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COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER

Greetings Everyone!

The kitchen has been through some changes recently and I would like thank Chef Judy and Post 80 waitress' Gail and Karen for a job well done. I also would like to thank all the volunteers who have been helping in the kitchen from washing dishes to assisting Chef Judy prepare the meals. Please know, your dedication to the success of Post 80 canteen is most valuable.

February 4th is our Super Bowl Party! It will begin right after Bar Bingo at 5:00pm. Rico will be behind the bar serving your favorite drinks. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy a 'Pot Luck' theme while watching the Super Bowl on 55" screen TV! \$1 Jell-O shots will be available.

There are many events happening this month. I ask that all members come out and support The American Legion Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders fundraising events. We are strong because we are family! Thank you for all that you do.

God Bless America,

Greg Duvivier
Commander, Post 80

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings fellow Veterans:

As Valentine's Day approaches we are bound to think about love. What is love? How does one define love? I believe the Word of God had the answer to that question. " Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God: and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God, He who does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:7-8) How can we know love, 'By this we know love, because He (Jesus) laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16) You see friends, love is more than words, love is action, love requires sacrifice. "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18) SDG

Try to attend the **4 Chaplains Memorial Ceremony February 3rd at 11:00am.**

God Bless you.
For God and Country,

Dave Nigh
Chaplain, Post 80
407-922-2409



**Valentines Day Roses for Sale
Preorder from Bartenders
or SAL Member**



Auxiliary Sock Hop Friday 2/23/18 at 7pm

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Greetings Riders!

If you didn't attend the ALR Summit in Cocoa Beach, either on daily basis or staying the weekend, you missed some great training and information! Kudos to Rider Charlotte Bass for her class on Scholarships available through the Auxiliary that can be used for Legion members or students and to Eastern Area Chairman, Ed Falkowski on his classes on Road Captain responsibilities, which were standing room only!

February 2018 has many opportunities for our riders. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Sat 2/3/18 11am-12p

Our annual **Four Chaplains Ceremony** will be held in the Civic Hall. This wonderful commemoration is being organized by Post 80 Chaplain Dave Nigh. A free lunch will be provided immediately following the ceremony. The guest speaker is Rocky Haag, Executive Legislative Assistant to Representative Mike LaRosa.

Sat 2/3/18 7pm

Riders Roadkill with Rick. This is a major fundraiser for the Rider's budget, so please come to the Post and support our charitable contributions and have a fun time too!

Tue 2/6/18/ 7pm

Regular Riders meeting in the Civic Hall. Please attend and get the latest updates and news.

Sat 2/10/18 11am

6th District ALR meeting at our Post. All Riders are welcome to attend. Lunch will follow the meeting. Since the meeting will be at our Post, I hope to have a good showing of members!

Wed 2/14/18

Valentines Day and the **SAL members are selling Roses again**. Please order your roses with the bartenders or with SAL member.

Fri 2/23/18

Auxiliary Sock Hop! Fun-filled evening of music, dance, and fundraising. Please join the Auxiliary and support their programs!

Please remember that Nominations for Officers of the Chapter 80 Riders will start March 6th. Elections will be held in June. Nominees must be present to accept their nomination.

Thank you Riders for all you do for veterans, the Legion and our community.

In Support of the American Legion Family,

Chris (Ace) Falkowski
Director, ALR Chapter 80



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Valentines Day Dinner & Dessert Auction Come join the fun!

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (SAL)

Greetings Everyone!!

George Campbell passed away on Saturday, January 15th. George has been a huge part of the Post, SAL, and he will be missed by all. Please keep George's family in your thoughts and prayers. The Memorial Service for George will be held in the Civic Hall on February 24th at 1:00pm, followed by a celebration of life in the Canteen. Please bring a dish to share.

Many thanks to all who participated in January's 'Show Me The Money' (SMTM). Special thanks to Linda Smith for cooking dinner and cleaning up the kitchen. A big shout out to all the SAL members who worked the event. Our sincere appreciation to the SMTM participants. February SMTH will be held on February 17th.

In March, SMTM will be held March 17th. The featured raffle 'item' is a Lottery Board. The Board is a large picture frame filled with Lottery Tickets plus a \$50 bill right in the center. We will be picking the winning raffle ticket at this SMTHM.

Players who bring a personal hygiene item will get 1 free card with a paid card at SMTM. The personal hygiene items will be packet with other items and shipped overseas to support our troops. We invite everyone to come out and participate.

Way to go Kit Brown! Kit has brought membership up to 100%+. We thank you for those long hours you put in, Kit, and the Dons who have supported his efforts.

Once again, SAL will have roses for sale for Valentine's Day, which is right around the corner! Kit has performed this task for many years and it's a hug success. Roses will be available on February 13th and the 14th for the Valentine's Day Dinner. Roses are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 6 for \$15, and 12 for \$24. Roses may be purchased in advance from any bartender or SAL member. The cost of the roses are also listed on a poster at the Post. Thanks to Greg Bastin for the excellent rose sale flyer.

We are pleased to announce that for the first time in the history of Squadron 80, we are sending a young man to Boys State competition! Boys State is normally a function of the Legion. This State Educational competition is held annually in Tallahassee in the government building and the winner goes to the National Competition. We will announce the name of this young man for the state competition in March's meeting.

The next SAL meeting will take place at 6:30pm on February 12th. All SAL members are encouraged to attend. Dress is casual. The uniform for Officers is the official green SAL shirt with the 'official' SAL blue cap.

On an administration note, smoking is no longer allowed at SAL monthly meetings.

We hope all SAL members will participate in SAL events and hop[e all our members come out and support Squadron 80

In Service to our Veterans,

Dennis Kirsch
Interim Commander
Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 80



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UNIT 80 AUXILIARY

Hello to all Auxiliary Members,

I would like to thank everyone that helped with our Dinner and Roadkill. We have some amazing volunteers Judy Martin, Charlotte Bass, Betty Nelson, Linda Smith, Kara Adams, Lana Hagy, Kelly Deatherage, Cindy Hoover, Gail Brunelle, Laura Turco, and Becky Mills, thank you for your help. We are defiantly an American Legion Family and other family member that stepped in and helped with this event were Daryl Bass, Skip Barnette, Gary Nelson, and Bob Deatherage. Also thank you to all of the American Legion Post, Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion, Post 80 Family that are always there for our events.

February is going to be a busy month for us, first we have our annual Valentines Dinner and Dessert Auction. Wednesday, February 14th from 5:00 – 7:00pm. Since it is also Ash Wednesday, dinner will be your choice of Vegetable Lasagna or Chicken Alfredo. We are also looking for desserts for our Dessert Auction. This is always a fun event and have some amazing desserts brought in.

Our next big February Event will be our Sock Hop on February 23rd. Dinner is from 5 – 7pm with the Sock Hop following at 7pm. We will be having Baskets Raffles, if you have any items you would like to donate for these baskets please let us know. Becky Mills is helping put these baskets together. We are going to have some special guests for the evening, our Department President T. K. Wildrick and her husband Bernie Wildrick, Department Sons of American Legion Commander will be in attendance. Proceeds from the Basket Raffles will go to The Boys/Girls Sate Transportation. Entertainment will be Denny G. So mark your calendars, don your 50's attire, and come out to have some fun while supporting the great program Boys/Girls State. Dinner will be Steak, Fish, or Shrimp.

Also on February 25th, we will be supporting the 8th annual Music and Bike Fest, benefitting Relay for Life in Downtown Saint Cloud. This event is going to be held on New York Ave from 10am-6pm. The Auxiliary will be selling Italian Sausages and Hamburgers. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life. We will also be having a Membership Drive for the American Legion Post 80 Family. We will still be doing Bar Bingo an that day, so we are looking for volunteers that can help either event. Just let me, Betty Nelson, or Charlotte Bass know if you can help.

Our next monthly meeting is February 1st @ 7pm in the Civic Hall.

Thank you again for all that you do,

Paula Fox
Unit 80 President



In Memory Of ...

November 2017-2018

Mary Magee in memory of Murray Ritcey

February 2017-2018

Joan Spears in memory of Jim Wallace

February 2016-2017

James & Anna Hair in memory of "Boots" Westmoreland

Memorials are \$10 per year. There is room for yours here.

UNIT 80 AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

MEMBERSHIP

Greetings Everyone,

It is with a sad heart that we announce the passing of The Sons of American Legion Commander, George Campbell. Please keep George and his family in your thoughts and prayers. A celebration of George's life will be held at The American Legion Post 80 Civic Hall on 2/24/18 at 1:00pm.

As this is the month of Love, I ask that each of you keep in your mind and hearts of all our troops serving our country who are unable to be home to celebrate Valentines Day with their loved ones. May God protect and keep our troops safe and we ask that you please continue to pray for our troops and their families.

God Bless you and our country,

Gail Brunelle
Chaplain

As of 1/19/18 we have had 219 members renew/new for the 2017-2018 year, and we are at 73%. We only need 77 more renewals/new members to reach 100% for the year. Thank you to those that have already renewed.

National will be sending out another renewal notice on January 15th, if you received a notice and already paid your 2018 dues, **PLEASE DISREGARD THE RENEWAL NOTICE**. These notices had already been printed prior to your renewal payment and are sent out via bulk mail.

Charlotte Bass
Unit 80 Membership Chairmen



Sock Hop 2/23/2018



WE NEED YOUR HELP FINDING ACTIVE DUTY TROOPS!

One of our main Programs is sending Troop Boxes full of supplies and reminders of home to our troops serving overseas. If you know someone serving overseas, please share their name and address with us and we will send them Troop Boxes!



Your Name and Phone Number _____

Name and Address of Military Member _____

Date this address will be good through (if known): _____



**Our Civic Hall is Available for Rent for Parties,
Meetings or Events of Any Kind!
Contact Lady George at the Post
at (407) 892-8808**



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