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**GREETINGS FROM YOUR
DETACHMENT OF FLORIDA
COMMANDER!**

By now we are closing in on the end of our installations. It has been a very busy time for many of us, and I would like to thank those officers that have used the excellent script that was provided by Detachment Adjutant Christian Rapp. It is a pleasure to hear our officers promoting and teaching about our G.O.A.L.S. and our important charity, C.O.T.A. Congratulations to the new officers coming on board and thank you to the returning officers. Stay motivated during this time of the 250th Anniversary of The Greatest Nation in the world. It's a perfect time to get your community involved and educate them about the work we do supporting our veterans, their families, our communities and The American Legion.

Challenge your members with the 3-R'S of Membership. R-Einstating Our Lost! R-Enewing Our Current! R-Cruit Our New! We have G.O.A.L.S. to meet and we will with everyone getting on base and getting in the game. Our August 27th GOAL of 25% is approaching soon and then September 30th of 35%. We need to keep in mind our goal of 32,000 members by delegate cut-off in June 2027. Keep your members engaged. Let's Do This. We can and we will. Set up your membership tables as your posts. Talk to the new people you see visiting. Introduce yourself. Make the connection so they will want to return. Invite them to your meetings and events.

Obviously by this time, there should be No Zero Squadrons. We are a team and work stronger together. Challenge your members to recruit at least one new member. Continue working on your "Buddy Checks". This is very important to the success and future of our organization, and even more important to the people you call. You have no idea how much a person will appreciate hearing from you. To know they are more than just a number. Get organized and do whatever it takes to make the connection.

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MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

Aug 27, 2026	25%
Sept 30, 2026	35%
Oct 29, 2026	45%
Nov 25, 2026	55%
Dec 30, 2026	65%
Jan 28, 2027	85%
Feb 25, 2027 *	90%
April 1, 2027	95%
Apr 29, 2027	100%
May 25, 2027 **	105%

* LEGION BIRTHDAY ** DELEGATE CUT-OFF



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We are approaching September and the peak of the Atlantic Hurricane Season. Go through your prepared-ness checklist and get yourselves, your neighbors, family and friends in readiness for potential emergencies and challenges. We are The American Legion Family. September is nationally recognized as Suicide Prevention Month. Every month should be about preventing suicide, especially for our military, first responders, teachers, doctors, nurses, etc. People face unimaginable trauma every day, and far too often, they do it alone. Our mission is to help them find the support and education for their mental wellness and prevention information. Help them find the family resources to help them survive the job and life afterwards.

We are all Americans and Proud Patriots. Nobody is better than someone else because you do not agree with them on politics, religion, or their views on world affairs – because the ones that put on the uniform and deploy to foreign lands to defend what it stands for have protected our speech and point of view. Display your flag year round, be proud that you are an American and display that pride to your community. We say in our Preamble that we foster and perpetuate the true spirit of Americanism. So, let's live up to the words and carry on for God and Country. It's about honoring the sacrifices of those who wore our nation's uniform. It's about supporting veterans and their families, mentoring our youth, strengthening our communities, and ensuring that the legacy of The American Legion Family continues for generations to follow. Every re-instated, re-newed and re-cruited member helps make this happen. Every call made, every letter, every text, every email, every conversation started, They All Count. ENGAGE YOUR MEMBERS!

Thank you for all you do and for supporting our G.O.A.L.S. As always, if you are having a special event or meeting and would like me to attend, feel free to reach out. This is going to be an amazing year, and I am looking forward to being involved with your squadrons and legion family. Please use our hashtag #SALGoals in your social media and flyers. We have lots of events coming up in September and October. Try to support your neighboring squadrons.

For God and Country,
Michael Nigbor



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EQUIPPING YOU FOR SUCCESS ONE TIP AT A TIME

Welcome to September! Installatons should all be behind us, as well as National Convention, and we're ready to really dig into our year. Our seasonal members should be returning shortly and we're all about to get busier - which is great for our membership and our events. I'll cover some things this month to help you be ready for everything the month brings.

2027 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL POSTCARDS

The first round of membership renewal postcards will be sent out my National September 28 - October 2, 2026. Your squadron's dues amount will be on each postcard. If you did not submit the Annual Squadron Data Report (SDR) in on time, your dues amount my be incorrect. If this happens, reach out to me immediately so I can help you get the situation resolved before the next dues mailout.

2027 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Everyone should have their 2027 membership cards now. There was a printing error on some cards where the continuous years were listed as 7 on the pre-printed card (this happened to me). This is just a printing error. If you log in to your myLegion.org portal, you will see the continuous years are correct. If it is important to your member that the continuous years are correct on the card, you can log in to your portal and print a new card for the member.

MYLEGION.ORG ACCESS

Speaking of the myLegion.org portal, there are still a good handful of squadrons that have not submitted a current Squadron Information Report (SIR). This document allows Department to set up membership processing access in the portal. **If you cannot process renewals in the portal, this is most likely why.** Please reach out to me right away if you still cannot process membership. I will be sending out an email with the missing SIRs out soon. All Detachment Vice Commanders and District Commanders will recieve a copy of this email in addition to the squadrons. Make sure to keep an eye on your inboxes.

LACK OF COMMUNICATION FROM LEADERSHIP

As you read this edition of 'The Source', you will notice that there are articles from the 'usual suspects', but very few - if any - from our Detachment Vice Commanders, District Leadership and our Committee and Commission Chairmen. There is, however, many submissions for upcoming events. To me, this is unacceptable.

THERE SHOULD BE MORE INFORMATION THAN ARDVERTISEMENTS IN EACH EDITION.

If you have submitted an advertisement for an event at your Squadron or in your District, you should submit a follow up article after the event has passed. **Let the Detachment know how your did.** Make sure to include a few photos from the event as well. Take the opportunity to show the entire Detachment how your District, Squadron or Post Family shines!



SET A REMINDER!

Articles for The Source are due by the **15th of every month**. Please mark your calendar, because I should not have to continually remind you to submit your articles.

As an elected officer, committee or commission chair, Detachment Vice Commander, or District Commander, it is your responsibility to communicate with your squadrons. The Source is one of the tools available to help you do that.

Click here to add a monthly reminder to your personal calendar. It works on any calendar platform.

ADD REMINDER TO CALENDAR



FALL CONFERENCE

Please join us for this year's Detachment Fall Conference which will be held **November 20 to November 22, 2026** at the **Caribe Royale Orlando**.

The hotel is located at 8101 World Center Drive Orlando, FL 32821.

The room block is now open
BOOK YOUR ROOMS TODAY!

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ROAD TRIP!

COMMANDER NIGBOR LOVES TO TRAVEL!

If you are having an event that you would like him to attend, please email him at **commander@floridasons.org**.

Please note that he is being requested frequently. If you would like him to attend, please invite him as soon as you plan your event.



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COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR MEMBERS

Last month under this headline, I talked about using Google Groups as a free, effective tool for communicating with your members - especially your seasonal and out-of-state members. I shared how I use one for my Squadron and a separate one for my Squadron officers, and offered to help anyone who wanted to get one set up.

I've had zero requests for assistance since then.

So I'll ask directly: has anyone created a mailing group yet? If not, what are you doing to help increase communication in your Squadron and District? Email groups aren't the only answer, but they're free, they're easy, and they work - so if you've found a different solution that's working for you, I'd genuinely like to hear about it. And if you haven't started anything yet, the offer to help still stands.

I'll also point out: I've included a QR code to join the Detachment email group on the last page of The Source for over a year now. I've had no requests to join through it.

How many of you have actually scanned it? And how many have printed it out and displayed it at your Post Home?

At Convention, I tasked our Detachment Vice Commanders and District Commanders with making sure every Squadron in their charge had this QR code posted. I went a step further and included a printed copy of it in each Vice Commander's and District Commander's Convention packet, so there would be no excuse not to have it.

If you would like help setting up a Google Group for your own Squadron or officers, reach out - I'm glad to assist. You'll need a valid Gmail address to create and manage one.

I'll close with this: my job is to give you the tools to succeed, but the tools only work if you use them. And if there's a tool you need that doesn't exist yet, ask - I may be able to build it for you. There's a good chance it'll end up helping someone else in the Detachment too.

While we're on the subject of tools - check out my Public Relations column later in this edition, where I'm covering **how to use AI to sharpen your own communications.**

For God and Country,
Christian M Rapp

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**NAT'L EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN
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When you read this I will be coming back from National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky as your new NEC with some information on the direction of our organization. Our first order of business their will be to ratify our National Constitution and bylaws and i will report the results and any new business in our next Source article in October.

I hope all of you will thank our outgoing NEC Bill Kelly on his years of dedicated service to our organization. His efforts have informed the Florida Detachment of all of the actions, both good and bad, that the National organization has tried to do. With Bill's guidance, we have kept Florida strong and productive and a force to be reckoned with at the National meetings.

Please use the Voters voice website, let your voice be heard as a member of the Sons of the American Legion. Let your Senators and Congress person know that we care about our Veterans and their families and ask them to pass all of the bills benefiting our Veterans and their families.

For God and Country,
Gerard Sambets



**EASIEST WAY TO
SUPPORT OUR VETERANS**

1. SCAN THE QR CODE
2. SEE CURRENT VETERANS' LEGISLATION IN CONGRESS
3. IN ONE CLICK, MESSAGE YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES
4. DEMAND THEIR SUPPORT FOR PASSING THE BILLS

★ PAGE UPDATES WITH NEW LEGISLATION ★

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2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

The Sons of The American Legion 54th National Convention convened in Louisville, KY, August 28-30, 2026. The Detachment of Florida Delegation consisted of Chairman Michael Nigbor, Secretary Bill Kelly, and Delegates Gerard Sambets, Steve Gordon, Shay Woods, Daniel Roe, Michael Sherman, Greg Tong, Gary Raymond, Johnny Duncan, and David Slawiak.

Convention committee meetings began at 8 a.m. and were split up among the delegation. Chairman Nigbor, Delegates Sambets, Gordon, Woods, and I attended Internal Affairs, where IA Chairman Bill Hill reported that the committee had passed and forwarded four resolutions to The American Legion's Internal Affairs & Finance Commission for approval. Chairman Hill commended the subcommittees, their chairmen, and all IA committeemen for their work.

At 10 a.m., we attended the Pre-National Executive Committee meeting. NEC-elect Sambets, ANEC-elect Gordon, and I attended; with committee meetings still in progress, few reports were ready, making for a brief session.

At 1 p.m., National Commander Bill Clancy opened the convention, paying tribute to the three Past National Commanders we lost to Squadron Everlasting this year. He then introduced all Past National Commanders in attendance, followed by American Legion National Commander Daniel Wiley and American Legion Auxiliary National President Pam Ray, both of whom thanked the SAL for its contributions to an outstanding American Legion Family year.

The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida had another outstanding year, earning awards in Membership, Children & Youth, CWF, and COTA. We will cover these in future issues of The Source and present them at Fall Conference.

One of the most significant motions passed was the long-required approval of the Sons of The American Legion National Constitution & Bylaws on the convention floor. Our own Dennis Boland, President of CWF, addressed the delegation and praised the Sons for all they do.

On Sunday, we welcomed introductions of The American Legion Teen Champions and the SAL Youth 250 Youth Academy. We then memorialized all SAL members who went to Squadron Everlasting this past year.

Last but not least was the election and installation of Thom Skelly (TX) as National Commander, along with his five National Vice Commanders.

With the drop of the gavel, I conclude 15 years as a National Officer, 25 years of membership, and 16 National Conventions representing the Detachment of Florida.

Thank you for your support.

For God and Country,
Bill Kelly

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THE SACRED TRUST: OUR OATH, OUR FOUNDERS, OUR PURPOSE

Every year, as we renew our membership in the Sons of the American Legion and attend the annual service for installation of officers, we either recite or listen to words that many of us have spoken so often they risk becoming routine. But I ask you, my brothers, to pause this month and truly consider the weight of the oath we take. It is not a formality. It is a covenant—a promise made not only to one another, but to God, to country, and to the memory of those who wore the uniform before us.

AN OATH ROOTED IN SOMETHING GREATER

When we pledge to uphold the Constitution of the United States, to be loyal to her, and to maintain law and order, we are echoing a tradition as old as scripture itself. From the earliest pages of our shared Judeo-Christian heritage, we learn that covenants matter—that a promise made before God carries a weight no mere handshake can carry. Our founding fathers understood this deeply. They did not simply draft a legal document when they wrote the Declaration of Independence and, later, the Constitution. They articulated a belief that rights come not from kings or governments, but from a Creator—that liberty itself is a gift entrusted to us, and therefore a responsibility we must steward faithfully.

This is the same spirit that animates our oath as Sons of the American Legion. We are not merely joining a club or a social organization. We are entering into a sacred trust, standing in the long line of citizens who believe that freedom is worth defending, that service is worth sacrificing for, and that faith and patriotism are not separate pursuits but companions on the same journey. We are, as stated in the preamble to our own constitution, 'Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage'.

WHY THE FOUNDING DOCUMENTS STILL MATTER

It has become fashionable in some corners to dismiss the wisdom of 1776 and 1787 as outdated, the work of imperfect men writing for a world long gone. But those who founded this nation were students of history, of philosophy, and yes, of faith. They believed, as the ancient prophets and wise men believed, that a nation's strength comes not from its armies or its wealth, but from the character of its people and their willingness to live under moral law even when no one is watching.

The Constitution did not create rights; it recognized them. The Bill of Rights did not grant us freedom of conscience, speech, and worship; it acknowledged that these freedoms were already ours by virtue of being human beings made in the image of God. This distinction matters enormously. It means that when we defend the Constitution, we are not defending a mere piece of parchment—we are defending the God-given dignity of every citizen it protects.

This is why patriotism, rightly understood, is not idolatry of the state. It is gratitude for a system that, however imperfectly executed by fallible men and women, was designed to honor the truth that all people are created equal and endowed with unalienable rights. To love one's country in this sense is an extension of loving one's neighbor—it is wanting for our fellow citizens the same freedoms and protections we cherish for ourselves and our families.

THE THREAD THAT CONNECTS US TO OUR MISSION

This brings us to why the Sons of the American Legion exists at all. We are not simply an auxiliary organization tacked onto our father's, and grandfather's Legion posts. We exist because we understand that the freedoms secured by the founding documents were not self-executing. They required then, and still do now, men and women willing to stand in the gap, to serve, to sacrifice, and sometimes to bleed so that the promise of liberty remains more than words on paper.



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Every veteran we support, every military family we assist, every scholarship we fund, and every act of service we perform in our communities is a living tribute to that founding vision. When we visit a veteran in the hospital, when we help a military widow navigate benefits she's entitled to, when we mentor a young person considering service, we are not simply doing charitable work—we are fulfilling the very purpose for which our organization was called into being.

There is a teaching, common to both Jewish and Christian tradition, that faith without corresponding action rings hollow. Belief in liberty, justice, and the dignity of every person means little if it does not translate into tangible care for those who have sacrificed to protect these ideals. Our oath, then, is not just a statement of belief; it is a commitment to action. It binds us to a life of service that mirrors the sacrifice of those we honor.

A CALL TO RENEWED COMMITMENT

As Chaplain, I do not ask you to view our oath as mere ceremony. I ask you to see it as an ongoing commission—one that calls us to gratitude for the nation we've inherited, humility in recognizing it is not perfect, and resolve to keep working toward the ideals our founders articulated but did not fully realize in their own time. The abolition of slavery, the expansion of voting rights, the ongoing pursuit of "liberty and justice for all" are chapters in a story still being written, and we are called to be authors of its continuation, not merely readers of its past.

So this month, brothers, let us renew our oath with fresh eyes. Let us remember that our founding documents were born not from mere political calculation but from a conviction that human beings possess inherent worth, deserving of freedom and self-governance under moral law. Let us remember that our organization exists precisely because that vision requires defenders in every generation—not only on foreign battlefields, but in our communities, our families, and our own hearts.

May we carry our oath not as a burden, but as a privilege. May we honor those who served by serving those they left behind. And may we always remember that patriotism, faith, and service are not three separate callings, but one unified response to the blessings we have been given.

God bless our veterans, God bless our military families, and God bless the United States of America.

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

For God and Country,
Ray Leventhal



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GREETINGS FROM 9TH DISTRICT!

We have been very busy with Installations around the District. As we enter into the month of September, I'm asking ALL of our Brothers in the 9th District to send events to me at **kj4srf@gmail.com**.

I want to thank everyone who allowed us to conduct their installations, and thank in advance the posts being installed next several months.. Remember the Family when setting up the installations, it's theirs as well. Get behind them and support.

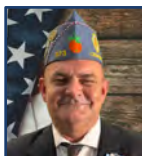
Post 321 Always has something Cooking and some GREAT entertainment check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Post321>. Always great fun and great Friends.

Post 142 has great food and entertainment always. <https://www.facebook.com/ALPost142Pompano>

Post 36 has great fun, food trucks and weekly Karaoke Our Auxiliary is one of the best and always got something happening. The Riders are always planning trips and events, remember you don't have to ride to enjoy the fun. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580354510546>

Does your post want training? does your District want to hold a class? The MT&D are a phone call away. Contact myself, or any member and we will make it happen.

For God and Country,
Sam Aloï



13TH DISTRICT COMMANDER
MITCHELL PACE

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HELLO FROM THE MIGHTY 13TH DISTRICT!

I would like to thank all the Squadrons in District 13 for your hospitality as we have completed all scheduled installations. Congratulations to all officers on your elections. Now it is time to get to work on our goals. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. So, it is very important to get our membership renewals started. I know cards came late but everyone should have them now.

I would like to give you all a reminder of our first District 13 Family meeting on September 6th. At 136 st james city SAL will meet at 10am. I encourage all District 13 officers and interested members to attend. This is a good time for you to promote your coming events. Speaking of upcoming events, please send those events to me and I will get them posted and distributed. Also in september post 38 in ft myers is having 107th birthday celebration on sept 5th from 12 to 5 flyer will be posted below. And then in Oct. We have 336 is having a octoberfest event on the 10th from 1 to 4 And also at 336 we have the district BBQ on the 17th from 2 to 6. Again all flyers will be posted below.

Thanks for all you do! I look forward to serving as your 13th District Commander this year!

For God and Country,
Mitchell Pace



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12TH DISTRICT COMMANDER
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12TH DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

(times and days subject to change)

DATE	Registration	Meet Time	HOST POST	POST ADDRESS
Sept 26, 2026	9:00a	10:00a	POST 318	1000 SAVANNA CLUB BLVD, PORT ST. LUCIE, FL 34952
Dec 12, 2026	9:00a	10:00a	POST 1	1281 US-1, TITUSVILLE, FL 32796
Feb 20, 2027	9:00a	10:00a	POST 81	2909 S HARBOR CITY BLVD, MELBOURNE, FL 32901



7TH DISTRICT COMMANDER
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7TH DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

(times and days subject to change)

DATE	TIME	FAMILY	HOST POST	POST ADDRESS
Aug 8, 2026	10:00a	DISTRICT	POST 4	1375 ARIANA ST LAKELAND, FL 33803
	11:30a	RIDERS		
Sept 30, 2026	7:00p	SONS	POST 34	107 N 11th ST HAINES CITY, FL 33844
Nov 14, 2026	10:00a	DISTRICT	POST 34	107 N 11th ST HAINES CITY, FL 33844
	11:30a	RIDERS		
Nov 10, 2026	7:00p	SONS	POST 4	1375 ARIANA ST LAKELAND, FL 33803
Feb 13, 2027	10:00a	JOINT MTG & 7TH DISTRICT PICNIC	POST 72	1500 N CHURCH AVE MULBERRY, FL 33860
TBD - MAY '27	1:00p	DCC	POST 8	
	2:30p	RIDERS		
	11:00a	SONS		



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TRAINING TODAY, STRONGER SQUADRONS TOMORROW

Why continuous learning matters in the Sons of The American Legion

Every strong squadron is built by members who understand the mission, know their responsibilities, and are prepared to serve. Training is not simply an activity for new officers or a box to check on an annual calendar. It is an investment in every member, every program, and the future of the Sons of The American Legion.

When members learn together, they lead with confidence and serve with purpose.

KNOWLEDGE BUILDS CONFIDENCE

Members are more willing to participate when they understand how the organization works. Clear instruction on squadron procedures, officer duties, meeting practices, membership, reporting, ceremonies, and programs removes uncertainty. A well-trained member can step forward with confidence, answer questions accurately, and help others become involved.

TRAINING PROTECTS OUR MISSION

The Sons of The American Legion exists to honor veterans, strengthen Americanism, support children and youth, and serve our communities. Training connects everyday squadron activity to that larger purpose. It helps members understand not only what we do, but why we do it. That shared understanding keeps programs focused, preserves important traditions, and ensures our service reflects the principles of The American Legion family.

PREPERATION DEVELOPS FUTURE LEADERS

Leadership succession should begin long before an election. By offering members regular opportunities to gain experience, observe, ask questions, and take on manageable responsibilities, squadrons create a dependable pipeline of future officers and committee leaders. Training also encourages experienced members to share their knowledge instead of allowing valuable lessons to disappear when leadership changes.

CONSISTENCY STRENGTHENS THE WHOLE OPERATION

Good training creates consistency from one meeting, event, and administration to the next. Members who understand current guidance and proven practices can keep accurate records, communicate effectively, welcome new members, and conduct successful programs. The result is a squadron that operates more smoothly and earns the trust of its post, its community, and the veterans it serves.

MAKE LEARNING A PART OF EVERY MEETING

Training does not have to be complicated or time-consuming. A squadron can build momentum by adding a brief learning segment to each meeting and rotating topics throughout the year. Consider these simple approaches:

- Review one officer duty, procedure, or section of the squadron handbook.
- Discuss one organizational ideal, program, or element of the preamble and how it applies locally.
- **Invite a District, Detachment, Post or experienced squadron leader to share practical guidance. Contact Pete Puzzo, Chairman of Management Training & Development, mtd@floridasons.org to set up a training in your Area or District.**
- Use available online courses, Training Tuesdays, workshop materials, and conference sessions.
- Pair an experienced member with a new member for mentoring and first-hand learning.



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A CALL TO ACTION

Every member has something to learn and something to teach. Squadron leaders should make training a standing priority, encourage attendance at educational opportunities, and invite members to take the next step in their development. When we commit to learning, we strengthen our squadrons, prepare tomorrow's leaders, and improve our ability to serve veterans, families, and communities.

Start at your next meeting: Choose one useful topic, give it ten minutes, and invite every member to participate. Small lessons, repeated consistently, can produce lasting results.

As a standing tradition, we include the Preamble to the Sons of The American Legion National Constitution in every Internal Affairs article. Members are encouraged to read and reflect on its powerful words. This is more than a statement, the foundation of why we serve.

Consider taking a minute at your next Squadron meeting to read the preamble together. Use it as a training tool and a reminder of the duty and sacrifice of the veterans who made our freedom possible.

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:

- 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.

For God and Country,
Rocky Cirigliano



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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
PAUL STAWICKI
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LET'S PLAY BALL!!

Gentlemen,

We are now well into the 2026–2027 membership year, and I hope that, by the time this article goes to print, we will have reached our **first goal of 25%**.

This year, we need to approach membership a little differently. Our primary goal must be to **retain and renew as many of our current members as possible**. We are very good at recruiting new members, so let's continue doing what we do best—but put 90% of your effort into keeping the members you already had last year and reaching out to those who have dropped off over the past couple of years.

Find out why members did not renew. Communication and interaction between the Squadron, the Post, and the membership are essential.

Some membership losses are beyond our control. If a member has passed away or moved away, there may be nothing we could have done. However, if a member transfers to a neighboring Squadron, there may have been an issue that we failed to identify. If someone simply leaves the organization, we need to ask ourselves whether we gave them enough reasons to stay.

Did we make them feel welcome? Did we involve them? Did we show them the camaraderie, purpose, and pride that come from serving our communities and supporting our Veterans?

Take a look within your own Squadron and within yourselves. Make sure the passion for what the **Sons of The American Legion** stands for has not been lost. Sometimes, a little self-evaluation is necessary.

When in doubt, call your mentor - or mentors. If you don't have one, find one. I use mine more than they probably realize.

Remember, every level of the Detachment is here to support each of us:

At the **Squadron** level, you have what is often your closest family: Mom, Dad, grandparents, brothers, and sisters.

At the **District** level, you have close family as well—along with friends, aunts, uncles, and cousins who are there to offer support and guidance.

At the **Detachment** level, you have an even broader family of friends and leaders you can confide in and turn to for advice when you need another perspective.

GOAL DATES

Aug 27, 2026	25%
Sept 30, 2026	35%
Oct 29, 2026	45%
Nov 25, 2026	55%
Dec 30, 2026	65%
Jan 28, 2027	85%
Feb 25, 2027 *	90%
April 1, 2027	95%
Apr 29, 2027	100%
May 25, 2027 **	105%

* LEGION BIRTHDAY ** DELEGATE CUT-

MEMBERSHIP TIP

The **POWER HITTER AWARD** is an individual membership award you can give to multiple people in your post family, not just squadron members. Use this award for members, such as your bartenders, that encourage members to renew their dues or encourage people to become members.

Remember, a simple THANK YOU can mean so much.

You can find the award in the administration manual on our website at <https://floridasons.Org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/salfi-admin-manual-2627.Pdf>



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(Membership Chairman Continued)

That is how I see the relationship between the Florida Detachment of the Sons of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and The American Legion. We are family, and we are all here to help one another.

LET'S MAKE THIS ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

Your membership points will be tabulated on August 27 for our PLAY BALL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT. The next tabulation will be December 30.

Keep adding members and, most importantly, do not stagnate. You can gain runs quickly and stay ahead of the competition. The Squadrons with the highest membership percentage at goal will earn the points—as long as they continue to add members.

If you have any questions, please contact your District Commander or Vice Chairman.

32,000 members is Commander Nigbor's goal this year - make it happen, Gentlemen! Put your hearts into it. Work together. One goal at a time.

REMEMBER THE 3 R'S FOR A SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP YEAR

REINSTATE our Lost – Why Did We Lose Them???

RENEW our Current – Engage The Current Member And Keep Them Interested

RECRUIT our New – We Are Good At This One So Make Sure You Focus On The First 2

God Bless and Stay Safe,
Paul J. Stawicki

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



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MT&D CHAIRMAN
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EQUIPPING MEMBERS WITH THE SKILLS TO LEAD

MOTIVATION

As Chairman of MT & D, I am always looking for ideas and topics that can benefit our Squadrons & Detachment. Recently, I received a request for information regarding membership motivation.

If I had the perfect answer, I could make a fortune. The real way to motivate your members is to get them excited about the things you do as a Squadron. Your events need to be fulfilling to the members who buy into a vision. Commanders please remember to ask who wants to get involved with this event (whatever the topic).

As an example, during my years as a volunteer firefighter, medic, and Officer, the fact that we were helping our neighbors and community was a motivation. The excitement and adrenaline rush of walking into a house on fire and 1400 degree heat and choking thick toxic smoke (while cockroaches were running out) was an additional motivation to some. I knew that if you showed up at 3 AM for a dumpster fire, you were committed to the tasks. If you showed up in a snowstorm to get on an ambulance, you were committed to the tasks.

So to put it plainly, no specific reward will cover everyone. Discussing the needs of the membership can be a good way to search for the keys. Start by using the Info-Grams to educate your membership. That, in and of itself, may be a motivation to get more people involved.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TRAINING ON?

Fall Conference is rapidly approaching. Fall COnference is usually a time for training. Your MT&D team has not yet finalized the training program for this year's Fall Conference. If there is something you think would be beneficial for all to learn about, contact me via mtd@floridasons.org or text me at (772) 532-6511.

For God and Country,
Pete Puzzo

FOOTBALL WITH PURPOSE

RAISE AWARENESS. SUPPORT VETERANS. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2026



TAILGATE
10:00 AM EST



BIKE RIDE-IN
11:30 AM EST



GAME KICKOFF
1:00 PM EST



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CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN
DANNY ROE

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INVESTING IN YOUTH TODAY, BUILDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS.

Greetings from your Detachment of Florida Children & Youth Chairman!

We have new leadership this year from the Legion (Toni Sutherland) and the Auxiliary (Penny Kanbara). I am excited to work with these people as they are very excited to put together a great C&Y program this year. Toni is leading the charge, and a Zoom meeting is coming to define the year's program. More to come next month.



HERE'S TWO DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS NOW:

The Annual Children and Youth Picnic will be **On Saturday, April 10th at Post 72 in Mulberry**. This is a new location, but always a fantastic time and a great fundraiser for Children & Youth. Hope to see you there this year. More info to come.

Annual Children and Youth golf tournament, hosted by Post 347 Lady Lake family will be **Saturday May 15th at Broad Stripes Golf and Social Club in Lady Lake**. It will be a Scramble and start at 8:00 AM. I would love to see teams and support from Posts across the state. \$23,000 was raised last year for C&Y charities. More info and a flyer to come around the 1st of the year.

My goal this year is to receive more Children & Youth year-end reports with far less zeros. Please start now by keeping track of your hours and money donated to C&Y Charities. This will make it easy to complete your report at the end of the year. If you have questions, please ask. I am happy to help if I can.

Please plan to support any upcoming events. Feel free to contact me at childrenyouth@floridasons.org for any needs you may have and to invite me to your events. I look forward to seeing many of you on the road this year!

For God, Country and Our Children,
Danny Roe



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VA&R AND PVR CHAIRMAN

BOB O'NEAL

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HONORING THE PAST, SUPPORTING THE PRESENT, INVESTING IN THE FUTURE.

A reminder to all Squadrons: the value of each volunteer hour this year will be \$36.14. It is important to keep track of the hours your members volunteer and submit them at the end of the year. As a reminder, typical volunteer hours include (but not limited to)

- Helping at the Post in any capacity, such as the kitchen, buildings and grounds, etc
- Delivering meals, transporting Veterans, building access ramps
- "Buddy Checks/Calls": This is especially important and helpful
- Volunteering at local VA facilities
- Volunteering at Church

It has recently been brought to my attention that Women Veterans are at a higher risk for suicide than their civilian counterparts. There are many Women Veterans in Florida, and Including them in your "Buddy Calls" routine is way for members of your Squadron to be very helpful to the community and add to the Squadron's volunteer hours.

Remember that we are all called to "Be The One"

BE THE ONE

EXCITING NEWS!!

Project Vet Relief has an agreement with the Tampa bay Buccaneers for FOOTBALL WITH A PURPOSE, a special Veterans Mental Health Awareness Game that will benefit the Suicide Prevention Initiative. A portion of each ticket is returned to PVR. PVR is working on a number of game day experiences, including a tailgate party, an exclusive t-shirt, post-game group photo, raffles featuring autographed Bucs memorabilia, exclusive Legion behind-the-scenes stadium experience and additional activities and surprises.

SUNDAY, November 1 @1:00PM. Tampa Bay Bucs vs Atlanta Falcons
Raymond James Stadium, Tampa

Purchase specially priced tickets <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Americanlegion3235>

**On the Order Summary page, you must enter your Legion Posts's name in the affiliated Legion/Partner Organization field. Order submitted without the Post listed will be canceled and refunded. **



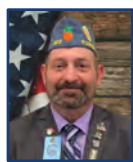
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HELPING YOU COMMUNICATE BETTER, ONE TIP AT A TIME.

THE ONE THING EVERY AI TOOL WARNS YOU ABOUT

AI is all around us and is here to stay. AI helps with creating articles, advertisements, and more. Those on social media can tell an AI-generated ad, and there's more of these every day. Instead of fighting the AI push, I will be providing tips and tricks on how to properly use AI in your Public Relations activities. While my goal is to help all with their PR, these tips will benefit **ANYONE** that uses AI. This month, we'll start with one of the most important tips - **verifying your AI results.**

If you've used ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, or any other AI assistant, you've probably noticed a small disclaimer sitting right below the chat window: something like "[AI name] can make mistakes. Double-check responses." Every major AI company includes some version of this warning, and it's not just legal boilerplate — it's the single most important instruction on the page. **Read it. Believe it. Act on it.**

WHY DOES AI GET THINGS WRONG?

AI doesn't "know" things the way a person does. It learns by studying enormous amounts of human-written text and looking for patterns - which means its output is only as good as what it learned from. A few reasons this matters for you:

It relies on human input. AI is trained on text people wrote, and people make mistakes, hold biases, and sometimes get things flat-out wrong. If enough sources repeat an error, the AI can pick it up as if it were fact.

It leans on "reputable" sources - and that word is doing a lot of work. AI tools are generally built to favor well-established, credible websites. That sounds reassuring, until you consider who else knows that. **Bad actors** - people deliberately spreading false information - have learned to make their websites look reputable. With enough investment in SEO (Search Engine Optimization) and AEO (Answer Engine Optimization), a site built entirely to mislead can climb the rankings and start looking just as credible as a legitimate source, both to search engines and to the AI tools that draw from them. A polished layout and a professional-sounding domain name don't guarantee the truth.

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SO WHAT SHOULD YOU ACTUALLY DO?

Verify anything factual before you publish it - names, dates, statistics, quotes, addresses, event details. If it can be wrong, check it against a real source.

Ask the AI where it got the information, and then actually look at that source yourself rather than taking the AI's word for it.

Cross-check important claims against more than one source, especially anything you're putting in front of members, donors, or the public.

Be extra cautious with anything that sounds too clean or too convenient - a suspiciously perfect quote or statistic is worth a second look.

THE GOAL ISN'T TO AVOID AI - IT'S TO USE IT WISELY.



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BABCOCK RANCH FAMILY SUPPORTS HONOR FLIGHT

Article submitted by Mike Dickinson, Adjutant Squadron 415

On July 6, 2026, the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 415 in Babcock Ranch, FL - alongside American Legion Post 415, American Legion Riders Chapter 415 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 415 - proudly hosted a special presentation to support Southwest Florida Honor Flight.

During the event, the Legion family presented a combined donation of \$1,700 to Honor Flight representative Dr. Stephen Wener to help fund future trips honoring our nation's veterans.

Demonstrating the true spirit of community, local Babcock Ranch business owners also stepped up to contribute their own generous donations, including Kevin & Cindy Braford of Advanced Screen Services and Marty & Ashley Esposito of Air Docs, Inc. of SWFL. Thank you to everyone involved for coming together to support such a meaningful cause!



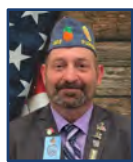
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**HELPING YOUR STORIES BECOME THE SOURCE,
ONE ISSUE AT A TIME.**

WELCOME FIRST-TIME READERS!

If this is your first time receiving The Source in your inbox - **welcome!** Working alongside your SIRs and squadron officers, we've expanded our mailing list to reach as many people as possible.

Action Item: Some email addresses required a manual invite. Please encourage your members to check their inboxes and accept the invitation!

WHY THE EXPANSION?

Our membership is growing fast - our 2026 - 2027 100% membership target stands at **28,324** members. The Source is our main line of communication to keep our entire Detachment connected and ensure no one ever has to say, "I never heard about that." We rely on this list to send out vital updates and membership reports. And it's not just Sons members tuning in - we're proud to keep American Legion and Auxiliary members nationwide in the loop too!

HOW YOU CAN HELP SPREAD THE WORD

I am asking everyone reading this - including our **Legion** and **Auxiliary** family - to print out the QR Code at the end of this newsletter and display it proudly at your Post. Help **YOUR** Sons of the American Legion extend our reach!

My goal again this year is to have every Area Commander, District Commander, and Committee/Commission Chairman submitting content every month. Ideally, I want to see regular submissions directly from our Squadrons, too!



Monthly Deadline: 15th of each month (aligning us with the Department of Florida's publication of 'The Legion Link').

Partnering with Department: We are actively working with the Department to aid distribution to their members who receive The Legion Link. The more people we reach, the stronger we become!

Submitting Event Flyers? Submit your event flyers early! We will run them every single month until your event is complete.

MAKE SURE TO SUBMIT A FOLLOW UP ARTICLE AFTER YOUR EVENT! Let the Detachment know how your did on your event. Make sure to include a few photos from the event as well. Take the opportunity to show the entire Detachment how your Squadron /Post Family shines!

Please keep those articles and flyers coming so we can continue bringing you the information that matters most.

ENJOYING THE NEW LOOK?

*I look forward to your feedback. If you have comments on the new format, good or bad, please send them to me!
Together, we can make 'The Source' better!*



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COMMUNITY & ★ VETERAN ★ **BBQ**

AND
AMERICAN LEGION POST 38'S

★ **107TH** ★

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

★ **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026** ★

📍 **1857 JACKSON ST,
DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS, FL**

★ **12PM - 5PM**



**POST
38**

FREE
BRISKET,
BURGERS,
HOTDOGS
AND MORE!



★ **PLEASE COME OUT AND HELP US
CELEBRATE THIS GREAT MILESTONE!** ★



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POST 138 FAMILY PRESENTS

Aloha Summer

END SUMMER ON ISLAND TIME!



DRINK
SPECIALS



GAMES



MUSIC



RAFFLES



& MORE!

HUGH GILBERT STRICKLAND
AMERICAN LEGION POST 138
5535 W. PRESCOTT ST.
PORT TAMPA



DRESS IN
YOUR
FAVORITE
LUAU
WEAR!

SEPTEMBER 5TH
1-4PM

MENU:

FOOD SERVED
FROM 2-4PM

SMOKED PORK
W/ TWO SIDES
& DESSERT
PINEAPPLE SALSA
& MORE SNACKS!

\$12

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A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
THE BUILDING FUND
OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR SIGNED-IN GUESTS.



Swing BACK IN TIME *for*

VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION

DANCE FOR A CAUSE • HONOR THEIR SERVICE • SAVE LIVES



DATE:
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026



TIME:
6-10 P.M.



LOCATION:
AMERICAN LEGION POST 111
6918 N FLORIDA AVENUE
TAMPA, FL 33604



PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
★ VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION ★

Tickets: \$25 dinner and dance per person / \$45 dinner and dance per couple / \$10 dance only
50/50 Raffle and Basket Raffles | Dinner: Spaghetti, sides, dessert
Hosted by: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 111
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★ SONS OF THE ★ AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT 3



★ 2ND ANNUAL ★ PICNIC



SEP 19TH



11AM - 3PM

★ POST 83 ★

📍 150 S LOWDER ST, MACCLENNY, FL

Good Food ★ Good Friends ★ Great Times!

★ FOOD ★
★ ONLY ★
\$10
PER PLATE

WE WILL HAVE:

BURGERS



HOTDOGS



COWBOY
BAKED
BEANS



COLESLAW



POTATO
SALAD



★ FUN FOR EVERYONE! ★

★ BOUNCE HOUSE! ★



★ CORN HOLE
TOURNAMENT! ★



★ DUNK TANK! ★



★ LIVE MUSIC BY ★
GOOD VIBES



ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TOWARD



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*Giving hope.
Saving lives.*



★ SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION ★
POST 152

★ Hosting ★

Charity CAR SHOW

to benefit Liberty Manor for Veterans

★ "NO VETERAN LEFT BEHIND" ★



LOCATION:

American Legion
POST 152
11211 Sheldon Rd
Tampa

DATE:

SEPT 26

TIME:

**11:00AM -
2:00PM**

DETAILS:

✓ **FOOD AVAILABLE**
*Hamburgers,
Hotdogs and more!*

✓ **50/50 RAFFLE**



BREAST CANCER TIKI CARNIVAL

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 252

Presents



DATE: OCTOBER 4th • TIME: 1 to 4 PM

**LOCATION: 11433 Park Boulevard,
Seminole, Florida**

Live Music!

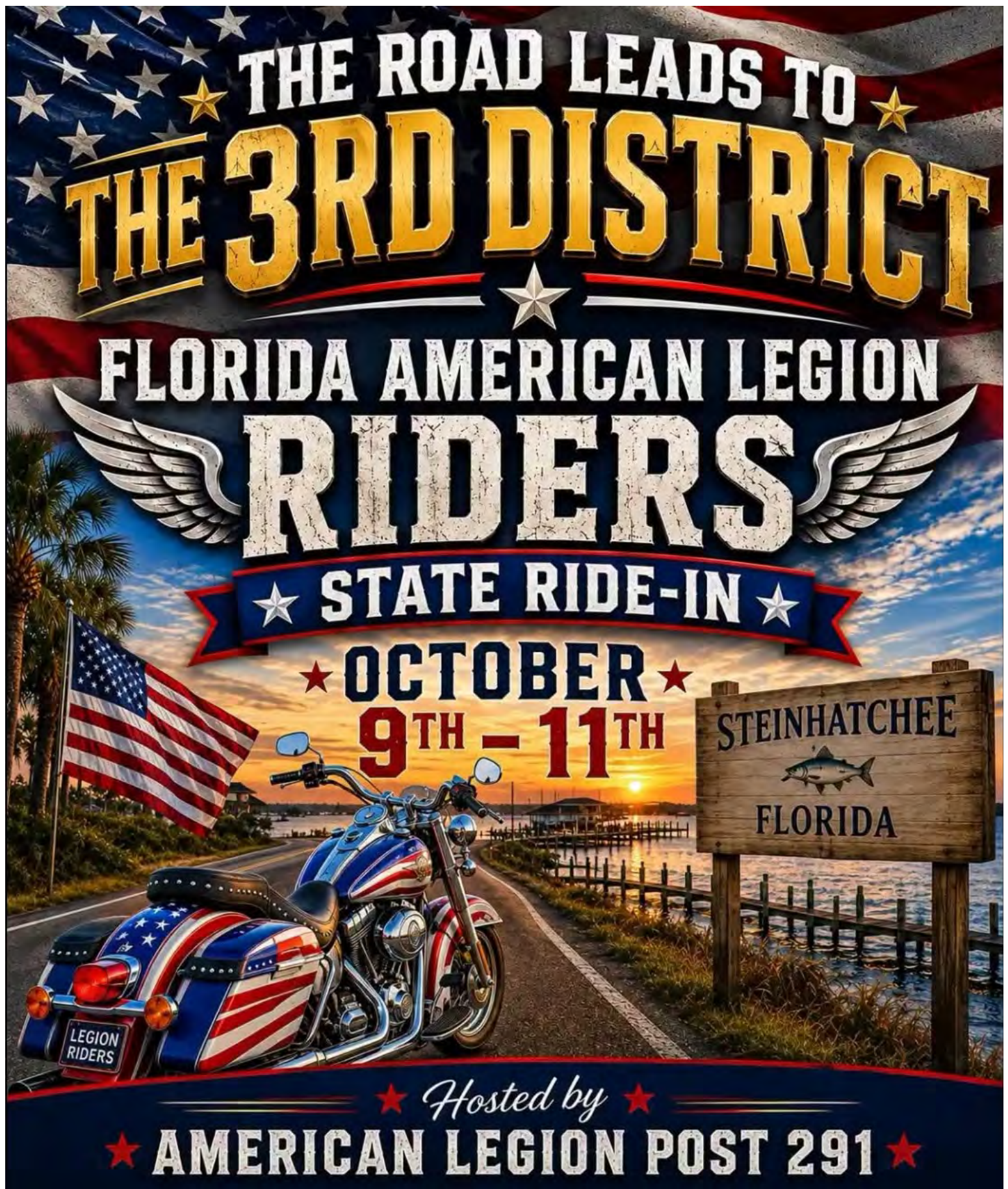
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Benefits Florida Cancer Specialists & Research Institute



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THE ROAD LEADS TO
THE 3RD DISTRICT

FLORIDA AMERICAN LEGION
RIDERS

★ STATE RIDE-IN ★

★ OCTOBER ★
9TH - 11TH

STEINHATCHEE
FLORIDA

★ Hosted by ★
AMERICAN LEGION POST 291 ★

AMERICAN LEGION 12th DISTRICT PICNIC

Hosted by Post 81



October 10 • Noon – 4:00 PM



2909 S. Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne, FL



**FEATURED
ENTERTAINMENT**

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FEATURING

The Phoenix Band



Join us for food, fun & fellowship!

Veterans • Community • Country

American Legion Auxillary Unit 336 presents

3rd Annual

OKTOBERFEST

Benefiting Children's Burn Foundation of Florida

Saturday, October 10th • 1 - 4 PM

5770 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers, Florida



Live Music by
TIM BURTON

Dancing • Chance Auction •

50/50 Drawing •

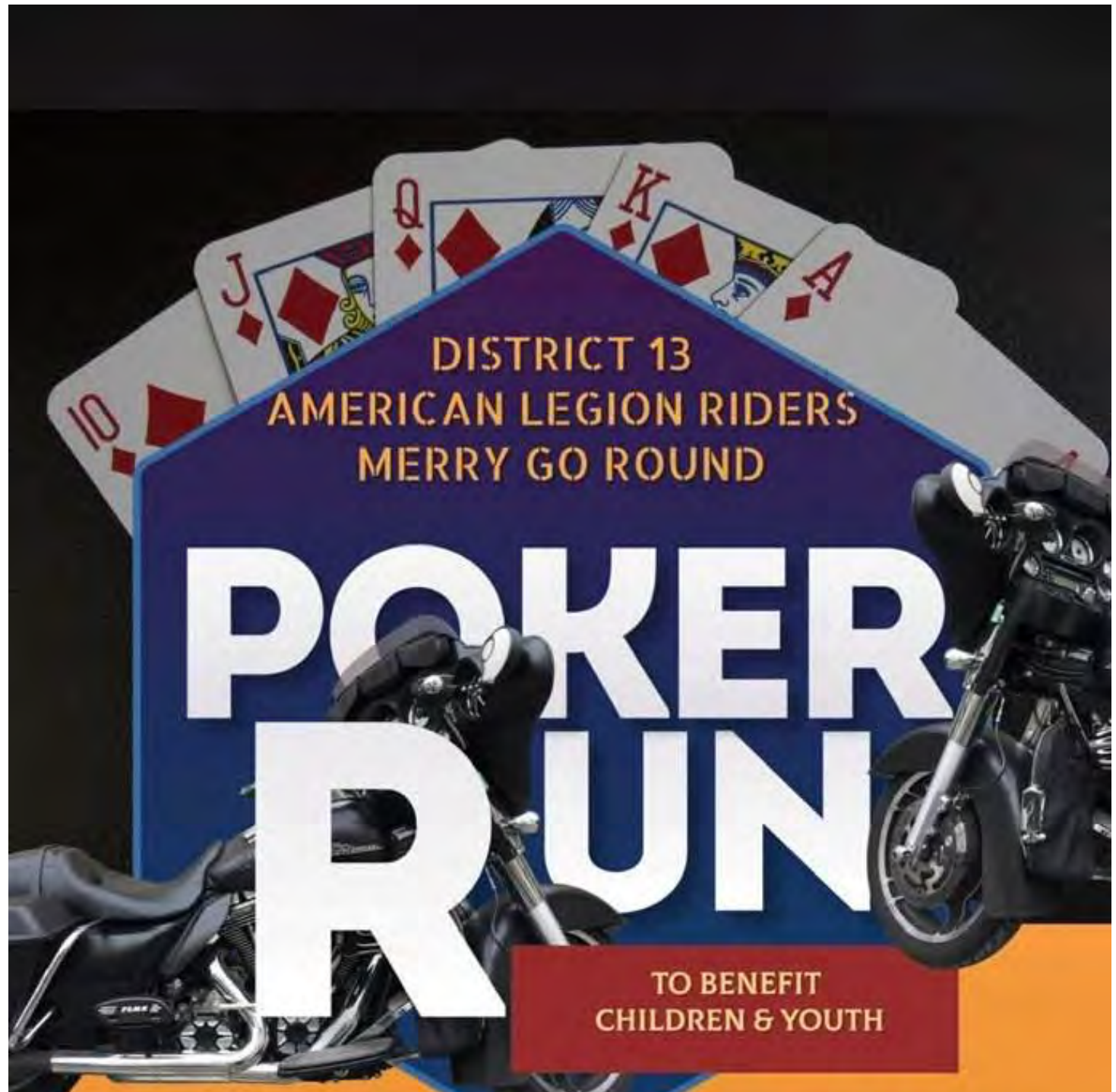
Food & Drinks •

Craft Fair • Fun for All!



Vendor Booths Open 10 AM - 4 PM

Everyone Welcome!



**DISTRICT 13
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
MERRY GO ROUND**

POKER RUN

**TO BENEFIT
CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17TH**

**STARTS AT AMERICAN LEGION
POST 303 BONITA SPRINGS
STOPS AT FMB POST 274, CAPE
CORAL POST 90, ST. JAMES CITY
POST 136 AND END AT NFM POST
336 FOR THE DISTRICT 13 BBQ**

**FIRST BIKE OUT AT 9:30
REGISTRATION 8:30-9:30
\$20 RIDER/\$10 PASSENGER
\$5 MERRY GO ROUND**

**ROCKIN RICK - RAFFLES -
FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE
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DISTRICT 13 PRESENTS

FALL BBQ

FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

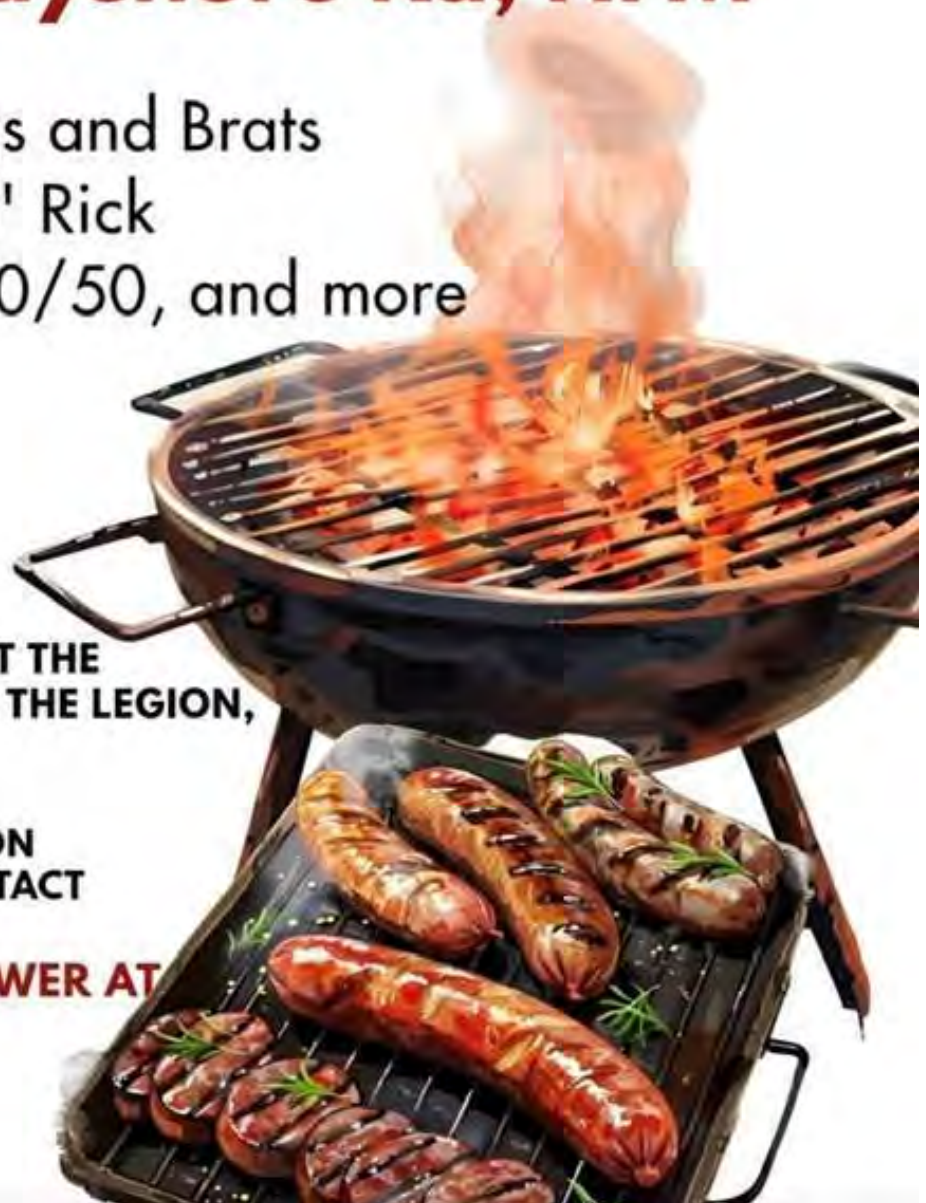
**Saturday, October 17th
2pm-6pm at Post 336
5770 Bayshore Rd, NFM**

Burgers, Hotdogs and Brats
Music by Rockin' Rick
Basket raffles, 50/50, and more

**PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE
VARIOUS CHARITIES OF THE LEGION,
THE ALA AND THE SAL**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
& TO BUY TICKETS CONTACT**

**LAURENE ALLEN-FLOWER AT
845-238-4723**





AMERICAN LEGION, POST 3, BARTOW, FL

SAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

REGISTRATION



Limited to 25 teams. Team deadline is October 1, 2026

DATE & TIMES:

Saturday,
October 10, 2026
Check-in: 7:00 AM
Shotgun Start: 8:30 AM

LOCATION:

Bartow Golf Course
190 Idlewood Ave. S
Bartow, FL 33830
(863) 533-9183

FOR MORE INFO:

Danny Blackford
3010 Mission Oaks Trails
Bartow, FL 33830
(863) 581-3147



Use QR code above to register
and pay by credit card.

SPONSORSHIPS:

Deadline, September 25
☐ Platinum Plus \$1,000
☐ Platinum \$500
☐ Tournament \$250
☐ Hole \$100

CONTESTS WITH PRIZES:

- Par 3's, closest to the pin (men, women, Seniors)
- Longest drive (men, women Seniors)
- Hole-in-one

WE APPRECIATE OUR SPONSORS – YOU MAKE THIS CHARITABLE EVENT POSSIBLE!

Please complete the entry form below. Write clearly and legibly. Detach and submit the lower portion of the form along with payment to an SAL member. Thank you!

SPONSORSHIP ENCLOSED:

- ☐ Platinum Plus \$1,000 (tent on tee box, 4 dinner tickets) \$ _____
- ☐ Platinum, \$500, (includes Banner & 4 dinner tickets) \$ _____
- ☐ Tournament, \$250 (includes large sign) \$ _____
- ☐ Hole Sponsor, \$100 (includes sign) \$ _____
- ☐ Event Donation \$ _____

Sponsors have the option of providing their logo for sign. Attach logo as a jpeg image to Post3sal@gmail.com.

Total enclosed \$ _____

FEES ENCLOSED

- ☐ Individual, \$100 \$ _____
- ☐ Team, \$400 \$ _____ (foursome)
- Total enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to SAL.

Drop off or mail this form and checks to: SAL, 1575 US-17, Bartow, FL 33830

Completed form and payment due by September 25, 2026

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Street address: _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Register your foursome team (include email addresses)

Player 1 _____

Email _____

Player 2 _____

Email _____

Player 3 _____

Email _____

Player 4 _____

Email _____

FOOTBALL WITH PURPOSE

RAISE AWARENESS. SUPPORT VETERANS. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

FALCONS VS. BUGS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | 1:00PM

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers would like to offer special group pricing to members of the American Legion in support Florida Veterans. A portion of the proceeds from every ticket support Veteran's Mental Health.

 AMERICAN
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TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE:



TICKET PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE - OFFER VALID WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

FOR QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT CAM BELL AT
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BOYS & GIRLS STATE PICNIC



SATURDAY ★ **NOV. 7TH, 2026** ★

*Everyone
Welcome!*

THE ANNUAL PICNIC BENEFITS

★ THE 15TH DISTRICT BOYS & GIRLS STATE TRANSPORTATION

 **AMERICAN
LEGION**
★ FAMILY ★



Please make checks payable to:
15th District American Legion
Department of Florida &
"Picnic" in memo.

Mail to:
Post 148
Attn: Kevin O'Donnell
7240 US 301
Riverview, FL 33578



WHERE:

American Legion Post 138
5535 W Prescott St.
Tampa, FL 33616



TIME:

2-5pm



COST:

\$12 per ticket
(children 10 & under free)



MENU:

hamburgers, hotdogs, sides

★ Fun for Everyone! ★



Dessert
Bake Sale



Basket Raffle
& 50/50 raffle



"Adult
Beverage"
raffles



Games for
young & old
& more!



Boat
Rides



DJ



Please RSVP with your ENTIRE POST attendance
district15@legionmail.org



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 57
VETERANS DAY PARADE
November 7th 2026**

**BEGIN STAGING AT 800AM-1030AM
FDOT 1109 SOUTH MARION AVENUE
ENDING AT THE MEMORIAL STADIUM
294 NW STADIUM TERRACE**



**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: KELLY VALLIERE AT
POST57MEMBERSHIP@GMAIL.COM**

 **AMERICAN
LEGION**
Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Starts at 11:00 AM- Line up begins at 10:AM

Return form to Post57membership@gmail.com

Contact: Kelly Valliere First Vice Commander 904-563-0618

Name of Organization _____

Contact Person Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Description of entry ie.(float, car, motorcycles, walkers, Band)

Number of Vehicles: _____

**Check in at the table located at FDOT from 8:00 AM no later than 10:00 AM.
you will be given your slot line-up in the parade at check .**

Parade Start Time is 11:00 AM

**Parade will begin at FDOT at 1109 S Marion Ave, Lake City, FL 32025
and ends at**

Memorial Stadium 294 NW Stadium Terrace Lake City Fl 32025

For more information contact:

American Legion Post 57

2602 SW Main Blvd

Lake City Fl 32025

Post phone 386-752-7776

Thank you for your participation in our salute to Veterans!

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