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FROM THE COMANDER

We are still in need of someone to fill the 3rd Vice position. If you or you know someone who would like to fill this position, please contact me as soon as possible.

My last message dealt with the declining status of Veterans Organizations, that problem is going to be with us for the foreseeable future. What **WE** do to prevent Post 163 from becoming a statistic is in **OUR** hands. How will **WE** be remembered? Think about that.



On September 29th, 30th and October 1st Post 163 will be hosting an **OPEN HOUSE!** For those three days, we will be open to the public! Each of the Legion Family is participating in a three-day weekend membership drive! Mark your calendars to come out and support your Post. Tell your neighbors, better yet, bring your neighbors to the Post that weekend to show them what we do as Legionnaires, Auxiliary, S.A.L. and Legion Riders. Saturday the 30th the Post is hosting a ‘Surf and Turf’ dinner (Steak and/or Lobster tail). Plan to eat out that night. A multitude of events are being planned, if **you** want to be in on the planning, contact your officers.

If you want to volunteer, just come to the Post on the day you want to help. Experience is not required!

As always, my thanks to the many volunteers that add to the success of our Post.

If you have a suggestion please either call, email, or place it in the suggestion box. All items are reviewed and placed under consideration.

See you at upcoming events.

For God and Country
Robert Hughes
Commander
321-525-2668
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TAPS

Sam F. Morina

UPCOMING EVENTS-- SEPT/OCT 2017

9/04/2017 LABOR DAY LUNCH 12-2 PM

9/11/2017 9-11 CEREMONY 6 PM

9/14/2017 LEGION MEETING- EC @6:30 GENERAL @ 7:30

AUXILIARY MEETING @ 6:30 GENERAL @ 7:00

9/16/2017 POW/MIA CEREMONY - 4:30 PM &

DINNER TO FOLLOW@ POST #163

9/27/2017 LEGION MEETING

COLOR GUARD @7:00 GENERAL @ 7:30

9/29,30 & 10/1/2017 POST 163 WEEKEND OPEN HOUSE

9/30/2017 STEAK **&/OR** 8 OZ LOBSTER TAIL DINNER 4:30 PM

RSVP GET TICKETS EARLY

10/12/2017 LEGION MEETING - EC @6:30 GENERAL @7:30

AUXILIARY MEETING - EC @ 6:30 GENERAL @ 7:00

10/21/2017 EARLY BIRD DINNER – COCKTAILS 5 – 6 PM

DINNER 6 PM

10/26/2017 LEGION MEETING - COLOR GUARD @7:00

GENERAL @ 7:30

10/28/2017 HALLOWEEN PARTY 7 – 11 PM

11/9/2017 LEGION MEETING - EC @6:30 GENERAL @ 7:30

AUXILIARY MEETING - EC @ 6:30 GENERAL @ 7:00

11/11/2017 VETERANS DAY PARADE DOWNTOWN 10:00 AM

11/11/2017 VETERANS DAY LUNCH 12 – 3 PM



STEAK **AND/OR** 8 OZ. LOBSTER TAIL DINNER

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30

4:30 — 8:30 PM

PUBLIC WELCOME

R. S. V. P.



STEAK **OR** 8 OZ. LOBSTER TAIL DINNER \$ 11.00

STEAK **AND** 8 OZ. LOBSTER TAIL DINNER \$22.

BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY

ENTERTAINMENT 6 - 9 PM "RING OF FIRE"

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We'll ladies our new year has begun. There is a lot of work we need to get done. I hope that more of the membership will get actively involved.

Our installation of officers went very well. The 12th District President and staff did an excellent job. I would like to thank all of you who brought covered dishes for the luncheon.

This year we are starting out by collecting school supplies. There is a drop off box located in the auxiliary room along with a box for trial size for hygiene products to give to the VA hospitals to aide our veterans (men and women) who are in the hospitals. We are also asking for donations to help us supply tennis shoes with velcro fasteners for the VA patients. Anything you can help with will be greatly appreciated

In September we will be holding our Annual POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony on Saturday the 16th at 4:30 pm with a dinner to follow. If you have never attended please try and attend this year. It is a very moving ceremony honoring those who have not returned home.

Ladies we really need some volunteers to help out in the kitchen. If you have the time, we need your help. There will be a membership drive the weekend of September 30th. The Legion family is planning a very special time. Please plan to attend and bring a potential member or help out. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our meetings on the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. each month. God Bless you all.

For God and Country,
Billie Pierce, President

WEEKEND OPEN HOUSE CHAIRMAN

Members are talking about the Surf and Turf dinner this September 30. Unfortunately, the weekend of September 29, 30 and October 1, is not about surf and turf, it's about membership. That's right. This will be a membership drive, one like we have never experienced before. We've had many committee meetings which include the entire Legion family. The Legion members, Auxiliary members, SAL members and the Legion Riders have all come on board to make this drive one that produces results.

As members, you can play a very important role in this effort. We



would like you to ask your friends, neighbors and relatives to join us during this weekend as we share the good work the Legion family does in our community and to help Veterans and Veteran families.

It's important that we educate folks in the community about the Legion. This not just another bar with discounted drinks. Much of the revenue from our canteen goes directly to help Veterans and their families. Did you know that? Have you shared that with others? If you haven't, this weekend will be a great opportunity to share your Legion pride. Please join us the weekend of the Sept 29th - 1st. Please invite someone to experience what our family calls Legion Pride.

There will be a welcome package for each guest with information on the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and the Riders. Many folks may be eligible to join and not even know we can help in that regard. We are all looking forward to a weekend full of good food, entertainment and brotherhood.

There are over 1.6 million Veterans in the state of Florida. Only 144,000 of those Veterans are members of the American Legion. Now you know why we will be "open to the public" that weekend. We are optimistic that we will enlist many new members to our family. With your help, we can easily accomplish this mission. Please offer your assistance and make an effort to invite as many as you can to join us.

Legion Pride, we all have it, so let's all share it!

Ron Fashano
Committee Chairman

FROM THE S. A. L. COMMANDER

I'm back as Commander again an looking forward to the Open House weekend Sept 29,30 Oct 1st. Membership drive, bring in your friends and neighbors who qualify for any of the legion family. Come help out and have fun.



Watch your calendars for upcoming "Dinners" and "Son's Of Karaoke"
Our meetings are at 4:00PM on the first Sunday of every month at 4 PM.
Any questions of comments e-mail @ salcommander@legionpost163.com

For god and country
S.A.L. commander
John Latier

FROM THE A.L.R. DIRECTOR




September and October will be busy months for the Riders. We will be taking part in the Post Open House/Membership Drive. The Riders events are planned for Sunday October 1st. We are planning on a group riding class followed by a Fun Run with possibly a few surprises thrown in. We are planning on offering one year free membership to qualified riders that join the Legion, Aux, or SAL.



We will be looking a another Avante visit around October. Our last visit in June was a lot of Fun. Our monthly rides will continue to new and exciting destinations.

Thanks


For God and Country
Malachy (Mack) McGuinness
Director Legion Riders Chapter 163

	NEVER	POW*MIA	FORGET	
September 16, 2017 CEREMONY 4:30 PM & DINNER TO FOLLOW				J. W. Mathers Jr Post 163 Eau Gallie, FL

**Refer to last months newsletter for
eligibility criteria to join the
Legion family and RECUITE !!!**

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Outdoor seating, Smoking area, Patio bar is coming along, the city's approval process is complete, footers are installed and roof is coming soon. Please bare with us as the outdoor seating area, evolves



EARLY BIRD DINNER

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 2017
 COCKTAIL HOUR 5:00 - 6:00 PM
 DINNER 6:00 PM
 COMPLIMENTS OF
 YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST 163
 FOR ALL MEMBERS
 (Auxiliary, S. A. L. , A. L. R. & Legion)
 WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES

MEMBER + 1 GUEST
ALL GUESTS
\$8.00 per plate





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10/17

MARYELLEN TUCKER/HEINS
IN MEMORY OF ANDI BURGESS

11/17

JEFFERY H. & PAUL G. HUDSON
IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROBERT H.
HUDSON

ANTON MARTH

12/17

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

1/18

ROGER RHODES

IN MEMORY OF JIMMIE PIERCE

4/18

BARBARA TAYLOR
IN MEMORY OF ROBERT E. TAYLOR
RIP & NANCY COLLINS

5/18

BOBBY WENDRZYK
IN MEMORY OF CHET WENDRZYK
SUSIE AGERSTRAND
IN LOVING MEMORY OF J.P. &
JERRY D. (BOOMER) AGERSTRAND

8/18

WILLIAM R. EDWARDS

8/18

DR MARK HOFFMAN, DSR
IN MEMORY OF RANEE SORENSEN
CHARLES DURHAM
IN MEMORY OF OUR WWII VETERANS

11/18

ROBERT M. CHILCOTT
IN MEMORY OF ELSIE & BOB CHILCOTT

12/18

NINA MOORE
IN MEMORY OF ROY & RON MOORE

1/19

JONI MANCUSO
IN MEMORY OF JOHN J. (JJ) MANCUSO

7/19

WAYNE O. SMITH

8/19

L. PAUL MURRAY

9/19

VINCENT S. AMEIGH
SHELDON E. KELLEY
CHERI & JERRY HARTMAN

12/19

TOM PECHACEK
SPACE COAST HONOR FLIGHT, W.W. II

4/20

JIMMY GREEN
IN MEMORY OF BARBARA & SHASTA GREEN

6/20

LOREN & ALMA VON RIESEN

3/21

FREN MATTHEWS
IN MEMORY OF CARMIE & MIKE

7/21

DWIGHT POWLESS
IN MEMORY OF JOY

12/21

LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 163

1/23

STAR & JACK

5/24

PATRICIA WEGNER
IN MEMORY OF LUCIEN, GEORGE & TERRY
WEGNER

JOSE (JOE) VEGA

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LAURETTE
CONSTANCE VEGA



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