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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It is with great pride to report our Post 159 family – Legionnaires, Honor Guard, Auxiliary, Sons, Riders and Cruisers – were once again involved in honoring our departed Veterans for Memorial Day.

**June 6 is D-Day.** In 1944, Allied Forces invaded Europe. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and thank our Post 159 Legionnaires who served during WWII.

We are keeping busy on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights with meals, entertainment, and daily specials. Tuesday's are *Build Your Own Burger* from 4 to 7pm and after all the monthly meetings, Thursday's are *Fish Fry* from 4 to 7pm.

I want to thank all the volunteers from our Post who continually step up wherever and whenever needed by decorating, setting up, cleaning and making repairs. Thanks Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, Cruisers and their spouses for all your help. It is greatly appreciated!

After some repairs and your help, there are no more issues on the sewer lines plugging up!

Our next blood drive is July 8<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm. Please consider donating.

Our Post adjutant, Pete Muller has worked extremely hard on membership and has surpassed our 100% goal!

A special nod to Rusty Weatherhead for his Service Officer work and everything else you do. Anytime he is in the Post, you will find him helping with membership, bussing tables even answering phones! Way to go Rusty...

We are still looking at repairs to the bar and other issues during this off season.

We have tweaked our volunteer chip system. Please see me if you have any questions. Use them as you always do, it is more behind the scenes for better accounting appropriate sales and expenses of our beverage inventory. This is just good business practice.

For God and Country

### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

All media points to all demographics, yelling about the importance of maintaining physical health, mental stability, and some type of social likeability. It seems to be something lacking in these media bursts. For most of us, life seems to be an ongoing series of problems (challenges) and hurdles. It does not matter how evolved or awakened you are, life still presents obstacles and problems.

For the past four months, I had a friend named James. We met when he came to me asking if I would pray for him. Of course, I said as we shook hands; tell me about yourself. I found out he was in his late 80s, 2 good careers, and part of a large family and circle of friends that he loved, and they loved him. He had a positive, winning personality and one “bodacious” hand shape, and living with the late stages of cancer. One afternoon last week, I was at his hospice bedside praying. Early the following morning, he crossed over. Those were his words. He had told me earlier he was on his “earth journey” and felt his time to leave was approaching. His concern was to keep his “crybaby ego” in check and take “orders” from his God. Hey James – mission accomplished!

James, through his example showed me what we all need and that is a program of spiritual “hygiene” in addition to other maintenance programs. This reminds me of a book from the 60s by the late Zig Ziglar. His analogy is like a media ad: “We often need to see our “I” doctor and then get a check up from the neck up”! Back then, I thought it was good positive thinking. Today, I see this as a needed spiritual practice: Let's examine this checkup x-ray- there are three rectangles in our mind. One labeled conscious mind, one labeled God mind, and one labeled “cry baby” ego mind. After our checkup the God mind is imprinted on our conscious mind, while our “crybaby” ego mind is off to see the “I” doctor. Through daily prayer and meditation, we invite God into our conscious “will and life” for strength and direction. Our ego during this time, is beginning to see through a perspective of love, rather than fear. “The power of God within me, is greater than any power before me”. God elevates us above our problem or situation until closure. I do need to tell you as an Army Pathfinder and as a spiritual pathfinder – the altitude might be low like tree top level, yet enough for mission accomplishment.

Thank you, James, for being part of my life, giving me a review, and your assistance in writing this article! As I pray now, I will pray when I finish your eulogy at Sarasota National next month: Further, Supreme Commander, we ask you make our Comrade James available to us as we cross over, saying over here, you have nothing to fear! For God and Country- Amen Rod Dimon - Chaplain

## SAL

I would like to thank everyone in our Legion family for their support over the last year and especially to the officers and volunteers of the Sons that supported and helped me during my term as commander. It has been a fun and great year. We were able to provide music and dancing from some of the great local bands. Many thanks to our public support that made our events profitable for our many charitable organizations that we help support through out the year. Our elections of officers is now complete for the upcoming year. Please give the same great support to our newly elected Commander, John Hammond, who will help lead the Sons into 2019 - 20 year. John has been an officer in different capacities for the last several years. We can all be assured that the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 159 will be in very capable hands. Thanks again for the great adventure of the last year. that is quickly coming to an end when our new officers are installed in July.

For God and Country, Gary Ley, Commander

## AUXILIARY

I must say, this past year has gone by quickly. I have been honored to serve as your President. I am happy to have this platform to extend my gratitude to all those who were there to support me.

First, thank you to the Commander of the SAL's who happens to share my last name. Serving as co-leaders with Gary made this year so much easier and a whole lot more fun.

Thank you to Commander Howie. Your support was always given. Without you and your Adjutant, Pete, we would have not had such a successful year.

To all the officers of 2018 – 2019: Marlene, Marie, Toni, Sherry, Lulu, Debi and Judy, there really are no words to express how much I appreciated your support and friendships.

Thanks to all the Ex-Board, Jean, Ann Marie and Reni. Your hard work kept us out of trouble and kept us in line.

I also want to thank all the Auxiliary Members who volunteer to make our events successful. Those of you who make it to Bingo every week, sell tickets at game night, decorate for everything and fix and serve food at potlucks. We are an awesome group. Please don't hesitate to get involved because you are missing out on some great times and great friendships.

I will be seeing all of you at the Post. I see a lot of Harvey Wallbangers and Cosmos in my future.

In the Spirit of Service, Donna Ley, President

**ADJUTANT'S CORNER**

I have been your Post Adjutant for a year now. I have found it both interesting and enjoyable. Some of the most interesting things I hear is, "You Can't Do It That Way", "That's Not The Way We Do It Here", "We Tried It That Way, It Doesn't Work", "We Can't Do That because The Moose Does It", "You Can't Get To 100% Because They're All Dying or Dead". Well, as Sinatra said, "I Did It My Way".

We made changes in the kitchen and we got to 100% Membership. My hope is the Commander will want me back as Adjutant. I thank all those who really stepped up to help out.

Overall it's been enjoyable, interesting and frustrating but I'm looking forward to doing it all again. For God and Country, Peter

**HEAR YE HEAR YE POST 159**

Cruiser Club, Breakfast Meeting

4th Saturday Monthly

9am at the Legion and **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



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

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**June 18th between 9 and 7**

**Post 159 Election for New Officers**

**You must be a current 2019 Post 159 member in good standing to vote.**




**Come vote for the person(s) you want to see LEAD our Post into the future!**



# JUNE 2019

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | TUESDAY                                                                                            | WEDNESDAY                                                          | THURSDAY                                                            | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                |
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|  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>18 JUNE</b><br/><b>9 TO 7</b><br/><b>COME IN AND CAST YOUR VOTE</b></p>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                    |                                                                    |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                       | 1                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>NOMINEES ARE...</p> <p>Commander - Howard VanNostrand<br/>1st Vice Commander - Wilfried Brickner, Eric Molloy<br/>2nd Vice Commander - OPEN<br/>Chaplain - Rod Dimon<br/>Sgt at Arms - Tom Overman<br/>Historian - OPEN<br/>Finance Officer - Tommy Gesiorski, Norman MacLellan</p> |                                                                                                    |                                                                    |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                       | <p>Executive Board -<br/>Bill Conner<br/>Rod Dimon<br/>Steve Doughty<br/>David Kaczmarek<br/>Norman MacLellan<br/>Mark Powers<br/>Rusty Weatherhead</p> |
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