



# The Ocala Veterans Voice

## Post 27 Has Moved to Jervey Gantt Park

### It's official

**Our new post home address is  
2001 SE 32nd Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471**



The inside of the building has been totally renovated. The building was basically gutted and completely redone inside and some of the outside.

Most notably, we have a new 50 car parking area in front of the building, plus an additional 20 car parking area (mostly handicapped and combat wounded).

Parking will no longer be a problem for our post events, we'll have plenty.

The City has installed a new flagpole with lighting outside the building on a newly paved walk with benches on either side of the flagpole. They have also moved our monument from Tuscawilla park. Inside is where you will find the most important features. When you come in the front door, the rooms to either side are both ours. On the right is a conference room that will hold about 25 people comfortably in our new conference chairs (thanks to the Auxiliary). On the left is our office with desks for the Legion Adjutant and the Auxiliary Secretary.



One feature members might be interested in is free WiFi throughout the building, and a large screen (65") TV both compliments of the Ocala Duplicate Bridge Club. We can also thank them for the new heavily padded chairs and the tables in the meeting room.

The city has provided us with all new appliances in the kitchen which may add a new dimension to our "Always Good, Always Plenty" pot-luck dinners, or at least open some new opportunities for other programs.

We are excited about the prospects for growth and service to the Ocala Veteran Community.



### May 7th Meeting Agenda:

Our May 7th meeting will be very different from our regular meetings.

**Here's how:**

**NO MEAL WILL BE SERVED**

**This is a working meeting!**

We will start with a very brief walk-through of the new facility.

As soon as the walk-through is over, we will be assembling shelves, opening boxes, separating the Auxiliary items from our items and storing them on shelves or wherever they will be going. Please come and help in this effort to organize our new post home.



### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

#### Legion Officer Elections

**are scheduled for our  
June 4th Meeting:**

Last year at our annual election meeting the post voted to make the term of office for all positions 2 years. This does not preclude members making challenging nominations from the floor or putting forth a name to fill a vacant position should someone resign. Vacant positions for this year are 2nd Vice Commander, and 2 members-at-large. We are also looking for a Webmaster (must have a suitable background). You must be present to nominate and to vote.



The "Brick City Betties" are saying goodbye to our old post in Tusawilla Park. Except for the first 14 years of our 100 years in Ocala, this has been our home. It was a great 86 years!

As in years before, the Auxiliary Unit will focus on educating our young people about the link between the Poppy and our military. Please click this video to hear a dramatic reading of "In Flanders Field."

[CLICK HERE](#)



## POPPY DRIVE COMING!

### Memorial Day is approaching FAST! World War I ended on the 11th Hour of the 11th Day in the 11th Month of 1918

Connecting the visual image of the poppy with the sacrifice of service made by our veterans has been an important goal of the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program since its inception in 1921.

On Memorial Day and Veterans Day, millions of red crepe paper poppies are distributed across the country in exchange for donations that go directly to programs to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans, and other programs that focus on helping veterans in Ocala and the Marion County area.

The Auxiliary works very hard every year to raise money to support Veteran Causes. In the past they have raised and donated many thousands of dollars and not kept one penny of the proceeds.

Due to the small size of the Auxiliary, they will be needing assistance from Legion Members to be with them at the tables outside Publix, the Mall, and possibly some other locations.

We would like as many volunteers as possible to work 4 hour shifts at these locations. Please contact Judy Miley and sign up for a shift or two. A special dinner for volunteers is planned.

Legionnaires can also help by asking their wives to join and become active members of the Auxiliary Unit. The annual dues are only \$35. Daughters and Granddaughters under 18 can become Junior Members for a lesser amount.

If you have a son, or are the Son of a Veteran or even a Grandson, you are eligible to become a "Sons of the American Legion member. Membership in the Sons Organization is only \$8 per year. There is no age limit. Sign up your sons or grandsons, even at birth. It will begin a wonderful family

### Ocala Memorial Post 27 - American Legion

**New Address:** 2001 SE 32nd Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471 - In Jervey Gantt Park

Our mailing address is: American Legion Post #27

P.O. Box 2946

Ocala, FL 34478-2946

Our phone number is: 352-624-3563 (to leave a message)

**Post Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of every month @ 6:00pm**

Veterans, try our "Always Good, Always Plenty" pot-luck dinner at our monthly meetings. It's well worth the \$35 annual price of membership! Imagine getting 12 wonderful meals for under \$3.00 per meal (no tax or service charge).

**Celebrating 100 years of serving Ocala Veterans!**