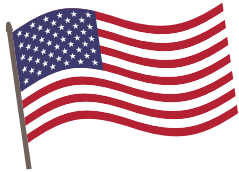
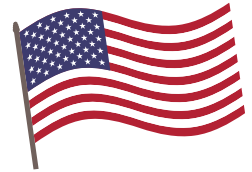


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***The Bicentennial Post***



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RIDERS

AMERICAN  
LEGION  
AUXILIARY

## MEETING NIGHTS

**Post 173**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
6:30 pm

**Auxiliary**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
7:00 pm

**S.A.L.**  
Last Saturday  
10:00 am

**Legion Riders**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
12:00 pm Noon

## SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2025

## Post Commander

### ***Hello Legion Family,***

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. I apologize up front for my absence from the Post of late. My prostate surgery set me back a little, but for most of the last month Tina and I have been in Tennessee tending to her father's declining health. What we thought was a fall and a short hospital stay has turned into an advanced case of dementia. The takeaway I have learned from this is life is short, so you better be prepared, it will help your loved ones when you reach a point where you need help on a day-to-day basis.

September is that month where we enter the peak of hurricane season, so make sure you are prepared just in case we get that storm.

We all need to pray that we get a break after last fall! A year without a major West Coast storm would be a true blessing for the area. The good news about our September-October newsletter is it is going to start getting cooler up north and that means our Northern friends will be returning to the Sunshine State before you know it.

In case you have not been in the Post lately, we have been working on a little remodeling and painting. A big thank-you goes out to Whitey for spearheading this much needed project. Besides painting the walls, we have added some Veteran-related artwork, that makes the bar area look better. Thanks to all that have volunteered to help Whitey along

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the way. It has been a team effort and greatly appreciated. We are also working on adding a lighted programable sign in front of the building. As soon as the County gives us a permit, expect to see some construction in the middle flower bed behind the motorcycle parking area. Another outside project we are going to undertake is fixing the roof over the main part of the building, so you may see some parking spots blocked as we try to complete this before we hit our fall snowbird season.

With the beginning of the school year, that means the Post is back sponsoring our programs at several Pasco County elementary schools. We have the pack a sack program that gives children in need a bag of food for the weekend. The Post will also continue our annual sponsorship of the Holiday Rec Center Fall Basketball leagues for the young kids and 12-13-year-olds as well as we help fund their back-to-school backpack program. We are also the primary sponsor for Anclote High School JROTC Raider competition each Fall. The Post also remains involved with Veterans' support as we will continue our monthly dinners for Steps to Recovery, and our continued support of Dogs Inc. The Post is going to sponsor an information meeting for Veterans and supporters to gather information on Honor Flight of West Central Florida.

Look for the flyers, but plan is for Saturday September 20th at 10am and will be open to the VFW and AMVETS also.

We are at that time of the year; we need you to renew your membership in the American Legion. Your continued membership in the Legion Family is not only important to the Post, but it helps Veterans, our community and children and youth through the programs the Post supports. There are a couple ways to renew, if you are a Legion member: See Don, the Adjutant is at the Post most days and can assist you, you can renew online, or you can mail in your dues when you get your renewal notice. Get your 2026 membership into the Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons now so you can qualify for the early bird dinner. The Early Bird Dinner is a free dinner for all Legion family members that have paid their dues before the end of September. Look for the flyers at the Post for times and menu. We thank you for your membership, and continued support of the American Legion.

We appreciate your continued support of the Post and all our programs. May God Continue to Bless the American Legion and all the good that we bring to our Veterans and our Community!

**Jim Posey**

Commander, Post 173



## Sons of the Legion Commander



**Hello again SAL 173!**

We started the physical off with my first meeting as commander. The meeting went well with everyone taking their new offices!

I would like to thank Paul Pasquini for taking the assistant historian position.

Look forward to working with you! We talked about Detachment

Cammander Mike Nigbor and District

Commander Robert Huddle's choice of charities they have chosen for the year which you will hear more

about through the next few months. We are in the works of trying to host an indoor cornhole tournament at the post. Trying to work out all the details and a date. When we do we will get flyers out!

On a sad note the Sons of 173 would like to give condolences to the family of Vaughn Shafer. He was a Sons member for 5 years at squadron 173. If you knew him at all, he always sat at the service station at the bar and kept the serving trays wiped clean For Robbin!!! Was a very kind soul.

Until the next newsletter, be well and thank you all for what you do!

**Scott Waters**

Commander, Post 173

## Post Officers

Commander . . . . . James Posey  
 1st Vice . . . . . William Leischner  
 2nd Vice . . . . . Jason Burns  
 Finance Officer . . . . . Eddie Rodriquez  
 Chaplain . . . . . Mike Baty  
 Adjutant . . . . . Don Moreillon  
 Sergeant of Arms . . . . . Chris Eakin  
 Historian . . . . . George Ward

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1 Year . . . . . Joe Lampkin  
 2 Year . . . . . Mac McLaughlin  
 3 Year . . . . . Frank Nicolas

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 1st Vice . . . . . Robert Huddle  
 2nd Vice . . . . . Keith Gray  
 Finance Officer . . . . . Robert Huddle  
 Chaplain . . . . . Mike Baty  
 Sergeant of Arms . . . . . Bob Holmes  
 Historian . . . . . Jerry Mellon

## Auxiliary Officers

President . . . . . Marlene Ungeleider  
 1st Vice . . . . . Doris Clark  
 2nd Vice . . . . . Maria Shueger  
 Secretary/Treasurer . . . . . Trina Bousquet  
 Chaplain . . . . . Carol Chapman  
 Sergeant of Arms . . . . . Pearl Sandahl  
 Historian . . . . . Sandy Rosenthal

### Members at Large

Stella Dixon Ward • Beverly Kaufholder  
 Kimberly Ray

## Rider Officers

Director . . . . . Jason Burns  
 Assistant Director . . . . . Jim Posey  
 Secretary . . . . . Sandy Rosenthal  
 Treasurer . . . . . Paulette Hooper  
 Chaplain . . . . . Scott Hendrickson  
 Sargent of Arms . . . . . Bob Holmes  
 Historian . . . . . Tina Posey  
 Road Captain . . . . . Jason Burns  
 Road Captain . . . . . Ronald Schallhorn

## Activities

### Bowling Stick Bingo Bar Poker

Mon 7 pm	Tue 1 pm	Mon 1 pm
Wed 2 pm	Fri 1 pm	Sat 1 pm
	Sun 1 pm	

### Left - Right - Center

Mon 6 pm  
 Thurs 6 pm

## Entertainment

### TJ Brinson TBA Karaoke

Thurs 3 pm	Tues 6 pm	Wed 6 pm
Fri 6 pm		Sat 6 pm

## Adjutant News

**The Early Bird Dinner will be  
 September 20 • 4 pm to 8 pm**

**ALL AMERICAN LEGION POST 173  
 family members,  
 LEGIONNAIRES, AUX and SAL with  
 a valid 2026 membership card  
 are invited to have a FREE DINNER  
 as a thanks for an early renewal.**

*Don Moreillon Adjutant*

# September 2025

**Kitchen is open for breakfast - 8:00 am to Noon - 7 days a week**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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**Kitchen is open  
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**Kitchen is open  
8 am to 8 pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Friday & Saturday**





# Legion Riders Director



## Riders Lead the Way

It's no secret that Post 173 Riders are at the heart of our Legion leadership. Many of our Riders also serve as officers, committee members, and district leaders—

proving once again that when service calls, we step up. Next time you're at the post, take a look at the wall of leaders by the bar and notice how often our Riders' names appear. Their dedication deserves the same respect you'd give any veteran when you hear, "Thank you for your service."

With so many great changes on the horizon, it's important to keep our communication strong. The post is where we come together as family, but it's also where our members and leaders find a moment to relax. If you'd like to share an idea or concern, we encourage you to set up a meeting—or simply drop a note in the Legion mailbox. This way, your input is heard, valued, and addressed properly, while also giving everyone the chance to enjoy the post as a place of camaraderie and recharge.

## Expanding Our Impact

I'm honored to share that I've accepted the role of Assistant 16th District Director for the Riders, while also serving as Children & Youth Committeeman. These new responsibilities will help strengthen the bridge between Post 173 and our community—especially through deeper involvement with Anclote High School's JROTC program.

We'll be supporting their cadets at several upcoming competitions. These young men and women push themselves through Raider challenges such as fitness courses, rope bridges, team rescues, tire flips, and obstacle runs. Let's be there to cheer them on!

★ **October 21** – Anclote High School Raider Home Competition (Date TBD, stay tuned)

★ **November 2** – Hudson High School Competition

★ **December 2-3** – State Raider Meet, University of South Florida (if the team qualifies)

## Upcoming Events

★ **Jim Burgess Scholarship Fund Poker Run October 25, 2025**

**Hosted by:** Post 238 in Safety Harbor, this annual ride raises scholarship funds in memory of Jim Burgess.

**Registration:** 8:00–10:30 AM

**Bike Blessing:** 10:45 AM

**Kickstands Up:** 11:00 AM at 900

Main St, Safety Harbor

**Route Includes:** Post 7 (Clearwater), Jr's Pub & Grill, Post 252, Post 138 (Tampa), and back to Post 238.

Jeeps and cages welcome. Expect food, entertainment, raffles, and 50/50 drawings. Let's show Post 173 pride with a strong turnout!

## ★ Merry-Go-Round

**October 1 to November 3, 2025**

This month-long fundraiser supports Children & Youth Programs. Riders will log miles, but every Post 173 member can participate virtually to raise funds for kids. Keep your calendars open—something will be happening every weekend!

## Looking Ahead

Your continued support makes everything we do possible. From leadership in the post to service in our communities, Post 173 Riders continue to live up to our motto: Riders Lead the Way.

Thank you for your commitment to veterans, youth, and our mission. Let's keep the throttle open and finish 2025 strong!

*Riders Lead the Way,*

**Jason "Nagasaki" Burns**

ALR Director American Legion Post 173



## 1st Vice President

**Welcome to Fall!!**

***I am ready for sweater weather!***

After two long hot months, its time to get serious about membership and our support for Veterans, Children and Youth and Community.

Thank you again for your timely renewals, new members and transfers as we closed the books with 136%. We are now 371 members strong!!

Now with the new fiscal year beginning, we have work to accomplish. Thank you in advance for your continued membership and support.

Please, please, please complete the application to join the auxiliary, sign your checks, use your current legal name. (if any changes in name, address, phone, email - please complete a Data form or leave a note in our box in the lobby) Thank you for helping and cooperation.

We are so proud adding to our banner, another 100% "Family Ribbon" from National recognizing our Post, Auxiliary, SAL, Riders, all at 100%. Congratulations for everyone.

Let us pray daily for our Veterans, Active Military and those who are grieving loved ones or are ill.

**May God Bless America,**

**Doris Clark**, First Vice President

# Auxiliary President



## Let's Get Started!!!

Welcome to our busy 2025-2026 fiscal year starting with School of Instruction held on August 16th at Post 14 in St. Petersburg. We will be learning new and innovative ways to work our 19 committees as we support Veterans, Children and Families as well as our Community. Please remember to track your volunteer hours, activity, money spent as you record for the year 2025-2026. All of this information is sent to National at year end as well as to the Legislature by the American Legion.

This years membership theme is: 'A Passion for Vets'! Post 173 is already on top due to the honor walls and displays recognizing ALL Veterans. Remember to continue to honor those who served and are currently serving.

## Membership

DON'T wait for your dues notice to be emailed to you or sent via US Mail. We have the 2026

Membership cards right now and can process you right away so that you are an Early Bird and ready for New Year's Day!! (your current 2025 membership ends 12/31/2025) You can pay by check or cash and drop in our Auxiliary box in the lobby- in an envelope with your name and member number on it **OR you can pay OnLine at [alafl.org](http://alafl.org) with a debit or credit card - print off your 2026 card - sign it and you are good to go!!** So easy and fast!

Our meetings will start back up on September 18th at 7 pm and I hope you had a great summer. Be sure to bring a list of your volunteer hours and donations, etc. that you provided serving Veterans, Community and Children and Youth during our 2 month break.

Prayers for those who lost loved ones over the past months. I know how difficult a time it is for you. Also pray for our Veterans - Past and Present and keep them safe.

Looking forward to seeing you on September 18th!!

Yours In Service,

**Marlene Ungerleider**

President, Unit #173 Auxiliary

## FUTURE HOME REALTY

I have lived in the New Port Richey area since 1972. I have experienced a lot of growth in Pasco County and in our Post through the years.

I have been a member of the Post since 1998. My Father was in the Air Force and instilled a strong work ethic in us. We came to Florida from Buffalo, N. Y.

I will work hard to sell your home or in helping you purchase a new one. I work closely with VA Mortgage Companies and will be there for you every step of the way in the buying or selling process.

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