



# BUGLE CALL



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 69 NEWS LETTER

### March 2015

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#### **Commanders Corner: DOUG DEIERLEIN**

Hello Legionnaires, Ladies and SAL members



Well, it is March, and everything at the Post is going GREAT! The Post has to be one of the most popular places in town. I mean that you can hardly get a seat if you do not come early, but have NO fear as we will do our best to get you a place to sit and enjoy yourself. I want to talk about Taco Thursday which has become a HUGE Success thanks to SAMMY, Terry and the girls behind the bar. What I want to talk about is that everyone is coming up to me saying we should put on more servers; servers are not the issue. We could put on ten servers but what you have to realize is that we only have one SAMMY, and the kitchen can only handle one SAMMY! I ask that each of you be patient, and don't worry. You will get your TACO THURSDAY meal. Thank You! Now on to another important subject. Elections of Officers is just around the corner. Sign up sheets have been post for all three groups. If you wish to sign up for an office please make sure you are willing to take on the responsibility of that office and not just the title. There is ALOT of work behind the scenes that you might not be willing to do. I encourage each of you to sign up for a office, if you are serious about it. Until next month, I hope everyone has great time at the Post, and I look forward to seeing you all there.



Doug Deierlein, Commander.





**Auxiliary President:  
DONNA CARLISLE**

Ladies,

I want to take this time to thank all that helped on all the dinners and projects that have been happening. It was and is much appreciated. Update on the dinners, the Casino Night was a good turnout Thanks to Jan. Poppy Valentines Dinner was a sellout with Mary Striecker as Chairman. The Children and Youth Doo Wop Dinner was great, Terry Gallagher as Chairman, and if you didn't make it to any of them then you missed out on a Good time...

Don't miss the upcoming events. March 7th is our cook out for our Auxiliary State President Erna Schwabe, and Dist. President Barbara Field. The time will be at 5:00pm. Don't get left out...

Remember Ladies, get your dues paid. Let's make it 100%; we are at 87% now. Don't forget the Aux. Bake Sale is the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Every other Sunday is Burgers and Fries by the Aux. with Karaoke by Terry Gallagher. We've had a great time so far this year. Let's keep it going.

Elections are coming up in April at the meeting so make sure you come out and vote or take an office. All are welcome. You will have to show your 2015 card to be able to vote. Jackie Groff is Chairman and is doing a fantastic job.

The Girl's state program is going strong. Mickie Edwards is Chairman and is doing a fantastic job. The girls have been picked and everything is a go.

God Bless You All

Donna Carlisle

**Riders Director  
Johnny Robinson**



Hello All Members,

Wow, what a great bunch of members we have. The Wheel Chair Derby at Hammock State Park was a great success. We helped raise about \$10,000.00 to get the Nomad Wheel Chair and for other restorations at the park.

Thank you to The Auxiliary for helping Terry with our Saturday Dinner. We do appreciate all you did and all you do to help. The dinner was great.

We will be putting together a basket to raffle off, and all the money raised will go for buying new furniture to put out on the new deck. We will also be having a dinner and music out on the new deck, so come on out and break it in right.

Thanks to everyone for their support throughout the year.

Live strong and Ride Safe,

For God And Country,  
Johnny Rabbit Robinson  
Riders Director



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

Hello Everyone,

For the past few months your S.A.L. has been able to set new records with Membership at Post 69. Thank you all for your quick replies with your membership. We made the 100 percent goal and are well over that as of now. Please continue to help us sign in new members as many of you have. The more we can sign in our young S.A.L. members the better we can make our events. We all get tired from time to time and it is great to know that we can have our members stepping up and be willing to help us all out.

Once again we have served record numbers for the breakfast the Fourth Saturday of the past month. We would like to thank everyone for inviting your friends to join us. Thank you all for being so very patient as we do the best we can to serve all of you.

Our Friday dinners seem to all be working out for the most part and we hope everyone enjoys them. Some people have ask how can we be serving the way we do with the cost of everything going up. Well, we are here to serve our members of the Post not make a lot of money. Its just that simple.

**Road Kill, OMG!!!!**

Thank You All, for being a part of this CRAZY FUN TIME. If you have not seen how this works please try it one time. You never know what we will come up with at the next round. We understand everyone loves the fun and good time. With the attendance growing the way it has we do the best we can to set everyone as close to the show as we can.

God Bless All.

S.A.L. Commander  
Johnny Belcher

**2015 MEMBERSHIP**

We are not doing well on membership renewals.

As of the date of this writing the paid membership for 2015 stands at 94.8% that relates to 35 members needed to reach our 100% goal

If anyone knows of a member of Post 69 that has not renewed their dues ask them to renew now.

Right now those that have not yet renewed their membership their status is "Delinquent" and within the next month it will change to "Expired".

Please renew as soon as possible.

Bob Plafchan, Adjutant



**SERVICE OFFICER  
LARRY ROBERTS**

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the first veterans benefit fair. I was very pleased with the turn out, with over 20 organizations, some of which traveled as far as Tallahassee to help educate the veterans and their family members on the benefits that they have earned. From the after action review and talking to the representatives of each organization we helped over 350 veterans. I was told by a veteran's wife that we saved her husbands life by getting him help with the Vet Center, who provided free counseling for PTSD. I have been posting veterans benefits and news on the wall by the door every week. I have been changing the benefits and news to keep the veterans informed on what's going. On February 16, 2015 President Obama signed a new bill into law, Veterans Suicide Prevention. With the suicide rate of 22 to 25 a day, the veterans need as much help as they can get. If you know someone that needs help please let me know, and I'll get them help. Here are the signs of PTSD. If this resembles any one you know please get them help.

- THINKING ABOUT HURTING OR KILLING YOURSELF OR OTHERS**
- EXPERIENCING AN EMOTIONAL CRISIS**
- HOPELESS, FELING LIKE THERE IS NO WAY OUT**
- TALKING OR WRITING ABOUT DEATH, DYING, OR SUICIDE**

**ENGAGING IN SELF-DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR, SUCH AS DRUG ABUSE**

**THE NUMBER FOR THE VETERANS CRISIS LINE IS 1-800-273-TALK (8255). PRESS 1 FOR VETERANS AND SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP YOU WILL ANSWER RIGHT AWAY.**

**ADDITIONAL WARNING SIGNS**

- ANXIETY, AGITATION, SLEEPLESSNESS, MOOD SWINGS**
- FEELING LIKE THERS IS NO REASON TO LIVE**
- EXTENDED PERIODS OF ANGER OR RAGE**
- ENGAGING IN RISKY ACTIVITIES WITHOUT THINKING**
- INCREASING ALCOHOL OR DRUG ABUSE**
- WITHDRAWING FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

**Veterans Crisis Line**

**1-800-273-8255 Press 1**

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**Lakeland Vet Center**

**Jessie Conlter**

**863-284-0841**

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**VA Health Clinic**

**Sebring**

**863-471-6227**

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**Larry Roberts**

**Post 69**

**Service Officer**

**850-718-7773**

## Lounge

From The Lounge:

Hey everyone. What a great time we are having here in the lounge. Trivia is still gone strong as well as ship captain and crew, and bar poker.

Lunches have really picked up. If you have not had one of Sammy's famous Taco's, you are really missing out.

A lot of good times are being had right here at the lounge, so get on in and don't miss out on the fun.

There is always something going on here at Post 69 AMCAN Lounge

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



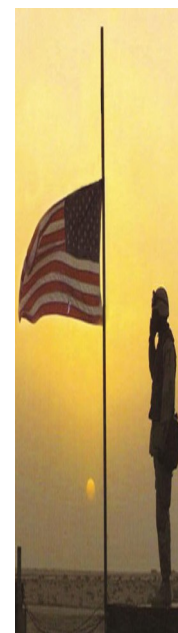
## POST EVERLASTING

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

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Eric Angle	2015
William Barton	2014
Charles Boesch	2014
Thomas Cowan	2014
Howard Fleetwood	2014
David Fuller	2014
John Gallagher	2015
Stephen Hurteau	2014
George Kleinschrodt	2014
Wesley Mason	2014
Leon Plourde	2014
Melvin Rhodes	2014
Vern Schroeder	2014
James Snow	2014
Donald Swanson	2014
Paul Tessier	2014
Tony Vargo	2014



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Please call 863-453-4553 with any Additional names that we missed.  
Bob Plafchan , Post 69 Adjutant





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