

The American Legion Post 135 Family Newsletter

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Quote for the Month

**“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”
– Helen Keller**



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13th Navy Birthday

October 23rd -Oktoberfest
October 31st – Halloween Party
November 1st – Breakfast Begins

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Commander's Column

We are entering season soon, and we look forward to the return of our members from up North! On September 9th we hosted our Early Bird membership dinner which was a big success. My thanks to Bob Palasak, 1st Vice Commander for filling in for me during my illness. I want to thank each of you for renewing your membership early. We exceeded our national goals. Your membership dues are our major source of funding for the year.

At our Legion meeting held on September 23rd, our proposed new Post Constitution and By-laws were approved. One of the proposed changes makes the Post a non-smoking and non-vaping facility. **This change is not in effect immediately.** Pursuant to Article X, Section 10 of the Department's Constitution – *“Each Post in the Department of Florida shall have its own Constitution and By-Laws, provided that it shall not conflict with the National Constitution and By-Laws and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Department of Florida. The Post Constitution and By-Laws, together with any subsequent Amendments, shall be approved by the Department Judge Advocate or Department Assistant Judge Advocate, such approval confirmed by the Department Commander, and a copy filed with the Department Adjutant's office, with Certification of Approval issued to the Post before becoming effective.”* We are in the process of submitting the required documentation to the Department. When we receive final approval, I will inform the membership. As I previously stated, one of my initiatives is to provide a smoking area outside of the building for smoking. This project has been initiated and is now in the permitting stage with Collier County. Post I35 is a Family. I ask you all to respect each other's sensitivities during this transition.

For the good of the legion, we received a very large donation from one of our Legion members to improve our kitchen. They recognize the importance of our kitchen operations to the success of our Post, and the outstanding job that our Food Service Manager and his staff provide for our

members and the public. We are at the beginning of the planning stage for this project, but soon you will all see the benefits. This donation was given anonymously, but we all owe this member a great deal of gratitude for their generosity!

For God and Country
Always Forward,
Don

Auxiliary

Greetings all,

Our Auxiliary held our Annual Fall Benefit Dinner for Special Olympics of Collier County this past Saturday. We were pleased to see so many attend, including our District President, Evelyn Kanchock Gowdy with her brother and her daughter. Commander George DeAngelo and his group from Cooper City Post 321. A huge thank you to all the volunteers. Gary for preparing a wonderful lasagna along with John, Jimmy and Jim for working the kitchen.

We will be hosting our next event, The 6th Annual Christmas Party for the Special Olympic athletes, on Saturday, November 28th with a 70's disco theme so dress the part. We will have baskets for raffle, 50/50 and of course our annual Snowball fight! It's a fun time with all proceeds to benefit the Veteran's Fund (Cemetery Detail, Wreaths Across America, & Santa Toy Fund). We will also be collecting unwrapped toys for the Santa Toy Fund as well as Teddy Bears for the Golisano Children's Hospital. All donations are welcomed and appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you at the post.

For God and Country
Catherine Taylor, President
ALA Unit 135

Sons of the American Legion

I would like to thank everyone who came out in September for our Cornhole Tournament. The summer cornhole classic was a success & congrats to all the winners!

Our membership is on the rise, please continue to renew. Thank you for your continued support!

We have a meeting on October 21st and I urge all members to attend to discuss business and all events that are coming up.

Thank you, see you at the Post!
Tony Roupp, SAL Commander

40 & 8

Our next Prom (meeting) is on Monday, October 12, 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 Protecting Children's Innocence Task Force(PCITF). 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, 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: 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

ADJUTANTS BACK CORNER

THE POST 135 AMERICAN LEGION SAYS THANKYOU!

Even though we are a little more than halfway there, we would not be this far without you and your continued support. By renewing your membership, it helped (and helps) us continue to provide the resources our Post needs to serve veterans, support our community, and plan programs throughout the new fiscal year. As we move forward, we still need to strive and get close to 100% by December, so please keep this in mind, you can RENEW TODAY AND HELP KEEP OUR POST STRONG!

Thank you for your membership and your service.

IT'S EASY TO RENEW!

Mail or drop off your dues payment: Make checks payable to: American Legion Post 135

Annual dues: \$60, Questions? Contact: Eileen Stack at (239) 774-4707, prompt 2 for Adjutant.

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