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AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL POST #71

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ALL GAVE SOME – SOME GAVE ALL

April 2019

Veterans Serving Veterans

COMMANDER'S SHOUT OUT

I have been so blessed to be the Commander of Post #71. Since my swearing-in we have lost, come back and are winning again with Area 71 Restaurant & Bar. The work put into our new location has been daunting and, sometimes, dirty and hard, but with the help of Program Director Anderson, Sgt.-at-Arms Shull, Past Commander Dohring, Vice Commander Landry, Adjutant Strong, Finance Officer Galbavy, ex-Judge Advocate Robertson, Historian Schevers, and Chaplain Engle we have gotten off to a great start. Post #71's Executive Board is the best in the District, if not in the entire Department of Florida. Of course, that is just my personal opinion. When you see an Executive Board member, please remember to give them a huge Thank You. Without them, we would not be where we are now.

Volunteer servers, bartenders, and kitchen personnel have made Area 71 a friendly, welcoming and great place to bring family and friends to enjoy a night of good food, music, and camaraderie. Please remember to tip the servers and bartenders, step back into the kitchen and compliment the cooks. Kissing the cooks is not required.

Now for some important business: **MEMBERSHIP**. Though Adjutant Strong has done a great job in collecting renewals, convincing members from nearby Posts to transfer to Post #71, and getting members who have not paid their 2019 dues yet to get a move on, we are still behind. We **MUST** have **100%** no later than **May 8, 2019**. If you have not paid your 2019 dues, please do so ASAP.

A special Thank You to Mall Management. We could not have chosen a better place to locate our Post. They are the greatest!!

Next month we will be electing a new Executive Board and Post Commander. I have yet to decide if I will be able to continue as Commander, but I want everyone to know it has been a pleasure to serve you and the community.

Art Quigley,
Commander

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

In a recent story in the *Military Times*, it was reported that some members of the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate have removed the POW/MIA flags, which stand outside their office doors in Washington, D.C., with flags Transgender Equality banners. Post #71 does **NOT** discriminate but, as National Commander Brett Reistad said in a recent American Legion Press release, he takes no issue with members of Congress honoring additional groups but, he added, "[the banner] should be *in addition to*, rather than *instead of* our heroes." It was not reported if any Florida Congressmen or Senators have replaced the flags outside their office doors, but to **let your voice be heard**, below is contact information for Florida members of Congress:

Senator Marco Rubio

Orlando Office: 407.254.2573

Tampa Office: 813.853.1099

Senator Rick Scott

Washington, D.C. Office: 202.224.5274

Congressman Darren Soto

Washington, D.C. Office: 202.600.0843

Congressman Greg Steube

Sebring Office: 941.575.9101

Washington, D.C. Office: 202.225.5792

REMEMBER: Be courteous. No foul language. The Congressman/Senator will not be the one answering your call. You will be speaking with an office aide or secretary. They are just working stiffs like we are/used to be. Say "Thank You".

**AMERICAN LEGION POST #71
APRIL FUNDRAISING EVENT**

All proceeds will benefit veterans in need,
their families and the community of
Lake Wales

Every Saturday in April

5 to 8 p.m.

In the Food Court

KARAOKE

FREE HOT DOGS TIL THEY RUN OUT

RAFFLES

50/50 DRAWINGS

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FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK:

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: 89.40% as of March 28, 2019. Must have 100% no later than May 8, 2019.

NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS: Alex Snyder, Nancy Sprague, David Hartman, John Papineau, Bill Hoover, Alvin Burns, Freddie DuBois, Herschel Garrison, Jay Ulch, Philip Guarino, Donald Hoover, Albert Smart, Donald Austin, Mark Dornhecker, Herbert Rogers, and Wayne Bender.

Welcome to the Post #71 family. We are happy you are here.

Volunteers are needed to work all events. We have great fun. Please see me to sign up for available times. 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	Historian Gary Schevers
Wednesday	Program Director Andy Anderson
Thursday	Finance Officer Steve Galbavy & Commander Art Quigley
Friday	Commander Art Quigley & Sgt.-at-Arms Joe Shull
Saturday	Sgt.-at-Arms Joe Shull & Historian Gary Schevers

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	2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Homeless Coalition Rep.

Special Events & Entertainment Schedule

Wednesday, April 3, 2019	5 p.m.	Tunes w/Bud & Diane
Friday, April 5, 2019	5 p.m.	PB & Jams Requests
Saturday, April 6, 2019+	5 p.m.	PB & Jams Karaoke in the Food Court
Wednesday, April 10, 2019	5 p.m.	Tunes w/Bud & Diane
Thursday, April 11, 2019	6 p.m.	Post #71 General Member Meeting
Friday, April 12, 2019	5 p.m.	PB & Jams Requests
Saturday, April 13, 2019+	5 p.m.	PB & Jams Karaoke in the Food Court
Wednesday, April 17, 2019	5 p.m.	Tunes w/Bud & Diane
Friday, April 19, 2019	5 p.m.	PB & Jams Requests
Saturday, April 20, 2019	1 p.m.	Celebration of Life Ceremony for Post Honor Guard Captain Rick Wilkin
Saturday, April 20, 2019+	5 p.m.	PB & Jams Karaoke in the Food Court
Wednesday, April 24, 2019	5 p.m.	Tunes w/Bud & Diane
Friday, April 26, 2019	5 p.m.	PB & Jams Requests
Saturday, April 27, 2019+	5 p.m.	PB & Jams Karaoke in the Food Court

+ Special Fundraising Events w/ FREE Hot Dogs 'til they run out

AREA 71 DAILY SPECIALS

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

Fried Pork Chops served with garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, and Garden Salad

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**

Frog Leg Dinner served with French Fries, Coleslaw and Baked Beans **\$10.00**

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

**AMERICAN LEGION POST #71
COMMAND STAFF**

COMMANDER:	Art Quigley	908.763.5071
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SERVICE OFFICER:	<i>Position Open</i>	
HONOR GUARD CAPTAIN:	<i>Position Open</i>	
A.L.A. PRESIDENT:	Bonnie McCain	863.589.5947
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To everyone,

Happy Easter

Your Command Staff

