



# AMERICAN LEGION Post 80

June 1, 2018  
Issue 6 of 12

1019 Pennsylvania Ave., St. Cloud, FL 34769 407-892-8808

Website: [AmericanLegionPost80fl.org](http://AmericanLegionPost80fl.org)

## COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER

Greetings Everyone,

Bingo participation the last three weeks has improved. Please continue to tell your friends about our Monday evening BINGO. This is a major fundraiser for Post 80. Bring your partner, children, and extended family to the Civic Hall and enjoy a family fun evening of BINGO! The more players we have, the higher the payoff!

Post 80 Officers voting for 2018-2019 will take place on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am-7pm. Come down and cast your vote.

**Building maintenance:** Air conditioner was repaired.

Thank you for all that you do for the veterans, Post 80, and our community.

God Bless America,

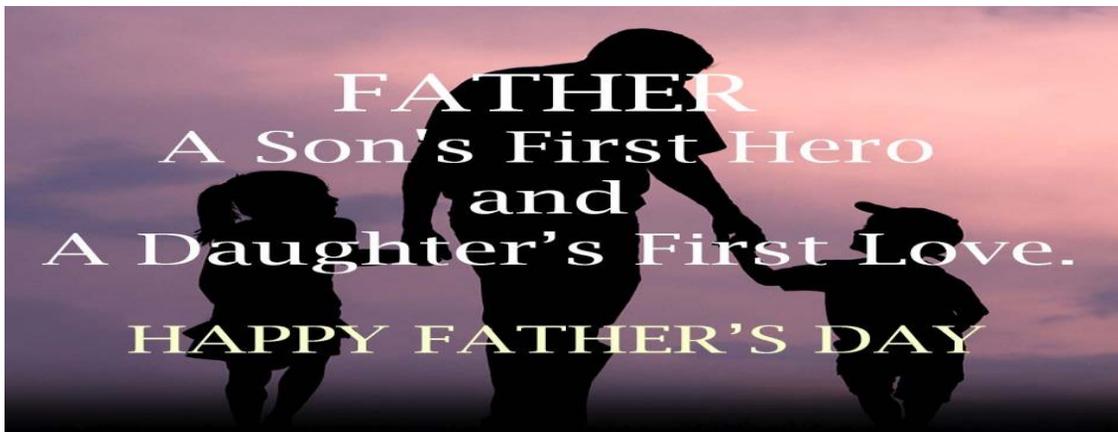
Greg Duvrier  
Commander, Post 80

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings fellow Veterans,

Summer is almost here, and with that comes vacation and numerous other activities that take much of our time. Do not allow your busyness to put your spiritual life on the back burner. The Lord Jesus still needs to be the most important entity in your life, if your desire is to serve Him. He is the Lord and He never changes, He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The seasons of the year should make no difference in our devotion and dedication to serve our Great Commander, God bless you SDG

For God and Country,  
**Dave Nigh**  
Chaplain, Post 80  
407-922-2409



## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

### Greetings Riders!

June is a fairly quiet month, as we all prepare for the Department Convention and then Installations of Officers.

Please mark your calendars for the following events/activities:

- Saturday, June 2**                      Constitutional Conference at Post 347 in Lady Lake. Sign-in at 9:00 am and the meeting starts at 9:30 am.
- Saturday, June 2**                      Rider's Roadkill Bingo at Post 80. Starts at 7:00 pm. Come out and support our fundraising efforts!
- Thursday, June 14**                      FLAG DAY! Voting for Officers of Post 80. Post 80 meeting at 7:00 pm. All Legion members are encouraged to attend.

Thank you to all the Riders from Chapter 80 for your support during my tenure as Director. I look forward to a bright future with the new officers for the Chapter. Let's continue to do amazing things for our veterans, community and the American Legion!

In support of the American Legion Family,  
Chris (Ace) Falkowski  
Director, ALR Chapter 80



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (SAL)

Greetings, Everyone!

Many thanks to all who participated in May's "Show Me The Money" (SMTM). A big shout-out to everyone who worked the event. Mike Turco won the round for four Golf Package at Lake Nona Country Club.

Our next SMTM will be held on June 16th. The featured raffle "item" is a 50/50 Drawing.

SMTM Players who bring a personal hygiene item will get 1 Free Card with a Paid Card at SMTM. The personal hygiene items will be packed with other items and shipped overseas to support our troops. We invite everyone to come out and participate.

The next SAL Meeting will take place at 6:30pm on **June 11th**. We will be discussing future plans and some exciting upcoming raffles. Dress is casual. The uniform for Officers is the official green SAL Shirt with the 'official' SAL blue cap.

We had the election of Officers for the 2018-19 year at our May meeting. The following are our new officers.

<b>Squadron Commander</b>	Dennis Kirsch	<b>Judge Advocate</b>	Steve Barkley
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander</b>	Kit Brown	<b>Sargent-at-Arms</b>	Paul Asplen
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander</b>	Bob Deathridge	<b>Chaplain</b>	Mike Turco
<b>Adjutant</b>	Jonathan Romero		

### Congratulations to our new Officers, we appreciate your service!

The American Legion Department Convention will be held from July 5<sup>th</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup>. Convention is a fun time! It is a good time to see old friends (and young ones, too). It is really all you make of it. Dress is casual. The uniform for Officers is the official green SAL Shirt. Hats are optional.

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

We hope all SAL Members will participate in SAL events. We also hope that all of our SAL members come out and support Squadron 80.

In Service to our Veterans,  
**Dennis Kirsch**  
**Commander**  
**Sons of the American Legion**  
**Squadron 80**



June 2018

## UNIT 80 AUXILIARY

From your Unit President,

I want to thank everyone that help with the Auxiliary dinner and Roadkill on Cinco de Mayo it was a huge success. Big shout out to all the Auxiliary members and the rest of The American Legion Families that are always there to help us during our events.

Thank you to Betty Nelson and Charlotte for being at our Constitutional Conference at Post 219. Also, a big thank you to everyone that helped at Bar Bingo on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to all of our 2017-2018 Auxiliary Officers and Chairman for everything they did to help make it a successful year.

### Congratulation to our new 2018-2019 Auxiliary Officers which are:

<b>President</b>	Paula Fox	<b>Sargent-at-Arms</b>	Marianne Asplen
<b>1st Vice</b>	Charlotte Bass	<b>Historian</b>	Rebecca Mills
<b>2nd Vice</b>	Elizabeth Nelson	<b>Chaplain</b>	Gail Brunelle
<b>Secretary</b>	Rebecca Mills	<b>Treasurer</b>	Laura Turco

**Executive Board:** Lana Hagy, Kelly Deatherage, Kara Adams, Lady George, and Linda Smith

I want to thank all of our Auxiliary members for voting me to be your Unit President for the second year. Our next Auxiliary meeting is June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, in the Civic Hall. Our **Installation of Officers** will be July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

We will not be holding a July Auxiliary meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup>

**Department Convention** is July 5-8<sup>th</sup> at the Orlando World Marriott. There are classes being held on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>, General Session is on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Information on the classes and the Convention will be passed out at our June meeting.

Thank you so much for everything you do for our Veterans, Youths and our community,

**Paula Fox**  
**Unit 80 President**



## In Memory Of ...

**November 2017-2018**

Mary Magee in memory of Murray Ritcey

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

## UNIT 80 AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

### Greetings Everyone,

June is the time of year when our children are home on summer recess from school and our daily responsibilities, although present, seems just a little lighter. Summer has traditionally been a time to take vacations where you can spend quality time with your friends, family, and those you love. During vacations, whether it's fishing, boating, beaching, camping, or Disney World, people appear to be 'happier' and seem kinder to one another. Vacationers tend to 'see' beauty around them and even smile more. Why, because doing what we enjoy calms the soul giving us a sense of peace which relaxes us. When we are peaceful, our thoughts of challenging times and responsibilities are nowhere to be found. When we are at peace, we feel loved and express that love more frequently to those around us. We are more tolerant and supported of each other and that is exactly as the LORD intended. You don't need a vacation to feel or express GOD's blessed love. HIS love is in us, it's all around us every second of our lives. We can help spread and share HIS love every day of the year and all we have to do is be true to ourselves and enjoy HIS beautiful gift called life just as GOD intended. Happy Father's Day!

Please continue to pray for all our soldiers who are still serving and their families.

Gail Brunelle  
Chaplain

# Membership



As of 05/18/2018 We have had 272 members renew/new for the 2017-2018 year, and we are at 92%. We only need 24 more renewals/new members this year to reach 100%. Thank you to those that have already renewed.

Also thank you to those that are helping in renewing and recruiting new members. We will receive our 2019 Membership Cards at the Department Convention in July and we will begin our renewals for 2019 then.

If you are being installed as a Unit Officer for the 2018-2019 year, you must have your 2019 dues paid prior to our July 14<sup>th</sup> Installation of Officers.

Charlotte Bass  
Unit 80 Membership Chairmen

June 2018

## What the American Legion Family is All About

As we begin our new year with new Officers in each of the American Legion Programs, and new members, it is imperative that we remember exactly why we are here and what it is we represent. Our American Legion Family consists of 4 entities:

### The American Legion:

The American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization founded on the values, contributions and sacrifices, of those who have answered the Nations call to arms, therefore we must:

Respond to quality of life needs of all veterans and their families,

Prepare each generation to meet its citizenship obligations,

Maintain a strong national defense,

Perpetuate the principles of government embodied in the United States Constitution,

Be a values-based organization committed to serving God, country, community and every veteran today, tomorrow and throughout the 21st Century.

The American Legion was founded on 4 Pillars: **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth**. Each of these pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens. This Post has programs that are based on the 4 Pillars of the American Legion, that they are required to participate and contribute to, which we have strived to do throughout the years of Post 80's existence.

There are many other programs that fall under these categories that The American Legion Post 80 support. Included amongst these programs are Boys State, Boy Scouts, and Special Olympics just to name a few.

### The American Legion Riders:

American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans' homes, severely wounded servicemembers and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in The American Legion Legacy Run to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001. There are classes that our Officers are required to attend. Most of our Officers have attended classes, workshops, Conferences, and Conventions, where they have been kept up to date with all the procedures and protocol required to maintain the American Legion Post.

The canteen and other perks provided by the American Legion Program are only there because of what we do for our Veterans both young and old. The American Legion is not just a bar for our Veterans. We are and remain to be a force to be reckoned with. We are the world's largest Military Veterans Organization currently devoted to serving and honoring our Veterans and their families and those currently serving, honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep us all free.

June 2018

## **American Legion Auxiliary:**

In the spirit of service, not self, the **mission** of the **American Legion Auxiliary** is to support The **American Legion** and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.

The Auxiliary also has their programs based on the 4 Pillars of the American Legion. Also included in these 4 Pillars is Girls State, Girl Scouts, Poppies, Troop Boxes, Food Pantry, the VA Medical Center, Lake Nona and Baldwin Park. These are just a few among the many that we do support.

We also volunteer and donate to the programs that the Legion, Son's of American Legion, and the American Legion Rider's.

Our dinners, Roadkill, Bar Bingo, and raffles are our way of supporting the programs. Proceeds from these events go directly to these programs.

**Juniors Program:** Engaging the next generation to become members in the American Legion Auxiliary is the important purpose of the Junior Activities Program. Junior Auxiliary membership is open to girls from infancy through age 17. The Junior Activities Committee prepares girls to become active adult members of the organization by providing positive volunteer experiences that instill the ideals of the Auxiliary. These girls develop leadership skills while having fun and will hopefully become the future leaders of our organization.

Unit 80 pays the Juniors Dues until they turn 18, their membership is then continued with the Auxiliary as a Senior Member. Our Juniors have volunteered in many of our Programs.

## **The Sons of the American Legion:**

**S.A.L.'s mission:** To strengthen the Four Pillars of The American Legion. Therefore, squadrons' campaigns place an emphasis on preserving American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our Nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

Our Sons of American Legion have supported Special Olympics with various activities and donations throughout the year. They also sponsored a Boy for Boy's State this year. They also help support all the programs of the American Legion Post 80 Family.

**Charlotte Bass**

**Department Education Chairman, Past District President, District Secretary, Unit 80 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Membership Chairman**

**FOR RENT**



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



**LET'S PARTY!**