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The American Legion

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Michael J. Cicero

American Legion Post 173

The Bicentennial Post

March & April 2025



MEETING NIGHTS

Post 173 2 nd Thursday 6:30 pm	Auxiliary 3 rd Thursday 7:00 pm	S.A.L. Last Saturday 10:00 am	Legion Riders 2 nd Sunday 12:00 pm Noon
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Post Commander

Legion Family,

Happy Springtime, if there is such a thing in Florida. I guess I know it is Spring here for a couple reasons. First, we have to mess with the clocks and adjust it forward an hour. I like the extra hour of daylight; I just hate the adjustment! The second thing that marks Spring is we will see our northern friends start leaving the area and heading back to their homes. As always, we will miss you through the summer, safe travels home, and before you know it, we will be welcoming you back



to your winter home this fall. Post 173 continues our support of our Veterans, Children and Youth, and our local Community with the many programs we support throughout the year. In March, mark your calendar for Tuesday night March 11th, as the Post will have Dogs Inc here to present a donation check for our continued sponsorship of the dog scholarships that help pay for a Veteran and their new dog to get trained together. It is shaping up to be one of our larger donations, so you want to be there to

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part of a special presentation. It is also a match period, so what we give will be matched by a corporation to help Dogs Inc with the overall cost of running such an incredible program.

As we have done for several years, the Post will continue our support of Operation Stand Down. While this event honors the service and sacrifice of all Veterans, it places an emphasis on the homeless and at-risk Veterans. During the April 25-26th event Veterans in need can receive dental and medical care, legal assistance, haircuts, housing assistance and spiritual counseling. The Post has made one of our larger donations this year and will be a major sponsor of the Food Court Area. Also, this year, Post 173 Legion Riders are coming on board with an additional large donation to assist with sponsoring the Chaplains Tent at the two-day event. The event will be at The Concourse Rotary Pavillion, Shady Hills, FL just off State Route 52. If you want more information on the event, or would like to donate, go to <https://ocnstand-down.org> to see more on the event.

Our Children and Youth Programs are going well. We just donated some equipment to Gulf Side Elementary so they will have an outside wash station to clean the vegetable they get from the children's garden. We provided a donation to the school to replace a shed they lost during our back-to-back hurricanes, and we are sponsoring several other programs at the school. We are beginning to research other assistance that we can provide to other elementary schools in our area that have children in need of food, school supplies and clothes. As we develop this program, look for the flyers asking for your help with donations. We also continued our support of the Holiday

Rec Center by sponsoring the Spring Basketball League.

The month of April is a big fund-raising effort for the Legion Riders as Statewide they raise awareness and money in support of the American Legion Department of Florida's Project Vet Relief- Suicide Awareness. We have the Rockabilly Band, Jeff Vitolo and the Quarter Mile Rebels, back Saturday night March 29th to kick it off, so watch for the flyers and block out the date, should be a great night working to raise money for an even greater cause!

The spring of the year starts the election cycle for the Post, and its family units. The Post will have nominations for officers on March 13th, April 10th, and May 8th (write-ins), with the elections taking place on May 8th. Our Post only gets stronger and better with more participation. I would encourage you to consider running for a position, but if not, at least come out and vote on your Post leadership. Look for the flyer with times to vote.

The Post always has something going on. Check the calendar, in this newsletter, or the board in the Post, for our entertainment and events. The Post will have our annual St Patrick's Day Dinner on the 17th of March and Easter is also right around the corner. Just look for the flyers in the Post with all the details on both upcoming events.

We appreciate your continued support of the Post and all of our programs and may God 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



I want to begin by letting you know that we have reached 110.40 % for membership renewal. We can't thank our Sons members enough for getting your dues in and paid. We continue to grow and are almost 200 members strong. We still have some members outstanding so please get your dues of \$35.00 in

and the 2025 membership card will be mailed to you. I also want to take a minute to say Thank you to my adjutant and second vice Keith for doing such a good job with getting the membership completed. This position is not an easy position and requires a lot of time and work.

I also want to take a minute to advise that volunteers are always needed. We raise money by doing the 50/50 and bottle raffles. Your assistance and participation would greatly be appreciated. I do want to take a minute to say Thank you to all our members for purchasing tick-

ets ect... which do allow us to be able to make the donations the Sons of the American Legion make.

The Sons of the American Legion meetings are held on the last Saturday of each month at 10:00 am. Members are more than welcome to attend. The meeting normally are under an hour and go pretty quick. So please join a meeting and bring your ideas to the meeting. Were always open to suggestions on ideas how to raise money.

I also would like to advise that we were going to do a St.Patrick's day basket but have decided since the auxiliary has a basket we would do an Easter basket, so please see all the goodies that will be in the basket and purchase a ticket. Remember your donations will be going to our veterans program.

In closing I hope everyone good health and happiness. Let's have a great new year.

Sincerely,
Robert Huddle
Commander, Sons of the American Legion

Post Officers

Commander James Posey
1st Vice..... Ron Schallhorn
2nd Vice..... Jason Burns
Finance Officer Eddie Rodriguez
Chaplain..... Mike Baty
Adjutant..... Don Moreillon
Sergeant of Arms Whitey Johnston
Historian George Ward

Executive Committee

1 Year Mac McLaughlin
2 Year Open
3 Year Vince Blancato

S.A.L. Officers

Commander Robert Huddle
1st Vice..... Scott Waters
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 Toni Ann Steo

Members at Large

Stella Dixon Ward • Camile Brewer • Lynette Mujica

Rider Officers

Director Eddie Rodriguez
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	

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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

Post Elections

1st Nominations ★ **3-13-25**

2nd Nominations ★ **4-10-25**

Election ★ **5-8-25**

Don Moreillon Adjutant

March 2025

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Lunch & Dinner 12:00 - 8:00 Bar Poker 1 pm
2 Lunch & Dinner 1:00 - 7:00 Stick Bingo - 1 pm	3 Lunch & Dinner 12:00 - 7:00 Bar Poker 1 pm Weekly Drawing 7 pm	4 Lunch & Dinner 12:00 - 8:00 Stick Bingo - 1 pm	5 Lunch & Dinner 12:00 - 8:00	6 Lunch & Dinner 12:00 - 7:00	7 Lunch & Dinner 12:00 - 8:00 Stick Bingo - 1 pm	8 Lunch & Dinner 12:00 - 8:00 Bar Poker 1 pm
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins Lunch & Dinner 1:00 - 7:00 Stick Bingo - 1 pm Legion Riders- 12 pm	10 Lunch & Dinner 12:00 - 7:00 Bar Poker 1 pm Weekly Drawing 7 pm	11 Lunch & Dinner 12:00 - 8:00 Stick Bingo - 1 pm	12 Lunch & Dinner 12:00 - 8:00	13 Lunch & Dinner 12:00 - 7:00 Members Meeting - 6:30 pm	14 Lunch & Dinner 12:00 - 8:00 Stick Bingo - 1 pm	15 Lunch & Dinner 12:00 - 8:00 Bar Poker 1 pm
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**Kitchen is open - 8 am to 7 pm
Sundays, Mondays, & Thursdays**

April 2025

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday**

Legion Riders Director



*Our Mission continues in
Making life better for our
veterans and their families.
And our community...*

I like to take this moment to remind everyone that it is time for elections, it would be absolutely

wonderful if you would consider running for any office within the American Legion. All positions are open for anyone who would like to continue serving. You served your country and now you have the opportunity to serve your American Legion.

Please talk to one of us that's been there and done that if you're interested so that we can explain in full the responsibilities of the position. Please consider running. Thank you.

The Riders donated \$2500 to a Veterans charity called the Stand Down. This organization provides services to homeless and at risk veterans, they offer food, clothing, health screenings, and other assistance.

The Riders summit was awesome. It was great meeting up with Riders from around the State. We had a few of our Riders attend which is what we like to see. This year, like last year, it was held in Orlando Florida. We definitely hope they continue to do so, everything is easy to get too including good places to eat!

So we had an outstanding band called ROCKABILLY. So The Riders that night put together some baskets for raffling, we did a couple of bottles and JoJo did a 50/50 for us to raise funds for Project Vet Relief.

Riders Future Events

- ★ In Building up for the best possible donations for suicide prevention on the month of April 2025 we will start events in the month of March.
- ★ March 29th we will have the Rockabilly Jeff Vitolo and the Quarter Mile Rebels band. On this night we will have Baskets, bottle raffles and 50/50
- ★ In-State Unity Ride & Rally is April 6-12, 2025
- ★ April 12th OCC Roadhouse clearwater
- ★ The moth of Apr is round robin suicide prevention we ride every weekend!
- ★ April 11th American Legion Riders in State ride in 80 plus bike will stop by our club.
- ★ Nominations start in March!! Please consider running for office and make a difference!!

Every second Sunday of the month at 12 noon is the riders meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. Come join the fun. 50/50

Please note: To be a Rider you must belong to a family within the American Legion, "i.e." Legionnaire, Sons, or

Auxiliary President



With DayLight Savings Time approaching in March, we know that Spring has almost sprung and grass is growing and flowering trees are budding.

March brings many tasks to complete. All 17 committee reports will be prepared for District, Department and National

as they have a due date of April 1st. Please remember to forward all your hours, dollars, mileage, and tasks that you have done since June 2025 through March 2025 - for Veterans, children and our Community. Just drop into the Auxiliary box with your name and phone number. For example: Did you fly the American Flag this year? How many days and hours? This information is for the Americanism Report. Did you help by taking a Veteran to a doctor appt? This information is for the VA and Rehab Report. Thank you in advance for letting us know ALL your great volunteer contributions!!

★ **We have a St. Pat's Basket for donations going to the Department President's Project - Operation 300.** Flyers are posted explaining what Operation 300 benefits - children of fallen Veterans.

★ **March Unit meeting will find us electing a nominating committee for 2025-2026 Officers.** Job descriptions will be available with the committee. April will be first nonnominations and May will be second nominations with election.

★ **April is our Annual Poppy Month** and Miss Pearl and her Team of Volunteers will be announcing the Poppy Drive.

So proud of our Membership at 119.7% as of 2/22/2025!! Way to go Unit 173!! So very proud.

Yours In Service,
Marlene Ungerleider
President, Unit # 173 Auxiliary

the Auxiliary Unit. The Riders secretary will ask for your affiliated family membership card first before she will accept payment and issue a Riders membership card.

God Bless our Riders and the American Legion Family, watch over us as we ride to accomplish all missions that serve our veterans and God bless America!

**TOGETHER AS A FAMILY
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE.
RIDE & STAY SAFE...**

A.L.R. Director, **Eddie Rodriguez**

1st Vice President

Spring is just around the corner and then our hot summer will follow. Spotted big robin scouting us out so it won't be long and perhaps happier days for all.

WOW!! We have reached 119.7% paid membership!!! Thanks to renewals, transfers and new members. It has been a task handling so many new applications due to incomplete applications and without Veteran documentation and dues fee. Lots of phone calls had to be made, but most have been processed. We welcome you to our Unit!

Thank you for helping ease the process by following all of the National rules when applying for Auxiliary membership because we are unable to process any with missing information.

Special thanks to the canteen workers for your part in passing out any envelopes with membership cards. It is appreciated for sure.

Let's remember our Veterans, Active Military and those needing special prayers each day.

May God Bless America!!

Doris Clark

First Vice President

*P.S. Let's look forward to a happier Spring!
Happy St. Pat's Day and Happy Easter!*



In appreciation of all the cards, prayers, phone calls, food that was afforded my family due to the unexpected death of my son, Corey on 1/29/2025 and my husband Jerry, under the care of Hospice on 2/6/2025.

Words cannot express the feeling of loss we have felt throughout our family. Your gentle words, hugs and prayers helped us to know how much you love us all.

Although the sadness and loss is still so very fresh, your continued prayers of comfort is felt every day. We are also comforted knowing that Father and Son have been reunited in Heaven.

*Marlene Ungerleider
and the entire Clark Families*



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.

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