



The News

American Legion

Post, Unit, Chapter 84

Havana, Florida



Veterans Day Commemorating Events

On November 9, Monticello will be hosting a Veterans Day Parade. Post, Unit, and Chapter members are encouraged to rally in Tallahassee, at Bass Pro Shop parking lot at

9:15 a.m. with the caravan leaving at 9:30 a.m.

On November 11, at 11 a.m., Post, Unit, and Chapter 84 will host an inaugural Veterans Day celebration on at the

War Memorial in Havana.

The Memorial is located at the Havana library, 116 East 7th Avenue.

This event is open to the public.

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Important Dates and Meeting Reminders:

- Nov 9, Veterans Day Parade in Monticello
- Nov 11, Veterans Day Event in Havana
- Nov 14, Riders Meeting
- Nov 21, Post and Unit Meeting
- Nov 26, Canned Food Delivery to VA Annex

All meetings will be held at VFW Post 3308.

Prepare for the Thanksgiving Canned Goods Drive

All members of Post, Unit and Chapter should start collecting canned goods for the Thanksgiving disbursement.

Donations are to be delivered to Dena Corbitt-Green at the VA Annex in Tallahassee at 9a.m.

Please contact Commander Jim Brennan at [al-post84@earthlink.net](mailto:post84@earthlink.net) for more information.

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Reminder - Membership Dues and DD214

Membership dues are due as soon as possible. Please include a redacted version, as the Post only needs to maintain records that you served during eligible periods and were honorably discharged. If you need assistance in blacking-out sensitive information, help will be available at the next Post monthly meeting.

Reminder - Officer Bios are Needed for Grants

Officers for the Post, Unit, and Chapter need to complete their brief biographies for grants as soon as possible. It is a required portion of all grant-writing packages.

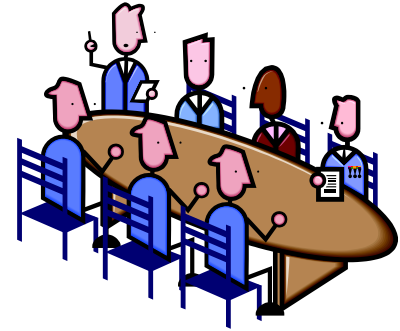
Get Involved with Active Committees

The following committees need Chairs and members who are willing to read-up and follow-through, each are vital to the Post and to the community at-large:

- Scholarship
- Fundraising
- Boys State
- Oratorical

The Education Outreach Committee is still looking for a Chair as well.

Please contact Commander Brennan at al-post84@earthlink.net for more information.



Volunteers Needed for Holiday Dinner

Post 84 will host the annual Holiday Dinner for homeless veterans and their families, on Sunday, 15 December, at the Elks Lodge, in Tallahassee. The food will be provided by Miller's Ale House.

Like any large-scale, chow-hall scenario, this will take man (and woman) power to coordinate the endeavor.

Many hands lighten the load.

Volunteers are needed for the following:

- 10a.m. Set-up
- 11a.m. Drivers to pick up the food
- 1p.m. Serving time

Please sign-up with Commander Brennan as soon as possible. His email address is al-post84@earthlink.net

Together, we will make the difference.

Legion Riders Escort Wounded Warriors



On Saturday, October 12, Chapter 84 road with the Patriot Guard Riders to escort wounded warriors to Panacea, for a week of deep sea fishing with Quiet Waters Foundation.

Many of the motorcyclists gathered at the Texaco station located on Highway 20, near the airport. From the airport, more than 50 motorcyclists road the entire way.

The female pictured below is Vicki Clark, the staffer from Texaco. Her uncle, now deceased, was Major Alvin Wayne Montgomery. He retired from the Air Force after 22 years of honorable service, as a pilot.



Sick Call

The Palmer Family

November Birthdays

Roger Hays
David Smithwick

Here's wishing a Happy Birthday to all!

Auxiliary News - Notes from Pres. Coughlin

- **November 3**, Daylight Savings Time begins.
- **November 5**, check your with your local voting office to see if there are elections in your area.
- **November 9**, everyone is encouraged to attend the Veterans Day Parade in Monticello. See front page for more information.
- **November 10**, Marine Corp Birthday.
- **November 10**, "Killing Kennedy" on the National Geographic Channel.
- **November 11**, in Havana, the Post, Unit, and Chapter will host the Veterans Day commemoration, at 11a.m.
- **November 26**, at 9a.m., donate canned-goods for homeless veterans. Donations are to be taken to Dena Corbitt-Green at the VA Annex. 9a.m.
- **November 15-17**, Fall Conference. If you are interested in attending, please email me at ala-unit84@earthlink.net.
- **November 27**, Hanukkah begins.
- **November 28**, Thanksgiving.
- **Reminder**: We are making baked goods for the **December 15th** Holiday Dinner.



Unit 84 President
Kathee Coughlin.

Newsletter Editor's Note: President Coughlin has scored a "win" for the Homeless Veterans Coalition, by working with the Panera Bread Company. They are donating their products every Monday evening, during which she gathers at least \$500 worth of product for distribution. Hats-off to Kathee!

Legion Rider News - From Director Roger Hays

Upcoming Ride:

We have been asked to ride as a Chapter in the Monticello Veterans Parade on Saturday November 9th, I believe we will also have post members walking the parade. To ensure we are there in time for staging, here is the game plan. We need to meet in the Bass Pro Shop parking lot at 9:15 a.m. with kickstands up at 9:30 a.m. I hope to have a real good turn out for this. See you then.

Notes for Riders

As Chapter Director one of my goals is to encourage participation for rides and social events, but that takes participation from you the membership. I know that no one can make it to everything, people have busy lives, but please

let me know if you have any ideas that will increase participation. I know I joined the ALR to ride and socialize with people that have a common background as myself, not just to attend a monthly meeting. Everyone has their own reasons for joining. Look into your heart and ask yourself, what would you like to get out of your membership of the ALR. If there is anything you would like to see our Chapter doing, let me know or bring it up at a meeting. All ideas are welcome.

We are also looking out for new members. One way to do this is by being visible. I encourage everyone to wear your ALR apparel at any motorcycle or veterans events you attend. This includes

parades, bike nights, poker runs, PGR missions, etc. I mentioned PGR missions, let me expand on that. Every member of our Chapter is also a member of the PGR, some are PGR ride captains. I encourage everyone to attend every PGR mission you can. Wearing your ALR emblem to a PGR mission does not detract from why your are there and does not in anyway hinder the mission or hurt the PGR. But, it does help our group. I wear my ALR vest to every event I attend, in fact whenever I ride. As a result it has brought new members to our Chapter. If you don't have a vest with an ALR back patch I would encourage you to get one. It's not a requirement, but it is the best way to show off our group.

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About Us

Our Post is based on the belief that our Veterans and their family's needs are of the utmost importance to us. Our Post membership is committed to addressing those needs.

We welcome the opportunity to meet you at our monthly membership meeting which is held every 3rd Thursday, at VFW Post 3308, at 7p.m.

History

The Post was chartered in 1938, in Quincy, Florida. It was named after John H Shaw. It thrived until Sept. 2009 when the charter was turned into the Department of The American Legion of Florida. In January 2010 the Post was revived with new membership and was moved to Havana, Florida. The Post started with 10 members and a number of members from the original roster. It has since grown to 47 active members in the first 12 months and also has organized an Legion Riders Chapter 84 and the Auxiliary Unit 84.

About the Newsletter

Melissa Sleeman, Editor

What do **you** want to see in your newsletter? It's your Post News, so it's up to you. Please send any suggestions, questions, compliments or complaints my way, and we'll see what we can do.

If you have an item of interest or article you'd like to submit to the newsletter, please send it to:
al-post84@earthlink.net

Please include in the subject line: NEWSLETTER.

Deadlines for all articles/items: the 20th of every month.