

July 2018



For God and Country

## The Lynn Haven Legionnaire

Douglas A Munro Post #356

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### American Legion

General Membership Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Month  
10 AM

Executive Board Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Month 9AM



## Commander's Corner

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### *2017-2018 Officers*

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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  
Judge Adv. Curtis McNeil

### Executive Board/House Committee

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

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Before I talk about how great the Post is doing and upcoming plans...I have some somber news and am asking the entire Post 356 to help out. One of our Bartenders Jessica Wooten was in a terrible car accident in Alabama. She is in critical condition and in ICU as is one of her sons who is in Montgomery ICU due to head trauma, broken bones and road rash. One of her young daughters also had a broken leg and the last daughter cuts and bruises. Both Jessica and her son will require extensive physical therapy, and both have a long hard haul in the future. Without being able to work and bills quickly piling up, we have decided to try and help one of our own. We will be putting donation jars both at our Post and at the various other American Legion Posts We will also be running several 50/50 drawings over the next few weeks with the proceeds going to Jessica. If you can help with a monetary contribution no matter the amount...it will greatly help her and her family. Thanks to all in advance.

June was another big month at the Post where we had the band Outlaw Express and Carol Volpi's Krazy Karaoke!! Steak Night continues to break records with the Riders Wing Night also bringing in large crowds. In June one of our Boys State competitors actually won for the entire State of Florida and will be traveling next month to Washington, DC, where he and 49 other state winners will meet with congressmen and senators and get to tour the capital and actually watch some sessions. Butch Shumaker has headed up this program for years and this is our District's first State Champion! Please congratulate Butch on a job well done.

In July we have several events planned to include the 4th of July celebration and Parade. The weekend of the 7th of July will see several of us going to Orlando, FL for our yearly convention. Due to the convention our membership meeting is being moved to Saturday July 14th which is also our steak night! The entertainment committee will be trying out some new karaoke DJs as well a one-man band. We are always looking for new entertainment ideas...please put them in the

suggestion box and we will consider them all. We have solicited bids to get the Post painted and hopefully we will be able to choose the best one and begin beautifying the Post this summer!

Finally, I would once again like to thank all of our volunteers and encourage others to come out and lend a hand. Our Volunteer of the Quarter is Ronnie McCall and our volunteer of the month for June is Tony Vincent. Please congratulate them both for their great work and dedication to this Post. We continue to look for new members so bring a friend or two to the Post and if eligible, sign them up! As always, come out to the Post day or night and enjoy some food and drinks with fellow veterans and friends...and remember... when you are at American Legion Post 356 having a good time...you always look more MARVELOUS!!...See you all there...Commander Kent!



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

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*2017 – 2018 Auxiliary  
Officers*

*President – Vickie Daub  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice -Sherril Richardson  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Another month has gone by, WOW! Our members have picked the Fisher House again as our big fundraiser for the year!

The ladies have picked Waller Elementary School as one of our main Education programs that we will be helping. The Children's Advocacy Center in Panama City as our Children & Youth program. We will still be helping the Sims Veterans Center, the Stand Down for homeless veterans, Salvation Army Domestic Violence Center and Emerald Shores Health and Rehabilitation Center. We have several other organizations that we are talking too!

We will be having a big fundraiser on July 21<sup>st</sup>, this event is called Christmas in July. The proceeds will go to all our programs for the 2018-2019 year. We will have raffles, 50/50 drawings, items you can buy. Ellen is cooking Lasagna and Harry is going to be playing that night! We have a few hopefully good ideas for this event. We also have a fishing pole plus combination raffle and one more thing the girls are setting up a wheelbarrow with booze plus other items for a raffle. Come on out and enjoy yourself at this event.

I have received some sad news! Ruthie will not be doing karaoke for us after July 6<sup>th</sup>. She is retiring, but she did state that on special occasions she will come on out of retirement. **YOU WILL BE MISSED GIRL!!**

On August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> we will be having a yard sale. All the proceeds will go to help with our programs.

Our July meeting has been changed to July 14<sup>th</sup>. Our August meeting will be on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Would love it if you could come to one or more of our meetings. Executive committee is on the first Saturday of every month at 9:00 am. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!** The general meeting is on the first Saturday of every month at 10:00 am. (Except as noted above).

Want to say Thank-you to everyone that has stepped up and helped us with everything that we are doing. We can make a difference and we DO!

Vickie Daub, Unit President



**SONS of the American Legion**

**General meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month – 6:30 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday (Varies) 6 PM and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Seafood 6 PM**

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**2017-2018 Officers**

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

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**Squadron 356**

June was a good month for the Sons. We made some money for our programs. I want to thank everyone that came out to volunteer to help us cook and clean up and especially those that came out to eat!

We need all the participation we can get at our monthly meetings so please try to attend.

Hope to see you at Post,

Johnny



## Legion Riders

**ALR Membership Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month**  
**ALR Wing Night: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month**  
**TBA: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month**

### Riders Notes

I have conducted my final Riders Meeting as the Director of Florida Chapter 356. I tried to spend all the money, we had some good ideas, but alas we fell short. But, that is ok, that just leave more for Bruce to spend, and more people that can be helped.

I attended the 1<sup>st</sup> District meeting/ Elections in Fort Walton. Sonny Decker, 1<sup>st</sup> District Riders Chairman, of Navarre, reported that it has come down from National that per the IRS, all future miles and hours donated will be converted to dollar amounts at \$0.27 per mile and \$27.50 per hour for donated time. Based on these conversions, with monies donated, miles ridden, and hours volunteered; 1<sup>st</sup> District donated over \$200,000 over the past year. Making 1<sup>st</sup> District 1<sup>st</sup> in the Department. So, let's keep up the great work and keep 1<sup>st</sup> District on top.

Keep the shiny side up.

T. Shannon Daub  
Director, ALR FL Ch. 356

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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

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## **American Legion Softball**

**Don't Forget to Support us for Burgers and Bingo  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings**

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### ***Editor's Corner***

***It seems like this summer is flying by! This month is a very busy month as the different families of our Post have stated. Please continue to pray for our Jessica and family. Her mother, Beverly Wooten and her boyfriend Barry have kept us up to date on their progress. It will be a very big uphill battle for them. Please also continue your prayers for Ronnie McCall and family.***

***Two of our Legionnaires are tying the knot this month and yours truly will be making sure it is official!!! I have been asked to officiate at this momentous occasion, so you know there will be love, laughter and libations. Let all of us wish them the very best that life can offer and hopefully we will see more of them at the Post. Yay for Gary and soon to be Becky Wright..... Don't forget the Auxiliary's Christmas in July that night. It should be a blast!!***

***As stated by the Auxiliary President, our own Ruthie is retiring from Karaoke after nine years of getting people to sing and have fun. We have some great singers in our families and we will all miss her on the stage. I hear that she will get up and sing occasionally if asked, lol! Being Ruthie though, she is retiring in style. A 2-week cruise to Alaska with her mom, Dee, should help her get ready for this part of her retirement. Those that are not at convention on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> come on out and bid her a Bon Voyage.***