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AMERICAN LEGION POST 69 NEWS LETTER

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Commanders Corner: DOUG DEIERLEIN

Hello Legionnaires, Ladies and Sons

Well, January was a Great Month. Not only did we have a fantastic Early Bird Dinner with a totally outstanding Opening Ceremony with the Avon Park JROTC doing the POW/MIA Service for us all to enjoy. Following the service, the Cadets had the Honor to serve you that fantastic meal which I hope you all enjoyed as much as we enjoyed serving it to you all. I want to thank everyone who attended because you attending means you also paid your dues early and that is what it is all about. Saying that if you have not paid your 2015 dues yet you are LATE! Please pay as soon as you can, as we want you to be able to enjoy everything that is happening at the post and if your dues are not current you cannot do that.



I want to give a big "BZ" to our SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION for a GREAT Golf tournament. You guys ROCK and the Avon Park High School JRTOC really appreciates everything you do to support them.



Our Auxiliary Bus trip to the East Coast was something to talk about, Thank You Ladies! As I come to a Close this month I truly want to give a HUGH "THANK YOU" to every single person who volunteers any time at the Post, because without you we would not be able to be the "BEST POST IN FLORIDA". Like I always say that "POST 69 SHOULD ALWAYS BE ON YOUR MIND".

Until next time God Bless you all and always remember our Troops!



Doug Deierlein
Commander



**Auxiliary President:
DONNA CARLISLE**



**Riders Director
Johnny Robinson**

Good Day to All,

I would like to say Thank You to all that has helped & volunteered your time to the Dinner's, Bake Sale's, and any other events. It's been busy and we still have a lot more to come. Feb. is our Poppy Dinner on Valentine's Day, so make sure you get your tickets. Don't be left out.

A Doo-Wop Dinner /Dance will be held on Feb 27th from 4-7pm. All proceeds will go towards the Children and Youth Program. We will be having a hula-hoop contest and a lot of others fun things happening. Make sure you attend wearing your favorite Doo-Wop clothes. Gone to be a great time to be had by all. Food and music will all be donated.

I've noticed a lot of new members attending the meetings, I would like to welcome and thank you.

It's been a little chilly outside, so come on in, get warm, and enjoy all the activities. Make sure your Dues are paid, if not, your membership has lapsed. Get them paid, don't let them get behind.

Until next month Ladies.

For God and Country

Donna Carlisle

Good Day to All,

The New Deck outside looks great. Still more work to be done, but WOW what a difference. We have the Wheel Chair Derby at Hammock State Park coming up on FEB. 21st. Hope many will attend for this first annual event. It's for a great cause. Our dinner here at the post will still go on as planned for that day. Terry will need help, most of the riders will be out volunteering at the Wheelchair Derby. So if you can help her please contact her. Thank you in advance.

Don't forget our meetings and wing nights.

Live strong and Ride Safe,

For God and Country,

Johnny Rabbit Robinson

Riders Director





**S.A.L. Commander
JOHNNY BELCHER**

Hello:

The S.A.L. would like to thank all the participants in the J.R.O.T.C. golf outing for making it another great success in January. We will be sponsoring the Golf outing next year sometime in January of 2016.

Our dinners and breakfast are both doing well. We do our best for your enjoyment. Roadkill is more fun than ever with our northern friends here for the winter months. We thank all of you for your support and patience with us as we try to make this little game as fun as we can.

Our membership has made 100% and we are taking in new members every month. We thank all the S.A.L. members for your quick response to the notices and to Bob Richmond for all his hard work to get them out. If you see Bob please say thank you for a great job.

There is something to be said for a group of people that come together to put on an event and make it work.

- #1. Without people coming to the event it will not be a success.
- #2. Without the volunteers working

#3. Without all the things that go on behind the seen there would be no event.

Thank you all.

Commander S.A.L.
Johnny Belcher

POST EVERLASTING

This area will be used to recognize all members of Post 69 who have passed in the current and previous year.

William Barton 2014
Howard Fleetwood 2014

This will include all members of our Legion Family at Post 69.

Bob Plafchan
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SERVICE OFFICER LARRY ROBERTS

Post 69 is having a very big event coming up on Saturday February 7, 2015. The First Annual Veterans Benefits Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. I have 22 organizations that are providing benefits to veterans, I am asking every post 69 member to please help me send the message out to any other veterans that you know to come out to this event. My goal of this event is to make a change for all veterans and their families. I can promise you this if you attend to this event, you will learn about some benefits that you are entitled to that you had no idea about. Here a list of just some of the veterans problems that that I'm trying to help with:

.NEARLY 1 MILLION VETERANS AGES 18 TO 64 LIVED IN POVERTY OVER THE SPAN OF 12 MONTHS.

59% OF VETERANS SURVEYED STATED THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THEIR GENERAL BENEFITS.

57,000 HOMELESS VETERANS IN THE UNITED STATES

OVER 700,000 VETERANS WERE UNEMPLOYED IN 2013.

ONLY 260,000 OF FLORIDA'S 1.6 MILLION VETERANS, ARE RECEIVING SERVICE-RELATED COMPENSATION OR PENSION FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

MAJOR DEPRESSION AMONG MILITARY IS FIVE TIMES HIGHER THAN CIVILIANS.

SERVICE MEMBERS DURING A THIRD OR FOURTH TOUR ARE MORE THAN TWICE AS LIKELY AS THOSE ON THEIR FIRST TOUR TO MEET SCREENING CRITERIA FOR ACUTE STRESS, DEPRESSION, OR ANXIETY.

Here is a list of just some of the organizations that well be coming to this event:

- Project: Vet Relief
- Lakeland Vet Center
- Depart of Veterans Affairs
- Sebring VA Clinic
- South Florida State Collage
- Career Source Heartland
- FDVA
- Pet for Vets
- Honor Flight
- Comfort Keepers

I hope to see you all at this event and God bless our Troops.

LARRY ROBERTS



Lounge

2015 MEMBERSHIP

From The Lounge:

It's been a very busy month for us here in the lounge. We would like to say Thank You to all who have come in and enjoyed all the activities, Lunches, and games. Your support means a lot to us. Thursday's have been a little crazy for us, so please just be patient and understanding. We will do our best to serve you as soon as we can. This day has seemed to get a little out of control. Understand when you bring a large group with you it will take a little longer to get things out. We do appreciate your business and we would like to keep on serving you.

A lot of great events are coming up, make sure you come on in and enjoy the fun.

Thank You,
Terry, Teresa, Bobbi-Lynn, Toni,
Sammy, and Nettie



Legionnaires, We have not met our 2015 Membership Goal that is set by the Department of Florida.

As of the date of this writing the paid membership for 2015 stands at 91.3%

The first renewal notices were sent out by the American Legion National in July of last year . You will continue to receive a renewal notice until your dues payment has been processed by the American Legion National.

Please renew as soon as possible.

Bob Plafchan
Adjutant





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