



American Legion Mandarin Post 372 "Fallen Heroes"

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All Post activities have been temporarily suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 Stay at Home order. If you or another Legionnaire is in need, please reach out to our Adjutant for assistance at Adjutant@MandarinPost372.org.

March minutes are now posted on the website.

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 – 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 – once reinstated. If those times are not convenient, please email our Adjutant at Adjutant@MandarinPost372.org for assistance in paying your dues.

Voted in two transferring members:

Transfers: Jason York, Ace Collette

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. The first two events below have not been cancelled yet. Stay tuned.

* *Boots on the Ground* event on May 9th.

* *Ride for the 22* on June 7th.

* The Florida Unity Ride scheduled for 4/26-5/2 has been changed to a virtual ride. Refer to the newsletter for more information.

* 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

General Squadron meetings are held at 7:00 on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Elks Lodge once the Stay at Home order is lifted. 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 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 were made during the March meeting. Refer to the March minutes for current nominations. Contact Dan Hemsall, committee chair, for additional nominations or information.

<i>Post Officers</i>	<i>SAL Officers</i>	<i>Auxiliary Officers</i>
Commander: Alan Painter 1 st Vice Commander: Barry Litsky 2 nd 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	Commander: Joe Maltese Adjutant: Carl Zuber 1 st Vice: Carl Zuber 2 nd Vice: Vacant Finance Officer: Vacant Chaplain: Chuck Benham Historian: Vacant Sergeant-at-Arms: Don Crawford Asst Sergeant-at-Arms: Jeffrey Haley	President: Kathy Helmly 1 st Vice President: Vacant 2 nd vice President: Vacant Secretary: Marilyn Painter Treasurer: Christie Easton Chaplain: Sandy Smith Historian: Janelle Hemsall Sergeant-at-Arms: Judy Bernat Membership: Vacant
<i>Executive Board</i> Dan Hemsall, Franklin Hunt, Jim Hughes, Joe Maltese, Steve Sullivan, Frank Nichols	<i>American Legion Riders</i> 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	<i>Auxiliary Executive Committee</i> Christie Easton, Robin Maltese, Sandy Smith
<i>ALR Committee Members</i> June Crawford, Don Crawford, Reed Bailey, Tim Bailey		

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

Quarterly dinners are currently suspended due to COVID-19. Once they resume, we will update this section with new and exciting menus. 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.

To assist Post 233 on their March 28 motorcycle ride, members at the 3/12 General Assembly meeting collected \$186 to be donated to their post. Thanks to all who donated!


??? 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.





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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		

May 2020 – MEETING TIMES ARE POSTED BUT SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION DUE TO COVID-19

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo 4:30-6pm Office Hours	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12 4:30-6pm Office Hours 6-7:30pm Executive Committee mtg	13	14 6-7pm General Assembly Social 7-8:30p Gen Assembly mtg Annual Law & Order Award Ceremony	15	16
17 10-11am ALR meeting	18	19 4:30-6pm Office Hours	20		22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 4:30-6pm Office Hours	27	28 21 7-8pm Auxiliary mtg 7-8pm SAL mtg	29	30
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