

AMERICAN LEGION POST 373 NEWSLETTER



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PLEASE TAKE THE TIME AND READ THIS NEWSLETTER. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF CHANGES IN OUR SCHEDULE.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

At our regularly scheduled June 26th meeting, **we will NOT be installing officers** into the Legion/Auxiliary/SAL programs. We will have our installation of new officers at our regular scheduled August 28, 2018 meeting. This change was made necessary because of our late Department convention, and then shortly after, our National convention. We are finalizing all the reports that we must furnish to the Department of Florida concerning our activities this past fiscal year 2017-2018. July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 will be our new fiscal year. At that time, we will be renewing membership for 2019.

We, the members and officers of Post 373, have just completed our best year ever in both programs and membership. Please make plans to attend our July 24th meeting to learn about all the rewards and accomplishments of your Post 373. Since we revitalized this Post in 2009, we have grown in the Legion from 67 members to 344 members in 2018. We started our Auxiliary program with zero and now have 41 members. We started our SAL program with zero and now have 14 members. We have a Rider charter, but have not been able to get 8 to 10 Rider members to attend a meeting to get this program started.

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When we revitalized this Post, we inherited \$10.00 in checking and \$10.00 in savings. Each month at our regular meeting, we give you a detailed financial report. Every dime that comes into this Post is accounted for and the same goes for every dime going out.

I strongly encourage every member to attend our monthly meetings. WHY?? So you can voice your thoughts and ideas on all Post business, programs, and leadership. This is your Post. It belongs to the members, and we want your ideas. We meet at the Lions Club, 423 McIntosh Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073 on the 4th Tuesday of every month except December. Doors open at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM. The Lions Club has just been remodeled, well lighted, and wheelchair very accessible. There is no smoking or drinking of alcohol beverages at our meetings. Our meetings last approximately one hour, and then we have finger food, soft drinks, and water free of charge.

**For God and Country,
Bob Brewster, Commander**

SPEEDY RECOVERY . Art Tenney had open surgery the other day. He is still in the hospital and doing well. Please keep Art in your prayers.

ABOUT OUR POST 373

Listed below are some of the programs that our Post is involved in:

Clay County Veterans Council, Vets 4 Vets Council, Blood Donor, High School ROTC Medals, Law & Order, Public Relations, Employment Chairman, Boy's State, Baseball, Flag Education, %Get Out The Vote,+Memorial Day, Community Service, Junior Shooting Sports, FL Hwy Patrol/American Legion Cadet Program, Children & Youth Activities, Temporary Financial Assistance, Post Newsletter, Getting Our Message On Radio, TV, & Newspapers, Oratorical Contests, VeteransqDay, 4 Chaplains Sunday, Halloween Safety, and many other programs.

Maybe you would like to be involved in one or more of these programs. Also, you might be involved in a program that we should add to our list.

Our Post can only be as good as you make it. We need members to attend meetings. No one is forced to do anything. In 9 years, we have been the most friendly Post in the state of Florida. No one has been told to shut up or sit down,

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because every member's views are important for our Post to be successful. We even have about a dozen members who live at Moose Haven, and they drop in every so often. Moose Haven started a Memorial Day ceremony 2 years ago. Our Post is very much involved with this program.

**For God and Country,
Bob Brewster, Commander**

AUXILIARY NEWS

Well, another year is ending, and that means we will be starting a new fiscal year in July. Due to scheduling conflicts, we will not be installing our new officers until the regular August 28, 2018 meeting. I will be attending the Auxiliary Department Convention in Orlando, FL, where I will be representing our Unit at instructional meetings and other events.

At last year's convention, a raise in Auxiliary dues was voted on and passed. I was not in favor of this raise, but it passed. This raise was caused because National and the Department of Florida raised the dues that we must send to them. Our unit dues for 2019 will now be \$30.00 per senior member per year. Junior dues will remain the same at \$5.00 per year.

The Friday prior to Memorial Day, several of our Auxiliary members helped our Legion members place flags on veterans' graves at Peoria Cemetery. We also had members of the Ridgeview High ROTC with us. This is another example of the Auxiliary working with the Legion on special projects. As our Commander says, "We are family."

This past Memorial Day, the Commander and I, along with Matt Ruxton, Ed Silva, Ron and Elsie Fifer attended a memorial service at Moose Haven for the 2nd straight year. We have several Legion and Auxiliary members living at Moose Haven, and I had a chance to visit with them.

**For God and Country,
Collette "Collie" Brewster, President**

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IMPORTANT MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

Post/Unit 373 meetings are held the **4th Tuesday** of each month (**except December**) at the Orange Park Lions Club, 423 McIntosh Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073.

Our **July** meeting is scheduled for **July 24, 2018** at **7:00 PM**

Our **August** meeting is scheduled for **August 28, 2018** at **7:00 PM**

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Please e-mail your articles for Post 373's July/August newsletter to either Bob Brewster at mr.bobbrewster@gmail.com or Barb Jonte at bjonte49@att.net by **August 29, 2018**.

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