



American Legion Mandarin Post 372 "Fallen Heroes"

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CDC recommends unvaccinated people to continue to wear masks and social distance.

2021-2022 Post Officers Elections Information

Post Elections concluded at the end of May. Thanks for participating! Congratulations to all new officers and existing officers who maintained their position. Installation TBA.

Our Website has Changed!

Our new website address (www.alpost372fl.org) is now the primary site. The new site is active. Please update your bookmarks. Also note new email addresses!

From the Commander

Our Post presented the 2021 LEO Awards on May 15th. SAL – congrats to the awardees! Our Riders in the In-State Unity Ride. I am thankful for all our members and Family Leaders.

Membership News

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.

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 posted Office Hours or the monthly General Assembly meetings. If this time is not convenient, please email our Adjutant at Adjutant@alpost372fl.org for assistance in paying your dues.

2021 Membership – We have SURPASSED our 2021 membership goal, putting us over 104.7% with 215 members. [Voted in eight members.](#)

2022 Membership notices should be coming soon.

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. We have surpassed the goal of 16 renewed/new/transferred member quota. If you are interested in having your son or grandson participate, please contact and Commander Carl Zuber. Anyone interested in joining SAL please contact Commander Carl Zuber at: sonsofthelegionsquadron372@gmail.com, any Post or Squadron Office, or call 904-434-2901. 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 route for the June 6th Ride for the 22 in support of PROJECT VetRelief has been set..is forthcoming. Annual dues are due for the 2021-22 fiscal year (July1 – June 30). Congratulations to the elected officers for next year. 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.

<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, 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: Reed Bailey 1st Vice President: Michelle Maze 2nd vice President: June Crawford Secretary: Marilyn Painter Treasurer: Judy Bernat Chaplain: Robin Maltese Historian: Vacant Sergeant-at-Arms: Danielle Fix Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms: June Crawford Membership: Michelle Maze</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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Auxiliary News

The current Unit 372 Newsletter is on the Auxiliary page of the website. If you are not already a member and qualify, please consider joining. Welcome new member Colette Disienser! We raised \$133 towards our Poppy Fund. June's meeting will feature a packing party.

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>

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 7th 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!

Financial Resource Links for Veteran Families

See below for links to 17 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](#)

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



June 2021

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

July 2021

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4 Independence Day 	5 Independence Day Observed	6 4:30-6:00pm Office Hours 6:30-8:00pm Executive Committee mtg	7	8 6-7pm General Assembly Social 7-8:30p Gen Assembly mtg	9	10
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