

HOME OF THE BRAVE NEWS

AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL POST #71

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ALL GAVE SOME – SOME GAVE ALL

March 2019

Veterans Serving Veterans

COMMANDER'S SHOUT OUT

Erin go Bragh!!

We have our liquor license, our restaurant is quickly becoming the place to be seen on Friday evenings, and our daily menu is out of this world. Our emblem and silhouettes have been hung. What more could we ask for? How about flags?.

The management of the Mall has graciously given the Post proprietary use of the three (3) poles directly in front of the Post. The Auxiliary will be doing the landscaping, complete with poppies and other perennials. The curb and fire hydrant will be painted red, white, and blue. Now we need the poles repaired. The poles have not been operational since Hurricane Irma in September of 2017. Each is in need of cable, pulleys, etc. to put them back in shape to fly Old Glory, the POW/MIA flag and the Florida state flag. So, what I am asking for is: **DONATIONS AND REPAIR ASSISTANCE**. The Lake Wales Fire Department has agreed to let us use a ladder truck to complete the repairs needed. Now we just need the materials and the help in getting it done. Please see Adjutant Strong to sign up to help or Finance Officer Galbavy to make a donation toward the Flag Pole Program.

Again, the call for volunteers continues. The servers, bartenders and kitchen personnel need a break. Surely you can give up a few hours weekly to make Area 71 as successful as possible. Friday night is the busiest. The work isn't really difficult. And we have a lot of fun in the process.

We cordially invite all members and their guests to visit Area 71 to sample the hot dog, hamburger and sausage concoctions Program Manager Anderson and staff have come up with. You might be surprised to find your favorite among our selection. HINT: The best seller is the Reuben Dog.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and members,

Art Quigley,
Commander

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

There are many ways a person can let their voice be heard. The most important is calling, **not emailing or doing online surveys**, your local, State and national elected officials. Currently there are two (2) bills in the Florida legislature that need the attention of every veteran in the State.

HB 97, Soldiers' and Heroes' Monuments and Memorials Protection Act, and **SB 288**, Monuments and Memorials.

As with all legislation there must be a House version and a Senate version for a bill to proceed through the committee and subcommittee process. Should these bills pass through the committees of their respective houses, all war monuments and memorials currently in the State will be protected from being moved or destroyed. It is imperative we protect our memorials.

Below are the House and Senate members for Polk County. Check your voter registration card for your District, then call the Representative and Senator and urge them to vote "YEA" on the above bills.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

District 39	Josie Tomkow	863.968.5666
District 40	Colleen Burton	863.413.2640
District 41	Sam Killebrew	863.291.5254
District 42	Mike LaRosa	863.678.4019

STATE SENATORS

District 20	Tom Lee	813.653.7061
District 22	Kelli Stargel	863.668.3028
District 26	Ben Albritton	863.534.0073

When calling elected officials, please be courteous. No foul language. Don't forget to tell the person answering the phone you are a veteran and a member of the American Legion.

AREA 71 RESTAURANT & BAR

SPECIALIZING IN:

**AUTHENTIC, OUT OF THE ORDINARY, HOT DOGS,
SAUSAGES & BURGERS.**

DAILY DINNER SPECIALS

MONDAY: MEATLOAF

TUESDAY: CHICKEN POT PIT

WEDNESDAY: FISH

THURSDAY: ITALIAN CLASSICS

FRIDAY: FISH

FOR DETAILS SEE PAGE 7

HOURS OF OPERATION:

MONDAY—SATURDAY: 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

SUNDAY: CLOSED

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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**NEW ORLEANS NIGHTHAWKS JAZZ BAND:
SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD, 5:30 TO 8 P.M.
IN THE FOOD COURT**

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK:

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: 85.09% Must have 100% no later than May 8, 2019.

NEW MEMBERS: Larry Crovo, Velmar Davis, Cassie Crabtree, Thomas Morse, Gerry Samson, and Travis Elmore. If I missed anyone, I apologize. We are getting so many new members, sometimes it is hard to keep track.

TRANSFERS: George Koch from PA 0712.

Please make all new members and transfers welcome.

We are still in need of volunteers to work Area #71. Please see me to sign up for available spots. The Event schedule is on page 6 of this newsletter.

Veteran Employment Opportunity: A local veteran-owned airport transportation business is looking for a part-time driver. Contact Kat Gates-Skipper at 863.207.4200 for more information. May require heavy lifting (luggage/golf bags).

Teri Strong
Adjutant

OFFICER OF THE DAY

Below is the Officer of the Day (OD) schedule. All inquiries and/or questions should be directed to the OD each day.

Sunday	CLOSED
Monday	Adjutant Teri Strong
Tuesday	1st Vice Commander Terry Dohring
Wednesday	Finance Officer Stephen Galbavy
Thursday	Commander Art Quigley
Friday	Sgt.-at-Arms Joe Schull
Saturday	2nd Vice Commander Bob Landry

The above schedule is subject to change without notice.

POST #71 MEETINGS:

All events are held at American Legion Post #71 unless specified otherwise

2nd Thursday Monthly	6 p.m.	Post #71 General Meeting
2nd Saturday Monthly	10 a.m.	American Legion Riders
1st & 3rd Monday Monthly	10 a.m.	Executive Board
3rd Thursday Monthly	6 p.m.	S.A.L.
2nd Saturday Monthly	10 a.m.	Honor Guard
Every Wednesday	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Homeless Coalition Rep.

Special Events

Saturday, March 2, 2019	5:00 p.m.	New Orleans Nighthawks Jazz Band
Saturday, March 9, 2018	10 a.m.	Food Handler's Class
Thursday, March 14, 2019	6 p.m.	Post #71 General Member Meeting
Friday, March 15, 2019	Noon	Sponsorship Deadline for Golf Tournament
Saturday, March 16, 2019	2 p.m.	American Legion Centennial Celebration
Saturday, March 16, 2019	9:30 a.m.	District 7 Post Training, at Post #72, Mulberry
Saturday, April 6, 2019	7 a.m.	2nd Annual Golf Tournament, Lake Wales

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

March is special as it is the beginning of a rejoiceful April. During March, the weather outside can be unforgiving, but it will soon be over. March also gives us Ash Wednesday, and the start of a Holy Period. During this time, please take a moment to reflect upon yourself, rekindle friendships that may have fallen away. It is not healthy to go to bed angry with someone, but worse is the countless hours wasted when two people cannot sit and talk about issues. Jesus was the start of a new life cycle, and he forgave many. Veteran to veteran, friend to friend, take this time and talk. I pray blessings for you and your loved ones.

Harvey R. Engle
Post #71 Chaplain

AREA 71 DAILY SPECIALS

Monday: Homemade Meat Loaf served with garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, and Garden Salad. **\$8.00**

Tuesday: Chicken Pot Pie served with a Garden Salad. **\$7.00**

Wednesday: Fish Dinner served with Hush Puppies, French Fries, Coleslaw, and Baked Beans. **\$11.00**

Fish Sandwich served with French Fries. **\$6.00**

Thursday: 4 Italian Classics to choose from. All served with Garlic Bread and a Garden Salad. **\$10.00**

Friday: Fish Dinner served with Hush Puppies, French Fries, Coleslaw, and Baked Beans. **\$11.00**

Fisherman's Platter: Fish, Shrimp, Fried Clams, served with Hush Puppies, French Fries, Coleslaw, and Baked Beans. **\$18.00**

Shrimp Dinner served with Hush Puppies, French Fries, Coleslaw and Baked Beans **\$11.00**

Clam Dinner served with Hush Puppies, French Fries, Coleslaw and Baked Beans **\$11.00**

Fish Sandwich served with French Fries. **\$6.00**

Chicken Strips served with French Fries and Baked Beans **\$8.00**

American Legion members get a 10% discount.
World War II Veterans eat FREE!!

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To everyone,

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Your Command Staff

