

AMERICAN LEGION POST 373 NEWSLETTER



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

This month at the May 22, 2018, Post 373 meeting, we will be holding our election of officers for the fiscal year starting July 1st for the calendar years 2018/2019. We will be discussing all the things that went right this year and will be looking at our programs and leadership for the coming year. Last month I read the CPR reports for our Post that were sent down to Department. That information will be added to other 300 Posts in Florida for our Department's report to National. Post 373 had a very good year! The Legion, our Auxiliary, and our SAL all met the membership requirements and went beyond. Our neighboring Posts, Post 372 in Mandarin and Post 250 in Middleburg also hit the 100% goals plus. Again, I want to thank all of our members for being members of our Post, because without you, we would not exist.

Sunday, May 13th, we will attend the District Constitutional Conference meeting at Post 137. There we have to give a detailed report on members who have left our Post for Post Everlasting. This is a short, but very solemn, ceremony that we do every year. Following this, we will have the actual meeting. At this meeting we will have all kinds of visitors asking for our Post votes to help them get into various offices for the coming year. I know what this is all about, for I had to do it myself in past years. I was very fortunate that I never lost an election for any office that I applied for. Our Post is widely

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known throughout the state for being a very successful Post in membership growth and for working all of the Department's programs.

I want to thank all the members who renewed this year, and all of those who transferred into our Post. As you know, we do not have a Post home, nor do we have a bar. We meet at the Lions Club in Orange Park the 4th Tuesday of every month, except in December. At these meetings our members are encouraged to voice their opinions and membership has the final say on anything concerning this Post. The Commander is like the conductor of an orchestra. He does not make any music, but tries to keep everyone in tune.

Last, but not least, I want to thank each and every member of this Post. You are what makes this Post great.

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

POST 373 REALLY COMING TOGETHER!!

We are just back from District 5's District Constitutional Conference meeting where we had our greatest attendance from our Post ever. We had 9 Legion members and 2 Auxiliary members attend these meetings. If all goes to plan, this July we will have 3 Veteran Service Officers at our Post. District 5 had a surprisingly big turnover of personnel. Both of our existing Vice Commanders lost their positions in today's election. Both of the newcomers are Desert Storm veterans. This is a good thing.

At this month's Post meeting, we will have our elections for our Post officers. I want to encourage as many of you as possible to attend this meeting and have your voices heard. We must get younger members if we are to continue succeeding. Remember, this is your Post much more than it is mine. I have never felt stronger than I do now about the future of our Post. To the Desert Storm veterans . now is the time for you to take over and make this Post even greater than it is. The future is yours, and I feel very strongly that you will make this Post the best that it can be.

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

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AUXILIARY NEWS

First of all I want to thank all of you who have renewed or joined the Auxiliary this year. As of April 27, 2018 our membership stands at 102.50%. Great Job Ladies!!!

We will re-open the nominations and hold our election of officers for the 2018-2019 year at the May 22nd meeting. Please let us know if you are interested in holding a position. We look forward to seeing you there!

**For God and Country,
Collette “Collie” Brewster, President**

BULLETINS

We need some volunteers to work our various Post programs, such as school medals, children & youth, blood donors, and any program or idea that is yours. The more we put in to helping our veterans and their families the better. On Friday, May 25, 2018, at 2:00 PM, we need members to help us place flags on veterans graves in the Peoria Cemetery. If we get 10-12 people to help us, it will only take approximately 1 hour. If you need additional information, please call me at home: 904-272-1619.

Attention to all Riders . we have the paperwork and charter for our Post Rider group. The problem is that we cannot get more than 1 or 2 of you to our Post meeting. I started the Rider program at Post 250 with 10 members, and today they have approximately 100 members. The Rider program is the best new program for The American Legion in the last 30 years. Let's see how many of you can make our next Post meeting.

Legion Members . We have some very great Auxiliary members in our Post, but they need some help from the Legion. Let's get some of your wives, daughters, granddaughters, etc. to join the Auxiliary. The ladies get along fantastically, and they do some outstanding work for our Post. They have lost some member due to families moving out of the area. It does not require a lot of time or effort to belong to this group and to keep their numbers up.

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

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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 **May** meeting is scheduled for **May 22, 2018** at **7:00 PM**

Our **June** meeting is scheduled for **June 26, 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 **June 27, 2018**.

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