023

When: September 24th, 2022

Time: 12:30pm till 4:30

American Legion Post 275

Where: 360 Wilson Street Dunedin

Why: Show Support

Who: You & Friends

What: A Goodtime for all



Food Available

**Games to play
to win prizes**

Gangbuster Cocktails Available

Entertainment:

SAL Jammin' Band



50/50





EVENT INFORMATION:

**Location: Harbor Hills Country Club
6538 Lake Griffin Rd. Lady Lake, FL 32159**

- Shotgun Start– 8:15 AM
- Cost per Golfer – \$85.00
- * Breakfast items before golf*
- Longest Drive Contest-Men & Women
- Hole-in-One Contest-Men & Women
- Hole-in-one for golf cart Hole #16
- Closest to Pin Contest-men & Women
- Prizes and surprises
- Mulligans

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Bronze Hole Sponsor - \$100
- Silver Hole Sponsor – \$200.00
- Gold Hole Sponsor – \$300.00
- Platinum Sponsor - \$500.00 & up
 - * Includes Table Space, Sponsor Sign & 4 golfers*
- Major Sponsor - \$1,000.00 & up * Includes Table Space, Sponsor Signs & 4 golfers
- Donate a gift to be used as a raffle prize

Cut-off date for sponsorships and gift submissions:

April 30th, 2022

Make all checks payable to:

Squadron 347

PO Box 1534 Lady Lake, FL 32158

ATTN: Children & Youth Golf Tournament

After the tournament, please join us at Post 347 in Lady Lake, for lunch, raffles, 50/50, auction and more

Hotel: TBD



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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