



American Legion Mandarin Post 372 "Fallen Heroes"

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Post activities have been adjusted due to state and local changes to openings that impact the Elks Lodge where we hold our meetings. Refer to the calendar for information. All members are mandated per City rules to wear masks and practice social distancing during Post activities.

From the Commander

We will continue to focus on the four pillars: Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. We will need to think outside the box to continue contributions to our veterans and community. Members of our Post and Auxiliary participated in a Friday dinner at Post 316 and our Legion Riders participated in an event sponsored by Post 88 to benefit the Sulzbacher Center.

Membership News

Eligibility Changes – Congress passed and the President has signed a bill on July 30, 2019 declaring the US has been in a state of war since Dec 7, 1941. The LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service) expands eligibility to all Veteran's Honorable discharged from December 7, 1941 to a future date to be determined by the Federal Government.

You should have received your invitation to renew your membership, so time to renew for 2021!! Membership Dues remain at \$45 for our Post for 2021. If you have friends, relatives or neighbors who served and are not members, please encourage them to join. All memberships now require us to verify your service with a DD-214.

Come up to the Elks Lodge during the weekly Office Hours or the monthly General Assembly meetings. If this time is not convenient, please email our Adjutant at Adjutant@MandarinPost372.org for assistance in paying your dues.

2021 Membership – 104 members have renewed putting us at 52% of our membership goal of a little over 200 quota.

Since July 1st, voted in two new member: Hector Garcia and Gerald Roske; four transfers from Post 400: Charles Williams, Wayne Hadyrf, Tim Lewis and David Schneider.

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. General Squadron meetings are held at 6:30 (**NEW TIME**) on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Elks Lodge. The SAL is currently working on their 4th star of the 5 Star Program. The Squadron is also in the process of establishing a Junior Shooters team, ages 13 through 18. If you are interested in having your son or grandson participate, please contact and Commander Carl Zuber. Anyone interested in joining SAL please contact newly elected Commander Carl Zuber at:

sonsofthelegionsquadron372@gmail.com,

any Post or Squadron Office, or call 904-434-2901.

Auxiliary News

The June 2020 Unit 372 Newsletter has been posted on the Post 372 website on the Auxiliary page. This Newsletter recaps and highlights all wonderful successes our Unit accomplished. If you are not already a member and qualify, please consider joining. Meetings are held at 6:30 (**NEW TIME**) on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Elks Lodge.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Post Officers</i></p> <p>Commander: Joe Maltese 1st Vice Commander: Barry Litsky 2nd Vice Commander: Patricia Patrick Finance Officer: Craig Bernat Adjutant: Barry Litsky Chaplain: Alan Painter Service Officer: Barry Litsky Judge Advocate: Dan Hemsall Historian: Vacant Sergeant-at-Arms: Ben St. John</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Executive Committee</i></p> <p>Bill McGraw, Karen Tracy, Jim Hughes, Joe Maltese, Steve Sullivan, Alan Painter</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 Adjutant: Chuck Benham 1st Vice: Vacant 2nd Vice: Vacant Finance Officer: Craig Bernat Chaplain: Chuck Benham Historian: Vacant Sergeant-at-Arms: Don Crawford Asst Sergeant-at-Arms: Jeffrey Haley</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Auxiliary Officers</i></p> <p>President: Kathy Helmly 1st Vice President: Vacant 2nd vice President: Vacant Secretary: Marilyn Painter Treasurer: Judy Bernat Chaplain: Robin Maltese Historian: Vacant Sergeant-at-Arms: Michelle Maze Membership: Vacant</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>American Legion Riders</i></p> <p>Director: Chuck Benham Asst. Director: June Crawford Finance Officer: Jim Hansen Chaplain: Reed Bailey Adjutant: Robin Maltese Sergeant-at-Arms: Don Crawford Asst Sergeant-at-Arms: Carl Zuber Road Captain: Don Crawford Safety Officer: Tim Bailey Membership: Michelle Maze 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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Legion Riders

The most recent Riders newsletter is now available on the Post website under our Legion Riders link.

* 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.

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>

Youth Elks Camp

During the 7th week, active duty military children can attend for free.

Fundraising News

Quilt Raffle

Honeybee Quilters Guild donated a Patriotic quilt to raffle as a fundraiser last year. The quilt will be raffled during the September 10th General Assembly meeting. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and anyone interested contact Alan Painter.

Quarterly Fundraising Dinners

Quarterly dinners will be reinstated in the coming months. Stay tuned for dates and menus.

General Information

American Forces Travel: The Department of Defense has teamed up with Priceline to create a travel booking site exclusively for U.S. Military members. **American Forces Travel** is a new Morale, Welfare and Recreation program providing service members, veterans and their families a one-stop shop. For more info, visit: <https://americanforcestravel.com>.

The American Legion Preamble was changed at the August 2019 National Convention. The new preamble can be read at the 5th District website <http://al5thdistrictfl.org/>.

Honeybee Quilters Guild donated a Patriotic quilt to raffle as a fundraiser. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and the raffle will continue until 1,000 tickets are sold.

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.

Financial Resource Links for Veteran Families



September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 4:00-6pm Office Hours 6:30-8pm Auxiliary mtg 6:30-8pm SAL mtg	2	3	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY	8 4:00-6pm Office Hours 6-7:30pm Executive Committee mtg	9	10 6-7pm General Assembly Social 7-8:30p Gen Assembly mtg	11	12
13	14	15 4:00-6pm Office Hours	16	17	18	19
20 10-11am ALR meeting	21	22 4:00-6pm Office Hours	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 4:00-6pm Office Hours	30			

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 4:00-6pm Office Hours 6:30-8pm Auxiliary mtg 6:30-8pm SAL mtg 6-7:30pm Executive Committee mtg	7	8 6-7pm General Assembly Social 7-8:30p Gen Assembly mtg ** Joint Legion Family Meeting	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13 4:00-6pm Office Hours	14	15	16	17
18 10-11am ALR meeting	19	20 4:00-6pm Office Hours	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 4:00-6pm Office Hours	28	29	30	31 Halloween 