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April 2024 Scuttlebutt

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To:



On-going Events

- **Bingo** Monday & Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM in the Main Hall. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**
- **Golf League** Monday & Thursdays w/Shotgun start 8:00 AM.
Call Walt Menage at (910-800-0046) or Buddy Reed at (352-228-4200)
- **Sunday Breakfast** 8:30 AM -11:00 AM. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**
- **"Show Me" 3 Card Bingo** Wednesday 3:00 PM. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**
- **Entertainment** Friday & Saturday (Music) 6:30 PM.
- **Queen of Hearts** Thursday, Drawing at 6:30 PM.
- **Open Pool** Saturday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
- **Lounge Hours** Sunday's 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM
Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday & Saturday 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Important Phone Numbers

Vet Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 Press #1
Project Vet Relief Advocate (Patie Pule) 570-369-3321
National Suicide Hotline 988

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Post Commander's Corner

As April approaches let us not forget our Troops serving overseas. Easter is a time of hope and prayers for those who are in harm's way.

St Patrick's Day was a good turnout at the Post. Lotta green beer!

The Unity Ride will be coming to the Post in April. They will be spending the night in Crystal River and the Post ALR Chapter Riders will be providing dinner.

We will be taking nominations from the floor at the General meeting, so if anyone wants to be an Officer or E-Board member this is the time to step up and be counted.

Smoking room and roof projects were completed. Good Job to John for his hard work.

The Auxiliary is having a "Stars and Stripes Cashtacular Raffle" to be drawn on Memorial Day, so get your tickets early.

"For God and Country"

Richard "Gunner" Jordan Commander, American Legion Post 155



Post Chaplain's Corner

Greetings American Legion Post 155 family.

Spring brings to mind new things, new life! It is also a season of religious significance with most of the world's religions having holy days during the months of spring. We all would do well to spend some time this spring assessing how we are doing on our spiritual walk.

As chaplain I encourage you to consider attending the religious service of your choice, and there are plenty of choices out there! However, if a religious service isn't your thing, how about just spending time thinking on your spiritual journey, we all have one!

Let us Pray, Almighty God, we ask you to bless us in our efforts to focus on you as the strength and source of all good things in our homes, our communities, and our country. Help us to always remember you in all that we say and do.

In your name we pray, Amen

Eric Linthicum

Chaplain

Blanton-Thompson, American Legion Post 155



Auxiliary President's Corner

Welcome Spring!

ABC School was well attended and very informative. Thank you, Lisa, for preparing a delicious lunch.

Nominations for Officers will be taken from the floor at the April meeting. Remember we cannot run a Unit without Officers and we cannot work our programs without Chairpersons. I would encourage everyone to consider taking an active role in your Unit, so we are able to complete our mission.

April is the "Month of the Military Child". We wear Purple in April to honor our Military children, so this month let's all Purple Up.

The Auxiliary is having a "Stars and Stripes Cashtacular" raffle, there are five monetary prizes that can be won with 1st prize being \$1000. See an Auxiliary member for tickets, there will only be 500 sold. This raffle will be drawn on Memorial Day.

"For God and Country"

Eileen Harrison, President, Unit 155, American Legion Auxiliary



Squadron Commander's Corner

Hello Squadron 155 Members,

The 2024 Membership cards will be available at our meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM during our meeting or call me and I will meet you.

Our monthly breakfast is on the 4th Sunday, and we are always in need of volunteers to help or assist. Contact "Humpty" at 484-368-6227, if you can help. Remember we are here for all of you. SONS Helping Veterans.

Please join us at our next meeting, WE NEED OFFICERS so we can not have a meeting in a proper manner and we also can learn about the positions that are available to us.

Robert Pizzillo Commander, Squadron 155, Sons of the American Legion



Chapter Director's Corner

Riders,

Every month I wonder how I'm going to begin this article, well, it's getting warm again so I can begin to remind all Riders to carry water on their outings. So there you go!

April is a huge month for riding opportunities. Our first begins with Chapter 77 hosting a Poker Run on April 6th to benefit the Vietnam Veterans Gathering. Registration begins at Post 77 in Inverness at 10 AM and ends at Post 77 at 5 PM. We will be a stop for that ride, so if you cannot join the ride, at least come to Post 155 and shake hands starting around 3:30 PM.

The In-State Unity Ride starts April 21st with a Meet-and-Greet at the starting point of each leg. There are 3 legs to choose from, so if you are interested in joining a leg, go to floridalegion.org You don't have to do the ride start to finish, you can do a day or two if you'd like.

The other major ride to mention is the "Round Robin" where we as Riders go to visit Chapters in different Districts. We accumulate points as well as get to meet some great people from around Florida.

Oh, and if you can, please plan on attending (volunteering) when the In-State Unity Riders stop at our Post for dinner on April 24th beginning sometime around 4PM. Always a lot of stories to hear and tell.

"For the cause and NOT the applause"

Dan Pule, Director, Chapter 155, American Legion Riders

Golf League Information

*Monday and Thursday with a **shotgun start @ 8:00 AM** unless otherwise noted.*

*Sign up with Walt Menage at (910-800-0046) or Buddy Reed at (352-228-4200) if you want to golf.
If you can't make it, call the golf course or Walt or Buddy. Thanks!*

April Schedule

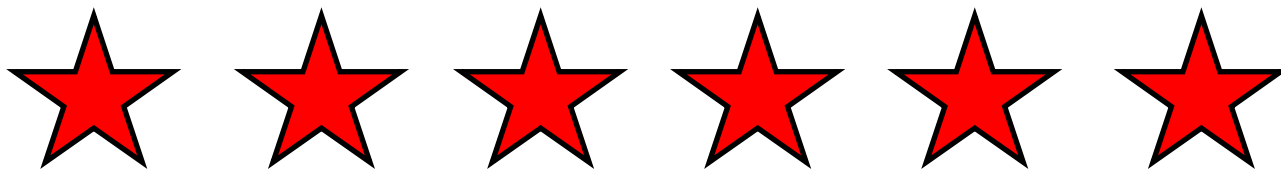
Monday:

1 - No Golf
8 - Twisted Oaks
15 - Lakeside
22 - Citrus Springs
29 - Spruce Creek

Thursday:

4 - No Golf
11 - Inverness
18 - Brooksville (0830)
25 - Royal Oaks

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If you are happy with our service, please like us on our
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Thank you...



**Blanton-Thompson American Legion Post 155
is pleased to welcome Ernest "Wayne" Moore
of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Claims Examiner II.**

**Wayne can assist with submitting a claim or checking on a claim and will
be at the Post the 3rd Friday of each month from 2:00 - 6:00 PM.
Open to all Veterans, no appointment necessary, first come, first served.**



**The Legion Café is Open!!!
Appetizers, Sandwiches, Burgers, Soups,
Lunch or Dinner. We have a full menu...
Don't forget to check out the Daily Specials!!!
Call in your order, Dine In or Take Out.**



BE THE ONE



**If your membership card doesn't say 2024, you need to renew!!!
Stop by the Post to see the Adjutant or the Lounge Staff.
They would be happy to assist you renew your membership.**

Organization & Club Meetings

Submarine Veterans - Meet on the 1st Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM.

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) - Meet Quarterly on the 2nd Tuesday at 8:30 AM.

NARLEO (National Association of Retired Law Enforcement Officers) Monthly meetings on the 4th Thursday in the Main Hall. E-Board Meeting at 6:30 PM; General Membership Meeting at 7:30 PM. Point of contact is Jim Coburn at 352-270-8649. PO Box 955, Lecanto, FL 34460-0955.

Marine Corps League Citrus Detachment #819, PO Box 640383, Beverly Hills, FL 34464-0383
Monthly meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Auxiliary Room at 7:00 PM. Point of contact is Norman Brewer at 352-601-2090 or by email at nbrewer2@tampabay.rr.com.

BNI (Business Network International) - Meets every Thursday at 7:00 AM in the Main Hall.

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| Position | Name | Phone |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
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| 1 st Vice Commander | Jim Dyer | 315-240-1442c |
| 2 nd Vice Commander | Nick Howley | 732-618-8179c |
| 3 rd Vice Commander | John Marler | 954-325-6521c |
| Adjutant | Kathy Hockenberry | 813-716-5699c |
| Finance Officer | Larry White | 352-212-8750c |
| Post Service Officer | Wanda Thomas | 352-257-0541c |
| Historian | David Hoffman | 920-284-7937c |
| Chaplain | Eric Linthicum | 301-213-8989c |
| Sergeant at Arms | Dan Pule | 570-369-3095c |
| Judge Advocate | Mike Corbin | 570-861-0285c |
| PIO / PR | Dave Hoffman | 920-284-7937c |
| Past Post Commander | Doug Hockenberry | 727-514-3742c |

Executive Committee Members - Mike Corbin, Dale Greer,
JD Hade, Kathy Hockenberry, Jeff Post, Mike Sisto,
Kathy Whitley and Jack Wolf

Unit 155, American Legion Auxiliary

| Position | Name | Phone |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| President | Eileen Harrison | 305-304-7881c |
| Vice-President | Barb Logan | 352-795-4233 |
| Secretary | Joyce Centrella | 352-601-0136c |
| Treasurer | Joyce Centrella | 352-601-0136c |
| Chaplain | Nettie Goggans | 305-394-2441c |
| Sgt at Arms | Barb Wolf | 813-997-0729c |
| Asst. Sgt at Arms | Donna Sisto | |
| Historian | Linda Linthicum | 301-788-6170c |

Executive Committee - Elfi Baker, Patti Cyr, Celeste Marler
and Michele Shreve

Squadron 155, Sons of the American Legion

| Position | Name | Phone |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Commander | Robert Pizzillo | 484-368-6227c |
| 1st Vice Commander | Vacant | |
| 2nd Vice Commander | Ron Heichel | 352-501-1280c |
| Finance Officer | Chuck Konicki | 774-248-0472c |
| Chaplain | Mike Smith | 352-212-1514c |
| Adjutant | Harrison Forbes | 570-983-6612c |
| Sgt at Arms | J. R. Caley | 352-220-0130c |
| Historian | Vacant | |

Chapter 155, American Legion Riders

| Position | Name | Phone |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Director | Dan Pule | 570-369-3095c |
| Assistant Director | Gary Cronau | 352-586-7128c |
| Adjutant | Linda Linthicum | 301-788-6170c |
| Chaplain | Jack Wolf | 813-997-0730c |
| Finance Officer | Vinnie Covino | 908-420-3810c |
| Sgt-at-Arms | Bob Pizzillo | 484-3686227c |
| Road Captain | Randy Langworthy | 406-249-3270c |
| Historian | Kathy Whitley | 352-422-5837c |
| Past Director | Kathy Hockenberry | 813-716-5699c |

Honor Guard

| Position | Name | Phone |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Captain | JD Hade | 585-297-9824c |
| Lieutenant | Mike Cotrell | 352-212-4396c |
| Chaplain | Jack Wolf | 813-997-0729c |
| Sgt at Arms | Fred Whitehurst | 352-480-7204 |

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Sizes range from Small to 4XL.

SAL T-shirts ~ \$15 each
"We're more than just a program ~ Get 'er Done, be a Son"

Auxiliary "God Bless America" Vests ~ \$15 each
Size: S - M - L - XL

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Auxiliary Koozies \$5.00 donation
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| Byrne, Dave "Bronze" | 03/24 |
| Clark, Patricia J. | 03/24 |
| Clutter, Albert & Linda | 05/25 |
| Granger, Bill & Linda | 08/25 |
| Grieme, Judith/Jay Berry | 01/25 |
| Grier, Dick & Connie | 04/26 |
| Hockenberry, Doug & Kathy | 06/24 |
| Jenkins, Jeff & Pat | 06/25 |
| Jenkins, Kerry | 12/25 |
| Kawonczyk, Peter | 08/27 |
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| Legros, Henry | 04/24 |
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| Malone, Perry & Theresa | 05/25 |
| McCallister, Chuck | 12/25 |
| McMechan, Samuel | 08/24 |
| Pawelko, Richard | 07/24 |
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| Roby, Raymond & Rose Marie | 03/25 |
| Shreve, Michele & Bill | 08/24 |
| Snead, John & Virginia | 05/28 |
| Sparh, Margie & Bill | 10/25 |
| Telfer, Alex & Connie | 03/26 |
| Weston, Tom & Jan | 12/26 |

~In Loving memory of~

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| Mike Bushaw | 06/24 |
| Arthur J. Cody | 12/28 |
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| Rick Logan | 03/24 |
| Steve Mikulas | 03/24 |
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~ NOTE ~

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We will have extra copies in the Lounge area, plus extra calendars for those who want to stop by the Post and pick one up.

~ NOTE ~

If you have submitted an e-mail address to us, you will be receiving your newsletter via e-mail. If you change your e-mail address, please let us know. This is a cost savings to the Post not only by not printing more copies, but by not mailing them out.

Thank you for your cooperation!
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April 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| | 1 <i>April Fool's Day</i> Golf League** BINGO: 1 PM | 2 Lounge "Terrific Tuesday" 10 AM -3PM SAL Mtg: 7 PM | 3 Show Me: 3 PM Pool: 6-9 PM | 4 Golf League** BINGO: 1 PM Queen of ♥: 6:30 PM | 5 Denver Sings 6:30-9:30 PM | 6 <i>SubVets Meeting: 11 AM</i> DJ Wade 6:30-9:30 PM |
| 7 <i>SAL Breakfast:</i> 8:30-11 AM | 8 Golf League** BINGO: 1 PM | 9 Lounge "Terrific Tuesday" 10 AM -3PM E-Board: 6 PM | 10 Show Me: 3 PM ALR Mtg: 6:30 PM | 11 Golf League** BINGO: 1 PM Queen of ♥: 6:30 PM | 12 Steak Night: 5-6:30 PM Matt Capps 6:30-9:30 PM | 13 <i>Hall Rental: 4-8 PM</i> DJ Kickstand 6:30-9:30 PM |
| 14 <i>Auxiliary Breakfast:</i> 8:30-11 AM | 15 Golf League** BINGO: 1 PM | 16 Lounge "Terrific Tuesday" 10 AM -3PM <i>NYC Hall Rental: 11-2</i> <i>Aux Rm Rental: 6-9</i> | 17 Show Me: 3 PM <i>Marine Corps #819 7PM</i> | 18 Golf League** BINGO: 1 PM Queen of ♥: 6:30 PM | 19 <i>Hall Rental: 5-9 PM</i> Mark Z 6:30-9:30 PM | 20 <i>4th Dist DCC Post 149</i> <i>Newberry</i> <i>Hall Rental: 5-8 PM</i> TBA 6:30-9:30 PM |
| 21 <i>AL Riders Breakfast:</i> 8:30-11 AM | 22 Golf League** BINGO: 1 PM | 23 Lounge "Terrific Tuesday" 10 AM -3PM General/Auxiliary Meeting: 6 PM | 24 <u>NO</u> Show Me <i>ALR In-State Unity Ride: 3 PM</i> | 25 Golf League** BINGO: 1 PM Queen of ♥: 6:30 PM <i>NARLEO 6:30 PM</i> | 26 Charity Cox 6:30-9:30 PM | 27 <i>Girls State Orientation:</i> <i>10 AM</i> DJ Chris B 6:30-9:30 PM |
| 28 <i>SAL Breakfast:</i> 8:30-11 AM | 29 Golf League** BINGO: 1 PM | 30 Lounge "Terrific Tuesday" 10 AM -3PM | | | | Free Pool on Saturdays: <i>10 AM – 4 PM</i> |

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