

NEWS FLASH

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August 4th, Meeting 5:45 to 7:30pm!

Our August Post meeting will be held both Live and Virtually over "ZOOM".

Sign on Zoom 15 minutes before the meeting starts. Call if you need assistance, a phone # will be provided on the invitation sent to all members.

Don't miss this meeting, we don't care if you attend the Live meeting or the Virtual Zoom meeting, please attend.

The meeting should last from at 6:00pm to 7:30pm .

- **NO FOOD** will be served.
- **Temperatures** will be checked at the door.
- **Masks** are encouraged and will be provided (if you don't already have one).
- **Safe Distance** will be maintained.
- **Your safety is paramount**, make your choice of Live or Virtual based on your level of comfort and personal safety!

Department of Florida Issues Order Rescinding Closures!



THE AMERICAN LEGION

For God and Country

UPDATE DBPR (Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation) **HAS RESCINDED THE ORDER TO CLOSE AMERICAN LEGION POSTS**

July 15, 2020

To All Members of The American Legion, Department of Florida

Subject: **Order to Close American Legion Post Rescinded**

On July 8th, the Deputy Secretary of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) sent an email in which he ordered the closure of private social clubs and American Legion Posts. On July 13th, he rescinded that order. Further, our Judge Advocate Team has been in contact with a number of folks at the enforcement arm, Secretary's office and the Chief of Staff of DBPR Mr. Thomas R. Philpot.

DBPR Chief of Staff Philpot has sent an email to the Judge Advocate's Office clarifying:

"Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 does not prohibit an American Legion Post from operating the premises for other organizational purposes unrelated to the sale of alcoholic beverages, though the Post is encouraged to follow other state and local guidance on sanitation and social distancing to prevent the risk of exposure and spread of illness during this pandemic."

[To read the complete email from DBPR Chief of Staff Philpot please click on the image below or on the button below the image.](#)

July meeting results!

The July meeting was a success and a failure. We succeeded in having all of our officers for both the Legion and the Riders Chapter installed by our District Commander, Cherie Korn.

We failed in our attempt to hold the Virtual "ZOOM" meeting. We have solved our ZOOM problem and we will be sending out invitations to all members which provide a working link that they can use. Please accept our apology for this unfortunate foul-up. We are confident it will not be repeated.

Volunteer Opportunity!

As we mention in our last newsletter, 85 year-old Ernie Kerns is still looking for people to help with his **"Veterans Grave Restoration Project."** Ernie and his wife have been locating abandoned or unkept cemeteries in Marion County where Veterans are buried and restoring and cleaning their tombstones. He would like to train people on how to find these graves and how to restore them. Call the Post **352-624-3563** leave a message, we'll reply ASAP!

Legion Riders Chapter

Meeting on Tuesday, July 21 @ 6pm at the Post. We have a lot of things to do and things to discuss. This meeting is critical to attend. We will be observing CDC Recommendations.



Opportunities to Serve!

Post 27 is beginning two new programs and we need members to consider helping with them. There are many way that you can help!

Scouting Venture Crew - Recruiting has been difficult with the Covid restrictions. We will be renewing our efforts later in the summer when, hopefully, conditions will improve. We will need volunteers to assist in their various programs and adventures.

Honor Guard - We are looking for 4 to 6 Legion members to become part of our Honor Guard. The honor guard will be used to provide final honors to veterans, and to represent Post 27 at various Veteran Ceremonies and Events. They will also be there to supplement the VFW and AMVETS programs and Visa-Versa.

MEMBERSHIP

Post 27 needs to increase membership

Ocala has one Florida's highest population of Veterans. However, of the six Marion County American Legion Posts, only one other post has less members. We are taking steps to correct this situation. Here is a new program to increase membership.

Any member who brings in 5 new qualified members during the year will have their choice of either having their dues paid for the next year, or a \$35 gift certificate.

As you know, or may not know, Post 27 is noted for our **"Always Good, Always Plenty"** pot-luck dinners. These dinners will resume (*with some modifications*) after the Covid emergency is over. Our \$35 membership fee provides 12 fantastic meals during the year. More incentives are coming!.

If you have any Veteran friends please have them join our Post, Veterans from ALL Era's are eligible for membership.

Membership Forms on Next Page!



THE AMERICAN LEGION - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All veterans who served between Dec. 7th 1941 & Present are Eligible!

Name _____
 First Initial Last Date of Birth _____

Address _____
 Street City State ZIP _____

_____ Male Female

Membership ID# former member Post # Email Gender _____

Check Conflict below:

- WWI
- WWII
- Merchant Marines
- Korea
- Vietnam
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Panama
- Gulf War/War on Terrorism
- Other

Check Branch of Service below:

- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marine Corps
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Merchant Marine (12/1941-12/1946)

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941, and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signed by applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

If you are a new member, send this completed application with annual dues to The American Legion, Department of Florida, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 547859, Orlando, FL 32854 (check www.floridalegion.org/join for dues amount), or take it to a local post. To locate a post near you, click on "Post Locator" at www.floridalegion.org.

For more information: Call (407) 295-2631 or (800) 393-3378 Email mail@floridalegion.org Visit www.floridalegion.org



DUES RECEIPT
(Please print clearly)

_____ Date

_____ Received From

\$ 35 for 2021 Dues

_____ Recruiter's Name

_____ Recruiter's Signature

_____ Recruiter's Phone #



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____ Squadron # _____ Phone _____ Email _____

First Name Initial Last Name Suffix Birth Date _____

Street Address _____ City State Zip _____

Name of veteran whom eligibility is established _____ Relationship of applicant to veteran _____

Choose one: Above is a member in good standing of Post No # _____ Above is deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion and apply for membership.

Signed by Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion, Department of Florida, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 547859, Orlando, FL 32854 Annual dues must accompany application. Ask local contact for amount due.

For more information: Call (407) 295-2631 or (800) 393-3378 Email flordasons@legionmail.org Visit www.flordasons.org



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_____ Date

_____ Received From

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

_____ Recruiter's Name

_____ Recruiter's Phone #

_____ Squadron No #



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

First Name Initial Last Name Suffix Phone _____

Street Address _____ City State Zip _____

Email _____ Unit # and location Date of Birth _____ Birth - 17 18 and older

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible through / name of veteran (if living, must be American Legion member) Living Deceased American Legion Member ID Number _____ Post # _____ City _____

Veteran served: (check all that apply)

- WWI
- WWII
- Merchant Marines
- Korea
- Vietnam
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Panama
- Gulf War/War on Terrorism
- Other

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

- Self
- Male Spouse
- Female Spouse
- Mother
- Grandmother
- Sister
- Daughter
- Granddaughter

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Applicant Signature (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____ Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____ Date _____

Mail completed application to American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 547917, Orlando, FL 32854 Annual dues must accompany application. Ask local contact for amount due.

For more information: Call (407) 293-7411 or (866) 710-4192 Email secretary@alaf.org Visit www.alaf.org



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\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

_____ Recruiter's Name

_____ Recruiter's Signature

_____ Recruiter's Phone #