



American Legion Mandarin Post 372 "Fallen Heroes"

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Post Office Hours

Every Tuesday at the Elks Lodge (see map later in newsletter) 4:30 – 6 PM.

Executive Committee and General Assembly

- Effective March 2020 the Executive Committee Meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday from 6-7:30 at the Elks Lodge.

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.

2020 Membership – We are at 84.16% of our membership goal. Our next goal is 90% by 3/4/20. If you have not paid your 2020 dues or you have let it lapse, it's never too late to reconnect! We want you at our Post! Come up to the Elks Lodge during office hours, our monthly General Assembly meetings or our dinners. If those times are not convenient, please email our Adjutant at Adjutant@MandarinPost372.org for assistance in paying your dues.

Voted in three transferring members:

Transfers: Patricia 'Pat' Patrick, Don Wright, Brandon 'Mac' McDonald

Annual Membership Dues:

Legion - \$45

Auxiliary - \$35

Auxiliary 17 & under - \$10

Legion Riders - \$15

SAL - \$30 (21 and over)

\$8 (under 21)

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 2nd Vice Commander or Adjutant from the email on our website.

Legion Riders

Riders newsletter is now available on the Post website under our Legion Riders link. Some notable notes from the newsletter:

* There will be an In State Unity Legion Ride from 4/26-5/1 that will end in Orlando. More to follow.

* 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.

Sons of The American Legion

Check out our newsletter on the website. General Squadron meetings are held at 7:00 on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Elks Lodge. The Squadron is currently 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 Squadron Adjutant and Vice-Commander Carl Zuber. Anyone interested in joining SAL please contact Commander Joe Maltese at: sonsofthelegionsquadron372@gmail.com, any Post or Squadron Office, or call 904-434-2901.

Post Officers Information

Coming up to the time for re-elections for Legion Officers. Nominations will start in March. Dan Hemsall will chair the nominations committee for next term.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Post Officers</i></p> <p>Commander: Alan Painter 1st Vice Commander: Barry Litsky 2nd Vice Commander: Craig Bernat Finance Officer: Craig Bernat Adjutant: Barry Litsky Chaplain: Wayne Lee Service Officer: Barry Litsky Judge Advocate: Dan Hemsall Historian: Vacant Sergeant-at-Arms: Paul Arambula</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Executive Board</i></p> <p>Dan Hemsall, Franklin Hunt, Jim Hughes, Joe Maltese, Steve Sullivan, Frank Nichols</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>ALR Committee Members</i></p> <p>June Crawford, Don Crawford, Reed Bailey, Tim Bailey</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>SAL Officers</i></p> <p>Commander: Joe Maltese Adjutant: Carl Zuber 1st Vice: Carl Zuber 2nd Vice: Vacant Finance Officer: Vacant Chaplain: Chuck Benham Historian: Vacant Sergeant-at-Arms: Don Crawford Asst Sergeant-at-Arms: Jeffrey Haley</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>American Legion Riders</i></p> <p>Director: Joe Maltese Asst. Director: Chuck Benham Finance Officer: Jim Davis Chaplain: Reed Bailey Adjutant: Robin Maltese Sergeant-at-Arms: Paul Arambula Road Captain: June Crawford Safety Officer: Don Crawford Quartermaster: Paul Arambula</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: Christie Easton Chaplain: Sandy Smith Historian: Janelle Hemsall Sergeant-at-Arms: Judy Bernat Membership: Vacant</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Auxiliary Executive Committee</i></p> <p>Christie Easton, Robin Maltese, Sandy Smith</p>
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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://americanforcetravel.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.

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

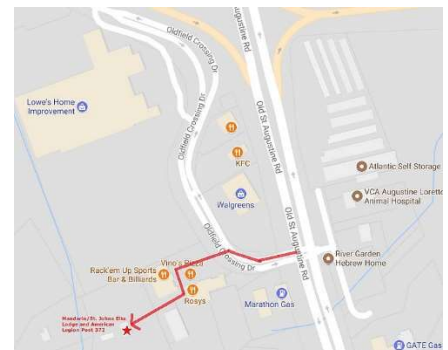
Quarterly Fundraising Dinners

Monthly dinners are moving to Quarterly! This allows us to sponsor other fundraising events featuring food without overdoing it. Menus will be new and different for a variety of dishes. The 50/50 raffle will continue to be a fundraiser during the evening, rotating the recipient of the funds raised among the Post's organizations. The dinner will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 5-7 PM at the Elks Lodge. Cost is \$10 per person. Access the calendar on the website for dates.

Flapjack fundraiser and Legion Ride raised \$3,250 for the building fund!!!! Thanks to all who participated.

??? 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.






March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 4:30-6pm Office Hours SUPER TUESDAY	4 Membership Goal – 90%	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time – Spring Ahead	9	10 4:30-6pm Office Hours 6-7:30pm Executive Committee mtg	11	12 6-7pm General Assembly Social 7-8:30p Gen Assembly mtg	13	14
15 10-11am ALR meeting	16	17 4:30-6pm Office Hours St Patrick's Day 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 4:30-6pm Office Hours	25	26 7-8pm Auxiliary mtg 7-8pm SAL mtg	27	28
29	30	31 4:30-6pm Office Hours				

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Membership goal 95%	2	3	4
5	6	7 4:30-6pm Office Hours 6-7:30pm Executive Committee mtg	8	9 6-7pm General Assembly Social 7-8:30p Gen Assembly mtg	10	11
12 Easter 	13	14 4:30-6pm Office Hours	15 Tax Day	16	17	18
19 10-11am ALR meeting	20	21 4:30-6pm Office Hours	22	23 7-8pm Auxiliary mtg 7-8pm SAL mtg	24	25 Law Enforcement & Firefighter noms due
26	27	28 4:30-6pm Office Hours	29	30		