

The American Legion Post 135 Family Newsletter

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BE THE ONE

- ❖ Conduct Buddy Checks
- ❖ Empower Action
- ❖ Peer Support

The mission of Be the One is to reduce the rate of veteran suicide by destigmatizing the need to ask for help, and empowering Legion family members and others to know when a veteran is in crisis and how to act to save a life.

"It's not just a catchy phrase. It's not an initiative. It's a mission. It's a mission, our mission, to change lives and save lives. That's what Be the One is. It's our mission to be the one to save one." - Daniel Seehafer

www.betheone.org

Quote for the Month

**"There is no
exercise better for
the heart, than
reaching down and
lifting people up."**



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6th-9th : Kitchen Closed

September 9th Early Bird Dinner & Entertainment

September 13th Cornhole Tournament

September 15th & 29th Taco Nights

**September 26th Annual Special Olympics
Benefit Dinner & Dance**

Commander's Column

This year I have a few initiatives that I talked about in last month's issue of our newsletter. Since presenting the membership at the August meeting, I have initiated two of those initiatives; the marquee sign for the front of our building, and the fabrication of our flood barriers for our 5 entry doorways around the building. It is estimated that both initiatives will be completed in the next four to six weeks.

I also presented to the membership at our last meeting the proposed changes to our Constitution and By-laws. The main change of interest in our By-laws is the elimination of smoking inside our building. My third initiative proposes the construction of a covered smoking area in front of the building by the bar entrance. Right now, the contractor is reviewing our requirements for the awning that will provide cover with the Collier County zoning officials. Whatever your feeling is on the smoking change to our By-laws, the vote will take place at our September meeting scheduled for September 23, 2026, at 6PM. You must attend the meeting to vote. Our regular scheduled meeting was moved because of our upcoming Early Bird appreciation dinner on September 9th.

I want to thank you all for your support. I have received numerous suggestions through my suggestion box, and I have addressed them all with my appropriate staff. One of the suggestions was to have a representative group of the membership set in for Executive Committee meetings to provide a general membership perspective on discussions and decisions. I appreciate this request, but it is not necessary. All Legion business discussed at the Executive Committee meetings is presented to the general membership at our monthly meetings. That is where all Legion business is officially discussed.

Members run our organization. You do that by attending our monthly meetings. As commander, my job, along with the rest of your elected officers and the Trustees, is to run the day-to-day operations and represent you as we strive together to make Post 135 the best it can be. I ask for your continued support.

Always forward,

Don E. Harris

Auxiliary

Greetings all! As you know, we all have our membership goals to meet. We are working toward our first goal by September 14th.

We had a very successful "Back to School Supply Drive" thanks to all our family members. We were able to donate supplies for kids from Shadowlawn Elementary and Avalon Elementary Schools with extra supplies for the teachers. A huge thank you to all involved in this project.

We have started planning our Annual Benefit Dinner for September 26th. We will have lasagna dinner, Jeff Bradford entertaining, baskets for raffle, and 50/50 with all proceeds going to Special Olympics of Collier County. We appreciate any donations towards these raffles. Tickets on sale September 7th & 8th for Members only, Wednesday September 9th for all others. There will be no reserved tables without paid tickets.

Our Bingo is going well; however, we are always looking for volunteers to help with calling, baking, or selling hot dogs and desserts. Anyone interested can contact me or any of the officers.

As we come into season, we hope to see you all at our meetings held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 6pm at the post. There have been some positive changes at the post that I think will be good for all.

For God and Country
Catherine Taylor, President
ALA Unit 135

Sons of the American Legion

The SAL is here to help and assist with our veterans here at the post and in our community. One of the ways we do this is hosting Cornhole Tournaments. On Sunday, September 13th we will be having our SAL summer classic cornhole tournament. Come join the fun and help us fundraise for our vets! Players of all skill levels welcomed.

We have a meeting on September 16th at 5:30 pm. We will be discussing our upcoming events, fundraising, donations, & more. I encourage you to attend so you will have a better understanding of what we do & add your fresh ideas!

Have a great September, see you at the post!

Tony Roupp, SAL Commander

ADJUTANTS BACK CORNER

Your membership expires on December 31st... but our fiscal year began July 1st. Renewing your dues now helps provide the resources our Post needs to serve veterans, support our community, and plan programs throughout the new fiscal year. PLEASE 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 due's payment: Make checks payable to: American Legion Post 135.

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

THANK YOU FOR RENEWING AND SUPPORTING OUR POST!

40 & 8

Our first Prom (meeting), after our summer break, is on Monday, September 14, at 2 PM. We will have a special guest at the meeting, Terry Lee. Terry is the Forty & Eight Soux Chef de Chemin de Fer (National Vice Commander). Please make every effort to be there in uniform. (Please note that attendance at the proms is limited to active members of the Forty & Eight.)

The Forty & Eight will be sponsoring a special fundraiser dinner on November 20, 2026, at the American Legion, from 5 to 9 PM, to support the 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 and to combat child exploitation and human trafficking. All contributions will be used to fund efforts in Collier County. FYI, Jersey Beat will be there that evening to provide music from 6 to 9 PM. This event is open to all American Legion members and guests.

Chef de Gare, Gary Asztalos

Friendly Reminder

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Thank you for your continued support by showing your card.

Cards are required for liquor license compliance, spot inspections for law enforcement or inspectors, and member-only perks.

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