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From The Commander:

Hope all of you are doing well. We did our fundraiser at Osteen Diner a few weeks ago for the 4 Chaplains Memorial Ceremony that went well.

Meet with the city's attorney and Alex and Steve about who did a presentation on what the building will look like. Post members who attended were Cmdr Pedro Rosario, Chaplain Loren King, Auxiliary Sue King, Adj Joel Recu, Sgt @ Arms Thomas Snyder, our attorney Mr Watts. Alex and Steve will be attending our February meeting hope to see you all there as they will be doing a presentation for the post members to see.

We will be doing set up on Friday the 6th for the 4 Chaplains memorial Ceremony. We did a fundraiser for our building fund this weekend and did a amazing job thanks to all that help make it happen: Cmdr Pedro Rosario, Janice Rosario Aux, 2nd Vice Commander Andrea Turner, Helen LeBron Aux, Adj Joel Recu , Sandi Faint Aux, and Abigail Aux a big Thank You to all.

For God and Country
Commander Pedro Rosario



Nicholas Hundley alumni from Pine Ridge JROTC honored in 2011

Giving John Boccino a thank you for your service plaque before he moves



December Adopt-a-Park clean up



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ALR Ride Report:

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From the Sons:

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Christina Marie Larson receives a certificate of appreciation for taking the Hometown Heroes pictures



A new clinic dedicated to treating post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) has opened in Central Florida, offering Electroencephalogram Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (eTMS) therapy.

This non-invasive treatment helps those with PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, and sleep disorders at no cost, thanks to state funding

Each session lasts about 15 minutes, and while some may need up to 20 sessions for full benefits, the hope it brings is significant. If you or someone you know is interested, please bring valid ID and proof of service.

For more information or inspiring stories about how this service is helping lives, feel free to reach out to me.

With gratitude for our heroes,

The new Central Florida facility is located at 555 Winderley Place, Suite 300, just outside of Orlando.

Attn Disabled Vets...if you have mobility problems,(cant get out of tub or you may slip and fall while using the shower), the VA will pay for grab bars to be installed in both of your bathrooms. FREE! Very good quality, local plumber comes to your home-fast and easy! If you worry about falling, please talk to your VA primary care doctor and ask for this service.

Remember to save your pop tops as our Auxiliary continues to collect them for the Ronald McDonald House program.

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Cross Words, from the Chaplain:

Greetings to all our Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, ALR members and guests. It is my desire that this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and well. Wow! I must be getting older. Well, I did have a birthday in December and I'm fairly sure the older we get the faster time goes by. How about a big amen if you would agree with me. A quick update on my Christmas; we're still waiting for my son's family to get here to celebrate Christmas. The good news is, we won't have to wait until Easter. Yeah! They are coming Valentine's Day weekend. That's a good thing 'cause we'll be able to clear off the guest room bed of all the presents Santa left here for them. And although it's feeling like we are waiting a long time for them to arrive, it also feels like time is marching on. Seems like we just said Merry Christmas and now it's time to say Happy Valentine's Day.

So here we are in February. This month is the shortest month of the year, which makes it feel like spring is right around the corner. February also marks the end of winter. But then there's still plenty of time to cozy up with a hot cup of love, thanks to Valentine's Day in the middle of the month. In the stillness of February, find your light and let it guide your path. Every small step forward is a victory; let's celebrate our progress, no matter how small it may be. Let this month be a canvas; paint it with actions that reflect our dreams and reset your focus, for even the coldest days can spark the warmest ambitions. February whispers, "It's time to shed the old and embrace the new". For those who missed our last meeting, Alex Silva of Architecture 101 was suppose to be at there to present a conceptual plan with water color drawings of our proposed Post Home. However, Alex came down with the flu bug and couldn't make the meeting. No worries, you haven't missed a thing. Alex, along with Steve Delacerda of Total Service Construction, will be present at our next general meeting on February 7, 2026. We have created a very impressive tri-fold information board to present to the City of Deltona and to the general public. This will also be used for our future fundraiser for the post home. Please come out to the meeting and see what we're planning for the post as well as our community

There are some important dates to remember during the month of February other than our Post and Auxiliary general meeting on Feb 7 th . In addition to our meeting, we will be hosting our Annual Four Chaplains Ceremony and Service at Cross Walk 181 Wolf Pack Run, 6 PM; Ground Hog Day is Feb 2 nd ; President Lincoln's birthday is Feb 12 th . For those with a "significant other" DO NOT forget Valentine's Day on Feb 14 th . The 16 th of Feb is President Washington's birthday and Presidents' Day; Feb 17 th , begins Mardi Gras; Feb 18 th , is Ash Wednesday. Last but not lease Feb 21 st , 10 AM, is a 17 th Dist Meeting at Post 285, in Edgewater. Other Post Family activities and events will be discussed at out Feb 7 th , meeting.

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IMPORTANT VA UPDATE

For those using the VA for their health care and/or are receiving VA compensation, you MUST login to My Healthy Vet regularly in order to maintain an active account. VA is planning an update to the system and if you have not logged in you may be removed from the system. If you are removed your VA health care and/or your VA compensation may be affected.

It is recommended that you login in monthly in order to maintain an active account and avoid any unnecessary disruptions of your health care and/or compensation. If you have never logged in this web address will provide you with a means to register.

www.va.gov/health-care/manage-health/



I am hoping you are not being board with the study of Psalm 91. There is so much good information here and for me it is super encouraging to pick it apart and see exactly what God will do for each of us if we will only have faith in His Son and our Savior. Here we go!

“No evil will befall you, nor will any plague or calamity come near your tent”. Psalm 91:10

“...your tent” refers to your home. Are you ever concerned about your family and home when you’re not there or when you deployed in defense of freedom? God reemphasizes the promise in verse 10. At this point in the psalm the Scripture makes this covenant more comprehensive than merely being about ourselves.

Here God has added a new dimension to the promise: the opportunity to exercise faith, not only for ourselves but also for the protection of our entire household. These promises would not be completely comforting if they were only available to us as individuals. God has created within us an instinct to be protected and a need to protect those who belong to us. In this verse God assures us that these promises are for each of us and our household.

It appears that Old Testament leaders had a better understanding of this concept than we do. And that’s why Joshua chose for himself and for his household.

“If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today who you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”. (Joshua 24:15)

As Joshua made the decision that his family (household) would serve God with him, he was influencing their destiny and declaring their protection at the same time. Similarly, Rahab bargained with the Israeli spies for her whole family (Joshua 2:13).

When our hearts are truly steadfast and we are trusting in God’s faithfulness to fulfill His promises, we will not be constantly afraid that something bad will happen to one of our family members.

“He will not fear evil tidings: his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord” (Psalm 112:7)

Negative expectations will begin to pass away and we will start expecting good reports. According to this verse, we can grab our ears and proclaim, “These ears were made to hear good tidings”! The fear of bad tidings can make our very existence miserable. The fear of the phone ringing in the night, of that knock on the door, of the siren of an ambulance, of the letter of condolence. For all those possible moments, this is the verse that promises that a steadfast heart will not live in constant fear of tragic news.

Someone once said, “Fear knocked, faith answered, and no one was there”. When fear knocks, let your mouth say aloud, “I will not fear evil tidings: my heart is steady, trusting in You”.

We exercise a certain amount of authority for those “under our roof”. Our family has had several notable experiences of God delivering people from calamity who were on our land, in our home, or near our dwelling. We as believers exercise a certain amount of authority for those “under our roof” and this authority, by the grace of God, can be extended to others. Buddy protection has had a very long tradition in the military. This is one of the many reasons why this psalm is known as “the soldier’s prayer”

What a joy to know you have promises in Psalm 91 that will not only protect you, but also those in your family and near your dwelling (tent).

Just something to think about.

Thoughts and prayers continue for:

For God and Country
Loren King
Chaplain Post 255

John McDonald
Bud Faint
Janice Rosario
Loren King
Angie Recu
American Legion Family Center (Post Home)

“DUES NOTICE”

National raised the dues by \$5 last year. This forced the Post to raise its dues from \$45 to \$50 per year (this increase does not affect PUFL). Post dues is now \$50 per year. Please make a note of it when paying your dues.

Membership

Another year of membership drive is coming. Please remit your dues as soon as possible so that the Post can reach its goals quickly. Dues collection starts after the Convention so please plan to get your dues in. Cmdr Pedro will be doing his Buddy Check's again this year. Last year our Post attained 100% membership most of which was accomplished with the Buddy Checks. If you have the time he would appreciate the assistance.

Park Cleanup

On the 3rd Fri of each month members are asked to find a few minutes and come to DVMP to walk the grounds and pick up trash and move debris that may have fallen on our displays. We start at 10a and it doesn't take more than 20 minutes to accomplish this. Please find some time to come out once a month and help. The more folks that come out the less time it takes to accomplish this; many hands make light work.

Post Home

We have positive movement where it concerns property for our Post Home. The City Commission voted unanimously to lease the 2.5 acres adjacent to the Veterans Park to the Post for 100 years; amount is still to be determined but the Mayor is requesting for \$1 per year. This is a huge step toward having a Post Home. Once the lease is signed we can actively solicit for grants to help us build our Post Home.

A huge thank you to Loren, Pedro and a number of other members who tirelessly petitioned the city for an agreement; your efforts have not gone unnoticed

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This Weekend now on the website.

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al255deltona.org/events/

<https://al255deltona.org/this-weekend/>

Email questions, comments, pictures or info to:

al255delton@al255deltona.org.

AL255DELTONA.ORG

Post Service Officer

An American Legion Post Service Officer (PSO) cannot file a claim, fill out a claim, review a current claim or represent a veteran with the VA unless they are accredited by the VA. Attending the American Legion PSO course does not certify or accredit a PSO to represent a veteran.

An American Legion PSO has a wealth of information. They can help a veteran find resources to assist them in whatever endeavor they are trying to accomplish. They can provide information concerning benefits, programs, and resources that may assist our veterans to survive a crisis, get VA assistance, and/or provide options for the veteran to consider. Once the veteran has spoken with the PSO and the veteran determines that they would like to proceed, the PSO can and will provide the points of contact for the program, person, or organization that can help the veteran. A PSO's greatest weapon is information and they have a ton of it!

The main office for the Volusia County Service Officer was moved to 211 Rich Ave in DeLand and the Deltona office is located at the Deltona Regional Library at 2150 Eustace Ave. The hours are Mon—Fri 8am to 5pm. 386-775-5205.

Veteran suicides are at epidemic proportions. Below is a suicide prevention number available if a veteran is struggling and finds themselves in that dark place. We cannot afford to allow a veteran in crisis to go by the wayside. Never leave a man or woman behind!

988 option 1 or 1-800-273-8255

When speaking to a veteran in need of reviewing their claim, paperwork or filing a claim refer them directly to the County Service Officer; this is what the PSO will do. If the veteran is looking for general information, benefits, resources or anything of that nature please have them contact the PSO.

The bottom line is; the American Legion provides veterans with PSOs so that the information concerning benefits, programs, and discounts can be widely disseminated. Please utilize this resource.

Editor

If you have information for the newsletter please get that to the editor before the 20th of the month. This gives the editor time to edit/adjust the newsletter. Pictures are always welcome. If you have them forward them to the editor and/or the Historian for inclusion in the newsletter and our yearbook.

Any items that require correction need to be brought to the editors attention so that a correction can be posted.

Here's a link to the Department of Florida newsletter: floridalegion.org/newsletter

Veterans Museum:

Deltona Veteran's Museum is open on Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Our 1st Vice Dave is the Museum Director. We need **HELP!**. Members of the Post Family are asked to find the time to volunteer at the museum and lend a hand. This is a great way to meet the public, provide information and even promote the American Legion Family. A lot of our fellow Veterans visit the museum and it is a great way to reflect on their time in the military. Whether you served or were a dependent, your time will not be wasted. Please find time to come out and help keep the museum open and running

Dates to Remember:

Feb - Observances: American Legion Americanism and Religious Emphasis Month, Valentine's Day, President's Day Celebrations:

1st	Post Officers meeting 6pm
3rd	ALR/SAL meeting 7pm
6th	4 Chaplains Ceremony setup 5pm
7th	Post & Aux general meeting 10am
7th	4 Chaplains Ceremony 6pm
12th	VCEP meeting 6pm
14th	Valentine's Day
16th	President's Day
18th	Department of Florida ALR Summit
19th	Adopt-a-Park clean up 10am
24th	Riders/Sons Officers Meeting 10am
27th-Mar 8th	85th Annual Daytona Bike Week
28th	Deland Bike Rally

Mar - Observances: Daylight Savings Time, Medal of Honor Day and Vietnam War Veterans Day Celebrations: American Legion Birthday, St Patrick's Day

1st-8th	85th Annual Daytona Bike Week
3rd	Star Spangled Day
4th	ALR/Sons meeting 7pm
8th	Daylight Saving Time begins Turn those clocks forward
12th	VCEP meeting 6pm
15th	American Legion Birthday
17th	St. Patrick's Day
19th	K-9 Veterans Day
20th-21st	Volusia County Veterans Services Stand Down 2026
20th	Adopt-a-Park clean up 10am
21st	Rosie The Riveter Day
25th	Medal of Honor Day
29th	Vietnam War Veterans Day
29th	Post Officers Meeting 7pm

Free Daytona Clinic For Low-Income, No-Health-Insurance Patients Has Moved

The Volusia Free Clinic, a volunteer-based community health center, has moved to a new location and is seeing low-income Volusia County patients who have no health insurance. The new location is 1901 Mason Ave, in Daytona Beach, Suite 110.

The new office is in Daytona Beach, and will give the clinic an opportunity to serve more patients, said Dr. Sam Cay, vice president of the Volusia Volunteers in Medicine, Inc., board.

Cay said the move was made possible in part by donations of money, medical equipment and office furnishings.

Volusia Free Clinic operates with volunteers and is looking for more help from medical providers, he said.

Typically, the clinic sees patients with arthritis, breathing problems, diabetes, heart disease and elevated cholesterol. Appointments must be made in advance. In addition to the website, people can call 386-316-2771.

its website includes contact information and guidelines for who may be eligible – including individuals making less than \$45,000 annually and couples living on less than \$61,000 annually.

Note: This article was printed in the Daytona News Journal and written by Mark Harper

Empowering our Communities Building the Future Together.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY & LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

with Lt. Governor Jay Collins

Event organized by:

Mayor Santiago Avila Jr., Cassie Landron,
and Luis Figueroa.

BY INVITATION ONLY

An exclusive conversation with Florida's Lt. Governor on the economy, veteran affairs, and the future of Florida.

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Doors open 11:30am

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HOSTED BY
SGT. DAVID G. LEDGERWOOD AMERICAN LEGION POST 255

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026, 6:00 PM

WORSHIP CENTER
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GUEST SPEAKER: REVERAND MICHAEL ELLIOT
CORNERSTONE CHURCH

REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTER CEREMONY

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

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2026**



- Meet & Greet
- CLASSES
- Raffles
- MUSIC



Help the Florida ALR Leadership team
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 Learn about the Four Pillars and how we as Legion Riders
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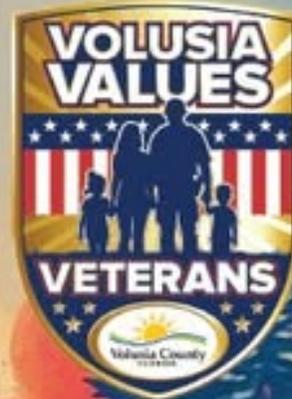
Registration and Information

Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort
 100 N Atlantic Ave
 Daytona Beach, FL 32118

Join us Wednesday, February 18, 2025 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm for a fun networking event.

★ CONNECTING VETERANS WITH COMMUNITY RESOURCES ★

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MARCH 20-21, 2026
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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- VA Benefits assistance and more...

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For more information,
call 386-740-5102

Also at the event:

- Vietnam Memorial Wall
- Global War on Terror Wall (GWOT)



Veterans Services

STAND DOWN

Volusia.org/Veterans



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*Dress:
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Civilians: Casual Attire*

**COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS
GOOD FOR BUSINESS
AND
GOOD FOR POST 255**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

We are working to establish more community partnerships with local restaurants, dry cleaners, oil change facilities and the like. As the list grows we will be sure to inform everyone. Also remember the businesses in The Deltona Legionnaire are strong supporters of Post 255. Thank you for doing business with those who support the American Legion and our Post.



**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
AND OUR POST FAMILY**