



**American Legion
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Greetings American Legion Family:

As we begin 2022, let us revisit the important mission of our American Legion.

- The American Legion Family's primary mission is to support our veterans and their families and the communities in which we live.

To accomplish this mission requires our Post to be a friendly and welcoming place for all of those we serve. It requires all of our involvement communicating our veterans' needs to our political leaders. It requires us to volunteer our talents to the community by never missing the opportunity to instill wholesome values and patriotism in our youth, assist our veterans and their families, and participate in the many American Legion Family charitable endeavors.

I am proud of the job our post has done in keeping with our mission. We continue to grow in membership and experience, which has allowed us to begin new, and continue to support existing American Legion programs. Among these are our Auxiliary Unit's packaging events that pack and ship supplies to our deployed men, woman and canines, our Sons Squadron development of a Junior Shooters program, our Riders raising funds for PROJECT: VetRelief, and our Legion sending contestants to Boys State. There are many more activities and programs in which our Post participates.

In order for us to continue our Great Mission we must continue to welcome new members and keep our existing ones. I am happy to report that our current Legion membership is at 84% of our annual goal. This places us 4th in the 5th District out of 18 Posts. When I look at our membership year to date, I am disappointed that our renewals are not at 100% and the number of new members is less than expected. We have a wonderful Post with awesome people. LET'S NOT KEEP IT A SECRET! Tell the American Legion story to everyone. Whether they qualify for the Legion, Sons, or Auxiliary, they will thank you and we will thank you. Below are some key points to help answer any questions that may arise when telling our story...

- The American Legion **provides life-changing assistance and guidance for veterans, military personnel, their families and communities** in thousands of ways every day around the world. Help comes in the form of personal assistance, cash grants, donated goods, disaster relief, labor, networking, volunteerism and advocacy.
- The American Legion is the nation's largest and most powerful organization of U.S. wartime veterans and their families. Today, it counts 2 million members who support their communities in more than 12,000 posts across the United States and worldwide.

I will close wishing each and every one of you and your families a happy, healthy, and safe New Year.

For God and Country,

Joe

Post #372 Legionnaire's General Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1900 hours, with a social hour held at 1800. Meetings are held at the Elks Lodge at 4280 Oldfield Crossing Drive, Jacksonville, FL.