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THE SOURCE



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A special note from the Editor of *The Source*.

As you traverse through this month's newsletter, please remember that many of the submissions were sent prior to the arrival of the recent hurricane which devastated Southwest Florida.

Some submissions have been updated since that time, but as Editor I feel it is important that we read each article in the context from which it was sent, and not judge anyone for a perceived lack of sensitivity in the wake of the storm.

The Florida American Legion Family is consistent in their support of our communities and our nation. During this time of recovery in the districts most affected, the outpouring of support from the rest of the state is nothing short of inspiring.

I now return you to your regularly scheduled – but somewhat late – newsletter. [Ed]



GERARD SAMBETS
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Remember Always Veterans First!

Well gentleman here we are working on Membership again, we are close to our goal of 25%. We stand at 22.60% with just under 2 weeks to go, OCT 6th is the goal date. Simplest thing to do is get rid of the ZEROS. Please talk to these Squadrons and find out what is needed to get them to put in their membership. Is it they need help processing? Do they know how to do it? And WHY haven't they put any membership in if they know how to do it! The responsibility is on the Vice and District Commanders to figure this out. Please work on this!

I went to Milwaukee Aug 25th thru Aug 28th and was proud to represent our Detachment. Florida is always mentioned for its accomplishments in everything we do, and it is my honor to have been

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2022-2023 Membership Target Dates:

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January 12, 2023	60%	
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April 13, 2023	90%	
May 4, 2023	100%	
June 1, 2023 **	22,250	Commander's Goal

* Legion Birthday

** Delegate Cut-Off

Commander's Message (continued)

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there. Next trip is to Indy on Oct 7th thru 9th for our National Executive Committee meetings. Now I will be able to see the results of Bill Kelly and Tom Klinger's hard work in representing our Detachment. I would like to thank the 12th and 6th districts for their upcoming work on training classes in the districts. Please contact your district commander for exact times and locations of these classes. I would like to thank Peter Puzzo and all his staff for their hard work on these training classes, and for their work with our MT&D committee on the classes and info for our fall conference. These training manuals and classes have been talked about for the last few years and now will be presented at fall conference. Outstanding job by all involved!

My apologies again, to a few Squadrons because I got sick AGAIN, and didn't get to their Posts. My health is now good again, I am home and feeling much better. Thank you for all the well wishes.

I would like to thank my Squadron, #275 Dunedin, for the fundraiser they did for me as Commander for the Sons. Some Detachment officers showed up including Bill Kelly, Tom Klinger, George Steger, and Paul Micieli. They joined Department of Florida Commander Eunice Butts, 3rd Vice Jessica Blair Moore and Chaplain Barry Roberts. The Auxiliary was represented by President Jane Hardacre and past Department President Kelli Coppla. District 16 SAL had a great representation as well. There are so many people to thank that I don't know where to start, but from the bottom of my heart I want to thank them all, especially the Sons and the Auxiliary for all their hard work. It was a great success and I believe they raised over \$6,000 for the day.

I also Largo #119 and they raised money for the Gary Sinise Foundation. The Sons held the event and had a crab boil to help support the Auxiliary efforts to raise money for Jane Hardacre's charity, the Gary Sinise Foundation.

Thank You all for what you do to support our Veterans.

On October 18th, I have the honor of escorting one of the Legionnaires from Post #275 on their Honor Flight to Washington D.C. and am looking forward to this opportunity to finally go on one.

Lastly, please let me know about any upcoming events you are holding and would like me to attend. I will do my best to be there. Just email me the details and I will try and get it on my calendar.

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

V.E.T.S. FIRST





CHRISTIAN M RAPP

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Hello Sons!

I am writing this article from my home in the beautiful Southwestern Area in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. Not only have the members of our beautiful community lost everything they have, many of our Posts have suffered catastrophic damage. Many may not reopen for many years, if at all.

The outpouring of support I have seen from Post Families and other organizations from around our great state in the time that has passed since Ian made landfall has been amazing and a bit overwhelming. These amazing people have given of themselves and took time to gather donations and supplies from their areas and communities and have delivered them by trailer/truck to the Southwestern Area. The actions of these people truly show that WE ARE FAMILY and are One Team Committed To One Dream!

BENEFITS AVAILABLE

In the wake of Hurricane Ian, I feel it is my duty as Adjutant to remind you of benefits that are available to you as Legionnaires and Sons. If you are Legionnaires or Sons in good standing (your dues are paid for the current year) at the time Ian landed, you are eligible for the American Legion National Emergency Fund.

The NEF is open to all American Legion Posts, American Legion Members and Sons of The American Legion Members. Legionnaires and sons are eligible for up to \$3,000 and Posts are eligible for up to \$10,000. Applications for NEF must be submitted WITHIN 90 DAYS of the disaster.

You can learn more and download the application at the following links:

<https://www.legion.org/emergency/about>

<https://www.legion.org/emergency/apply>

Department has also compiled a list of organizations and resources that can assist individuals in various capacities. Please visit and share the link if you, or anyone you might know, needs any form of assistance.

GET HELP: <https://www.floridalegion.org/resources/hurricane-relief/resources/>

DONATIONS

Additionally, if you are able to donate, The American Legion Department of Florida has set up a Hurricane Relief Fund which is used to purchase items for affected Posts, members and local communities. You can send a check payable to The American Legion, Department of Florida with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line. Checks can be sent to Department HQ at:

The American Legion, Department of Florida
Attn: Hurricane Relief
1912A Lee Road
Orlando, FL 32810

Donations can also be made through the Department website at <https://www.floridalegion.org/resources/hurricane-relief/donate/>

DETACHMENT FALL CONFERENCE

Our annual Detachment of Florida Fall Conference is still on schedule for November 18th-20th, 2022 at the Caribe Royale Orlando. Your MT&D team is planning training for Friday November 18th. MT&D is finalizing their training schedule and it will be available soon. We are also in the process of finalizing the Fall Conference agenda. As soon as both are ready, we will distribute them through our website, email group and social media outlets.

Please remember that we've all been through a terrible time, many of our residents have just in the beginning stages of clean up / recovery / rebuilding. The stress affects everyone differently. Please be patient and most importantly, BE KIND.

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Adjutant's Corner (continued)

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If you are one of the many that are stressed or otherwise having trouble coping with everything that's going on, I encourage you to reach out to either Detachment Chaplain, Ray Leventhal (561-801-5822 / chaplain@floridasons.org) or Department Chaplain Barry Roberts ((863) 661-9999 / chaplain@floridalegion.org).

I wish all affected by Hurricane Ian Godspeed in your recovery.

Hope to see many of you next month at Fall Conference.

For God and Country,

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



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At this time, so many of our friends, families and communities are beginning the process of rebuilding their lives after one of the most devastating storms to have made landfall in our state. While tensions and emotions can run high and strong during this type of struggle, I hope that you will pause and breathe, choose kindness and love over rage and selfishness.

You cannot know what anyone is personally dealing with in any situation, and I pray that the love of God our Father will wash over you and shine through you in all you do and to all you meet. This small, concerted effort will have a ripple effect that can, even in our darkest times, shine brightly and change the course of every day.

Every one of us is called to service. I know this because we are all active members of an organization that was built for and continues to provide service to our communities, state, and nation. At a time when we feel lost, sad, and dark, helping others is the easiest and finest way to regain the light that our Lord has placed in every one of us.

God's love can permeate everything, but we must let it. His light can be the guiding factor in our words and our deeds, but we must let it. The Kingdom of Heaven lives in each and every one of us; when we speak and act with this firmly in our hearts, our world is changed for the better.

Consider every encounter as a pebble dropped in a pond. The ripples that pebble causes are far reaching and impact the entire pond. Such is the effect of each encounter we have. Let the ripples of your interactions make today and every day better for someone and you have fulfilled your calling of love and service.

I pray the peace of our Heavenly Father's love upon you all.

For God and Country,





CLARENCE HILL

THE AMERICAN LEGION
★ PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER ★
2010 - 2011



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.





JOHN JENNINGS

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Membership Team,

As we work through our membership year let's all remember the three 3 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. Just what do these three simple words mean to you and your Squadron. As of our September 15th, 2022, membership report we have recruited 1,037 new members and renewed 3,522 members for a total of 4,559. We have always said we do a great job signing up new members. Let's find a way to reinstate our old members!

We are now working on our 25% target, and we are well on our way to reaching that goal. As of our September 15th report we as a Detachment were at 21.19% with a National renewal rate of 16.55%. Our 25% target date is October 6th, 2022, and I am looking forward to what that number is and the possibilities of what it could be.

ZERO Squadrons – Why are there so many? We need to reach out to these Squadrons and get them going. I do understand that you will hear “my card is good until December 31st”. We need to change that culture, and it is a culture issue. This is the way it has always been done! Let's change that culture. We had 48 ZERO Squadrons as of our September 15th report. This has got to get better.

WE MUST stay focused and submit our REQUIRED SDR (Squadron Data Report) form ANNUALLY. This is no longer an option. Follow the instruction on the form and email our Detachment Adjutant Christian Rapp a copy (adjutant@floridasons.org) The form is available [here](#).

For the Membership Committee and/or the Detachment Administration to contact your Squadrons during the year, your Squadron must submit the Squadron Office Report form. 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. Why would you not want to communicate to your membership?

Fall Conference is in November, which is just over a month away and there is a lot of work to get started and ready for Conference. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

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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.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



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CREATIVITY

Ever wonder why some Squadrons seem to be active constantly while others don't? The answer is not complicated. The active Squadron has at least one member that is creative and the Officers do not stifle that creativity.

It takes a little commitment (see my last article). You do not need a large membership, but you need a member who is willing to put thoughts on paper and a Commander who is willing to hear the thoughts and encourage the participation.

Examples are easy to find. A day that honors a Legion Family Group or Military Branch. Create a flyer, acknowledging that day or Group. Then create a small ceremony to be held on the day.

If you notice I have used the word 'create' or a variation of 'create' a lot of times. That is because you need to put something together and see it through to completion. This is creativity.

Ok... here's an idea.

Using something that my Squadron is doing, I offer it as a template.

September 16th is POW-MIA Remembrance Day. It is always the 3rd Friday of September. Since my Post Family Groups hold a dinner each Friday, we decided to set up a Ceremony to honor and remember the 82000+ unaccounted for Americans. Every Post has a Missing Man Table, highlight it and the items that make up the table. Midway through the dinner, we ask for our customer's attention while offer a prayer for the missing and their families. We then explain the table items and their meaning. You can get all the information required for free on the Internet. We then place small battery operated candles (so we can use them again) on each dinner table and ask someone at each table to light the candle. Turning off as much lighting as possible, we have a candlelight vigil while we play an appropriate song or video. After the song, we turn on the lights and ask everyone to raise a glass to honor and remember the missing. We thank them for participating.

I can tell you that we get nothing but rave reviews. By advertising the Ceremony, we increase attendance for dinner. That helps the host group take in more money... Win-win.

In closing, remember one thing. If you don't try it, you will never get the warm feeling of accomplishment. That feeling will drive creativity to new heights.

Good luck...if you would like a copy of our outline please email me and I will gladly give you a copy.





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Hello Southwestern area members. I hope you are well and safe.

As I write this newsletter article, hurricane Ian is approaching the Florida coast. Please be careful and watchful of its track. Have a plan if you need to evacuate somewhere safe. Remember to make buddy checks after the storm to see if anyone needs assistance.

Our membership is heading in the right direction with only a few zero Squadrons. District 13 is out front of District 8 and it's great to see everyone supporting their District Commanders. I'm going to ask all Squadrons in the area to make an extra effort to increase your submissions for membership. The reason being our area is in last place for the Detachment. We're not called the Great 8 and the Mighty 13 for nothing.

I attended both District meetings in September and was very happy with the turnout. Remember these meetings are for you to learn what's going on in your District. If you're having any problems, this is the place to go for help. All your District officers will be there to answer your questions

I attended the annual clam bake at Post 323 in beautiful downtown Lehigh Acres and had a great time. In my opinion this Post is a model for how all the families come together for a great cause. Money was raised for Commander Sam-bets charity to the tune of \$2200.00

As always keep doing what you do. Raise money, give it away, and have fun. I'm always here for you and available for functions or just a visit. Let me know in advance and I will come if available.

For God and country,

Ernest Sheffield
Southwestern Area Vice Commander
Detachment of Florida





MICHAEL NIGBOR

★ **13TH DISTRICT COMMANDER** ★
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Greetings from District 13,

Hello all. We had our first District 13 meeting on Sunday, September 18th at 103 in Punta Gorda. A great turn out for all the families. A special thank you to all that came to support The Sons of The American Legion. Our District is doing fantastic on the membership renewals.

One of the highlights was the information on the Veterans and Children Foundation. Everyone wants to help disabled veterans and needy children, but they don't know how, or where their charitable gifts will be most effective.

To make life changing, immediate differences for veterans seeking healthcare and benefits assistance, and for children of veterans and military personnel whose home stability is in peril, The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation is the perfect place to contribute.

The foundation has been a trusted supporter of disabled veterans and children in need since 1925 when it originated as The American Legion Endowment Fund. That is why it is called a "foundation of hope."

This is another reason we need to continue doing our "Buddy Checks." If you haven't started this program, you really need to. It is our duty to check on our veterans, community, and each other. These are very trying times for some people. You have no idea how much it means to a person to hear from you, to know they are more than a number. To know they are appreciated. When working on your renewals, make sure to get email addresses and phone numbers so have a better way to make contact.

We all have events going on, so let's make an effort to support each other and attend each other's events. We are not in competition; we are all in this together. To make lots of money to support our programs. We are S.A.L. Strong, We are The American Legion Family.

Be someone's strength. Be someone's Inspiration. Be someone's reason to never give up.

Please follow the activities of The Sons of The American Legion District 13 Florida on our Facebook page. We also have the Southwestern Area Events Facebook page as well. You can and should, submit your events and any information to share, on the Detachment website at <http://www.floridasons.org>.

We appreciate all your hard work and THANK YOU. Feel free to contact me with any questions or help you need. Membership is a priority.

For God and Country,

Mike Nigbor, Commander

District 13

Detachment of Florida





American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

"Dedicated to the betterment of all children"

100% Per Capita Banner Program 2021 – 2022

Each post, unit, squadron or salon donating at least one dollar for each member during the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's award year will receive a beautiful banner/streamer.

To qualify a post, unit, squadron or salon must donate one dollar per member based upon its official membership total as of June 1, 2021. The post, unit, squadron or salon has from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022 to complete its donation to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Membership total as of June 1, 2021: _____

Total donated: \$ _____

Banner Request Form

Send completed form to:

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

PO Box 1055

Indianapolis, IN 46206

317-630-1369 fax

ALL REQUEST FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 31, 2022



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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



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Commemorative Challenge Coin**



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Your Email _____
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**Only 1,000 of these coins were be created to commemorate this auspicious event.
Get YOUR collector's item commemorative coin today!**

Preorders will be available for pickup at the Detachment Convention in June

I am ordering _____ 50th Anniversary Commemorative Challenge Coins, at \$10 ea.

**Include this form and your check, payable to SAL Detachment of Florida, for
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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



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

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GOLF OUTING

**SAVE THE DATE
SAT OCTOBER 22, 2022**

**\$85.00 PER PERSON
LUNCHEON | RAFFLES
PRIZES**

**CAPRI ISLE GOLF CLUB
FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE
PROCEEDS SUPPORTS:
JOHNS HOPKINS PEDIATRIC CANCER
Rain or Shine**

**CONTACT: Chairman Dick Butler 508-769-1777
Vice Chairman Gary Ley 217-251-8830
FOR MORE DETAILS**



Friday, November 11, 2022
Doors: 6:00 PM & Puck Drop:
7:00 PM
Vystar Veteran Memorial Arena

Join us for the Veterans Day celebration
with the American Legion.

*\$5 of every ticket sold through this link will
be donated back to the American Legion*

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://fevo.me/americanlegion22>

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

EJ Sutphen

(908) 304-5891

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12TH DISTRICT PICNIC

RIB CHALLENGE

Wickham Park Oct 22nd

11am to 4pm



Doc Holiday Live



Raffles

For Information:

Wayne Mulligan
(860) 919-0061

Proceeds go to

Boys / Girl
State Transportation

Rib Challenge Rules

2 Rack Minimum

Wet Rubs Only

Sauces on the side

Winner receives 50% of Entry Fees

\$10 Entry Fee

\$8.00 Hamburger/Cheeseburger/ $\frac{1}{4}$ Hot dog plus Fries

Steve Vigats
(321) 426-1583

Char Kinlen
(772) 643-1510

HALLOWEEN

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COSTUME PARTY WITH BANDANA

- TICKET \$10 -

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 28TH | 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

PRIZES - RAFFLES - 50/50

FOOD AVAILABLE FROM AMERICAN COMFORT

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

1770 East Venice Ave - 941-485-4748



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'.

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida

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The Florida Sons of The American Legion with over 185 Squadrons and over 21,000 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,
visit us on the Internet at:**

www.floridasons.org
Or e-mail us at floridasons@floridasons.org

Source Articles

Scan the QR Code below to
visit our website



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.

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