

CAPE LEGION'S VOICE

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Cape Coral, Florida - Post #90



SEPT. – OCT. 2021



COMMANDER'S CORNER

With John Baker

Hello everyone,

Thank you for making my first two months as your Commander a pleasure! Also, thank your Post Officers and Executive Committee Members who have volunteered to serve you.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the terrorists' attacks on the United States in New York, Washington DC, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. That date was also the beginning of our War on Terror. Today, this anniversary is celebrated as PATRIOTS' DAY, and in my opinion just like Pearl Harbor Day, it is being forgotten or pushed aside. We must continue to remember what happened 20-years ago. I recall my parents and grandparents talking and reminiscing about where they were when Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941. Do you remember where you were on September 11, 2001 and how you did you hear about the attacks? I do, and it was just an awful day for the Baker family. This September 11th, Post 90 will be honoring those who were lost that day by having a Flag Retirement Ceremony in the parking lot at 3:00 PM. The Honor Guard will be presenting a 21-gun salute and taps will be sounded. Invite your neighbors to be your guest!

On Saturday, September 25th, 2021 starting at noon, Oktoberfest begins at Post 90. At 4:00 PM, the Post will be serving Schnitzel or Bratwurst dinner with cheesy potatoes and red cabbage. The Legion Auxiliary will be selling Apple Strudel and Black Forest Cake. As of this writing, the prices have not been determined because the cost of food to the Post is increasing. Please continue to follow notices in the Post 90 Facebook page as the prices will be set the week before Oktoberfest. Please sign up at the kitchen by September 22 as we need a head count. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the Bulletin board at American Legion Post 90. Enjoy the festivities & be careful out there.

Post 90, in cooperation with Lee County Health System, is holding a BLOOD DRIVE on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 12:00 to 5:00 PM in the parking lot of American Legion Post 90. I would like to far exceed the donations given last year. Post 90 is offering an incentive by giving a hamburger and chips to all who participate in the Blood Drive. The Post will be open to the public for the Blood Drive, and our Service Officer will be available to assist Veterans. Please have your friends and neighbors join us.

We here at American Legion Post 90 have an excellent Veteran's Service Officer (VSO) named Ben Blalock who is trained to assist veterans with their walk through the VA maize. Ben can be contacted by phone or email. If you need help, PLEASE contact him and make an appointment.

As an American Legion Post 90 Member, you qualify to also be a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Legion Riders, & Legion Auxiliary. Please give some thought to joining these great groups within American Legion Post 90. There is a substantial discount on the annual dues for being a Dual Member.

Please remember the soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, and coast guardsmen who sacrificed so much for our freedom, liberty and way of life.

For God and Country,

American Legion Post 90 Commander,

John Baker



Hello Everyone,

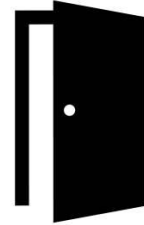
I hope everyone is safe & well. Please keep Nick Napolitano & his wife Pat in your thoughts and prayers. They have been in the hospital recently with some health concerns. If you know of anyone else who is sick or passed away in our American Legion Post 90 membership, please let me know. You can reach me at: (239)313-8630.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 Chaplain,

Jerry Gray





An Airman and a Marine walk into the restroom at the same time. The Airman finishes up and heads out. When the Marine is finished, he washes his hands and then catches up to the Airman.

“Hey, buddy. In the Marines, they teach us to wash our hands after we take a leak.”

The airman responds, “In the Air Force, they teach us not to pee on our hands.”

Hello Everyone,

As the economy currently goes through the throws of inflation, many veterans find themselves in seemingly insurmountable financial difficulties. This combined with the COVID-19 impacts, employment struggles, and perhaps physical/mental health struggles, veterans may experience situations where they need emergency assistance with payment of delinquent utility bills, rent, mortgage, etc. Local Veterans service organizations, churches, and community organizations may be able to assist veterans in need. If you or a veteran & you know are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, there is a hotline to provide emergency support and resources to veterans. You may also be eligible for expedite claim processing if you meet the homeless criteria. The National Call Center for Homeless Veterans is: 1-877-424-3838. You may also call or visit our local Lee County VA Healthcare Center and ask for a Homeless Veterans Service Officer.

2489 Diplomat Parkway East
Cape Coral, FL 33909-5422
(239) 652-1800

Finally, if you are a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, connect with caring, qualified responders at the Veteran’s Crisis Line for confidential help by calling 1-800-273-8255, or by texting 838255. Many of them are Veterans themselves. Get more resources at: VeteransCrisisLine.net

As always, if you have any questions about your benefits, please see a Service Officer. You can reach me at [\(239\)900-6800](tel:2399006800) or at otwytma@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 Service Officer,

Ben Blalock





POST 90 **AUXILIARY** **CORNER**



On Thursday, July 8, 2021, Unit 90 ALA held a meeting to plan for the upcoming year. Several members that attended the Department of Florida Convention in Orlando, Florida from the 1st-4th of July 2021 and shared what they learned. One of the most important bits of information from the Convention was that any member can learn about the Auxiliary and its' many programs on www.alafl.org. Another "good-to-know" item is that you can pay your dues for 2022 now, and it can be done in just a few minutes online. Yes, it's true! Anyone can go on-line, renew, pay for their dues, and print out a copy of their auxiliary membership card at <https://member.legion-aux.org/myauxiliary-member-portal>.

Attention all members: District 13 School of Instruction will be held September 18th, 2021, at Unit 274 Fort Myers Beach 899 Buttonwood Drive. Fort Myers Beach registration is at 8:30am and will start at 9:00am. Lunch will be available for a \$5.00 fee. Please contact Judy Pitts at (239)470-6819 or at getjudyaway@comcast.net and let her know you will be attending. The District School of Instruction is for any member who wants to learn about our Programs and Program Action Plans. Everyone, especially anyone on a committee, is encouraged to attend so you can work the programs more efficiently.

We will share information about the officers with you in each newsletter. This month we are featuring the 2d Vice President, Sergeant at Arms, and the Chaplain.

Donna Leonard is proud to be Unit 90 Auxiliary's 2nd Vice President. She and her husband, John (Jack), are originally from the Buffalo, NY area and have been in Cape Coral since 2015. They were snowbirds for three years and became permanent residents as of December 2018 along with their dog, Esme. Donna has worked a variety of jobs. Being a mother of five was the first and primary job, after that she was a waitress/bar staff, relief operator for a food processing facility, a quality control inspector for a plastics factory, shift supervisor for Tim Horton's, bakery/café employee and shift manager at a hometown convenience store/deli/gas station. Donna was an Auxiliary member of the Springville, NY American Legion, Unit 431 since 2002 before transferring to Unit 90 in 2016. Her special interest is serving the veteran community and their families, and she is looking forward to doing this in her new position.

Shirley Brightbill was born in Columbus, Ohio. She retired in 1987 from the Southern Bell Telephone Company where she worked for twenty-five years. Shirley was married to Robert Brightbill who was a Korean War Veteran for forty-two years. Robert passed away in 2015.



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Nancy Mizen was born in Youngstown, Ohio, which is in Northeast Ohio about twenty-five miles from the Pennsylvania border. She married her husband in 1975 and they moved from Youngstown, OH to Mobile AL, and later, Cape Coral, FL. Living in Alabama was an experience for them. After being caught in Hurricane Katrina she has a great respect for waters and storms. Nancy saw so many needy people that it was extremely sad. Nancy and her husband bought loaves of bread and jars of peanut butter & jelly to make sandwiches with the youth groups and delivered them with bottled water in Mississippi, which was forty-five minutes away. They packed lunches in Styrofoam boxes with a restaurant on Mobile Bay who then took one truck to Mississippi and one to Louisiana to deliver the lunches. Nancy has been active and served in various capacities in the Fraternal Order of Eagles for approximately 35 years, the American Legion for 22 years, and the Knights of Columbus, where she served as President. She also volunteered for a church youth group and school PTA, helping them with card/game parties, fashion shows, and fundraisers such as Baked Potato Dinners, Quarter Auctions, Souper Sunday Lunches, Chinese Auctions, Rummage Sales, Gumbo Sales and Baker Sales. Nancy has lived in Cape Coral for about 8 years.

As you know our baking committee is always looking to provide the best-loved desserts to our Legion family and we are seeking your input. Please let Carol Jordan (cljtenor@gmail.com) know which of these are your favorites and should be served on a regular basis: Carrot Cake, Chocolate Cake, Vanilla Cake, Pumpkin Cake, Coconut Cake, Boston Cream Cake, Ice Cream Cake, Red Velvet Cake, Cinnamon Coffee Cake, Spice Cake, Marble Cake, Honey Cake, Cheesecake, Coffee Cake, Pound Cake, Brownies, Napoleon, Tiramisu, Apple Pie, Pumpkin Pie, Coconut Custard Pie, Peach Pie, Chocolate Pudding Pie, Key Lime Pie, Blueberry Pie, Lemon Meringue Pie, Banana Cream Pie, Cherry Pie, Buttermilk Pie, Fresh Strawberry Pie, Peanut Butter Pie, Pecan Pie, Ice Cream Sundae, and Chocolate & Vanilla Ice Cream scoops.

Carol Jordan is updating ALA contact information. If you have any changes, please contact Carol at (937)416-7276 or if you owe any dues for 2019, or 2020, or 2021, please contact Carol and she can assist you in getting your dues up to date.

There are opportunities for everyone to be an active member of the Auxiliary. Housebound members can help the Auxiliary by clipping manufacturer coupons, placing them in an envelope, and asking another member if they can bring them into the Legion for placement in the wooden Auxiliary box that sits under the monthly calendar. We will send them to the Department of Florida Auxiliary who gets them to service members serving overseas. The coupons are a great way for military families to stretch their budget. They are good up to 6 months after their expiration date.



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We are looking for volunteers for long-term and short-term commitments such as selling raffle tickets on a Tuesday night from 5-7 pm or baking a cake or pie for Friday night. Donating items is another quick, easy way to become an active ALA member. Our baking committee can always use new, un-expired boxed cake mixes. So, if you see them on sale or no longer bake, bring them in for us to use. We also need prizes and big baskets for raffles. We will gladly accept donations of new holiday wrapping paper, ribbon and bows that we can use for Christmas gifts for veterans and families in need. Our Chaplain needs new greeting cards to send to members. If you have any new items that you do not want or use (think re-gifting), from household goods (glasses, linens, crocheted items), purses, wallets, jewelry to un-opened liquor, please bring them to the next meeting or to the Legion and give them to the bar staff and say it is for the Auxiliary. Crafters, artists, basket-weavers, jewelry-makers, potters, knitters, crocheters, seamstresses, gardeners, and quilters, your items will be a welcome addition to our many raffles. Any little bit helps and will be put to good use.

Here are the committees we have this year and their chairs. If anyone is interested in working on a committee, please reach out to the chairperson or me at cw3martinez@gmail.com.

Membership – Chair: Carol Jordan

Baking Committee - Chair: Carol Jordan

Raffle Committee - Chair: Carol Jordan

Quarter Auction - Chair: Nancy Mizen

Troop Packages - Chair: Donna Leonard

Poppy Sales - Chair: Donna Leonard

Children's Christmas Party - Chair: Freda West

Hearts and Homes for Veterans - Chair: Freda West

Girls State – Committee: Linda Hamilton and Grace Gershowitz.

Whatever your interest is, we have opportunities for you to become involved. Here are some events planned at this time:

August-50/50 raffle each Tuesday.

August and September-Packages for Troops Raffle-fund raiser

(Drawing to be held Sep 11th, 2021, at Legion's scheduled Patriot's Day)

50/50 raffle each Tuesday



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New Member Initiation at September Auxiliary Meeting (20th of September 2021)
October- Quarter Auction to raise money for Christmas baskets for Families/Veterans
50/50 raffle each Tuesday
November- Poppy sales (drawing on Nov 11th, 2021, at Legion Party)
50/50 raffle each Tuesday
Auxiliary Monthly Dinner (tentative date 21 or 29 November 2021)
Auxiliary Monthly Breakfast (tentative date 6 November 2021)

The regular monthly meeting will be held September 20th, 2021, at 7 pm at Post 90. If you have any questions or would like more information about us or our programs you may contact Paula Martinez at cw3martinez@gmail.com. We will have a short new member initiation ceremony at the meeting for anyone who joined or transferred to Unit 90 beginning January 2021. If you are a new member, please contact me via email and let me know if you will be attending the event. We will also be voting on the Unit 90 ALA Constitution and Bylaws at this meeting. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please let Paula know at cw3martinez@gmail.com. Hard copies will be available at the meeting.
“A ship is safe in harbor, but that’s not what ships are for”, John A. Shedd.

Sincerely,

President of American Legion Post 90 Auxiliary,

Paula A. Martinez

P.S. The Ladies Auxiliary Unit 90 will be sponsoring a Quarter Auction at the American Legion Hall October 11th, 2021. The doors will open at 6pm for this event, with bidding beginning at 6:30pm. Paddles will be on sale for 3 dollars each or 2 for five dollars.

We will need volunteers to help with setup & tear down, kitchen help, 50/50 ticket sales, quarter collection & rolling, paddle sales/money collection from paddles, food sale tickets, cake donations for our dessert table sales, door prize ticket sales, donations of macaroni salad, potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, or make your own suggestion. If you are interested in helping us in any way, please contact Nancy at (239)878-6594 and leave a message or email her at nacm2015@centurylink.net with your name and a call back number or email.



ARE YOU IN NEED OF FOOD?



Hello Everyone,

I know right now it is hard on everyone but being hungry is not something that we should have to do. I remember growing up and going to bed hungry because we had no food in the house. Sometimes, I could only get a meal while at school. We, the veterans of this great nation and this great state should be working hard to ensure that no veteran, and no child, should go without food.

Just wanted to let our family members know that anyone needing food can stop by Post 38 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 11am to 2pm to pick up food. This is open to all American Legion members from any post. Please bring a membership card with a photo Id. Thank you, respectfully. Here is their information:

American Legion Post 38

Kevin Boyd
Post Commander
1857 Jackson St
Ft Myers, Fl 33901
Office: 239-332-1853
Cell: 239-851-7073

You can also get FREE FOOD at the following 2 places:

HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK

3760 FOWLER ST. FORT MYERS, FL. 33901
(239)334-7007

SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY

2476 EDISON AVE. FORT MYERS, FL. 33901
(239)334-3745

Sincerely,

Brian "Taz" Gehling and Amy O'Neill



POST 90 MARKETING CORNER



Cape Coral's American Legion Post 90 celebrates 20 years of helping the community!

This article appeared in Fort Myers News-Press.

By: Craig Handel

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, American Legion Post 90 in Cape Coral offers a full canteen and food service at its location on S.E. 47th Street. Post 90 has 850 regular active members and 250 inactive members. There are four pillars of the organization: veterans affairs; children and youth; Americanism (ceremonial); and national security.

It sponsors blood drives, city sports activities, V.A. volunteers, and national emergency funds programs to assist veterans in need, JROTC programs & shooting sports, fundraising for local charities such as the Cape Coral Caring Center, and actively participates in parades, festivals, dedications, military funerals, veteran memorial services, and city-wide celebrations such as the Red, White, and Blue July 4th celebration. “With ratings ranging from 1-5, we’ve been rated a five by the National American Legion,” said Ted Clark, public relations officer. “We have a high level of activity and are involved in a variety of programs.”

The history of the American Legion goes back to 1919. Congress chartered the American Legion as a patriotic veteran's organization. Focusing on service to veterans, service members, and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to more than 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at nearly 2 million in more than 13,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico, and the Philippines. In addition, the American Legion has three additional units, the Legion Riders, the Sons of Legionnaires (S.A.L.), and the Women's Auxiliary.

Here are five things to know about the American Legion Post 90:

Veterans Affairs: Clark calls this “The most important, essentially the crux of our mission.” Veterans can obtain advice on benefits. The American Legion also has resources to provide emergency funds for those in need, drive them to their appointments, and buy groceries.”

“Buddy checks also are done on a local basis,” Clark said. “This has been one of the most important programs, especially during the COVID pandemic. E-Board Post members called more than 50 percent of the Legion members to check on them.”

Children and youth: The local chapter sponsors Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts as well as Junior ROTC. JROTC members help make their schools better and learn about gun safety. Scholarships are awarded.



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Ceremonial: Clark said, “This area has a high number of Vietnam veterans and Purple Heart recipients. When a local veteran dies, the American Legion provides a military ceremony with color guard or honor guard, a 21-rifle salute, and taps are played. Even during COVID, we performed 28 ceremonial activities,” Clark said.

National security: “With groups like the Auxiliary, the Post’s goal is to improve quality of life not only for veterans and service people but also for their families”, Clark said. When a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner is provided, selected children receive gifts from Santa Claus. There also are ceremonies for Prisoners of War (POW) and those Missing in Action (MIA). “We feel there’s a need to keep the general public focused on POWs and MIAs, so they are never forgotten,” Clark said.

Charitable work: By its numerous members working at a concession stand at Boston Red Sox Spring Training games, between \$20,000 and \$25,000 is raised and goes to local charities. The Cape Coral Caring Center and Cape Coral for the Children are big beneficiaries of Post 90, along with other local charities. The organization also conducts blood drives four times a year, and offers community support. Clark, who has a background in marketing, has been with the American Legion for two years as PR officer after retiring from teaching at the State University of New York in New Paltz, N.Y. “I’m delighted to take my knowledge as a marketing professor and apply the skills I developed to a nonprofit organization.,” Clark said.

If you want to go....

What: American Legion Post 90

Where: 1401 SE 47th St.

Phone: 540-8128

E-mail: alpost90@yahoo.com

Website: post90sw.org

Lounge hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Sunday

Kitchen hours: Noon-8 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday





POST 90 MARKETING CORNER



MARKET COMMITTEE DOES DOUBLE-DUTY AT SW FLORIDA MILITARY MUSEUM'S FUNDRAISER

On July 29th, 2021, a fundraiser kicked off for the SW Florida Military Museum “On the Road Again,” hosted at the Lake Kennedy Center in Cape Coral from 3-6 pm. The reason for the fundraiser was to announce the return of its’ mobile museum. After years of absence, the bus will be traveling to various locations in Southwest Florida and it’s mission is to honor veterans, preserve military history, and educate the public of the nations’ military heritage. The Marketing Committee of the American Legion Post 90 had an opportunity to showcase the Legion Post and at the same time support vets and the museum as a vendor at the fundraiser. The Post donated a fabulous basket of cheer won by a member of the Korean Veterans Club. The Marketing Committee consisting of Ted Clark, Jeff Zambrana, and James Stephens, also provided the Color Guard to open the fund-raising event and were joined by Legion member Dennis Stebbins. The Color Guard’s detail leader was Carl Saitta, Sergeant at Arms for Post 90. Although the venue was small, the Marketing Committee members discussed regular membership, Rider membership and Auxiliary membership with a dozen attendees.

Sincerely,

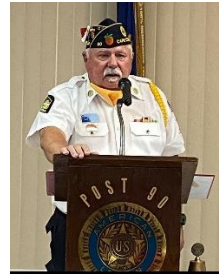
American Legion Post 90 PR Officer,

Ted Clark



AMERICAN LEGION POST 90 OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY

American Legion Post 90 held their Officer Installation Ceremony at Post 90 on Sunday, July 11th, 2021, hosted by American Legion District 13. Cocktails were served at 2pm and the ceremony started at 3pm. Everyone was happy to welcome incoming American Legion Post 90 Commander John Baker and new incoming American Legion Area Commander Jessica Moore. They also welcomed new American Legion Post 90 Sons of the American Legion Commander Sean Wing and new American Legion Unit 90 Auxiliary President Paula Martinez. Rebecca Sewell was proud to continue being American Legion Post 90 Rider's Director for another year. Brian "Taz" Gehling and his American Legion District 13 team did a wonderful job of welcoming and honoring all the continuing & new faces to all the officer & e-board members of American Legion Post 90. The Post 90 hall was full, and fun was had by all who attended.





AMERICAN LEGION POST 90 OF CAPE CORAL, FL WINS AWARDS AT AMERICAN LEGION OF FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

The State American Legion hosted its 102nd statewide convention July 1 – 4, 2021 at the Orlando World Center Marriott and American Legion Post 90 in Cape Coral won four prestigious awards and an honorable mention!

Post 90 was awarded the Winner of the Outstanding Post Scouting program based on the successful Boy and Girl Scout programs as well as Cub Scouts, the Winner of the Best Shooting Sports program based on teaching marksmanship and gun safety in the Junior ROTC program, the Runner Up award for Best Post Children & Youth program based on fundraisers for children's charities, the Runner Up for the Best Post Blood Donor Program, based on the number of pints of blood collected in its blood drives, and Honorable Mention for achieving 90% of its membership goal! Also, American Legion Unit 90 Auxiliary won an award for achieving 106.97% of its membership goal.

American Legion Post 90 Delegates and Auxiliary went as a group & most of them car-pooled to this annual event in Orlando, Florida. The American Legion State Convention was cancelled last year due to Covid-19. They also posed for numerous pictures and ate dinner one evening together at a local lobster and seafood restaurant. All expenses for hotel rooms and the restaurant were provided for by American legion Post 90. Everyone who attended had a great time!

Approximately 3,000 American Legion members were in attendance to include spouses and family members. Due to its size, there was something for everyone to be enjoyed at this large event, from vendors, banquets, activities, classes, hospitality suites, etc. It was an excellent time for American legion Posts all over Florida to gather, exchange ideas, and reunite as a family. The American Legion Department of Florida stands at over 130,000 members with more than 300 Legion Posts across the state. The Department convention also conducts its annual business during this event, electing new leadership, celebrating successes, and recognizing outstanding individuals and posts. The National American Legion has acted as the nation's leading advocate for U.S. military veterans benefits and offers transition assistance from the military to civilian life resources for careers and education opportunities.

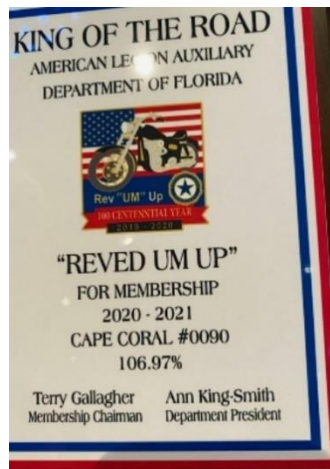
American Legion Post 90 was founded in April 2001. The Post offers a full canteen and food service at its' location on Southeast 47th Street in Cape Coral, and sponsors scholarships, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, blood drives, and V.A. volunteer & national emergency funds programs to assist veterans in need.

For more information at the local level, call (239)540-8128 or contact alpost90@yahoo.com or the legion PR Officer Ted Clark, tedclark12@gmail.com, (845)527-7948.

Sincerely,

Amy Oneill & Ted Clark

(Pictures from American Legion Convention are on the next page.)





Greetings to all Members of American Legion Post 90,

American Legion Post 90 membership dues nation-wide right now is at an average of about 95%. We are currently at 96% with 106 American Legion Post 90 Membership dues already paid. The goal is to get 100%. Membership dues are due any time after July 1st, 2021, until December of 2021. The best way to pay your Post 90 membership dues right now is to mail a check to American Legion Post 90 at 1401 SE 47th St. Cape Coral, Fl. 33904. **NO CREDIT CARDS**, cash or check is recommended. Remember, if you pay online, it will take about a month before I am even notified about your payment. If you cannot do that, or you have any questions, please call me and I will gladly work with you. If you are interested or know of someone that is interested in joining American Legion Post 90, please reach me. The veteran who wants to join must have been honorably discharged from military service and have a copy of their DD-214. I have included a condensed version of the membership application on this page for your convenience. If anyone has any questions about membership or joining Post 90 you can call or email me at (239)789-7777 or wjcmg45@aol.com. **American legion Post 90 membership dues are \$45.** Thank you all for your help! Keep up the good work!

Best Regards,

American Legion Post 90 Membership,

Wayne Cave



CONTINUE TO SERVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- Children & Youth Programs
- Scholarship & Financial Aid
- Veterans Legislation & Benefits
- National Security & Protection of Our Flag

1401 SE 47th St. Cape Coral, FL 33904 (239) 540-8128 Post90swf.org

Membership in the American Legion is open to all Veterans who have served on active duty with an honorable discharge. **COME JOIN US!** Mail in the application, use the website, call, or visit us.

I WANT YOU

TO JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 90

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Gender: Male Female Branch of service _____ Dues \$45

I certify by forwarding this application that I served at least one day of active military duty and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably. Membership is \$45 per year. Recruiter: PR Committee Alpost90cape@yahoo.com

AMERICAN LEGION POST 90 HONOR GUARD CORNER



Hello Everyone,

American Legion Post 90 Color/Honor Guard Practices are every 2nd Saturday of the month at the post. We have recently received a lot more flags that need to be burned properly. Honor Guard practices will start at 8:30am until further notice. The following are dates and times of the next 2 Honor/Color Guard practices.

[There is no Honor Guard Practice in September!](#)

**Patriot's Day Ceremony-Saturday, September 11th, 2021-Wear Gold/Gold Honor Guard Uniform
-be at American Legion Post 90 at 2pm-Ceremony starts at 3pm**

**Honor Guard Practice-Saturday, October 9th, 2021-Wear Civilian Clothes
-starts at 8:30am at Post 90**

Please help honor our veterans by volunteering for our Legion's Color and Honor guards! If you know of anyone who have served in the U.S. Marines or any other veterans who would like to join the Honor/Color Guards, please let me know. You must be a current member of American Legion Post 90's Membership, Riders, Auxiliary, and/or S.A.L. No experience is necessary. Your uniform will be furnished for you. We will train everyone for whichever position you volunteer for. If you are interested in joining any of American Legion Post 90 Honor/Color Guards, please call me at: (239)458-1008. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Captain of American Legion Post 90 Color/
Honor Guards & Sergeant of Arms,

Carl Saitta





Live the Promise. Be *Exceptional.*



Hello everyone,

American Legion #90 Sunday, July 4th, 2021

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| Donna Ahles | Robert Davis |
| Harold Ahles | Brian "Taz" Gehling |
| Kathy Benson | John Leuthard |
| Carol Berres | Dennis Pytlik |
| Keith Berres | John Sprocu |
| Benjamin Blalock | Robert Toepfer |
| Marie Breglia | Christine Wing |
| Patrick Corless | Sean Wing |
| Brenda Davis | Kenneth Worley |

Thank you for your blood donations! Thank you for "giving the gift of life." We were able to collect 12 units of blood! The Lee County Bloodmobile Van will be in the parking lot of American Legion Post 90 again on Saturday, October 23rd, 2021 from noon-5pm. Help us get more blood donations than last year. This event is open to the public and everyone who tries to give blood will receive tickets to get a free fountain drink and hamburger in the lounge at American Legion Post 90. Post 90's new Service Officer, Ben Blalock, will be available to assist veterans. Please spread the word and call me at (239)292-4225 if you are interested in giving blood. Keep an eye out for the Post 90 Blood Drive Sign-up sheet which will be posted inside our post soon.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 Blood Drive Chairman,

Chris Wing



Hello everyone,

I wanted to let you all know about the National Emergency Fund. The Preamble to The American Legion Constitution sums up the theme of the National Endowment Fund,” ... devotion to mutual helpfulness. This phrase is more than just mere words on paper; it’s our pledge of support to Legionnaires and their family members. Since the early 1920’s, the American Legion has been actively involved in meeting the needs of both the community and individual Legion Family members in the wake of disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and wildfires.

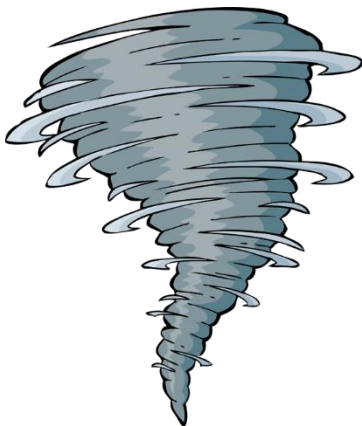
The National Emergency Fund, created in response to Hurricane Hugo in 1989, has provided more than \$8 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion Family members and posts. By providing this emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from tragedy. NEF helps those affected by well-known disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy and lesser-publicized tragedies such as flooding in South Dakota or Illinois, or wildfires in the southwest. The fund provides up to \$3,000 for qualified Legion Family members and up to \$10,000 for posts. The eligibility requirements are:

- Applicant must have been displaced from their primary residence due to damage sustained during a declared natural disaster.
- Applicant must provide copies of receipts of items required to meet immediate needs (such as temporary housing, food, water, clothing, diapers, etc.) during the period immediately following the disaster.
- Membership must be active at time of disaster and the time of application.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 Disaster Preparedness Chairman,

Bruce Bohlander



Hello everyone,

The Riders have been staying in the saddle. Even with the normal rainy season upon us, only a couple of rides have had to be called off. We've been enjoying our Plaque game, visiting other Legions to swap them back and forth.

June brought 2 different poker runs into our lounge as one of their stops. The extra help behind the bar made it an enjoyable experience for all of us.

The Installation of Officers at American Legion Post 90 on Sunday, July 11th, 2021, was well attended, and a couple of us went to the American Legion Convention at the beginning of July 2021. Many of us have been busy with family and friends visiting.... it's that time of year. We're all looking forward to the fall (80*s instead of 90*s).

Sincerely,

Director of American Legion Post 90 Riders,

Rebecca Sewell





TIP OF THE HAT!!



This section is dedicated to one American Legion Post 90 Member that has gone above and beyond the call of duty! We really appreciate everything this person has done to make our Legion what it is today! This person will receive a certificate honoring their service to Post 90 signed by the current Commander as well as a free Post 90 drink & food voucher for one to be used at the kitchen at American Legion Post 90! Thankyou for all you do!



WAYNE CAVE

Wayne Cave served three years in the Army and spent his first two years in an Air Defense Missile Base at Fort Hancock, New Jersey. He spent his final year in the service in Seoul, Korea in the Korean Military Advisory Group at the American Embassy. He worked for 29 years at Phillips Medical as a Component Specialist. He moved to Cape Coral, Florida in 2005. He joined American Legion Post 90 in 2008 and assumed responsibility for Membership from 2010 to the Present. He is very committed to the membership program at the post and is known to spend an inordinate amount of time on the membership data files. He is always very helpful and willing to point people in the right direction regarding membership. He has been Captain of the NW Neighborhood Watch Program and volunteered for the Red Sox Spring Training at Jet Blue Park. He also has volunteered in soup kitchens in Ft Myers, Florida and was active in the JROTC program at the five high schools in Cape Coral, Florida. Wayne Cave is married to his wife, Beverly and he has 3 children who are Justin, Gregory, & Brittany.



LABOR DAY PARTY

Monday, September 6th, 2021

American Legion Post 90

1401 SE 47th St.

Cape Coral, Florida

33904

Great variety of drinks at the Bar

Free Hamburgers and Hotdogs

Bring in a dish to share

Bob & Bob Show

PATRIOTS DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday September 11, 2021



This is the 20th Anniversary of the beginning of the War on Terror, and we all remember where we were that fateful September morning in 2001. America lost over 2,000 of its citizens in New York, Washington DC and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Some of you may know someone who was lost that day.

LET US NEVER FORGET!

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY: A Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held in the Post Parking lot at 3:00 PM

21-GUN SALUTE: A 21-Gun salute will be performed by Post 90's Honor Guard at the close of the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Dinner: A free Spaghetti dinner will be offered to all who wish to eat starting at 4:00pm. The dinner will be spaghetti and meat balls, salad, and a roll. The Legion Kitchen will be open at Noon offering the regular menu and prices.

Cake: A cake will be available to all who want some.

Please Come and Celebrate with Us!



AMERICAN LEGION
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA POST 90, Inc.



presents....



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

From Noon to 7:00 PM

Food will be served starting at 4:00 PM

Weiner Schnitzel (\$TBD), or Bratwurst (\$TBD)

Sides include Cheesy Potatoes, Red Cabbage

**Apple Strudel Dessert (\$TBD) and German Chocolate
Cake (\$TBD)**

Provided by the Legion Auxiliary

Please sign up at the Kitchen by September 22, 2021.



You can find us here... On Facebook,

American Legion Post 90



Or on the Web www.Post90swf.org

If you have not visited our website lately you really should go check it out!
We have an all-new look, and more to come!!



Come see what is new and what we have already been doing!
***See the website for additional information! ***

THE NEW POST 90 NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON OUR WEBSITE SOON!!!!





Coming Events Summary

****See the website for additional information****
Come and enjoy any or all these events and entertainment.
We appreciate your support of Post 90.



September 2021 (Music & Events)

Friday the 3rd – music by *CJ & FRIENDS*

Monday the 6th – meeting at 7pm for *AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS- (It may be cancelled or postponed due to Labor Day.)*

Friday the 10th – music by *CJ & FRIENDS*

Monday the 13th – meeting at 7pm for *SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION*

Friday the 17th – music by *CJ & FRIENDS*

Monday the 20th - meeting at 7pm for *AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY*

Friday the 24th – music by *CJ & FRIENDS*

Monday the 27th - meeting at 6pm for *EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS*

Monday the 27th – meeting at 7pm for *AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP*

October 2021 (Music & Events)

Friday the 1st - music by *CJ & FRIENDS*

Monday the 4th – meeting at 7pm for *AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS*

Friday the 8th - music by *CJ & FRIENDS*

Monday the 11th - meeting at 7pm for *SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION*

Friday the 15th - music by *CJ & FRIENDS*

Monday the 18th - meeting at 7pm for *AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY*

Friday the 22nd - music by *CJ & FRIENDS*

Monday the 25th – meeting at 6pm for *EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS*

Monday the 25th – meeting at 7pm for *AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP*

Friday the 29th - music by *CJ & FRIENDS*

(HALLOWEEN PARTY- ASK BARTENDAR FOR DETAILS)

AMERICAN LEGION POST 90 IS NOW OPEN MON.- SUN. FROM 11AM-8PM.

Every Tuesday - 6pm to 8pm - **SHOW ME THE MONEY CARD GAME**

Every Wednesday – 11am to 1pm – **FREE DROP IN GAME DAY**

Every Wednesday – 6pm to 8pm – **WEEKLY POOL TOURNAMENT = \$5
SIGN-UP TO PLAY**

Every Thursday – 5pm – **DINNER SPECIALS - SPECIALS ARE NEW EVERY WEEK
50/50 DRAWING AT 7PM**

Every Friday – 11:30 to 4pm – **REGULAR MENU**

Every Friday – 5pm to 7:30pm – **DINNER SPECIALS –
SPECIALS ARE NEW EVERY WEEK**

Every Friday – 6pm to 8pm – **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT – SEE PAGE 24**

Every Saturday – Noon to 7:30pm – **REGULAR MENU & SPECIALS**

Every Saturday - 1pm - 3pm - **SHIP/CAPT./CREW DICE GAME COSTS \$1 TO PLAY**

Every Saturday – 7pm – **ACE OF HEARTS GAME (MEMBERS ONLY)**

**KITCHEN IS OPEN TUESDAY TO SATURDAY FROM NOON – 7:30PM
POST 90 WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2021!**



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