



## American Legion Mandarin Post 372 "Fallen Heroes"

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### 2022-2023 Officer Installation

Installation of all Officers will be held at 7:00 pm during our July 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly meeting.

### From the Commander

Our Legion Riders participated in the monthly Round Robin competition, helping 5<sup>th</sup> District in capturing the trophy for leading the state in points and fund raising. Our Auxiliary has been busy with FSCJ food drive and creating bears for Camp Boggy Creek. Read all the exciting news in my newsletter on the webstie.

### Membership News

American Legion Membership is based on the calendar year – January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Eligibility Changes – The July 2019 LEGION Act expands eligibility to all Veteran's honorably discharged from December 7, 1941 to a future date to be determined by the Federal Government. All memberships now require us to verify your service with a DD-214.

If you have friends, relatives or neighbors who served and are not members, please encourage them to join. Come up to the Elks Lodge during the posted Office Hours or the monthly General Assembly meetings. If this time is not convenient, please email the Membership Officer at [Membership@alpost372fl.org](mailto:Membership@alpost372fl.org).

2023 Membership – Membership for 2023 began on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Watch for your notice and renew your 2023 membership as soon as you can. We exceeded our quota for 2022, and with your help we can surpass 2023 quota when posted. Members who renew for 2023 by September 30<sup>th</sup> will be eligible for a free Early Bird dinner that will be held at the Mandarin Garden Club on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any questions, reach out to our membership officer at [Membership@alpost372fl.org](mailto:Membership@alpost372fl.org).

### Annual Membership Dues:

Legion - \$45  
Auxiliary - \$35

Auxiliary 17 & under - \$10  
Legion Riders - \$15  
SAL - \$30 (21 and over)  
\$11 (under 21 and dual Legionnaires members)

### Sons of The American Legion

We have a great Sons of the American Legion Program as well. If you are a son of a veteran who served, you qualify to join our SAL. Our Junior Shooters Program is moving ahead! If you are interested in having your son or grandson participate, please contact and Commander Carl Zuber at: [salcdr@alpost372fl.org](mailto:salcdr@alpost372fl.org), any Post or Squadron Office, or call 904-434-2901. We exceeded our 2022 membership goal, putting us over 100%! Due to issues with mylegion.org they must be paid to the SAL Membership Chairman. The most recent newsletter is available on our page on the website – come check it out!

### Legion Riders

The current newsletter and minutes are posted on the website. The application to join is available from the Legion Riders page on the Post website. Eligibility requirements to become a member are:

- Members must hold membership in, and be in good standing with, The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion.
- Members must be legally registered motorcycle owners or be the legally registered owner's spouse within the state of registration.
- All operators must be properly licensed and insured per state laws.
- All members must obey motor-vehicle laws in the state in which they are operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Post Officers</i></p> <p>Commander: Joe Maltese<br/> 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Barry Litsky<br/> 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: JD Gurley<br/> Finance Officer: Craig Bernat<br/> Adjutant: Barry Litsky<br/> Chaplain: Mike Montonera<br/> Service Officers: Barry Litsky, Chuck Benham<br/> Judge Advocate: Paul Arambula<br/> Historian: Pat Patrick<br/> Sergeant-at-Arms: Franklin Hunt</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Executive Committee</i></p> <p>Steve Sullivan, Alan Painter, Scott Albertson, Bob Sussan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Auxiliary Executive Committee</i></p> <p>Kathy Helmly, Marilyn Painter, Judy Bernat, Robin Maltese, Reed Bailey</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>SAL Officers</i></p> <p>Commander: Carl Zuber<br/> Adjutant: Chuck Benham<br/> 1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Vacant<br/> 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Vacant<br/> Finance Officer: Craig Bernat<br/> Chaplain: Chuck Benham<br/> Historian: Vacant<br/> Sergeant-at-Arms: Don Crawford<br/> Asst Sergeant-at-Arms: Jeffrey Haley</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Auxiliary Officers</i></p> <p>President: Reed Bailey<br/> 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Michelle Maze<br/> 2<sup>nd</sup> vice President: June Crawford<br/> Secretary: Marilyn Painter<br/> Treasurer: Judy Bernat<br/> Chaplain: Robin Maltese<br/> Historian: Vacant<br/> Sergeant-at-Arms: Danielle Fix<br/> Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms: June Crawford<br/> Membership: Michelle Maze</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>American Legion Riders</i></p> <p>Director: Chuck Benham<br/> Asst. Director: June Crawford<br/> Finance Officer: Jim Hansen<br/> Chaplain: Patricia Patrick<br/> Adjutant: Robin Maltese<br/> Sergeant-at-Arms: Don Crawford<br/> Asst Sergeant-at-Arms: Carl Zuber<br/> Road Captain: Don Crawford<br/> Safety Officer: Tim Bailey<br/> Membership: Michelle Maze<br/> Quartermaster: Paul Arambula</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>ALR Committee Members</i></p> <p>June Crawford, Don Crawford, Reed Bailey, Tim Bailey</p> |
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### Auxiliary News

The current Unit 372 Newsletter is on the Auxiliary page of the website. Please read for important information for this month's events. If you are not already a member and qualify, please consider joining. We exceeded our 2022 membership goal putting us over 100%. The application can be found on our Auxiliary page on the Post's website. Any questions, please contact us at [auxunit372@alpost372fl.org](mailto:auxunit372@alpost372fl.org).

### Service Officer Information

The VA added presumptive conditions for Vietnam Veterans exposed to Agent Orange. The full list and information can be found on our home page of [alpost372fl.org](http://alpost372fl.org). Contact our Service officer at [adjutant@alpost372fl.org](mailto:adjutant@alpost372fl.org) for information and to file a claim.

### \*\*Check Your Email\*\*

You might want to check your SPAM or JUNK folder in your email application to see if any American legion emails were misdirected there. If so, move them to your Inbox and follow the instructions for your applications to verify/validate the email address.

### General Information

Enjoy an issue of Bugle Blasts, a newsletter that provides information to current or former Armed Forces member and their family, by following the link on the Important Links page of the website.

Youth Elks Camp - During the 7<sup>th</sup> week, active duty military children can attend for free.

### Career Opportunities for Veterans

Recent events have caused a lot of people, many who are veterans, to scramble to learn to work from home, deal with losing a job or re-entering the workforce after shutdown. Deploycare has put together a short article for three ideas to help veterans in any economy. The article can be found on our website under Important Links. Check it out to see if any of the ideas work for you or a veteran you know!

AND - to help Veterans create the perfect Military to Civilian resume, check out this link

<https://www.resumebuilder.com/military-to-civilian-resume-examples/>, also available on our website.

### Financial Resource Links for Veteran Families

See below for links to several Resources for our Beloved Veterans & Their Families:

[Career Resources for our Veterans](#)

[The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing](#)

[Moving Costs | Moving Cost Calculator | Moving Estimate](#)

[Step-by-Step Guide to the VA Loan Process](#)

[VA Loan Calculator](#)

[Moving Companies with Military Discounts](#)

[What Documents Are Needed to Sell Your House?](#)

[Find Family Services and Resources Near You](#)

[Military Buddy Finder \(VetFriends.com\)](#)

[Veteran Healthcare Resources](#)

[The Differences between Medicare, Medicaid & VA Military Benefits](#)

[Mental Health Resources for our Veterans Families](#)

[Ways to Keep a Relationship Strong During Deployment and Separation](#)

[Crucial Components to Highly Effective Deployment Communication](#)

[Military Care Package Ideas: What To Put In A Care Package](#)  
[Post-Deployment Adjustments Military Couples Face](#)  
[Creating a Peaceful At-Home Atmosphere Upon Returning Home](#)

***Project:Vetrelief***

Mission is to provide a Legion of support for our service men and women as they transition into civilian lives. Backed by the American Legion of Florida, VetRelief ensures that our service men and women have the backing necessary to live successful and thriving civilian lives.

(<https://www.projectvetrelief.org/>) The Jacksonville Icemen have partnered with the American Legion to donate a portion of ticket sales during Veterans Appreciation Night to VetRelief. <https://allevents.in/arena/icemen-hockey-game/200019047449626>

**??? Where Are We ???**


American Legion Mandarin Post 372 shares a location with the Mandarin/St. Johns Elks Lodge by Lowe's on Oldfield Crossing Drive. Entrance to the shopping center that the Elks Lodge is located behind is across from Walgreens.



**Our Post is diligently looking for a permanent home. If anyone has contacts or knows of a location in the Mandarin area where the site could be donated or leased at a reasonable cost, please contact the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander or Adjutant from the email on our website.**



July 2022

| Sun                          | Mon  | Tue  | Wed | Thu   | Fri | Sat |
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|                              |  |  |     |   | 1   | 2   |
| 3                            | 4<br>July 4 <sup>th</sup><br> | 5<br>4:30-6:00pm<br>Office Hours   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   |
| 10                           | 11   | 12<br>4:30-6:00pm<br>Office Hours<br>6:30-8:00pm<br>Executive<br>Committee mtg | 13  | 14<br>6-7pm General<br>Assembly Social<br>7-8:30pm Gen<br>Assembly mtg<br><b>**Installation**</b> | 15  | 16  |
| 17<br>10-11am ALR<br>meeting | 18   | 19<br>4:30-6:00pm<br>Office Hours  | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  |
| 24                           | 25   | 26   | 27  | 28<br>7-8:30pm<br>Auxiliary mtg<br>7-8:30pm SAL<br>mtg  | 29  | 30  |
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August 2022

| Sun                          | Mon | Tue   | Wed | Thu  | Fri | Sat |
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| 7                            | 8   | 9<br>4:30-6:00pm<br>Office Hours<br>6:30-8:00pm<br>Executive<br>Committee mtg | 10  | 11<br>6-7pm General<br>Assembly Social<br>7-8:30pm Gen<br>Assembly mtg | 12  | 13  |
| 14                           | 15  | 16<br>4:30-6:00pm<br>Office Hours   | 17  | 18   | 19  | 20  |
| 21<br>10-11am ALR<br>meeting | 22  | 23<br>4:30-6:00pm<br>Office Hours   | 24  | 25<br>7-8:30pm<br>Auxiliary mtg<br>7-8:30pm SAL<br>mtg                 | 26  | 27  |
| 28                           | 29  | 30<br>4:30-6:00pm<br>Office Hours   | 31  |  |     |     |