

AMERICAN LEGION POST 373

NEWSLETTER



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

First, I would like to apologize to all members for not sending out the last newsletter which would have been dated May-June 2015. A lot of you know that our editor, chief cook & bottle washer Barbara Jonte was having her hip replaced. Now you know that she is 95% responsible for our newsletters. Matt Ruxton and I are in charge of sending out the emails and the snail mail versions of the newsletters. We believe we have found a person who will be able to back up Barb Jonte, but I will take full blame.

Most of last year's officers in the Legion will be carrying over for the next year. Installation of our Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL officers will be done at the July 28, 2015 meeting starting at 7:00 PM at the Lions Club in Orange Park, FL. We would sure like to have an extra large turnout for this meeting for there will be District, Area, and Department personnel attending. Casual dress is acceptable. All those officers being installed should have their uniform cap and either a Post pullover or a white shirt on. A dress jacket is optional. No flip flops, shorts, or tank tops allowed.

At the last two monthly meeting we have discussed membership dues. With the Department of Florida and National both raising their dues, we will have to go up on our Post dues. For now and until December 31, 2015, our dues will remain the same at \$35.00 for the 2016 renewal. Starting January 1, 2016, for those members who have not renewed by then and for all new members, our Post dues will be \$45.00 for the 2016 renewal. So you can see, you can save \$10.00 by renewing early.

It really helps when more members attend the monthly meetings. We meet every month with the exception of December at the Lions Club, 423 McIntosh Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073 at 7:00 PM. The meetings last approximately an hour, with food and soft drinks and coffee provided after the meeting. You can bring small children to our meetings. The more members who attend our meetings, the better it is for all of us. So far we have avoided small cliques of people trying to run this Post for their benefit only. Everyone is encouraged to speak up on

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any subject whatsoever. Again, I tell you, the membership runs this Post as they should at all Posts, but that is not how all Posts operate.

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

Congratulations to our newly elected officers:

American Legion Post 373 Legion Officers 2015-2016

Commander	Bob Brewster
1 st Vice Commander	Al Jonte
2 nd Vice Commander	Elmer Wine
3 rd Vice Commander	Godson Obiagwu
Finance Officer	Charlie Leister
Adjutant	Frank W. Gianino
Sgt. at Arms	Matt Ruxton
Historian	Joanie Haff
Chaplain	Joe Wright
Executive Committee	Wanda Ruxton
Executive Committee	Bob Forsythe
Executive Committee	John Roberson

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 373 Officers 2015-2016

President	Ramona Horn
Vice President	Collette Brewster
Secretary-Treasurer	Barbara Jonte
Sgt. at Arms	Joyce Forsythe
Chaplain	Shirley Wright
Historian	Ramonita Silva
Executive Committee	Elsie Fifer
Executive Committee	Glenna Roberson
Executive Committee	Sarah Davis

AUXILIARY NEWS

As mentioned in the Commanders Corner above, the installation of our officers will be done at the July 28, 2015 meeting starting at 7:00 PM at the Lions Club in Orange Park, FL. We would like to see as many members as possible attend this meeting.

Ladies please remember to bring your Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education to the meetings each month. We continue to donate them to Clay County schools throughout the year.

**For God and Country,
Ramona Horn, President**

POST and UNIT 373 AWARDS - 2015

1. Commander Brewster received a gold brigade award at Department convention for the 11th straight year.
2. Post 373 received the Post Excellence Award from the National Commander.
3. Matt Ruxton received the Department of Florida's Post Sergeant-At-Arms Award for the year 2015. From approximately 300 Posts in Florida, Matt Ruxton was chosen as #1.
4. Post 373 family, which includes the Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL received the 100% Family Membership pennant.
5. The Legion received the 100% plus 1 Plaque.
6. Commander Brewster received the Top Member Recruiter Award from the Department of Florida.
7. Auxiliary Unit 373 received the District 5 Certificate of Appreciation for "Shining the Way for Membership" for achieving 106.67% in membership. They also received at convention the Department of Florida "Shining the Way for Membership" Plaque for reaching 106% in membership.

You, the members of Post 373 family, made it possible for our Post to win these awards!!

For God and Country,

**Bob Brewster
Post 373 Commander**

and

**Ramona Horn
Unit 373 President**

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 28, 2015** at **7:00 PM**

Our **August** meeting is scheduled for **August 25, 2015** at **7:00 PM**

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Sunday, **August 9, 2015** at **2:00 PM**, **5th District Legion & Auxiliary** meetings, will be held at **Post 316**, 1127 Atlantic Blvd, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233-2516.

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Please e-mail your articles for Post 373's Sept/Oct newsletter to either Bob Brewster at brewsterrobert@bellsouth.net or Barb Jonte at bjonte49@att.net by **August 23, 2015**.

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2 nd Vice Commander	Elmer Wine	904-705-4095
3 rd Vice Commander	Godson Obiagwu	904-343-5770
Finance Officer	Charlie Leister	904-272-8410
Adjutant	Frank W. Gianino	904-276-5921
Sgt. at Arms	Matt Ruxton	904-272-4179
Historian	Joanie Haff	904-444-0760
Chaplain	Joe Wright	904-269-7676
Executive Committee	Wanda Ruxton	904-272-4179
Executive Committee	Bob Forsythe	904-272-5204
Executive Committee	John Roberson	904-688-1387

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Historian	Ramonita Silva	904-276-2378
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