

March 2018



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
Judge Adv: Curtis McNeil

Executive Board/House Committee

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

March 2018 is going to be quite a busy month for our Post 356..... Following closely on a busy and successful month of February; that included the Auxiliary and the Sons raised over \$6600.00 for the Fisher House. Make sure to congratulate both Vickie and Johnnie when you see them. We had a very successful steak night and a great Jam session.

In March we will be having a comedy show and steak dinner on Saturday March 10th. The cost is \$12.00 for the dinner and \$10.00 for the comedy show, if you only want to attend one or the other. If you want both, the cost is \$20.00 per person. This is going to be a fun night With a couple of professional comedians and then karaoke afterwards. You can buy your tickets in advance from the bartenders. This show sold out last year so now is the time to get your tickets.

Don't forget that Saturday March 17th is also St. Patrick's Day so come on out and become "Irish" for the night and drink green beer and some other fun drinks! Don't forget to wear green, too!!

Towards the end of March, Sunday the 25th, we will be having a fundraiser for Tim "Waffle" Polachek whose parents are both members of our Post. Waffle has had a rough going since around Thanksgiving of 2017. He been in the hospital more than out of it and is still recovering from multiple problems. Waffle has Down's Syndrome. Being in the hospital almost constantly, his mother, Teresa lost her job and health insurance to take care of him. We are throwing the fundraiser to help offset the many hospital and medical costs. We will be having live music followed by a jam session. We will be drawing for a gun and will have multiple auctions and a 50/50 drawing. Please come out and support this cause... it is truly Veterans helping fellow Veterans. You can really make a difference!

Finally, I would like to thank all of the members that have been volunteering in the kitchen and around the Post. YOU are truly making American Post 356 a fun and enjoyable place to visit and come back to. Don't forget our membership meeting this Saturday at 10AM... come out

and get the scoop! Thanks to all of our members and to the Auxiliary, Sons and Riders... we have a great team and they are doing all wonderful and superb things. So, I hope to see you in March... because you always look more MARVELOUS when you are at the American Legion Post 356!!

Semper Fidelis,
Kent, Commander
American Legion Post 356



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

I want to give a big SHOUT OUT to everyone that helped the Auxiliary and Sons raise over \$6700.00 for the Fisher House. When have definitely come together for such a worthwhile cause. Thank you also to everyone that attended and made this event so awesome.

Please try to come out for the General meetings, and please note elections are right around the corner.

Have a great March

Johnny

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



ALR Membership Meeting 3rd Tuesday of every month

ALR Wing night: 3rd Fri of every month.

TBA : 1st Sat of every month.

Legion Riders

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

Hello All,

February was a slow month, but things were accomplished. We started the month with Pam's Pulled Pork, another awesome meal. On 3 March Ms. 'Just' Bonnie will be serving Chili. Another belly warming meal to be sure.

Also, in February members participated in the Dylan Corbin Run, raising money for the Dylan Corbin Scholarship fund at Bozeman HS, in addition to participating in the Autism Run.

I presented the checks, authorized last month, to the North Bay Haven Baseball and Softball teams. Both were greatly appreciative. The Softball team was actually shocked when I approached them with the news that we were donating the money.

New requirements have been enacted for the D2R patch. If you are interested in obtaining this patch, contact me at wanna68me@gmail.com.

Lastly, self-nominations will be posted in March for the May elections.

Shannon Daub
Director ALR FL Chapter 356
"For the Cause, not the Applause"



Personnel Office



We have entered into a time never seen before, and will be remembered and interpreted in an innumerable number of ways. As of February 22nd, we are at 88.4% membership. What that means is that 60 of our members have not renewed their membership. It may not seem to be a big deal to renew your membership, after all you can always pay later and still be a member, especially for those who do not visit the post very often. But, not maintaining your membership can affect you in the future. The American Legion understands that service personnel may join a post at one of their duty stations, and let it lapse when they transfer or get discharged; because their new location does not have a post close by, or their new friends are not members. Then after another change of residence they rejoin, sometimes decades later. Many times, when this happens the member gets issued a new membership number, because they were not asked if they were a member previously. I myself had my name attached to 2 separate numbers over the years. While it has become easier to verify prior membership; The American Legion is not interested in total years of membership, but maintains records based on continuous membership.

So, what does this mean to you? In many cases, nothing. But, here at 356, if you have 40 years of 'Continuous' membership, we grant you an *Honorary Life membership*. So, if you originally joined The American Legion in 1998, and your membership card has a 10 in the star, you have lost 10 years of that 40 needed for an HL membership. So, to maintain your Continuous membership, your dues must be paid by 1 May for the membership year 2018.

If you are one of those that missed a year, contact me at adjutant356@comcast.biz.net, I may be able to help fix it, no guarantees.

ELECTIONS are coming. Elections for new officers will be held on 5 May, during the General Membership meeting. Self-nomination sheets will be posted in March. Don't like the way something is being done, step up and do something about it. "There is no more neutrality in the world. You either have to be part of the solution, or you're going to be part of the problem." Eldridge Cleaver

If you received this news letter from the bartender or in hard copy and would like to get it via e-mail, send an e-mail with your name and which unit you are a member of (Leg, SAL, Aux) to wanna68me@gmail.com. Or if you would like it via snail mail, let the bartender know.

T. Shannon Daub
Post Adjutant



American Legion Softball



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

Editor's Corner

Spring has arrived with all of its glory, with much warmer weather and flowers blooming; and of course, that means our lovely pollen has again made its presence. For those of you that have allergy's my sympathy lies with you. I spent most of the month of February very sick. I never had allergies (except for some medicines and bee stings. That changed when I moved back here almost 20 years ago.

That being said, I am sorry I had to miss the Fisher House Fundraiser event. I want to thank all the gals that pitched in and helped Ruthie put out a superb Pork Loin dinner. I did get to enjoy that meal, I brought it home to eat. I am thinking I might not volunteer to cook so far in advance in the future, I have ended up being sick a couple of times now. Our Auxiliary President, Vickie and the Sons Commander, Johnny, with the help of soooo many people made this event a memorable one. Teamwork from our 'Family of Four' makes our Post a very special place to come to. Like all families we sometimes have our differences, but we are still family.

Take time to smell the flowers, smile at a stranger, lend a helping hand to those in need and give thanks to God for all that we enjoy.