



**American Legion
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Greetings Legion Family:

Do I see a light at the end of the tunnel? With COVID positivity and hospitalizations falling, and vaccinations being rolled out, it appears we will approach some semblance of normalcy soon.

As spring draws near, more opportunities arise to continue our mission of helping the veterans and children of our Mandarin/St. Johns community. Our Sons Squadron is working hard to establish our Junior Shooters team for youths 13 through 18 (19 if still in High School.)

Our Auxiliary will host the 5th District Auxiliary President at their next meeting while they assemble care packages for our deployed women.

Our Legion Riders Chapter recently attended the Florida American Legion Riders Summit in Orlando. The participants attended classes on Legion Programs, Fundraising, Chapter Operation, and Motorcycle Safety and Proficiency. The Chapter will now continue their planning for their June 6th *Ride for the 22* to benefit PROJECT VetRelief's suicide prevention program.

Our Legionnaires recently participated in the area JROTC competition at Nease High School. Sunday, February 21st will see our Legion and Riders at the Baymeadows Harley Davison dealership for a membership drive. February 20th will be our monthly Fireside Chat with family time, hot dogs, marshmallows, corn hole, and fellowship with our members and members of the Elks.

On Saturday, 27Feb21, our Legionnaires and Riders Chapter will participate in the 30th Anniversary Ceremony of Desert Strom at Cecil Field. On that same evening, many of our Legionnaires will join others in the 5th District for Jacksonville Beach Post 129's annual Casino Night benefiting PROJECT VetRelief and Suicide Prevention.

A few March events include Lake City Post 57's Chili Cook-off and Car Show charity event on 20March, and the Challenge 22 walking event at Jacksonville Beach on 27March. There are many more events to come including our 5th District Family Picnic in St. Augustine on 17April.

As you can see, our Fallen Heroes Post is an active Post. Surely there is something of interest in which you would enjoy participating. We have much important work to do. We need each of our 200+ members to be involved. There is no such thing as minimum involvement. If you can only be involved in one event for 5 minutes, 5 hours, or 5 days, you will be welcomed with open arms. Our Post is here for all of us. Please stop by and see how you can become part of this dynamic and fun organization. Or if you prefer, call me directly and I will be happy to help you enjoy our family.

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.