The American Legion Post 135 Family Newsletter

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Veterans Day

Veterans Day is an official U.S. federal holiday observed every **November 11** to honor and thank all living military veterans who have served honorably in the United States Armed Forces, whether in wartime or peacetime. It always falls on November 11 to mark the end of World War I—specifically on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, when the armistice with Germany took effect. It is written as **Veterans Day** (without an apostrophe) because it belongs to veterans rather than being a possession of a single veteran.

We deeply appreciate your dedicated service in safeguarding our rights and liberties. Your profound sacrifices form the very foundation of our enduring freedoms. Today, and every day, we honor your commitment and extend our highest gratitude.

Happy Veterans Day!!

Quote for the Month

“The only easy day was yesterday.”

— The U.S. Navy Seals

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 1st – Breakfast Begins

Nov 11th- Veterans Day Ceremony & Lunch

Nov 18th- Blood Drive

Nov 20th- 40 & 8 Fundraiser

Nov 23rd- Turkey Raffle

Nov 26th-Thanksgiving Day Traditional Meal

Nov 28th-Special Olympics Christmas Party

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Commander's Column

Season is fast approaching us, and we look forward to the return of our members from up North! Our membership renewals are slowing down, so we need all returning members to consider renewing your membership early. We want to continue to exceed our national goals. Your membership dues are our major source of funding for the year.

One of my initiatives for our Post was purchasing flood control barriers for the entry ways. They were installed on October 19th, and members of the Post received instructions on how to reinstall when flood conditions are imminent. This will greatly mitigate water intrusion resulting from hurricane

storm surges in the future. The second initiative was to install a marquee sign on our building to better advertise our ongoing and upcoming events. The permit was approved last week and production is in process. The freestanding canopy for our future outside smoking area is still in permitting. We are prepared to begin this project as soon as permits are approved.

I am pleased to announce our new karaoke DJ and all-around entertainer, Mr. Michael Bey III. For those of you that like Karaoke and great entertainment, join Michael here every Monday evening from 5PM to 9PM. Bring your friends. You don't have to sing, and I guarantee that you will have a great time with like-minded, fun-loving folks here at Post 135!

Lastly, I want to thank the Post 135 families and all our members that donated to the disaster relief for our fellow Posts in Districts 1 and 2 that were affected by Hurricane Isaias. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

For God and Country
Always Forward,
Don

40 & 8

Our next Prom (meeting) is on Monday, November 9th, at 2 PM.

Please note that on Friday, November 20th, the Forty & Eight will be sponsoring a special fundraiser dinner at the American Legion to support the Protecting Children's Innocence Task Force. The PCITF is a nonprofit organization that equips and supports law-enforcement with the tools, training, and wellness resources needed to protect our most innocent and to combat child exploitation and human trafficking.

The normal Friday night dinner menu will be served, with dessert, at a fixed cost of $25 per person. (Please note that no Combo Platters will be available.) Dinner will be served from 5-7 pm, with entertainment by Jersey Beat from 6-9 pm. There will be Door Prizes, Ring Toss, 50/50, Raffle Baskets, and a Silent Auction. The event is open to all American Legion members and guests. Reservations & Walk-ins are welcomed.

Please note that all monies raised by this event will be used to fund efforts in Collier County.

Chef de Gare, Gary Asztalos

Auxiliary

Greetings to all,

Our Auxiliary has been hard working our programs in support of our Veterans and Community. We have a fabulous group eager to learn about the Auxiliary and the programs. I am so very proud to have each of them with such enthusiasm, heart, and willingness to learn.

We currently have a Poppy Afghan Raffle. Tickets are $10.00 each and are available at the bar or see Lynette. All proceeds go to the Unit 135 Poppy Fund (100% for Veterans).

Our Annual Fall Dinner to benefit Special Olympics of Collier County was successful and we will present them with a check at the Christmas Party.

We will be hosting our 6th Annual Christmas Party for Special Olympics on November 28th. We will have our Annual Snowball Fight, a total crowd pleaser. Our theme this year will be Disco 70's, 80's, & 90's. So be sure to dress the part and have a blast!

Our bingo is going well; however, we are always looking for volunteers to help. Even one day/night a month for just a few hours would help. Help is needed on Thursday night in the kitchen, and callers on Thursdays and

Saturdays. See Kathleen DeYoung if interested. We appreciate any help.

Our membership has been great, and we have surpassed our goals thanks to our new membership, renewals, and the hard work of our team.

Thank you to all! See you at the post!

For God and Country

Catherine Taylor, President

Sons of the American Legion

I would like to welcome back our Northern S.A.L. members! Glad to have you back.

Our next meeting is November 18th at 5:30pm to discuss fundraising and events. We would love to have you join us.

We have Show Me The Money on the first and last Wednesday of every month from 6-8 pm.

Our membership is currently at 40%, and our goal is 300 paid active members for 2027. Let's renew to reach 100% membership.

The S.A.L. are putting on our annual Fall Classic Cornhole Tournament December 6th. Registration is at 1pm and bags fly at 1:30pm. All skill levels are welcomed!

In closing I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Thank you, see you at the Post!

Tony Roupp, SAL Commander

ADJUTANTS BACK CORNER

Thank you all for renewing your membership, we are doing good, but we are not done yet.

So please continue renewing, it helps us here at the legion to continue doing what we do best for the "Legion Family" and the community.

With that being said, if any one of you need us, please reach out. We are here to help. We are your “family”.

The number to reach me is 239-774-4707, ext.2

Eileen Stack
Adjutant Post 135

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