



AMERICAN LEGION POST 80

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COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone,

We have the Constitutional Conference coming to our Post on Saturday, May 7th. Registration is by 8:30 am followed by 9am meeting.

Remember, this is election month! I would like every member to come to our meeting and vote for your new officers.

We are in the process of making the necessary repairs to the air conditioner. The kitchen is in need of new equipment. We recently installed a new char-broiler and soon we will be upgrading to a more efficient hood with a new exhaust system.

I would like to thank our Post and Auxiliary members who participated in the grand opening of our local Walmart Neighborhood Market. If you have a chance, stop by and check it out. The Walmart is located at the corner of Nolte and Canoe Creek Road.

I also want to thank Ricky for having some very challenging, but fun trivia nights. Trivia Game Night is held every Thursday at 8pm. Come join us for a good time filled with lots of laughter.

**For God and Country,
Gary Nelson
Commander, Post 80**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings fellow Veterans:

"Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; lest the Lord see it, and it displease Him, and He turn His wrath away from Him," Proverbs 24:17-18. The Lord is giving us some instructions here on how we are to deal with people that we do not see eye to eye with. We are not to rejoice and be glad when misfortune comes into the life of an adversary. We are to let the Lord handle those situations on our behalf. We are not to repay evil with evil, but we are commanded to repay evil with good.

Sometimes we get in the Lord's way as He works in our lives and the lives of others. "Our duty is to love one another as I (Jesus) have loved you," John 15:12. Let us all work on loving others and let the Lord take care of the rest. God Bless you. SDG

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

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Legion Members,

We had the opportunity to help some veterans with the necessary paperwork last month. Please remember, we are available to assist in any capacity. If we are unable to be of service, we will connect you to the right person. If you need further help you can call the Osceola County Service Officer at 407-742-8455. For appointments, he is available on Fridays at the St. Cloud office at 811 Massachusetts Ave.

Gary Nelson



**May 30th Memorial Ceremony, Mt Peace Cemetery,
10:00am**

May 2016

FROM YOUR 6TH DISTRICT COMMANDER AND 6TH DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Daryl and I would like to thank everyone who came out and participated in the 6th District Bob and Diane Koger Memorial Bowling Tournament to raise funds for Boys and Girls State Transportation. We had two teams from Post 80 bowl. Rick and Karen Areola, Emily and Joyce Raffan and Tina LeBlanc were on one team and Betty and Gary Nelson, Janice Gulick, Daryl and I were on the other. Other members from the Post 80 Family who came out to cheer us on were Paula Fox and Dennis Kirsch. A good time was had by all.

Daryl and I have been busy finishing up our visits to the other 6th District Posts/Units as the 2015-2016 year comes to a close. We had the honor of attending Department President Pearl McIntyre's Homecoming in Avon Park and Department Commander Jim Ramos' Homecoming in Gainesville.

We have listed below the upcoming dates for the 6th District Events for May and June.

May 7th- Constitutional Conference: Post 80 St. Cloud.

This is where we will be voting on the 6th District Commander (Daryl Bass will be running for his second term) and The 6th District President.

This is also where our District Chairman and Unit Presidents will be presenting reports on what great things the 6th District American Legion Auxiliary have done for our Veterans and Community throughout the year.

Since this is being held at our own Post, both Daryl and I would like to see a great turnout of our own members.

June 16th-19th Department Convention at the Renaissance Orlando at Sea World. Information on the sessions will be available at our next meeting and also posted at the Post.

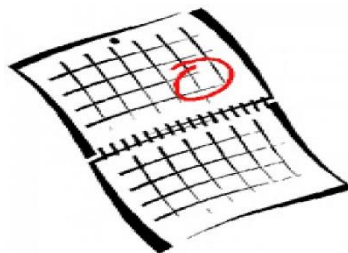
Thank you for all that you do!

Daryl Bass
American Legion Department of Florida
6th District Commander

Charlotte Bass
American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida
6th District President



Mark your calendars, May is election month. Show your support and let your voice be heard by attending your meeting and voting! Help support your Post, we are strong because of you, our members



April 2016

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hello and greetings to all!

As mentioned before, the Riders are staying extremely busy. Once again we have events every weekend this month.

We are having a tag sale on the 14th of this month in the Legion Civic Hall from 8am – approximately 2pm. Tables are \$20.00. Come join us and take advantage of having all those shoppers in one location. If you would like to reserve a table, let me or any Rider know, and we will get your info to the right person. As always, it would be great to see some of our Post Family at some of the events we attend.

Please don't forget the Memorial Day ceremony at Mt. Peace Cemetery on the 30th.

As always, for those who continue to support us, thank you very much. We couldn't do it without you!

For you Riders, as always, participate when and where you can, every little bit helps!

Upcoming Events:

- **May 3rd** Riders Meeting (1900hrs)
- **May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st** Bike nights at Post 10 (1900hrs)
- **May 7th** 6th District Constitutional Conference (Post 80 0900hrs)
- **May 13th – 15th** State Rally (Post 103 Punta Gorda)
- **May 14th** ALR Post 80 Tag sale (0800 – 1400 hrs, Post 80)
- **May 21st** Ride in at Post 10 (Kissimmee, 1000-?)
- **May 28th** Training Ride to Captain Katanna's for lunch (Post 80, KSU 1015hrs)
- **May 30th** Memorial Ceremony (Mt Peace, 1000)

In Support of the American Legion Family & Still Serving,

Richard Arreola
Director, ALR 80

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (SAL)

Greetings, Everyone!

The Sons of the American Legion would like to thank everyone for the support they give to 'Show Me The Money' and making it a huge success.

The raffle drawing for the Fire Pit has been rescheduled from April to May and will be held this month during 'Show Me the Money' on May 21. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased from Bartenders or SAL Members.

SAL is donating carnations for Mothers Day. A carnation will be delivered to each lady who attends the Mothers Day Breakfast (while they last).

Last but not least, SAL is forming a 'Work Party' to paint the front of the Civic Hall. The date for this event is TBA. A sign-up sheet will be available once the date has been worked out.

In Support of our Veterans,
Mike Wilson
Commander

Announcement:

Beginning this month, you have a new Newsletter Editor, Cindy Eggleston, Auxiliary Member. Thank you, Cindy, for stepping up and taking over Post 80's monthly newsletter.

To all our Post Family: Thank you for allowing Mike & I the opportunity to be your Editors for the past four and a half years. We have enjoyed reporting on all of the Post 80 Family activities which have served our Military, our Veterans, and our Community since we joined Post 80 in September 2011.

For God and Country,
Laura Turco



In Memory Of ...

December 2015-2016

Dave & Barbara Nigh in memory of Greg, Alban & Lawrence Nigh

February 2016-2017

Joan Spears in memory of Jim Wallace

If you wish to add your loved one to the newsletter memorial wall, annual memberships are only \$10 per year.

UNIT 80 AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies,

The grand opening of our new local Wal-Mart was awesome. I'd like to thank all involved especially Cindy Hoover, Skip Barnette, our District Commander Daryl Bass, and the Post Chaplain Dave Nigh.

I would like everyone to participate at the Constitutional Conference to be held on May 7th right here at our very own Post 80. Let us be strong in numbers and help express our continuous commitment and dedication of our veterans.

This month's RoadKill theme is the Kentucky Derby to be held on May 7th. Have fun creating your hat. Anyone who wears a hat will be eligible to win prizes!

The Riders are holding a tag sale on May 14th If anyone wishes to have a table, the cost is \$20.00 per table. All proceeds from the table rentals will be donated to the sponsored charity.

Elections are this month, so please come and support your Unit and officers. I would like everyone to think of some new ideas and/or projects that we can work on together for the upcoming year. All suggestions and ideas are welcomed. It is my hope that every member will come and vote in our election. We need your help to keep the Auxiliary strong. Come participate in elections, share your thoughts, and volunteer to help support our troops and veterans, it is what we do!

**Your President,
Betty Nelson**



UNIT 80 AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Happy May to all! I cannot believe how the time has flown by. Before we know it, we will be in another year!

As I write this month's report, our very own Rita will be burying her son, William, who died in a tragic car accident. I can't begin to imagine what she and her family are going through right now. William left behind a wife (Courtney), 3 children, and many family members. William will be missed by many. Please keep Rita, Courtney, and their family in your prayers as they will need them for a long time to come. It is so hard right now for them to understand why God has decided it was time to bring their loved one home to Him. We all ask that same question when we loose a loved one, but we have to keep our faith and trust that God knows what He is doing. It is said, that He only takes the best.

We never know when our own time is coming and this is why we need to make the most of each day. Please include Dawn Kensington, Janice Gulick, Polly Weddle, Beverly Thomas, as well as our troops and their families in your prayers.

Remember that this month contains Memorial Day. It is a special time for our country to stop and pay respect for our fallen loved ones. Let us always remember the price they paid for our freedom.

Please be kind to one another, give someone a hug, and do whatever you can to help a veteran.

Thank you, as always I can be reached at 407-892-8406.

God Bless you and our country,
**Becky Adams
Chaplain
407-892-8406**





AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I am pleased to announce that we have once again met the April 22nd, Promise Date Goal of 85%. We are currently at 85.49% membership renewals. Our next Promise Date is May 21st: "I promise to continue to support our Military." National has set the goal for that date at 90%. Please continue to not only recruit new members but also help in contacting those who haven't renewed. If you know of someone who hasn't renewed yet, maybe a friendly phone call to see how they are doing might help. I have a roster of names you can check if you want to see if all of your friends have renewed. We only need 45 members to reach 100%, so your help in reaching this goal is needed.

Did you also know that being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary also comes with other benefits besides our main objective of supporting our men and women deployed, honoring those who have served and remembering those that have passed? There is a list of discounts and benefits available to you listed on the National Website www.alaforveterans.org. I have also attached a sheet with this newsletter.

Also, do you have a daughter, granddaughter, or great-granddaughter between the ages of 0-17? Sign them up as a Junior Member. We pay for the Junior Dues until they turn 18 years old and are then a Senior Member. They don't have to live here in Florida to become one of our Junior Members.

Also, remember that you must have a current 2016 card in order to be served in the canteen. Our bartenders will be asking to see your current card, per ABT Laws, so please carry your card and bring your card with you when coming to the Post. You cannot be signed in by another member.

Thank you for all that you do.

"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. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security."

Charlotte Bass
Unit 80 Membership Chairman
6th District President

**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**



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): _____