

November 2017



For God and Country



## The Lynn Haven Legionnaire

Douglas A Munro Post #356

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Panama City FL 32405

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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

### Executive Board/House Committee

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

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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 cookers) 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

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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



### **Auxiliary**

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

On November 3rd we will be having Pofolks Chicken with sides. On November 18<sup>th</sup> Reese and Ruthie will be doing Pork chops with sides. There is also a Comedy night on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our Monday night menus are November 6 – Smothered Chicken, November 13<sup>th</sup>- Chicken Tacos, November 20<sup>th</sup> – Beef & Cheddar Wrap, and On November 27<sup>th</sup> we will not be having any food due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please come out and support us.

Just for everyone's information that Bingo and burger night on November 22<sup>nd</sup> has been cancelled.

If anyone is interested in cooking or helping please let me know. Remember you can cook anything you want!

We still need pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house. Remember that these tabs can come from your beer cans, soda cans, vegetable cans and even your cat food cans! As of to date, we have delivered 73lbs of tabs to the Ronald McDonald house.

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!

The Auxiliary will be having their Christmas gift exchange on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. It will be a "Dirty Santa" exchange, which is always hilarious. Our menu will be soup and sandwiches, so if you have a favorite soup recipe, please, make a small pot so can have a great variety.

Have a safe month!

Vickie Daub

President



**SONS of the American Legion**  
**General meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month – 6:30 PM**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Seafood 6 PM**

Squadron 356

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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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The car show this year was a huge success. We had over 40 cars and there were a lot of trophies given out to the winners in each category.

We will not be serving seafood night in November or December due to the Holidays. Instead on November 25<sup>th</sup> we will be serving Pizza and December 23<sup>rd</sup> I believe it will be Chicken Fried Steak. Come out and join us.

We are issued new key cards on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Your dues need to be paid prior to this day, to get a new key card.

Johnnie



[ALR Membership Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month](#)

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

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

### Legion Riders

Is it spring yet? I am so over this cold weather, where is the 95\* I have grown to enjoy so much. Alas, I must dress as an Eskimo as everything must come to an end. Although I did see a Florida license plate that said Endless Summer as the slogan, ironically it was 35° that morning.

So, what's going on... October was Round Robin month. We raised money for the Vet Relief project and for those posts down south that got hammered by the hurricanes. I'm not sure how we did, but I do know that we had 63 riders on the Unity Ride on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. ALR 356 donated \$121 to the cause, in addition to the \$700 raised at the Bay County Riders Rib Cook off. We brought in 5 new Legion members and 1 new rider. The Fall Conference is on 2-5 November, hopefully we will be bringing the trophy back to 1<sup>st</sup> District.

If you have not seen it, the Merry-go-Round trophy is in the Riders display cabinet, check it out.

On 4 November, Jimbo will be serving Cheese Steak sandwiches.

We have a raffle going on for a winner's choice of: a 223 rifle, Taurus 38 special, or a gun safe. We are selling 100 tickets for a donation of \$10 each. Proceeds go to Covenant Hospice. Find a Rider Officer if you are interested, drawing will be held on Wing night 17 November.

December I will be serving Fish Tacos, Baja Style.

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### 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

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That's it for now, see you on the road.

T. Shannon Daub  
ALR 356 Director  
For the Cause! Not the Applause!



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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### The Editor's Corner

*Summer is over, at least it feels like it. Fall only lasts a few days and sometimes maybe a couple of weeks. The warming up trend during the day starts this Thursday for about a week, so we can put the parkas away for a while.*

*I bring up the weather forecast only to remind us all that the Holidays are right around the corner. It is a very busy time of the year for all of us. Thanksgiving is always fun at the Post, with everyone bringing in side dishes and desserts. This is also the holiday that I give thanks for this great country we live in, to the Legion Family of Four that allows us to gather together, and for the many blessings I have been given throughout the year.*

*The Auxiliary will be giving out the food baskets to the families we have been asked to help- out this year. We can always use extra items for these baskets if you would like to donate.*

*The Post will be given a festive décor soon for the Christmas Holiday next month. We auxiliarians just love to decorate everything!!! Karen Garetner graciously added her huge stash of Fall/Halloween decorations. We can always use willing hands to do the decorating and we really have a lot of fun and laughter doing it. We take all willing volunteers.*

*I think Mike Umland would make a really great Santa this year, with that lengthy beard of his. Please don't shave it off yet Mike. Or then again, Dave would also be a good one, (you know who I mean). Just wishful thinking on my part. I do believe in Santa.*

# NOTICE!!!!

December Steak is  
being moved from the  
second Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup>  
to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup>  
The backroom will be closed  
for a Private Christmas Party  
for the guys from TAFB



## Winner Choice Raffle

ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

The American Legion Riders - Lynn Haven, FL, Chapter 356 is Raffling off a WINNERS CHOICE of weapons, including:

- Savage Axis Series w/Matte Blk Stock - Rifle
- Taurus 85 ULT LT 38SPL+P 2" 5RD MT SS FRM/Cyl
- Compact Bio-Metric Finger Print Handgun Safe

### Proceeds go to Covenant Care

Tickets: Cost: \$10 Donation per ticket  
Where: any 356 ALR Officer  
When: 8PM- November 17, 2017

American Legion Post 356  
400 Aberdeen Parkway  
Panama City, FL 32405



WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN



Did you serve honorably in the US Military? How about your father or Grandfather? If so you may be eligible to join the oldest and Largest Veterans Organization in the United States of America. Interested?  
ASK ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Note: The object of this raffle is being provided through Bay Gun & Gear, Hwy 77, Panama City, FL. All local, State and Federal laws apply with regard to taking possession of a firearm. Winner may be required to: provide proof of identification, pass a back ground check or any other requirement as if they were purchasing the weapon themselves.