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Greetings All!

My family hopes all of you had a Happy Easter.

Thanks to the members of the Executive Committee for taking the time to attend our meeting on April 15. I hope you found it informative. Do not forget our year end reports. Area and District Commanders it is your obligation to ensure Squadrons fully participate in these important documents.

We are approaching the final laps of the race and have a month left to push our membership across the finish line and get the checkered flag. The Commanders goal is 26,625 members. The Committee members will be contacting the District Leadership with the questions on Squadrons that are not reaching goals. It will be our job to see that membership finishes strong. We are going for our 30th consecutive high, there is no doubt we can attain victory.

I want to thank all who attended my homecoming. It was very well attended and raised money for Operation Comfort Warriors. A BIG thank you to JD Givens, Squadron 81, and Post Commander Tracy Spence for all they have done. A special thanks to "The Boys" who did the cooking, the BBQ was outstanding, and I received many compliments. Also, thank you to DJ Doc Holiday for taking time to put his unique style at the event, and Pete Puzzo for being the MC.

Remember you all have Squadron and District Elections in the next few weeks. If you would like to be an Officer of the District, Detachment, or National Organization you should start at the Squadron level. The Blue Caps are the most important part of our organization.

My travels last month included the Department Children and Youth Picnic at Post 117 where they raised \$20,800. for COTA. I also attended Department Commander, Chris Hamrick's homecoming at Post 117 and on behalf of the Detachment presented him with a plaque for his outstanding dedication and participation to the principals and programs of the Sons of the American Legion. Each year my Post 81 hosts a food tent at the annual all veterans' reunion, one of the largest and longest in our nation. If you are a veteran, know a veteran or want to thank a veteran, we would be honored to have you at the 37th Annual All Veterans Reunion at Wickham Park, Melbourne, FL. May 8th-11th.

I want to acknowledge the incredible teamwork and camaraderie that define our organization. Your consistent performance and dedication to the four pillars of the American Legion are outstanding.

For God and Country,

Rocky Cirigliano

Detachment Commander | Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida

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* Legion Birthday (March 13th) ** Delegate Cut-Off



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Hello Sons!

As our Annual Convention is NEXT MONTH (June 12-15) my main focus for this article will be **reporting**.

Department sent out the end of the year packets the week of March 16, 2025. I have mine of my squadron, you should have your too. If you haven't seen the packets and you get mail at your Post, check with your Post Adjutant. If you receive mail via a PO Box, make that trip to the Post Office NOW. If you've done the above and still can't locate your packet (it's a letter size manilla envelope) please email Bekki at Department HQ. Her information can be found on the floridalegion.org website.

*Department sent out the packets, I did not. The packets were missing both the **NATIONAL and DETACHMENT Consolidated Squadron Reports (CSRs)**. While all of the reports we do are important, these two are the **MOST IMPORTANT**.*

I have reached out to the Area Commanders and the District Commanders and staff to have them relay this information to their squadrons and have also provided them PDF copies of the reports that they can send out. If you haven't received this information from your Area and District Leadership (and I hope you have!) you can download these reports, as well as all others, through the Detachment website at <https://floridasons.org/detachment-report-forms/>. While we have adjusted the due date to be May 15, we understand that the omission of these two reports may cause some delays. Get these reports turned in ASAP and no later than **June 1** so we have time to collate the information in these reports prior to Convention.

NOTE: As of 2024, Volunteer time is worth \$30/hr

NOTE: THE NATIONAL CSR CAN BE COMPLETED THROUGH YOUR MYLEGION.ORG PORTAL. WHEN YOU SIGN IN AND GO TO YOUR SQUADRON PAGE, THERE WILL BE A BIG BLUE BUTTON ON THE SCREEN THAT SAYS SUBMIT CPR/CSR REPORTS. CLICK THIS AND COMPLETE YOUR REPORT.

NOTE: SAVE A COPY OF YOUR SUBMISSION CONFIRMATION FOR YOUR RECORDS. THIS WILL SERVE TWO PURPOSES:

- 1) IT LETS YOU KEEP A RECORD OF YOUR SUBMISSION IN CASE NATIONAL SAYS THEY HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR REPORT.**
- 2) YOU CAN USE THE INFORMATION TO COMPLETE YOUR DETACHMENT CSR.**

CONSOLIDATED REPORTS

CPR / CSR reports are generally available from November to September.

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

*** 2024-2025 Consolidated Reports are available.

THE ONLINE SUBMITTAL PORTAL

For those of you who are tech-savvy, I've created an online report submission portal. On just one page, you can submit all of the important reports such as your Consolidated Squadron Reports, Squadron Information Reports and even your District Officer Reports. Go to floridasons.org/report-submission to upload your reports.

Reporting Meetings: Area and District Commanders: A good suggestion for getting squadrons to complete their reports would be to hold a meeting in your Districts and Areas and get a representative from each squadron to attend and assist them in completing their reports as a group. The 16th District does this each year and usually has 100% reporting in their district. If your Districts are spread out, you may want to hold two meetings. If you need help in completing your reports, or are not sure what qualifies for what report(s), please reach out to an experienced member in your area. You can also email the Committee and Commission Chairmen, as well as Member Training and Development (MT&D) for assistance.

CHANGES IN THE REPORTING PACKETS

There have been a few changes this year. I encourage everyone to open the packet and go through it, even if you use the forms online to complete your reporting. Here's a couple of notable changes:

- **Annual Squadron Data Report (SDR)** - John Jennings will talk about this in his article, we've also sent out emails recently about this. This report only needs completed if your squadron information (such as dues) has changed or needs corrected. If you are submitting an SDR, **DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING BLANK**.

I have received an Americanism Report with no squadron information at the top, and no signature (see image #1 below). The data in this report cannot be collated as there is no way to identify the squadron. If it is YOUR report, please email me and let me know.

Please take the time to completely review all reports your are submitting. Do your best to ensure your are properly reporting your Squadron's amazing achievements and help your Squadron get the recognition it deserves!

AMERICANISM AND CHILDREN & YOUTH CONT'D

Education Participate in American Education Week? YES ☒ NO ☐
of schools assisted 2 Cost \$ _____
Scholarships awarded _____ Value of awards \$ _____
Service hours given to Education Program 10
Additional amounts expended on Education Program Cost \$ _____

Scouting Squadron sponsors a Scout Unit? YES ☐ NO ☒
of youth in Legion Scouting _____ Donated to Scouting activities \$ _____

Flag Education # of flags presented locally _____ Cost \$ _____

Squadron Participation (Check all that apply)
Flag Day ☐ Get Out and Vote ☐ Veterans Day ☒ Memorial Day ☒ July 4 ☒ Legion Birthday ☒ 4 Chaplains Sunday ☒

Community Service Estimated number of hours 50 Cost \$ 250

Junior Shooting Sports Number of youth involved _____ Cost \$ _____

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAM

Number of C&Y activities held _____ Cash aid given to needy children \$ _____
Estimated value of goods given to children \$ 300 Number of children given aid 30
Cost of operating program \$ _____ Administrative \$ _____
Parties, Dinners, Gifts \$ _____ Other Expenses \$ _____

CONTRIBUTIONS

VDA _____ All Childrens _____ Special Olympics 1200 Handicap Children _____
; to Post 1500 Hours to Post 400 CMN _____ NEF _____
Child Welfare Foundation 500 Florida Children & Youth Fund _____ Other 1000

GENERAL INFORMATION

'total number of business meetings per year 24 Socials per year 2
Our Squadron meets regularly on the 3RD TUESDAY of each month at 6:00 am (pm)
average number of members attending _____
number of members attending at DISTRICT 4 FALL CONFERENCE 2 CONVENTION 2
number of members that completed the Ten Ideals or Five Star Award programs _____

This and all other reporting forms are available online as fillable PDFs at <https://floridascans.org/attachment-report-forms/>

MAIL TO: Christian M Rapp, Detachment Adjutant
15 Greenwood Ave | Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
Alternatively, you may submit this report online at www.floridasons.org/report-submission

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Detachment CSR (01/25)

- **Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Report (VA&R)** - VA&R Chairman George Worton has revised the instructions on this page to help everyone better understand how to complete the report. Please read these instructions (especially Section II) prior to completing your report. Everything we do at our squadrons counts in some way for VA&R—**EVERYONE SHOULD BE COMPLETING A VA&R REPORT.**

ENDORSEMENTS FOR OFFICE

Endorsements for office are coming in. You can see a list of the current endorsements at the end of this edition before the special events flyers. You can also find them on our website at <https://floridasons.org/detachment-officer-endorsements/> **As I write this we are missing MANY endorsements for office. WE NEED LEADERS** who want to continue to help our Detachment grow. Here's the list of positions still available:

- ♦ Vice Commander Western Area
- ♦ District Commander: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 14
- ♦ District Vice Commander: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17

If you have sent in an endorsement and your position appears in the preceding list, please resend your endorsement to me at adjutant@floridasons.org.

If you are considering running for a Detachment Officer Position, or a District Commander/Vice Commander position you may now submit your endorsement. There is a format that all endorsements should follow:

- All endorsements must be on Post/Squadron letterhead and must have **two** signatures.
- Signatures can be any combination of Post or Squadron Commander and Post or Squadron Adjutant.
- **YOU CANNOT SIGN YOUR OWN ENDORSEMENT** if you currently hold one of these positions.

DISTRICT CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCES (DCC)

If you have completed your DCCs and have elected District Staff for the upcoming Service Year, you need to complete and submit the **DISTRICT OFFICERS REPORT**. You can find this form on the Detachment website at <https://floridasons.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/dist-officer-report-02-19-25.pdf>. It is imperative that this form is submitted right away as Department uses this form to vet the incoming officers and grant them any permissions in the myLegion.org system that are associated with their position.

SQUADRON ELECTIONS

Per Article X, Section 13 of our Detachment Constitution:

"All officers of Squadrons, except the Squadron Adjutant and the Squadron Judge Advocate, shall be elected and certified to the Department Adjutant and Detachment Adjutant, not more than ninety (90) days, nor less than ten (10) days prior to the Annual Detachment Convention, certification to be made on forms furnished or prescribed by the Detachment Adjutant."

The first day of our Annual Convention this year will be **June 13, 2025**. This means that your squadron elections cannot be any sooner than **MARCH 15, 2025** and no later than **JUNE 3, 2025**. Once your elections are complete, you must immediately send in the Squadron Information Report (SIR). This form provides information on your elected officers that not only lets Department and Detachment build their directories, but allows Department to assign permissions in the myLegion.org system to those who process membership. The form can be found on our website, at <https://floridasons.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/03-SIR-0525.pdf> and was also included in your end of year packets.

That's all for now. Please let me and your Detachment Adjutant Staff know if you need anything.

For God and Country,

Christian M Rapp

Detachment of Florida Adjutant





PAUL STAWICKI

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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Gentlemen,

As we begin our final month before the end of our fiscal year. I want to thank you all for a year well done. I know we will make our remaining goals and hope that we can achieve by National Convention our **Triple Nickel Award**. This award is presented to the Detachments who in a given year have 5 new Squadrons. Also, they must have reached 105% Membership. Lastly, they must have an 85% or better Renewal Rate. This is a very achievable Award for us. This is why we stress the importance of Renewals and retention more so than New Memberships. We have been doing well in the past years with this. As of the last information before this article was submitted. We are currently at 24,816 which is 96.43% Membership and a Renewal Rate of 81.55% per National. We already have our 5 new Squadrons in place. Our New squadrons this year are as follows :

District 1 Squadron 33 Pensacola

District 4 Squadron 58 Dunnellon

District 5 Squadron 244 South Jacksonville

District 6 Squadron 239 Groveland & Squadron 331 Orlando

Welcome to you all!!!

We sit in 4th Place Nationally in Membership. To achieve our goals this and every year we must have participation by each Squadron in each District throughout the year. This is why we stress each month to make our percentages and to not wait till the end to try and make the final goals. Let's make Commander Rocky's R.A.C.E. for Our Veterans Membership year a successful one. Remember the three 3 Rs of membership. Reinstate (Members that have slip away and not paid their dues) – Renew (Current members) – Recruit (The easiest of them all). We must be working on our membership daily. If you don't you will find that playing catch up now makes things much more difficult. If you aren't sure what to do ask for help. DO NOT sit idle and do NOTHING. If you don't make the minimum of 10 members you risk possibly losing your charter for next year.

Remember to be working on all your End of Year Reports. These are a mandatory requirement each year as well as updating your Squadron Data Reports if you have changes in dues and/or Officers.

Don't wait till the last minute.

Let's finish this year off strong. Help our Veterans and the Community. Make lots of money and give it away to our charities.

God Bless and Be Safe,

Paul Stawicki

Membership Chairman
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Florida

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



OF VIRTUE, MORALITY AND RELIGION

The Constitution of the United States of America is arguably the most unique, and most brilliant political document ever penned by man. Nothing like this document had ever been seen before in all of human history, and it has stood strongly and proudly as the basis for a governmental system and structure for over 200 years.

James Madison, widely regarded as the primary author of our great Constitution, wrote:

"Is there no virtue among us? If there be not, we are in a wretched situation. No theoretical checks, no form of government, can render us secure. To suppose that any form of government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in the people, is a chimerical idea. If there be sufficient virtue and intelligence in the community, it will be exercised in the selection of these men; so that we do not depend upon their virtue, or put confidence in our rulers, but in the people who are to choose them."

John Adams, another founding father of our nation wrote:

*"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people.
It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other"*

These brilliant men knew and espoused publicly the need for a virtuous citizenry in order for the budding nation to be successful.

The basis for what makes our great nation such a miraculously blessed place is the Judeo-Christian ethic, which was the foundation for all of those that fought for our freedom from the monarchy of England.

Restoring the national belief in the one true God, the importance of the nuclear family and the love of our Country is vital for our ongoing success. Throughout the old and new testaments, we are taught to love not only God our Father, but each other, as He loves us. His blessings cast this nation on a path to change the world for the better. His guidance is what made our brilliant founders so rich with wisdom that a document such as our Constitution could be the centerpiece of the greatest nation ever to grace the earth, more than 200 years after it's inception. The living nature of this great document is what sets the United States of America apart from all other nations, past and present.

Lord God, Father of us all, I pray your ongoing blessings upon our great nation. I pray your guidance be given to – and received by – our leaders, without regard to politics. I pray Your peace to all who seek you, and I pray that more of Your children seek You every day. May our leaders know You, have faith in You and be virtuous in Your eyes so that we may always be full of the Grace granted to us through that Faith.

Amen.

Keep the faith. Always remember you are a child of God!

As always, I'm available to anyone who would like fellowship, a conversation, a joke or just company.

For God and Country,

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MICHAEL NIGBOR

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Greetings from the Southwestern Area!

The Southwestern Area Ball at Post 24 in Bradenton was a good time. Everyone was dressed up in their best roaring 20's outfits, great food and entertainment. March 29th we had a wonderful visit with Commander Pete Puzzo at his Squadron 189 in Sebastian. The Squadron is extremely active at the post and in the community. Their POW/MIA memorial at the park is outstanding. March 30th was Commander Rocky Cirigliano's Homecoming at his home Squadron 81 in Melbourne. The event was very well attended, amazing BBQ chicken and pork with all the fixings. Commander Rocky received a few beautiful gifts and donations for his charity.

April 12th we attended the 14th Annual Car and Truck Show in Treasure Island to support Post 158 with their rebuild from the hurricane damage. It was a fantastic turnout, beautiful vehicles and lots of dedicated volunteers making this event a success. As we know, losing your home, post, belongings, etc because of a hurricane is quite devastating and can cause immense stress and depression. Treasure Island and the entire area are pulling together to help each other and it is very heart-warming to see. Florida Strong, American Legion Strong. This is why we need to continue our "Buddy Checks".

This year has been a very fun time as we travel to so many posts around the state and see the mutual dedication to our squadrons' and communities. When we meet with other members, we talk about our membership revitalizations and encouraging members to rejoin, renew and recruit. This is part of our "WHY". We are the American Legion Family. Keep attending your fellow squadrons' events and invite them to yours. Send a letter to your members. Let them know what is happening at the post. Make sure you get phone numbers and email addresses. Let your members know you are thinking about them, and that they are more than a number. That you truly do appreciate their continued support.

I would like to thank Commander Rocky for his fantastic year and guidance. Without his and your support, we would not have been able to accomplish the wonderful things The Sons of The American Legion does. I am excited for the new 2025-2026 service year and all the amazing things we will accomplish by working together as one team. We all strive for the same mission and goals. To support our veterans, their families and our communities.

As we enter the month of May, we look forward to Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a U.S. federal holiday celebrated on the last Monday of the month. This is a day of remembrance and honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. This day is to reflect on and pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. At 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day, please pause for one minute to remember those that have died so that we may be a free country. Thank our veterans for their service.

God Bless America

For God and Country,

Michael Nigbor

Vice Commander Southwestern Area

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida





MICHAEL "TANK" SHERMAN

CENTRAL AREA COMMANDER
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Greetings from the Central Area!

SQUADRON 238 DONATION

At the end of March, I was invited to attend Squadron 238's monthly Squadron meeting. During this meeting, Squadron Commander George Steger and 16th District Commander Gary Sanderson presented a check for \$13,523.80 to Erin Authier-Lohr, Executive Director of Hero To A Child. This donation was raised back in January from their annual mini golf tournament that I wrote about in my January article. The donation even got National's attention and was featured in the National SAL newsletter, The Millennium. Once again, great job Squadron 238!



Hero To A Child is a program in Pinellas and Pasco Counties that aims to empower, uplift, and support children and young adults impacted by abuse and neglect to realize a brighter future and supports kids in the foster system. Check out <https://herotoachild.org/> for more information about this amazing program.

BANQUETS AND HOMECOMINGS AND PICNICS, OH MY!

On March 22nd, I attended the 15th District Past Commanders and Past President's Banquet at Post 148 in Riverview. I got to be the guest auctioneer for the blind auction and in the end, we raised over \$6,500 for Boys and Girls State transportation for the 15th District. My wife won a couple of the auction items, including a portrait of a tank. Guess it was meant to be!



On March 29th, we made the trek across the state to Post 81 in Melbourne for Detachment Commander Cirigliano's Homecoming. Squadron 81 had the smokers going and served up some smoked chicken quarters and sliced pork. The food was excellent, and the camaraderie and fellowship was even better. Congratulations, Commander, on a great year!

The following weekend, we drove across the state again for the Department Children and Youth Picnic, hosted by Post 117 in Palm Bay. Department Children and Youth Chair Rick Johnson put on an excellent event, with lots of raffle baskets and auction items, all benefitting C.O.T.A. My daughter Paige, a Unit 138 Junior Auxiliary member, even got to participate in the Military Child Table Setting ceremony. When it was all said and done, the picnic raised \$20,800! An amazing day with some amazing people.



(VC Central Continued)

After giving my poor car a break for a couple weeks, we once again headed west to Post 117 on April 26th for the third time in five weeks. This time, for Department Commander Chirs Hamrick's Hillbilly Hoedown Homecoming. Once again, the Post 117 family knocked it out of the park with the baskets and raffle items, as well as serving some mouthwatering pork tenderloin and brisket for lunch! Congratulations to you as well, Commander Hamrick, on a great year.

POST FAMILIES HELPING POST FAMILIES

On April 27th, we stayed a little closer to home and attended a fundraiser at Post 305 in St. Pete Beach. The Post 305 family hosted this fundraiser for the benefit of Post 158 in Treasure Island, which was wiped out by Hurricane Helene last year. Squadron 158 Commander Greg Tong and Vice Commander (and Treasure Island mayor!) John Doctor were manning the grill while members of both Post 158 and 305 families helped serve or sell 50/50 or raffle tickets. Several checks were presented during the event, all going to help Post 158 rebuild, and there were people from all over the 16th District (and beyond) in attendance, including Detachment Vice Commander for the Southwestern Area Mike Nigbor, Detachment Adjutant Christian Rapp, and Past Detachment Commander Gerard Sambets. It was very heartwarming to see these families come together to help a Post that's still recovering from this natural disaster. I'm looking forward to the day that Post 158 is up and running again and we can go back for a visit.



As always, please let me know what your squadrons or districts have going on. I would love to come out and participate in and support your events!

For God and County,

Michael "Tank" Sherman Jr.
Vice Commander Central Area
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Florida





Hello from the Eastern Area!

I would like to start out by saying great job Eastern Area for already making April's goal of 90% we are currently at 99.94% which puts us currently in 2nd place now the real work begins to be at 100% by May 1st.

The race to the finish line is getting really tight for the golden gavel which I will be presenting at convention to the winner between the 6th and 12th district.

On March 29th I attended detachment commander Rockies home coming at post 81 and what a great turn out by the Detachment officers, district and many squadrons. On April 5th I attended the children & youth picnic at post 117 which had another great turn out.

We have reached our 90% target being the team owner of the Eastern Area race team I am asking my crew chiefs and race teams not to take a pit stop and step on the gas and get the Eastern Area back in 1st place. I am reminding my district commanders to check with all your squadrons to make sure they have received their yearend packages and help them fill them out as needed. If you need my assistants let me know.

If you would like me to attend any meetings or events let me know.

For God and Country,
Randy Chilcott

Vice Commander Eastern Area
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Florida



Greetings from the 6th District!

Wow, What a busy and fun month. First on March 22nd we had our District 6 Picnic held at Old Glory Post 183. Much money was raised for Boys and Girls State transportation. Great time was had by all.

I had the honor of installing the officers for new Squadron 239, Groveland-Mascotte on March 24th. Welcome and good luck as you begin to build your Squadron and program.

Then on March 26th it was down to new Squadron 331 Orlando to meet with Gumby and his guys. Good luck as you grow and get your programs going. Always good to see the excitement of these new squadrons getting started. On March 29th it was down to Post 81, Melbourne to celebrate Rocky's fantastic year as Detachment Commander. The food was great and fun and fellowship was had by all.

Finally down to Post 117, Palm Bay on April 5th for the Department Children and Youth Picnic. What a great crowd and Post for this event. Thanks to Department C & Y Chairman Rick Johnson and MaryAnn Spellman for this great and fun event to raise money for Children's Organ Transplant Association. (COTA)

Our membership is chugging along, and we are neck and neck with District 12. We are at 98.43% and District 12 is ahead at 101.12% as of Friday 4/09/25. Congratulations to Andy Campbell on reaching 100%. We continue to slip further behind, we really need a push as we get closer to the end of the fiscal year. Please pull out all the stops and do what you can to get those renewals in, or we will again be using the Golden Throne to run our meetings. I would love to see District 12 keep it for another year.

(District 6 Commander Continued)

Our next District 6 meeting will be May 10 at 10:00 AM, at Post #80 in St Cloud. Remember, this is the DCC meeting and we will be electing our officers for District 6. Please consider running for an office. We always need new people to get new ideas. Don't forget the Post 347 Family C&Y Golf Tournament supported by Department/Detachment on May 17th. See flyer, in The Source. (Only a couple foursomes left, but lots of opportunity to sponsor a hole or donate to this great cause.) All proceeds will be donated to Children and Youth Programs.

I would love to attend your meeting or just come for a visit. Please call or email me a good time to visit.

Remember, "End of Year" reports are here. District 6, They were missing the Nation and Detachment Consolidated Reports. I emailed these to all District 6 Squadrons. Please reach out to me if you need help completing these reports. Also please send me a copy of your reports.

In closing, it's my honor to represent District 6 this year. Please feel free to contact to me at: dannyroe@prodigy.net for any needs you may have.

For God and Country,
Danny Roe
District 6 Commander
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Florida



Greetings from the 12th District!

First and foremost, thanks to all the squadrons for getting their membership renewals and new members in thus far! We have 5 Squadrons over 100% which are 191, 200, 117, 189 and 171 has 117%

First and foremost, thanks to all the squadrons for getting their membership renewals and new members in thus far! We have 11 Squadrons over 100% which are 191, 200, 117, 189 and 171 has 117%

Most of the other squadrons are over 90% with only 2 less than 90%. Let's continue to get those memberships in so we can take first place in the race to the finish.

We are currently in Second place and drafting right behind District 13 at the time of this letter.

The children and youth picnic was held at Post 117 and was very successful. Thanks to all of those folks that came to make it a success.

On May 18th Both myself and the district Commander will be present at a Fashion Show to talk about the American Legion and what we do for Veterans and other non-profit organizations at 6pm

We should be thru our 2nd round of nominations for the squadrons. If you have unanimously decided, then please get your SIR filled out and emailed in and also copy me on that email as well. It is located here: <https://floridasons.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/03-SIR-012925.pdf>

We should also be thinking about reporting that will be due in May. On May 15th your National and Detachment CSR are due. They are located in the following 2 links:

National: <https://floridasons.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/50IA1124-SAL-Consolidated-Squadron-Report-FILL.pdf>

Squadrons can fill out the NATIONAL CSR through their myLegion.org portal. Here's the link with instructions: <https://www.legion.org/information-center/news/dispatch/2024/december/start-filling-out-the-2024-25-cpr-and-csr>

I would recommend saving a screenshot of the confirmation screen for your records.

Detachment: <https://floridasons.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/20-21-Detachment-CSR.pdf>

You may submit these reports online at www.floridasons.org/report-submission

These forms can be filled out on your computer and saved as a PDF.

If you would like something on the District 12 Facebook page please email me the flyer and I will get it up there!

For God and Country,

Andy Campbell
12th District Commander Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Florida



Detachment of Florida,

Hope this article finds everyone well.

First and foremost – **HOUSTON WE HAVE A “BIG” PROBLEM!**

Our Detachment Adjutant and I have noticed over the past few weeks that our members, Squadron Officers and our Detachment Officers are **“NOT READING”** completely the emails that are being distributed. They are skimming over and not reading the complete message or instructions given and it has already caused some early issues with reporting. We really need to work on these issues moving forward and thank you in advance for your understanding and action.

Our year continues to move along, and you guys continue to bring on the surprises. We have lots to be thankful for and I am excited to see how our year finishes. Membership has another opportunity for the “TRIPLE NICKLE AWARD, Member Training and Development is putting together some much needed training materials to hopefully be given at Convention, and we have a National Convention coming to Tampa and the Tampa Bay Area, what more could we ask for. We are having another banner year, and we need to let our records show that with our Squadron reports that are coming due before the Convention. Get those reports in.

I have been and will continue to talk about acronyms as they are a big topic of discussion for me. Why? Because most of our membership do not encounter the acronyms we are using, and they will not ask what they are. We are failing them by not using full description with the acronyms until our membership understands their meaning. I as Internal Affairs Chairman and Past Detachment Commander ask, we the Detachment of Florida stop USING ACRONYMS, so we do a better job of educating our membership on what these acronyms mean and how to use them if needed. Please continue to educate our membership.

COMMUNICATIONS

All Squadrons and Squadron Officers should have an email and should be signed up to our Google group and have been receiving the Detachment communications (roughly 425 signed up out 25,00+). If you are not signed up, WHY? If you are not signed up it is simple, just go to the Detachment website (www.floridasons.org) and go toward the bottom of the first page. You will see a button and information about Google Group. Click the button and just follow the props. You are now set up to receive information about your Detachment. Oh, we do not sell email addresses, they are safe with us. This is just one of many communication tools available to our membership. Area & District Commanders, you can help with this issue by talking with your Squadrons during your visits and help them to help us get the much needed information distributed. This is another item that needs great attention and correction.

As our Detachment continues to grow it now becomes increasingly more important for us to mentor our membership and Officers and not downgrade or belittle someone because he does act or dress as we do. We have a lot of talented people within the Detachment, and we need to tap these individuals and not cut them off. We need to work with the ones that are interested and educate them to help them become better members and have a better understanding of our organizations and how it operates.

MEMBER TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (MT&D)

Member Training & Development continues to work on training needs for our Detachment. Him and his Committee are making plans for another great training opportunity at our upcoming Convention. Please Contact the Detachment Member Training & Development Chairman Peter Puzzo, on your interest of hold training classes for your Squadron, in your District or Area. His contact information can be found on our website www.floridasons.com . We need to make every attempt to educate our members to support our growth and development.

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman Paul Stawicki has the Drivers all in order. The race to the top is on and I am sure it will be a true battle to the top as we work on our 100% target and another all-time high. Congratulations to all the Divers and Pit Crews for their hard work. Let's leave no one behind. On a special note, let's keep focus on the main prize ---105% by delegate cutoff. Congratulations on the I believe we have 5 new Squadrons and this opens the door for the **“TRIPLE NICKLE”**. Chairman Stawicki will be advising everyone on this great opportunity for the Detachment. We have a lot going on with membership as our numbers continue to grow. It is becoming more and more important that everyone is involved in membership and that the growth of our Squadrons and Detachment get the attention of everyone. One Driver and No one Team can do it all. It Take everyone one the track making the same laps and racing the same race!!! Let's go RACING!!!

SOURCE

The "SOURCE". What is it? It is the newsletter for the Detachment of Florida that is published monthly and ALL ARTICLES ARE DUE IN BY THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH. NO EXCEPTION!! The date change is to get in line with Headquarters and open up the opportunity on our "Source" being distributed to the American Legion Post and memberships on their list. More complete communication for the Legion Family. The only thing missing is YOUR articles. Our last several newsletters did not have many articles. Why? The Source is not just for the Detachment Officers, Commission, and Committee to use. It is strongly recommended that articles of importance can be and should be submitted by Squadrons. You can do this on-line at www.floridasons.org. All Officers are encouraged and should submit articles along with the Chairman of Commissions and Committees. It is a great tool to share with everyone what is happening within the Detachment, so I encourage each of you to submit articles and this is a real easy process through www.floridasons.org under the administration tab. Let us spread the word to everyone about the great things that are happening within the Detachment of Florida. All Detachment Officers, Commission and Committee Chairman should be submitting article for the Source. The more positive information we supply the better it will be for our membership growth. It will also help strengthen our members.

SQUADRON DATA REPORT FORM (SDR)

All Squadrons should have received a 2026 Squadron Data Report Form in report packet from Department Headquarters. On the right side if you have submitted in the past this information will be bold. If you have "NO CHANGES" you need not submit the required form. If you have any changes/corrections you make them on the left side of the page. Mark the box at the top correction or change, sign, date and email to sdr@floridasons.org. Any questions please contact me at IA@floridasons.org and I will be glad to discuss with you. I hope to have good solid information soon.

SQUADRON REPORTING

It is getting to that time of year we need to prepare for our year end reporting. Several District are planning and/or having District reporting meetings to help all Squadrons within a District get the required paperwork completed and turned in in a timely manner.

Such items are:

Squadron Officer Informational Form – This form is very important and needs to be completed and sent in.

District Officer Forms – Completed after District Constitutional Conference.

Squadron Data Report Form (SDR)

New Squadron or Never Completed one.

Submit ONLY if your Squadron has CHANGES.

Squadron Consolidated Report Forms-CRS

Detachment Squadron Consolidated Report Form – SCR- Before Convention

National Squadrons Consolidated Report Form – SCR

BOTH SQUADRON CONSOLIDATED REPORT FORMS NEED TO BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN IN A TIMELY MANNER.

All the forms can be found on our web site at www.floridasons.org

PREAMBLE

I will publish our Preamble with every Internal Affairs article I submit. Please read and memorized our preamble to our Constitution. Read each line and stop for just a minute and reflect on the words. These words are powerful and should have great meaning to us all. Think about what each line is saying. This is why, we do what we do! This would also be a great training opportunity at each Squadron meeting. I keep this in my article because I think it is something very meaningfully and important for you as a member and us a Veteran Organization. It is our duty, and it was the duty of all our wonderful Veterans, without them we would not be what we are today, **A FREE NATION.**

PREAMBLE TO THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

**PROUD POSSESSORS OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE, WE MALE DESCENDANTS OF VETERANS OF ALL WARS,
ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER AS "SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION" FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:**

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- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America,
- to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism,
- to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in all wars,
- to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation,
- to combat the autocracy of both the classes and masses,
- to make right the master of might,
- to promote peace and good will on earth,
- to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy,
- to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness,
- to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands,
- and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.





PETER PUZZO

MEMBER TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT CHAIRMAN
MTD@GMAIL.COM



CONVENTION TRAINING

Training sessions for our upcoming Convention will be held on Thursday, June 12 starting at 1pm. This means that if you have new Officers or potential Officers who cannot be there on Friday or Saturday, they can still receive training.

It is important that all Officers attend the Convention but it is also important that we get our Training Messages to the membership in general. Often in the past that hasn't happened.

Now is the time to let your members know that they are welcome at the Convention (as well as the Fall Conference) and that the more they know about our Organization, the better off we all are.

There will be three segments this time:

1-Communication Guide ... What's in it, how it should work & how the Chain of Command works.

2-Leadership Series ... We will discuss the methods and practices of good leadership.

3-Using the Info-Gram ... We will cover a few specific Info-Grams and how easy they are to use.

All Officers, please make every effort to make the Training Sessions.

As always, if you find the need for training, reach out via the 'Chain' and ask.

For God and Country,
Peter Puzzo

Chairman | Member Training & Development Committee
Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida



STEVE GORDON

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS CHAIRMAN
COMMUNITY@FLORIDASONS.ORG



Gentlemen, it's getting to be that time of year. Year end reports are going to be due very soon. Please submit your reports even if you put N/A on most lines. We want your Squadrons all do something that is on the reports, that has been going unreported. Please give Commander Rocky 100 % reporting for his hard work as Detachment Commander.

If you need help filling out the reports, reach out to your District Commander or the MT& D Committee for help.

Detachment Adjutant Rapp updated the website to include being able to fill out the reports online. Thank you Christian for doing this.

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

For God and Country

Steve Gordon

Chairman | Community Affairs Committee
Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida



The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida Legislative Commission accompanied The American Legion Department of Florida Legislative Commission Chairman Scott, and his delegation including Department CDR Hammrick, Adjutant Comer, and our TAL Dept. Lobbyist Bill Hemmick to the Florida State Capitol in Tallahassee on April 2nd 2025 for the Annual Veterans March on the Capitol.

The Veterans March on the Capitol not only raises awareness of our Florida Veterans by thanking the Florida Legislature for supporting veterans and to ask them to continue providing support in the future.

One of my tasks was to visit Florida State House Representative Dean Black. The Legislature was currently working on the appropriations for the 2025-2026 Florida State Budget. Due to the committee meetings Representative Black was attending we met with Ms Elene Lopez Representatives Black Legislative Aid. We were promoting the appropriations #2132 for TAL Boys State Program and #1794 for TAL National Convention Transportation. Ms Lopez was aware of both appropriations and stated she would discuss them with Representative Black.

We hope you Sons of The American Legion understand the importance of contacting your Florida State Representatives and Senators. Unsure how to contact and what to say. It is easy to find out who they are at www.MyFlorida.Gov enter your address and website will provide your Representative in the House and Senate. Then what do I say, email or call them and tell them, you are a member of The American Legion Florida Family and you would like them to support Veteran Legislation. Simple Right.

We are always looking for enthusiastic members to be an active Legislative Commission Committeeman or just assist us and help our Veterans by contacting our Legislators in Tallahassee.

For God and Country,
William D Kelly, Jr

Chairman | Legislative Commission
Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida

**BE THE
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Grassroots Action Center



The American Legion's Grassroots Action Center provides updates and alerts on legislation of interest to the organization. Scan this QR code or visit legion.org/legislative to visit the center, learn about bills and contact congressional delegations.





CHRISTIAN M RAPP

CO-EDITOR OF 'THE SOURCE'
THESOURCE@FLORIDASONS.ORG



Gentlemen,

MAY WILL BE THE LAST MONTH TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR 'THE SOURCE' FOR THE 2024-2025 SERVICE YEAR. WE WILL NOT PUBLISH AN EDITION IN JULY.

The due date for submitting articles for 'The Source' is **the 15th of each month**. This will keeps us inline with the Department of Florida and their publication of '[The Legion Link](#)'. Additionally, we're working with Department to aid in distribution to their members that receive 'The Legion Link'. ***The more people we can cover with our information will make us stronger.***

Please submit your articles and event flyers so that we can continue to bring you this important information. Event flyers will run every month until the event is complete. If any of your fellow members do not get **The Source** delivered via email feel free to share it with them and encourage them to sign-up on the mailing list. 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!



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - DETACHMENT OF FLORIDA



THE SOURCE



CLARENCE HILL

THE AMERICAN LEGION
PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER 2010-2011
2025 TAMPA CONVENTION CORP PRESIDENT



The latest from Clarence Hill, PNC, 2025 Tampa Convention Corporation President

I hope many of you were able to contact your state representatives to lobby for transportation money from this year's budget for the national convention in Tampa. As the Legislature is still in session as I write this, I do not know the status of our request. The House budget included \$125,000 for this transportation request, but the Senate budget didn't include it. So it would have to be negotiated. Post/Auxiliary/SAL/Riders donations and fundraisers would also be most welcome.

The Chairpersons will be contacting volunteers soon to put their teams together. I have forwarded to them the volunteer forms submitted thus far and will continue to provide them as I receive them. Most of you volunteered for multiple committees so you may be hearing from more than one of them. I will meet with the Chairpersons at the Department Convention in June to finalize plans, and the Chairpersons will be meeting with national just prior to the national convention.

I have stressed that this is an immense project that Florida has taken on, and the importance of your support, donations and volunteering will be critical to its success. We'll probably need between 50 and 100 volunteers. Deadlines will start moving faster as we get closer. Hosting a National Convention is not an easy task, costs a lot of money and every member of all the other Departments is a critic. This is a great opportunity to showcase Florida. If you can help in any way or have any ideas, please provide them. If you can volunteer in any way, we need you. The volunteer form is on Floridalegion.org.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Want to volunteer to help with
2025 National Convention in Tampa?

SIGN UP AT floridalegion.org/volunteer2025 OR page 24

2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE




The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida
2025 Tampa National Convention Committee
Chairman Bill Kelly

Committeeman Ed Sheubrooks, Jim Roberts,
Gerard Sambets, Christian Rapp & Detachment Commander Rocky
Cirligiano

This is your committee for the National Convention in Tampa in August 2025. We would like all of our members to help create an emblem for pins and coins and submit them to the committee. We would like the artist drawing or rendering to include a Florida and a Tampa symbols for example, palm tree, manatee, waterfront. We would like all submissions in by November 15, 2024 and decisions to be made at Fall Conference.

If any Squadron in the Tampa Area near the Convention Center would like to do an event for the Convention attendees, Please Contact the Committee.





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.
 - 2) 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.
 - 3) 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:
 - 1) 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 M Rapp at 215 Greenwood Avenue, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936.
- 2) Endorsement letters can be scanned and sent by e-mail to the Detachment at **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 VICE COMMANDER WEST

DETACHMENT VICE COMMANDER NORTH

[Denton ‘Shay’ Woods | Squadron 77 – Inverness](#)
[Arthur Palecek | Squadron 383 – Old Town](#)

DETACHMENT VICE COMMANDER EAST

[Danny Roe | Squadron 347 – Lady Lake](#)

DETACHMENT VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL

[Michael ‘Tank’ Sherman | Squadron 138 – Tampa](#)

DETACHMENT VICE COMMANDER SOUTHWEST

[Robert ‘Buzzard’ Medley | Squadron 312 – Oneco](#)

DETACHMENT VICE COMMANDER SOUTH

[Michael Mathias | Squadron 164 – Boynton Beach](#)

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN 2 YEAR APPOINTMENT

[William D Kelly, JR | Squadron 137 – Jacksonville](#)

ALT NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN 2 YEAR APPOINTMENT

[Gerard Sambets | Squadron 275 – Dunedin](#)

DETACHMENT CHAPLAIN

[Raymond Leventhal | Squadron 323 – Lehigh Acres](#)

DETACHMENT HISTORIAN

[Brian R Patt | Squadron 158 – Treasure Island](#)

DETACHMENT SEARGENT-AT-ARMS

[Stanley Borowy | Squadron 103 – Punta Gorda](#)
[Sam Aloï | Squadron 36 – Ft Lauderdale](#)
[Ken Arrant | Squadron 119 – Largo](#)

DISTRICT COMMANDERS

DISTRICT VICE COMMANDERS

DISTRICT 1		
DISTRICT 2		
DISTRICT 3		Delbert ‘Stan’ Gaddis Squadron 383 – Old Town
DISTRICT 4	Steven McKim Squadron 77 – Inverness	John ‘Jack’ Bennett Squadron 284 – Belleview
DISTRICT 5		
DISTRICT 6		
DISTRICT 7		
DISTRICT 8	Mark Kahn Squadron 69 – Avon Park	Richard Butler Squadron 113 – Rotonda West
DISTRICT 9	Jesse Bogle Squadron 180 – Plantation	
DISTRICT 11		
DISTRICT 12	Andy Campbell Squadron 117 – Palm Bay	Gary Raymond Squadron 394 – Palm Bay
DISTRICT 13	Mitchell Pace Squadron 323 – Lehigh Acres Donald Keith Squadron 103 – Punta Gorda	Christopher Ellsworth Squadron 323 – Lehigh Acres
DISTRICT 14		
DISTRICT 15	Eric Rikansrud Squadron 138 – Tampa	Victor Kelly Squadron 138 – Tampa
DISTRICT 16	Robert Huddle Squadron 173 – Holiday	
DISTRICT 17	David Campbell Squadron 115 – Bunnell	



DETACHMENT COMMANDER SHIRT ORDER FORM 2025-2026



Name: _____ Squadron: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

DELIVERY METHOD

☐ Pick Up at Legion HQ Orlando ☐ Pick Up at Dept Convention ☐ Delivery*

**An additional shipping fee of \$10 is required for delivery.*

Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. You will be notified before shipment.

Shipping Address (If Delivery): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

SHIRT OPTIONS Enter Quantity for each style/size.

Style	Size	Qty	Size	Qty	Size	Qty	Size	Qty	Size	Qty	Size	Qty	Size	Qty	Size	Qty
Men's	XS		S		M		L		XL		2X		3X		4X	

TOTAL

Shirts are **\$38 each*** with two lines of personalization** included. See next page for options.
If tax-exempt, provide an exemption form if not already on file.

***Extended sizes:** 2XL +\$2.00 ea., 3XL +\$5.00 ea., 4XL +6.00 ea.

****Up to 20 characters per line, including spaces and special characters.**

☐ Check here
if tax exempt.

Subtotal \$ 0.00

Tax (6.5%) \$ 0.00

Delivery \$ 0.00

Grand Total \$ 0.00

PAYMENT

Please return form and payment to Department Headquarters: **Email** (emblemsales@floridalegion.org) | **Fax** (407-299-0901)
Mail (The American Legion, Dept of FL; Attn: Emblem Sales, PO Box 547859, Orlando, FL 32854)

☐ Cash

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FAX (407) 299-0901



DETACHMENT COMMANDER SHIRT ORDER FORM 2025-2026

PERSONALIZATION You are allowed up to **two lines** of personalization, with up to **20 characters** on each line, including spaces and special characters. (Line 1 example: First Name Last Name. Line 2 example: Squadron # Title)

Style: Men's ST361 Line 1: _____

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By signing below, I agree that I have verified the information provided as correct and free of errors. I acknowledge that The American Legion, Department of Florida is NOT responsible for incorrect information provided.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

P.O. BOX 547859
ORLANDO, FL 32854-7859

www.floridalegion.org

TOLL FREE (800) 393-3378
FAX (407) 299-0901

American Legion Family at Post #347

Charity Golf Tournament

NEW DATE==May 17, 2025=====



EVENT INFORMATION

Location: Broad Stripes Golf Club
11560 SE 176th Place Road
Summerfield, FL 34491

- Shotgun Scramble – Start at 8:00 AM
- Cost per Golfer - \$95
- Coffee & Breakfast snacks before golf
- Longest Drive Contests
Men & Women
- Hole-in-One Contest
Men & Women
- Hole #15 PRIZE: Golf Cart
- Closest-to-the-Pin-Men & Women
- Many Prizes & Surprises!
- Purchase Mulligans for Charity

After golf, please join us at Post 347
699 W. Lady Lake Blvd, in Lady Lake for
Lunch, Raffles, 50/50, Auctions, & More

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Bronze Hole Sponsor: \$100
- Silver Hole Sponsor: \$200
- Gold Hole Sponsor: \$300
- *Platinum Hole Sponsor: \$500-\$999
*Includes Table Space
- *Major Sponsor-\$1,000 & Up
*Includes Table Space & Foursome
- Donate Gifts for Raffle Prizes

Accepting Sponsorships & Gift Donations
NOW through April 26, 2025

Golf Foursome Registration Starts
February 4, 2025

Make all Checks payable to:

Squadron #347

Mail to: Attention: C&Y Golf Tournament
P.O. Box 1534
Lady Lake, FL 32158

The American Legion Family is Donating
All Proceeds to Benefit Children & Youth Programs



AMERICAN LEGION POST 347
CHILDREN & YOUTH CHARITY
GOLF TOURNAMENT **NEW DATE=== May 17, 2025**
Golf Foursome Registration Starts February 4, 2025
(We Sell-Out Quick, so Don't Delay!)

Golfer (\$95)_____

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Contact for the Team _____

Contact Phone # _____

Contact Email _____

Hole Sponsor:

Bronze_____ Silver_____ Gold_____ Platinum_____ Major_____

Additional Guests for Dinner at Post 347 are \$10.00 each _____

Please make checks payable to: Squadron 347

PO Box 1534, Lady Lake, FL 32158

Attention: C&Y Golf Tournament

If you have any questions, please contact:

Danny Roe – (317) 508-6465

dannyroe@prodigy.net

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SATURDAY, MAY 17

REGISTRATION 10AM

JUDGING 12PM



Live Music ★ Raffles ★ Vendors
Food Trucks



\$15 REGISTRATION



Best in Show (People's Choice)

Best American Cruiser

Best Metric Cruiser

Best Sport Bike

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SELECT YOUR OWN CATEGORY

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5535 West Prescott Street, Tampa, Florida 33616

QUESTIONS? ★ BIKESBYTHEBAY138@GMAIL.COM



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/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 25,000 members this year donated hundreds of thousands of dollars and hours to the many programs of The American Legion Family.

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

Scan the QR Code below to
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 15th of every month.***

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