COMMANDER’S MESSAGE

As our comrades get ready to leave, we are still busy Thursday, Friday and Saturday with food and entertainment, featuring a new menu and specials. We want to welcome Stacy Griffith and Dan Lull – help for Terry in the kitchen. This will allow Terry to have some well-deserved time off. Please try to pick your dinner choice for Friday’s. the Friday menu is posted by Wednesday on our website www.novelpost159.org and our Facebook page. This helps to keep the cost down and makes sure there is enough of what everyone wants!

I want to thank all the volunteers – Legionnaires, Sons, and Auxiliary members and their spouses for all the help with decorating for our events and our annual deep cleaning. There are always those members that chip in whenever needed. We could not do it without you!

We are having terrible issues with sewer line blockage. Just because it says “disposable” doesn’t mean it can go down the toilet. We have spent over $5000 because people flush their Depends, wipes and wads of toilet paper down the toilet. That money could have gone to other veteran causes!

Upcoming events –Easter Brunch Buffet April 21 11:30am to 2:30pm; Blood Drive MAY 6th 11am till 3pm please consider donating if you can; Mother’s Day Buffet May 12 11:30am to 2:30pm; Memorial Day

The Adjutant is working hard on membership and only 57 members short of our national goal.

We are still looking into bar repairs and other issues which will happen during the off season.

For God and Country,
Howard Van Nostrand, Commander

CHAPLAIN

March has passed with Ash Wednesday and now we are into April where Easter is celebrated. There is one more day of celebration in between and that is National Vietnam Veterans Day. Is there a spiritual connection here (be careful what you might call a coincidence)? I attended a presentation of Operation Warrior Resolution that describes healing processes for all Vets, from all wars, and both genders. This got me reviewing not only my experiences, also those of my brothers and sisters plus stories of others.

First, why a special day for Nam Vets? Why not other combat Vets or Vets who served as first responders? All other combat vets were welcomed home as heroes and recognized in positive ways, except for our Korean Vets who were ignored and forgotten. It is human nature to have wars that people “like”, such as WW I and WW II. Yet, body count is body count regardless of the numbers or the locations or the years. And there remains that divide between combat and everyday life and many of us could neither find nor get to the “bridge”. We came home and were greeted by (edited descriptions): contempt, scorn, ridicule, having stuff thrown on us, being cussed at by our fellow citizens and sometimes friend and family. And, oh yes - our own baggage of physical wounds/amputations, disabilities, nightmare memories, the alphas – PTSD, TBD, BFD etc.!! Many felt numbed and at a loss in trying to figure out why getting a job was so difficult (some went back in).

What does this have to do with Lent and Easter? Well, once upon a time a young man walked the earth being positive, hopeful and willing to serve the best way he could. But when he raised his right hand, a nail got driven through it into the cross. Lets back track to an earlier time, let’s say Mark 5:1-20: Jesus and staff get off the boat in Gerasenes and start walking when this big mean and dirty dude gets in his face, bows down and begs “what have you done to me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”! You see this man was crazy, insane, who was possessed and lived in the tombs. The tombs were away from the populace. The man was also a Vet of the Roman Empire. Jesus asked the name of the evil spirit. The reply was “Legion, for we are many”. Jesus healed the Vet and was leaving. The Vet asked to go with them and was told,” Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and the mercy shown. So, Legion did that and people who knew him were amazed that he was again himself!
Legion’s injuries, like all combat Vets, included what the late Army Chaplain Col. Herman Keizer (founded the Center for Soul repair) named as soul injury wound. Good news is it can be repaired, as Kendra also pointed out. Now- not to minimize the dialog between Jesus and Legion, it included helping the man resolve his conflict, and go forward helping others and living as an example. I submit, too many of us lived in our own tombs, many still do. The second battle was/is to persist in our ask, seek and, knock, mission to find that soul “bridge to home”. The Vietnam Vets “homecoming” is a blot on our history, but thankfully our country has taken measures to right this wrong. Our service and tremendous sacrifices have been, and continue to be recognized. The effects of our soul healing: regained pride, sense of honor, a stronger sense of self concept – we are more than we thought we could be. We are a brotherhood (of men and women), a tribe, a family that nothing can take away!

As I wrote in a previous article, during my spiritual travels through seven denominations, there is one particular hymn that is common to all: “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord”? If asked that question, we can reply with a professional and wet eyed – “Affirmative, Sir- HE IS RISEN………….. Charlie, out

S.A.L COMMANDER

The Sons want to send a big " THANK YOU " for all the help and support we have received from the entire Legion Family at post 159. We have had great success with our dances and that is do to the amazing support from our members and the friends they invite to our "open the public" events.

I also want to commend the Six or Seven Sons members that are our officers and volunteers.

Without these people the Sons at this post would not be able to exist. It is a shame that we have 293 paying members and there are 6 to 7 members that have to do it all. Please remember we are here to support this legion post and its veterans. We did not serve in the service of our country, we are serving now to preserve the American Legion and this post. That means it is a privilege and a honor to belong to the Sons. That does not mean that you can pay $30.00 a year and enjoy all that is offered to us by the veterans of this post.

Please don’t forget this is one of the nicest posts in the country, We enjoy Dinner and dances and very reduced prices on drinks. The veterans that served do not expect us to enjoy these benefits without helping to maintain this post.

THIS MEANS STEP UP AND VOLUNTEER!! We have nominations for officers coming up very soon Please come to our meetings get involved help support the veterans and this post They served for us. Now it is our turn to serve for them!!!

Meetings for The Sons of the American Legion are at 6:00pm the first Monday of Each month.

Please step up and pay it forward to this post!!!!!!!

Gary Ley

AUXILIARY

It is time to start the process of nominations for next year’s officers for your Unit 159 Auxiliary. At our March meeting we nominated individuals for all offices. Nominations will be open until elections take place at our May meeting. It is important that all members be involved in this process. The success of our Unit depends on leadership and participation. Please consider attending the next two meetings, April 9 to continue the nomination process and May 14th to finalize nominations and hold elections.

We have been working on updating our Webpage. One of the top requests from membership is to share more information on programs and projects. We welcome your input. Visit our page and let us know what else we can do to help you become more involved.

Our next big event is our Hawaiian Luau which is scheduled for April 6th. Tickets are available. This is always a great event and usually sells out. It is our way to say goodbye to all our Snowbird friends. Please join us for great food and music.

We in the Auxiliary are proud to be a part of the Post 159 Family. We respect our fellow Family Officers and are committed to supporting the greatest Post in Florida.

In the Spirit of Service,
Donna Ley, President
ADJUTANT

It is April, our membership rate is 96%, not for the lack of trying, we will not meet our goal of 100%!!!!

It’s the job of the 1st Vice and this Board to form Committees. We should have had a committee for membership, to help with calling and contacting members to renew. But no!!! This Legion runs with one man committees, this does not work. As much as we ask for Volunteers, we need to allow Volunteers to participate, this fault is on the backs of the entire board.

*** MEMORIAL DAY ***

27 May, The Post will have an OPEN HOUSE following the Memorial Day ceremony at Patriot Park. There will be food, drink, fellowship, celebration and good ol’ fashioned Americanism. We ask everyone to please bring a covered dish for all to share.

HEAR YE HEAR YE POST 159
Cruiser Club, Breakfast Meeting
4th Saturday Monthly
9am at the Legion and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

*** PLEASE REMEMBER ***

IF YOU OR YOUR GUEST ARE NOT MEMBERS OF POST 159.....

IT IS IMPERATIVE TO SIGN IN!

THIS IS AN ON-GOING ISSUE AND ONE THAT IS EASILY REMEDIED... JUST SIGN IN!

American Legion Riders
New Director! New Future!
We will Ride!
Let them hear our Roar; join Us.
Meetings are 2nd Tuesday Monthly at 6PM

Post 159 Color and Honor Guard are ready and able to serve. To request their service or for additional information, call: Norm at (941) 223-3749

SHOW YOUR PRIDE
Now in our display case: Flags - New Hats - Collared Shirts - T-Shirts - Hat Tacks - Patriotic Bracelets - Pins - Challenge Coins - Don’t see it, ask for it, we might get it!

Transfers
To the Post Everlasting
Edward Lynch  Al Ruggie
Armand Olevano  Michael Plumeri
Don Quinlin

Rest in Peace Comrades, may God be with you, look out for Us.

Newsletters are available online at www.novelpost159.org

Election for New Officers is in June! If you would like to be a larger part of running the Post, being more involved then step up!
You must fill out a letter of Intent in April.
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Until They All Come Home

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1st Vice Marlene Hammond
2nd Vice Marie Brugnola
Secretary Judy Steimel
Treasurer Sherry Buffington
Chaplain Leanne (LuLu) Rodick
Historian Toni Brugnola
Sgt-at-Arms Debbie Rossi
Executive Board Reni Breeden

S.A.L. Officers
Commander Gary Ley
1st Vice Larry Kalb
2nd Vice John Hammond
Adjutant Martin Wise
Finance Bob Didio
Chaplain Tim Sharkey
Sgt-at-Arms Terry Duffey

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Director Howard C Hone Jr
Asst. Dir./Rd. Capt. Ron Felicita
Treasurer Jeff Cupano
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