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## Remember Always Veterans First!

This must feel like a broken record every month, but you all need to know how proud I am to be your Commander. The Membership keeps on growing and we are close to passing another goal. Please keep sending in memberships even if you have made your goal. You can help your District and our totals for Florida by exceeding the goals and helping your neighboring Squadrons.

Last month I mentioned snapshots of service, a way to get your achievements out into your communities. We all need to be doing this. With that said, I would like to thank our Historian and all who have been in that position for taking photos at our Conferences and Conventions. This has been done this way for years, and now it is time to change this.

The Historian is not just the Commander's Historian but the Historian for all. It is time to connect the Historian with all Squadrons that have one. If we do this, we will be able to show our communities and the nation exactly the GOOD we do for Veterans and their families, and Children and Youth programs.

Just a Reminder to get your Endorsements in for next year's program, there are a lot of positions vacant at the moment, but I realize that there are nominations still going on and then elections. I'm looking forward to working with you all if I am re-elected.

I have been traveling around, I don't list the Squadrons in my home District, but all have been very supportive of my charity program, [The USA Patriots](#). Hopefully, we will see the results at the Convention.

I just attended the Sons picnic at Post #383 and the Northern Area Ball at Post #57. They were both well attended, and I would like to thank Gerald Kaufman for his hospitality and dedication to the Northern area and with the help of Stewart Scott. Both events were Great.

Finally, I noticed that when I ask a question about any article that is in [The Source](#), I get (the deer in the headlights look) No names mentioned, and it just wasn't this weekend, but I believe that [The Source](#) isn't being read! The only way to get information to one another is through the monthly newsletter, [The Source](#), and communication. Communication is very wishy-washy between everyone. Being informed of what is going on is the key to success. With that said, I would like a private message to [historian@floridasons.org](mailto:historian@floridasons.org) saying **VETERANS FIRST** in the subject line if you have read the April edition of [The Source](#).

Keep Doing What You DO Best!

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

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Hello Sons!

We're in the homestretch of our 2022-2023 Service Year. June 15-1), we will be meeting in Orlando at the Hilton Lake Buena Vista for our Annual Convention. Rooms at the Hilton are booked to capacity, but Department has made arrangements with two nearby hotels that are offering comparable pricing. Here's the details:

#### Wyndham Lake Buena Vista (across the street)

1850 Hotel Plaza Blvd  
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830  
(407) 828-4444  
Rate: \$149  
Resort Fee: Waived for Legion Guests  
Parking: Free for Legion Guests

#### Holiday Inn

1805 Hotel Plaza Blvd  
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830  
(407) 828-8888  
Rate: \$149  
Resort Fee: 30  
Parking: \$20 nightly for Legion Guests

## END OF YEAR DOCUMENTS AND REPORTING

By now you all should have received your end of the year reporting packets. Here are some tips for completing your reports properly:

- The hourly rate for volunteering according to the IRS is \$29.95 per hour. Use this amount to calculate your hours to dollars amount. Use this rate per person, per event.
- On all of your Detachment Reports (Americanism, VA&R, C&Y, etc) **DO NOT LEAVE ANY LINE BLANK**. If you do not have data for a line, please indicate N/A or \$0. Reports with blank lines will disqualify your Squadron from winning an award.
- The **NATIONAL CSR** is available in your myLegion.org portal. When your Adjutant or Commander logs into the portal and navigates to their group, the Consolidated Reports screen will appear. There will be a button on the screen that says **Submit CPR / CSR Reports**. (see screenshot). Click the button and begin completing your report. You can also get to the reports page by clicking on the **SUBMIT CPR / CSR REPORTS** text link in the left sidebar.
  - **NOTE: this is the NATIONAL report. You will still have to complete the DETACHMENT report and send them to me**

MY VIEWS

My Account My Groups FL Sqdn 0323

CONSOLIDATED REPORTS

Submit CPR / CSR Reports

MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING

Process Membership

Transmittal History

MEMBERS

View Members

Reports / Labels

Global Member Search

GROUP INFORMATION

Group Attributes / Services

Group Message

Contact Information

CONSOLIDATED REPORTS

Consolidated reports are available for the following:

- Post Commanders and Adjutants
- Squadron Commanders and Adjutants
- Group Administrators

Click the "Submit CPR / CSR Reports" button to complete and submit your consolidated reports.

Submit CPR / CSR Reports

\*\*\* 2023 Consolidated Reports are available.

If you need help with your year-end reporting, please do not hesitate to reach out to your District or Area Commanders. I am also available by email or phone to answer any of your questions.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Squadron Officers Report (SOR) will be included in the packet. This form must be submitted **IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOUR ELECTIONS**. Once your elections are completed, send the form to Bekki Tibbs at Department (address is on the form). **DO NOT SEND THIS WITH YOUR END OF YEAR PAPERWORK.**

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## Adjutant's Corner (continued)

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### BLANK MEMBERSHIP CARDS

I have had several Squadrons contact me in over the last few weeks in need of more blank membership cards. (That's Fantastic!). If you need more blank membership cards, please reach out to JoAnn Collins at Department. You can reach out to her by email at [jcollins@floridalegion.org](mailto:jcollins@floridalegion.org) or you can call Department at (407) 295-2631.

Speaking of Membership Cards..... There is a form in your packet labeled "Instructions for Shipping 2023-2024 Membership Cards". Whether you are picking up your new membership cards in person or are having them mailed to your Squadron, you need to fill out this form. Complete the form and send it back to Department HQ ASAP. If we don't receive this form, your membership cards will be available for pickup at Convention. Any sets of unclaimed cards will be mailed to your Squadron after Convention.

### SILVER STAR PIN

As was relayed last Convention, this will be the last year for the Silver Star Pin program, due to cost and lack of participation. The Silver Star award is for those that have helped secure members throughout the year. It is a points-based system. A member will need to have at least 10 points to earn the award. Points: 1 for renewal, 2 for a new member and 2 for a reinstated member. Form needs to be completed and sent to Department HQ by **June 1, 2023**.

**NOTE:** if you are submitting multiple forms, please indicate on the form 1 of 3, 2 of 3, etc.

The form is available as a fillable PDF on our website at <https://floridasons.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/12-silver-star-rev-7-2022.pdf>

### ENDORSEMENTS FOR OFFICE

Endorsements for Office are still coming in. There is still time to submit yours. If you would like to serve as an Area Commander, District or District Vice Commander or even a Detachment Officer, now is the time to get your endorsement in. The requirements for submitting your endorsement can be found on the Detachment Website at <https://floridasons.org/detachment-officer-endorsements/>. If you look at this page, you can see the endorsements sent in already. If you would like to run for office, even if someone else is, please submit your endorsement to me (email: [adjutant@floridasons.org](mailto:adjutant@floridasons.org)).

### CONVENTION TRAINING CLASSES

The MT&D Committee will be meeting within the next week to finalize classes to be taught at Convention. Training will be from 2pm-4pm on Thursday June 15th. Once the classes are finalized, I will send out a complete Convention Agenda and will also post it to our website.

If there is something you feel we should provide training on at Convention, please let me or Ray know. Ray's email is [MTD@floridasons.org](mailto:MTD@floridasons.org).

### MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Commander Sambets is the one who selects the Sons of The American Legion member of the year. If you have a member from your Squadron that you feel deserves this award, please contact Commander Sambets and let him know. You'll need to provide something in writing for the Commander to review. You can email your information to Commander Sambets at [commander@floridasons.org](mailto:commander@floridasons.org).

### SQUADRON DATA REPORTS (SDRs)

I am still missing many of the SDR reports. They are coming in slowly. We need these submitted ASAP. As both JJ and I have said before, these reports inform National the amount to collect for dues with the online system. If National does not have this information, they will only collect the \$11 per capita. This means your Squadron will have to chase down the difference from your members that pay online. It only takes a few minutes. Complete the form and send it to me today. I will have blank SDR forms available at Convention which you can fill out and hand back to one of the Assistant Adjutants.

I have so much more that I could talk about, but others need to get their articles in. Keep up the great work, we're so close to reaching the Commander's Goal! Hope to see you all soon!

Thanks for all you do for our Veterans and Children!

For God and Country,  
Christian M. Rapp, Detachment Adjutant  
Sons of the American Legion  
Detachment of Florida



# JOHN JENNINGS

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Membership Team,

**WOW!**

As of our March 16th, 2023 membership report we have recruited 3,610 new members and renewed 16,525 members for a total of 20,135 with these numbers the Detachment was standing at 93.57%. You guys blew the socks off the 80% target and have surpassed our 90% goal which is not until April 13th. What a great job by all! The sky is the limit. Let's go big in April 13th, is 100% possible, sure it is with your continued hard work and support. So, let's GO for the 100% by April 13th---CAN WE DO THIS---YES, WE CAN!!!!

We need 2,115 members as of our March 16th report to reach Commanders Sambets goal of 22,250. I know we can get this done and we will.

We need 959 members as of our March 16th report to reach our 28th consecutive all-time high and I am sure we will reach this very soon.

With over 3600 new members we need to take a look at keeping our exiting members. Get them involved, give them something to do, ask them to help. Most will help if ask. We must find a way to keep our members. Look at the above numbers and just think where we could be if we renewed 50% of that 3600 new members and recruited the 3600 new members. That is another big WOW! Just food for thought.

As we continue to 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.

WE need to get focused and submit our REQUIRED SDR (Squadron Data Report) form **ANNUALLY**. This is no longer an option to submit and must be submitted to National no later than MAY 1st of EACH YEAR BY EACH SQUADRON.

The instructions after the form have been completed. 1st- Save a copy for your Squadrons file. 2nd - email your submission to our Detachment Adjutant Christian Rapp at ([adjutant@floridasons.org](mailto:adjutant@floridasons.org)). Adjutant Rapp will batch submitted to the National IT Department as required keeping record of those submissions which will hold the National IT Department accountable for correct posting or incorrect posting. We will get this resolved with your help and understanding. The form is available on our [website](#).

Another form that is very important to the operation and success of the Detachment is the Squadron Office Report form. It is also available online. If not done, the Detachment has no easy way of contacting you or your Squadron. 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?

For our membership campaign to be a great success, we must work it each day. Membership is not a part time job – it is a full-time job and it requires WORK. When a Squadron reaches the 100% goal and does not move from that 100%, what does that tell you? I watch this, and I hope all of you will also.

Membership numbers should always be moving in a positive way and never standing still. If a Squadron is to grow it must add new members if they and the Detachment are to grow. We have plenty of resources in Florida and we must reach out to them if the Detachment is to grow.

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# **TOM SOEDER**



## **CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN**



**CHILDRENYOUTH@FLORIDASONS.ORG**



### **Children and Youth Month Is April – Plan Ahead!**

#### **Activities for April 2023 Dept of Florida C & Y Picnic**

- Date - April 15, 2023
- Place - Post 323, Lehigh Acres, FL.
- Time - 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Lunch - BBQ Ribs and Brats by Outcasts with sides. Noon to 3:00 pm. \$5.00 per person
- Entertainment - Noon to 3:00 pm by Christian Rapp, in the tiki bar
- Adult games of skill - Noon to 3:00 pm, in yard around tiki bar.
- Baskets, Grill and 50/50 raffles on display in main building all day long.
- Lee County Sheriff's Ice Cream Response Team will provide free ice cream to all present, 3:00 pm
- All raffle, games of skill and 50/50 winners announced at 4:00 pm.

#### **Activities For May**

- May 13 Squadron 347 is sponsoring a Golf Outing at Harbor Hills Country Club for Child Welfare Foundation.
- Prizes include:
- Hole in One – Golf Cart
- Longest Drive - Men & Ladies
- Closest to the Pin – Men & Ladies
- First, Second and Third place Teams
- Sponsorships, prizes and donations is expended to exceed to over \$13,000

**Children and Youth Challenge Coins Available for \$5.00 Donation  
Call Tom Soeder to get yours – 410-707-2331**

**The event fliers will be found in the Special Events section of this edition of 'The Source'**





# PETER PUZZO



VICE COMMANDER EASTERN AREA



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## HOSTING AN EVENT

If you have never hosted or set up an Event, like any project, it takes time, ideas, and a Plan.

Start by deciding what Event you want to do, and WHY. Once you have the What and the Why, you will begin to develop your Plan (How).

I always like to start with a reason. Perhaps, you want Honor a group of some kind. Learn about that group and decide what highlights you wish to include. Find a suitable date, this may necessitate your checking the Post calendar, so you don't run into problems. Ask to hold the date so nobody else starts a project (the When). Are you using the Post facility or a public area, go about finding out how to get the necessary permission. Once the location (Where) is established, you can begin to lay out the steps of your Plan.

Unless it is an unforeseen necessity to do this quickly, allow enough time (at least one month) to pull it together. By the way, it is not unheard of to start a year in advance.

List what has to be done. If there are costs, how will you raise the money? If you need to enlist volunteers, consider your resources. If you need props or adjunct equipment, where can you get it, any cost?

Now you will begin to give shape to the Event. Develop advertising ideas. Local radio shows, newspapers, marquis signs, handouts, etc. I told you this would take time, ideas, and planning.

If there is a script to follow, write it up. You have someone else review it for grammar or spelling, but you need to give the script it's meaning. After all you have the original idea for this.

That original idea is called **Vision**. When you take your Vision and get others involved that is called **Leadership**.

To the beginner, start small, and build from there.



DETACHMENT  
OF FLORIDA



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As we work through the last months of a very successful service year, I find myself reflecting on all we as a nation and as human beings have gone through in the recent past.

From pandemic policies which kept us apart, to inflation and the financial hardships that come with it, to natural disasters like the recent storm from which many of us are still recovering – we've shown that through hard work, dedication and faith, we can and will persevere.

How can we as individuals actually work through these seemingly insurmountable issues? In my view it is in the faith we share in His word and His love for us and by His grace alone.

I write to you from the perspective of someone who treasures his Jewish roots and his Christianity, but regardless of the religion you practice freely in our great nation, faith in our Heavenly Father and His love for His children is a common theme we all can share and agree with.

He walks in love, as should we. He teaches kindness and patience – things we all should practice. He sees us as He made us, not as we've been turned and corrupted by the sins of the world. This is how we should strive to see one another, friend and enemy alike.

Let us set politics, race, creed, religion, and all things about which we might find differences with one another aside and actually see that we are all brothers and sisters; we are all related as children of our one Father, no matter if you call him God, Jehovah, Allah, Buddha or any other name. We share life, we share this planet, and we are called to share in His love.

In my discussions with Veterans of our nation's military, I've discovered that any such prejudices are quickly cast aside when one realizes that the person next to you may be one that saves your life – or you, his or hers.

Reliance on our resilience as humans is a strength we should foster without regard of outward appearance. We are of one blood and one heart. We are humans of the earth. We are His children.

I look forward to seeing you all in June at our next Convention.

Until then and beyond, may God bless you and keep you safe.

For God and Country  
Ray Leventhal, Chaplain





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Greetings from District 13,

As you all know, this is an exciting time of year. Nominations and elections are happening. As I am meeting so many wonderful American Legion Family members as I travel to District 8, through District 13 and some other Districts, it is very uplifting to talk with so many people looking to get involved and run for a position. I think the camaraderie of what we have been through with all this hurricane devastation to our Posts and communities has truly brought us together to make the future stronger and greater.

Remember, if you do get elected or appointed to a position, be prepared to serve your entire term. Be on time for your meetings, be respectful of others opinions, lead by example. Be the best you can be. Try to mentor others and bring The Sons of The American Legion into a positive light in our communities. Teach your community about all the good we do for our veterans and their families. Read the handbook, many times, and educate yourself to be able to help run your Squadron effectively.

The American Legion "Be The One" program is in full swing. Check it out on [legion.org](http://legion.org) and study the six steps to a successful event. Learn how to "Be The One" to ask, to listen, to reach out. Do your "Buddy Checks". You have know idea how much it means to someone to hear from you. To know they are more than just a number. To know they are appreciated. To know that you care. When working on membership, make sure to get email addresses and phone numbers.

I would like to congratulate Squadron 189 of Sebastian Florida, and Commander Peter Puzzo and his team for their hard work of raising the funds for a new, beautiful POW/MIA monument at their community Riverview Park. This is one of the types of things the S.A.L. does for our veterans. Get involved with your community, schools, and other organizations. Attend other Squadrons' events. Support each other. We are all in this together.

TOGETHER  
WE CAN AND WILL  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE



For God and Country,

Mike Nigbor  
District 13 Commander  
Detachment of Florida



Be The One is SAL  
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Be The One Who Helps!

Be The One

Use this code to sign up  
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Voter Voice.



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## 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 Christian Rapp – 215 Greenwood Ave, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936-1452.
2. Endorsement letters can be scanned and sent by e-mail to the Detachment Adjutant at [adjutant@floridasons.org](mailto:adjutant@floridasons.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	<a href="#"><u>Gerard Sambets (275, Dunedin)</u></a>
<b>Office of Detachment Vice Commander</b>	
Western Area	
Northern Area	<a href="#"><u>Gerald Kaufman (383, Oldtown)</u></a>
Eastern Area	
Central Area	<a href="#"><u>Richard Cummings (238, Safety Harbor)</u></a>
Southwestern Area	<a href="#"><u>Michael Nigbor (303, Bonita Springs)</u></a>
Southern Area	
National Executive Committeeman	<a href="#"><u>William D Kelly Jr (137, Jacksonville)</u></a>
National Executive Committeeman Alternate	<a href="#"><u>Tom Klinger (119 Largo)</u></a>
Detachment Chaplain	<a href="#"><u>Raymond S. Leventhal (323, Lehigh Acres)</u></a>
Detachment Historian	
Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms	

## District Commander & Vice Commander Endorsements

District	District Commander Endorsements	District Vice Commander Endorsements
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4	<a href="#"><u>Timothy Susskind (155, Crystal River)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Steven McKim (77, Inverness)</u></a>
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8	<a href="#"><u>Robert 'Buzzard' Medley (312, Sarasota)</u></a>	
9	<a href="#"><u>Martin Kraemer (310 Hallandale)</u></a>	
11		
12	<a href="#"><u>John Kinlen (189 Sebastian)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Andy Campbell (117 Palm Bay)</u></a>
13	<a href="#"><u>Sean Wing (90, Cape Coral)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Thomas Burns (323, Lehigh Acres)</u></a>	
14		
15		
16	<a href="#"><u>Gary Sanderson (238, Safety Harbor)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Karl N Fest (252, Seminole)</u></a>
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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!



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National Commander's  
Slogan.

Be The One Who Helps!

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# THE SOURCE

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



**Order Form**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Only 1,000 of these coins will be created to commemorate this auspicious event.  
Reserve YOUR collector's item commemorative coin today!**

I am ordering \_\_\_\_\_ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Challenge Coins, at \$10 ea.

Include this form and your check, payable to SAL Detachment of Florida, for  
\$10/coin and send to:

**Ed Sheubrooks  
Finance Committee Chairman  
800 S Brocksmith Rd  
Ft Pierce, FL 34945**

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Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Florida

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





#### **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
- 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 28th, 2023**

**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**

THE  
**MIGHTY 13 DISTRICT**  
FUNDRAISER  
**"WHISKEY KEG OF BOOZE"**  
RAFFLE



**TICKETS AVAILABLE UNTIL MAY 20TH 2023**  
CONTACT A POST COMMANDER, SQUADRON COMMANDER OR RIDER DIRECTOR  
FOR TICKETS. DON'T FORGET YOUR DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES THEY CAN GET  
YOU TICKETS ALSO.

**DRAWING: 3:00 PM ON MAY 20TH 2023**

AFTER THE MEETING

LOCATION: D.N.MCQUEEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 103  
2101 TAYLOR RD, PUNTA GORDA, FL.33950

**DISTRICT 13 WILL HOLD IT'S ANNUAL DISTRICT CONSTITUTIONAL  
CONFERENCE DURING WHICH TIME ELECTIONS FOR DISTRICT OFFICER FOR  
2023-2024 WILL TAKE PLACE**

**ALL AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE  
DRAWING**





# DEPARTMENT Children & Youth Picnic Fund Raiser

April 15, 2023

11 am - 5 pm

American Legion Post 323

1124 Ashlar Ave, Lehigh Acres FL

(239) 369-3178



Games, Food, Baskets, 50/50, (Military  
Child's Program - by our Juniors)

Quality Inn - 1320 Business Way, Lehigh Acres FL  
(239) 369-2121

Price - \$127.25. Ask for American Legion -  
Dianne Boland

**Wear purple in honor of the Military Child**



Questions or Concerns: Dianne Boland (561) 315-0679



## 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.



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## Having an Event? Let the Detachment of Florida Help!

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### 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](http://floridasons.org))
- The Detachment of Florida's Facebook page ([facebook.com/FloridaSAL](https://facebook.com/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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