

August 2017



The Lynn Haven Legionnaire

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American Legion

General Membership Meeting – 1st Sat. of Month 10
AM
Executive Board Meeting – 1st Sat. of Month 9AM

For God and Country



Commander's Corner

2017-2018 Officers

Commander: Kent Hansen
1st Vice: Butch Shumaker
2nd Vice: Jimbo Foster
3rd Vice: Ron Hill
Sgt. at Arms: Bryan
Wagner
Finance: Open
Historian: Jed Clampett
Chaplain: Phil Palmer

Executive Board/House Committee

Doug Skaggs
Les Scheik
Bruce Poindexter
Don Colbert
Ed Woody
Ronny McCall

Well, we have made it through the first month of having new commanders for each of the branches of our Legion family and I am happy to report the building is still intact, the bar is still open, and the kitchen is still turning out delicious meals! We enjoyed July from the parade and fireworks on the 4th through the warm and sometimes wet days that followed.

In August, we look forward to a number of upcoming events. To begin, we will have our monthly Membership meeting on Saturday, August 5th at 10:00am. While some people do not like meetings, this one is usually short but passes on some important information. It would be great if we could get more members to attend and participate in the decisions made there that affect our Post. We are working on a number of things to make the Post a more enjoyable and friendly place to come and I truly believe we have a great team with the Auxiliary and Sons all pitching in and working together. This month we will be making a decision on purchasing new air conditioners. Our current main air conditioners are almost 20 years old and on their last legs. We are also looking at ways to spruce up the Post and will be discussing a number of ideas. If you have thoughts on what you would like the Post to do, please come to the Membership meeting or put a written suggestion in my mailbox at the Post. We have had a busy month at the Post and have enjoyed the Outlaws Express band as well as Karaoke by Harry, Ruthie and Tom. If you have entertainment ideas of what you would like to have at the Post...again please come to the membership meeting or put a written signed suggestion in my mailbox. A couple of upcoming events include a comedy show/prime rib dinner in September and our Post 356 Annual Car Show for Veterans in October. Our steak nights, bingo/burger nights (thanks to all of our burger cooks) and wing nights have been overwhelmingly successful. Once again if you have ideas for what you would like to eat, come out to the membership meeting and let us know!

Finally, I'd like to thank all of our volunteers. Volunteers are what really make this Post so special. Whether you can help out just a little, your

assistance really makes things easier for everyone. All of our meals at the Post are cooked, served and cleaned up by volunteers. All of the billets held in each of the branches of the Post are volunteers. All of the special events enjoyed by all are accomplished and set up by volunteers. An hour a week...to several hours a month of volunteering your time really helps. Beginning in September, we will try to recognize some of our outstanding volunteers. We will be giving away some small thank-you items and will select a "Post Volunteer of the Quarter." The Volunteer of the Quarter will have a designated parking spot out front, will receive a small plaque and will also have their name added onto the weekly information TV. Whether selected for this honor or not, please know how much I truly value and appreciate everyone's help. We have a great American Legion Post and working and playing together we will make this the absolutely best American Legion Post! Thanks to all ... and remember when you go to the Post you look MARVELOUS!!

Semper Fidelis,
Kent
Commander
American Legion Post 356



Auxiliary

General Mtg. – 1st Sat. of the Month – 10 AM
Executive Comm. Mtg. 1st Sat. of Month -9 AM

Auxiliary Members,

Again, another month gone! Wow hard to believe! Things we accomplished in July!

Much was accomplished this past month: We walked in the Lynn Haven Fourth of July parade, we recycled, and donations were given to Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army Domestic Violence and Goodwill. Our ladies did a wonderful job of serving and entertaining Sim's veterans when they visited the post for lunch on July 19th.

We had our drawing for the lottery tickets and Claude Isidore won. Congratulations! Part of the money will be going to the Bay County Firefighters, part of the money will be going for our Thanksgiving baskets and the rest of the money will be used for our Christmas baskets.

Now, things that will be going on in August: On August 4th we will be doing a gun raffle for the K9 Unit of Tyndall. The K9 Unit is helping sell the tickets! On August 19th we will be having Erma's Lasagna and we are going to have a fun day!

Let me explain about the fun day! Everyone from every group is invited to wear a creative hat or crazy hat. We will have three prizes! Hopefully, we have a lot of entries.

We still need pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house. Our goal is 100 lbs for the year. We have already delivered 44.5 lbs. Let's keep up the good work!

We need everyone to start thinking of ideas for the next few months. Any thoughts, just let one of our officers know what you are thinking.

Our E-board is on the First Saturday of every month at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited! Our General meeting is on the First Saturday of every month at 10:00 am. Again, everyone is invited!

One thing that I would like to remind everyone. Please understand that our volunteers (do not get paid)! On that note please show some respect to them. That means the cooks, servers, clean-up crew and the people taking money.

Have a safe month,
Vickie Daub, President

2017 – 2018 Auxiliary Officers

President – Vickie Daub
1st Vice -Sherril Richardson
2nd Vice - Ellen Colosetti
Treasurer – Ruth Peavy
Secretary – Susan Finsterbush
Chaplain – Reese Russell
Historian – Susan Hawley
Sgt. at Arms – Donna Simpson

Executive Committee:

Pat Hawn
Dee Jennings
Mary Brauer
Chris Stanford

Membership Chair- Ruth Peavy



Remember.....

RED SHIRT FRIDAY

Show your support to our
troops by

Wearing **Red** on Friday



SONS of the American Legion

General meeting – 1st Tuesday of the Month –

6:30 PM

2nd Friday (Varies) 6 PM and 4th Saturday

Seafood 6 PM

Squadron 356

2017-2018 Officers

Commander	Johnny Wilson
1st Vice	Tom Anderson
2nd Vice	Appt. in July
Adjutant	Doug Skaggs
Finance	Max Bugg
Chaplain	Open
Historian	Open
Sgt. At Arms	Brandon
Finsterbush	

Summer is fast fading according to the calendar, but we still have lots of sunny days to come. We will be having ongoing discussions about our goals this coming year and we would like everyone's input on what do for our annual fundraiser. So please come to our monthly meetings. Let all of us in the SAL make this the best year yet.

Johnny

2017-2018 Officers

Director	T. Shannon Daub
Asst. Director	Bruce Poindexter
Road Captain	Brandon Finsterbush
Sgt-at-Arm	Scott Paine
Membership	Vickie Daub
Secretary	Susan Finsterbush
Treasurer	Bonnie Hansen
Chaplin	Kent Hansen
Historian	Justin Facey
Marketing	Vickie Daub



[ALR Membership Meeting 3rd Tuesday of every month](#)

[ALR Wing night: 3rd Fri of every month.](#)

[TBA : 1st Sat of every month.](#)

Legion Riders

Another month has passed us by. In July, the Riders attended the Lynn Haven Independence Day Parade, in which we had 8 2-wheeled motorcycles in addition to Bryan and his bride riding a new Can-AM Spider. Our prayers go out to the Wagner family as they have lost another family member, Bryans Brother passed away on July 13th.

For those who did not hear already, the 1st District won the Merry-Go-round Fund Raiser, beating out 5th district by 1.5 points. Ironically, no chapter in first district outside Bay County reported. We have already started making plans for Novembers Round Robin membership drive and Fund Raiser.

Vickie has reported that 72% of the Riders have already paid their 2018 dues.

T. Shannon Daub

Stay Safe

Director, FL- ALR CH 356

From the Adjutants Desk

A new membership year is upon us and you will start receiving renewal notices from National, if you have not already received yours. If you do not wish to continue receiving these notices, I recommend that you pay your dues early. Notices go out in July, October, January, and April. If you pay your dues by mid-August, there is a really good chance that you will not get another renewal notice until next July.

Also, while reviewing the information that The American Legion has on its membership is quite lacking. I've noticed that for some of our members we do not know what era they served in. So, when I send you your membership card, there will be a letter stating the same thing, unless I have all the information that is requested. I am requesting for each member to provide:

-Which during which era they served

-Which service they served in

-Date of Birth

-Phone number and e-mail (if you wish to provide to the Legion)

Another way to provide this information is via My Legion or My SAL (go to www.legion.org the click on MYLEGION or MYSAL, as appropriate, and register). Once you have registered, you will be able to update your information, I will be posting the News Letter and Calendar on there as well, in addition to the current ways.

Till next time:

T. Shannon Daub

Adjutant, FL Post 356

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American Legion Softball



Don't Forget to Support us for Burgers and Bingo
The 3rd and 5th Wednesday evenings

The Editor's Corner

Another Legion year is starting with new officers elected and they will be installed on July 8th. Please remember, all officers need to have their dues paid before the installation. All who pay dues early will have the Early Bird opportunity for a free dinner on the designated night.

The 'Family of Four' is off to a great start with a lot of suggestions offered by each. Let us all work together to make this another great year. I know we all ask for volunteers to help on a regular basis. You do not have to do cooking or cleaning-up in our kitchen if that not your forte'; consider please, donating items for the Auxiliary Yard sale, making a dessert for one of the many regular dinner nights, bringing in those coupons and can-tabs. These things help our veterans and community. Of course, we have a lot of generous members that donate money for all our worthwhile causes. Some of these people like to remain anonymous and their wishes are respected. Inviting family members and friends to the Post is another way to help. Reach out to members that we have not seen for a while. Participation in any form helps us all. As you can tell I am full of suggestions!! If anyone can think of other ways to help-out, then please write your suggestions and put them in the box at the door.