

CAPE LEGION'S VOICE

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Cape Coral, Florida - Post #90



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

With Ted Clark

Greetings everyone,

This past month has brought significant changes to our Post. Following the resignation of our new Commander, ET Moore, I stepped in as Acting Commander, fulfilling this vital role until the membership votes for a permanent commander on January 27th. This new Commander will serve from February until general elections in May, ensuring continuity of leadership.

We will recommend a candidate for the position at our Executive Board meeting on Wednesday, January 22nd. If you want to run for Commander, do not hesitate to contact me, John Baker, or Keith Berres before January 22. Your voice matters, and your participation is crucial as we prepare for the vote on January 27th.

Fortunately, due to our well-established constitution and by-laws, our Post will not encounter any leadership gaps during this transition. Our long-standing policies and procedures guarantee that we will continue to operate smoothly, reinforcing our Post's strength and resilience.

Equally important, we will hold a trial for our Chaplain, Rich Osman, at the general membership meeting on the same evening at 7 PM; he faces charges of behavior unbecoming a member. All members should attend and engage in these noteworthy events, as your involvement strengthens our Post. Let us come together to make the best decisions for our future.

For God and Country,

American Legion Post 90 Acting Commander,

Ted Clark



Hello Everyone,

Well, the new 2025 year has arrived, and we begin a new year. The year's 2025 membership ends on December 31st, 2024, and to continue your membership in 2025, you needed to renew it before January 1st, 2025. Without your 2025 membership, you will not be able to enter the Post facility; nor will you be able to order an adult beverage. The Legion has granted a grace period that ends on January 31st, 2025. If you have not renewed your membership by that time, the Legion considers you as an expired member, and you must start your membership all over again. Please renew your membership 2025 before January 31st, 2025.

As of January 1st, 2025, the Legion reports Post 90's membership at 83.88% of its established goal.

If you need to obtain your DD-214, here is a link to get it:

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>.

There will be a Four Chaplain's Ceremony on Sunday, February 2nd, 2025, starting at 1:00 PM. The public is welcome, and we would like to see you there.

Post 90 is, again, operating several concessions stands and beer stands during the Boston Red Sox Training Camp. The training camp starts on February 17th but Post 90 will operate stands during the Savannah Banana games on February 14th, 15th, & 16th. Many Legion members have volunteered in the past, but more are always needed. If you would like to work on one, two, or more games, please sign up. The signup sheets are on the bulletin board.

Remember, the Post holds its Legion Membership Meetings every fourth Monday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM. Typically, they last 55 minutes to an hour, and much information is processed, gained, and approved during the meetings. Post 90 belongs to you, the Members, so, please come to the meetings and express your rights.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 Adjutant,

John Baker



Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is safe and well. If you know of anyone else who is sick or passed away recently in our American Legion Post 90 membership, please let me know. You can reach me at: (239)703-3074.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 Chaplain,

Richard Osman





SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 90



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As of January 1st, 2025, the Legion reports Squadron 90's membership at 78.14% of its established goal.

Squadron 90 has performed well in the past and is an asset to the American Legion Post 90 Family by raising funds for charities and operations through the Annual Gun Raffle, Christmas Cash Raffle, Meat Raffle, basket raffles, etc. Squadron 90 has also supported and provided volunteers for Post 90's Honor & Color Guards, Red Sox Training Camp Concession Stands, the ALA Poppy Drive, Honor Flight Promotion, and others.

I would like to expand these efforts and improve on the current programs. I think it would be a clever idea to prepare a breakfast for the women of the Post 90 Family on Mother's Day. I have

also committed the SAL to a dinner on February 22nd, and I will take the lead cooking and serving Chicken Picada and Chicken Marsala. We need volunteers, and if you want to help, please contact me.

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I hope you are receiving Post 90's weekly update on Post activities. Also, please check out Post 90's website (www.post90swf.org) and Facebook Page for more information.

Remember, Squadron 90 holds its Membership Meetings every second Monday of the month, beginning at 7:00 PM. Typically, they last 55 minutes to an hour, and much information is processed, gained, and approved during the meetings. Squadron 90 and Post 90 belong to you, the Members, so, please come to the meetings and express your rights.

Sincerely,

Sons Of American Legion Post 90 Squadron Commander,

John B





OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE...



FUTURE WAR STORIES

These jokes were submitted by Amy O'Neill. Thank you! I am looking for some clean and funny Military Jokes for the American Legion Post 90 Newsletter. If you have any, please email, text, or call me. Please include your full name for recognition.
strawjazz1978@gmail.com
(304) 964-5856

Sincerely,

Chairman & Editor of American Legion Post 90 Newsletter,

Amy O'Neill





POST 90 MARKETING CORNER



Hello everyone,

January and February promise to be two busy months for the Marketing Committee. We start the Cape Coral Arts Festival on Jan 11th and 12th from 10AM-5PM. The Arts Fest is one of the largest in the state, attracting over 120,000 visitors, and offers a tremendous opportunity to recruit potential members, increase publicity for the Legion and our Post, and enhance our PR efforts with the community.

The following week, on Jan 18th, in concert with Dennis Stebbins, we will set up a table at the JROTC Regional Shooting Competition with an opportunity to recruit parents of students.

On February 8th, we will assist the Post Riders in recruiting members for their unit at the Cape Coral Bike Night from 5-10 pm.

In February, we also plan to present to the New Residents Club of Cape Coral (NRC), an organization of new residents moving to Cape Coral where, on average, their membership includes up to 10% of veterans.

The final event in February is the Cape Coral Classic Car Charity held at Mariners HS in Feb 22nd from 7AM to 5PM. Contact Bill McKernan (860) 380-0973 if you want to volunteering for these events.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 First Vice Commander,
Oratorical Chairman, and PR Chairman,

Ted Clark



AMERICAN LEGION POST 90
HONOR GUARD CORNER



Hello Everyone,

We have practice on the 2nd Saturday of each month. We will continue to practice on every 2nd Saturday of the month starting at 9am at the Post. The following are dates and times of the next 2 Honor/Color Guard practices.

There will be Honor Guard/Color Guard Practice at 9am at American Legion Post 90 on Saturday, January 11th, 2025, in civilian clothes.

There will be Honor Guard/Color Guard Practice at 9am at American Legion Post 90 on Saturday, February 8th, 2025, in civilian clothes.

Please help honor our veterans by volunteering for our Legion's Color and Honor guards. We do a lot in the community to honor our fellow departed & living veterans. You must be a current member of American Legion Post 90's membership, Riders, Auxiliary, and/or SAL to join. No experience is necessary. Your uniform will be supplied & we will train you. If you are interested in joining any of American Legion Post 90 Honor/Color Guards, please call me at: (860) 336 – 1198. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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

Arman LaFleur





Hello everyone,

The past few months have been busy for the Chapter 90 American Legion Riders. We hosted homemade dinners at Post 90 at no cost for our veterans on Thanksgiving Day and on Christmas Day with help from the Auxiliary, we served over 80 dinners on both days!

The ALR Chapter 90 participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Coral Ridge Cemetery as we do every year.

The Chapter 90 Riders also went on our annual trips this month. Half of our Chapter rode north to St. Augustine for the festival of lights and the other half went to Key West and we stopped at other Legion Posts to collect their Riders Plaques.

We have started our monthly breakfasts again on the 3rd Sunday of the month and our big breakfast that will be open to the public and it will be in February. All the proceeds from our Breakfasts go to Project Vet Relief Suicide Prevention Initiative.

During January and February, Chapter 90 Riders participate in and sponsor the following events:

- Be the One at Post 69
- District 13 Battle of the Meatballs at Post 303
- SW area Poker run 1-18
- SW area Riders Rally at Post 103 1-25
- American Legion Riders Summit in Orlando 2-12

We continue our 50/50 drawings on Friday nights. The Chapter 90 American Legion Riders want you to know that we appreciate your support. Watch for motorcycles on the road and give us some extra room.

Sincerely,

Chapter 90 ALR Director,

John Fitzgerald





UNIT 90 AUXILIARY CORNER



Hello everyone,

The Children's Christmas Party on December 16th, 2024, at 6pm was a huge success! We helped some veteran families and their children by getting them presents and food for Christmas! A free meal was provided along with a visit from Santa Clause. Thank you to everyone who helped with this annual event at American Legion Post 90. Unit 90 Auxiliary have more events going on in 2025. Please see them for more information.

Sincerely,

Chairman & Editor of American Legion Post 90 Newsletter,

Amy O'Neill





**PRIME RIB
DINNER**
 January 18th
 Starting at 5 pm
 Signup by January 15th
 Price \$20
 Prime Rib
 Baked Potato
 Green Beans
 Salad
 Optional - Fish Dinner (\$15)



BREAKFAST



Menu
\$12 per plate
 Eggs to order
 Biscuits with Sausage Gravy
 Home Fries
 Bacon or Sausage
 Toast
 Orange Juice
 Coffee or Tea

January 19th
 8 to 11 am



Drink Specials
\$2.50
 Bloody Mary
 Mimosas



Please sign-up by January 15th
 Proceeds to benefit Rider Charities

FOUR CHAPLAIN'S SERVICE



February 2nd at 1:00 pm
Public is Welcome



Blood Drive!

In Cooperation with



February 8th
Noon - 5pm

- *Giving blood is safe*
- *Donating blood is easy*
- *Giving blood is fast*
- *Giving blood saves lives*
- *Giving blood helps your community*

Blood donations with Lee Health Blood Center remain in our four acute care hospitals—Cape Coral Hospital, Gulf Coast Medical Center, HealthPark Medical Center and Lee Memorial Hospital, which houses the only Trauma Center within a five-county radius.

Contact Michelle Moore @ (954) 461-4817 to Sign-up

*Free Hamburger or Hot Dog, chips & soda with any attempt



**American Legion Post 90
Women Veteran's Committee**



Sisters-in-Arms
Bravery Knows No Gender

American Legion Post 90 Sisters-in-Arms Veteran's Committee supports Post 90 programs, activities, and other initiatives designed to meet the needs of female veterans and their families. The committee also makes recommendations to the commander on ways to improve, modify, and affect change in programs and services for women veterans throughout the Post and community. The committee needs members to help network with, develop, and support female veterans and activities. Your energy, expertise, skills, and knowledge will positively contribute to the committee's success. If you are interested in joining this phenomenal team or if you have any questions, please reach out to Lisa Arnold at larnold1970@yahoo.com or (937)371-5260.



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American Legion Post 90

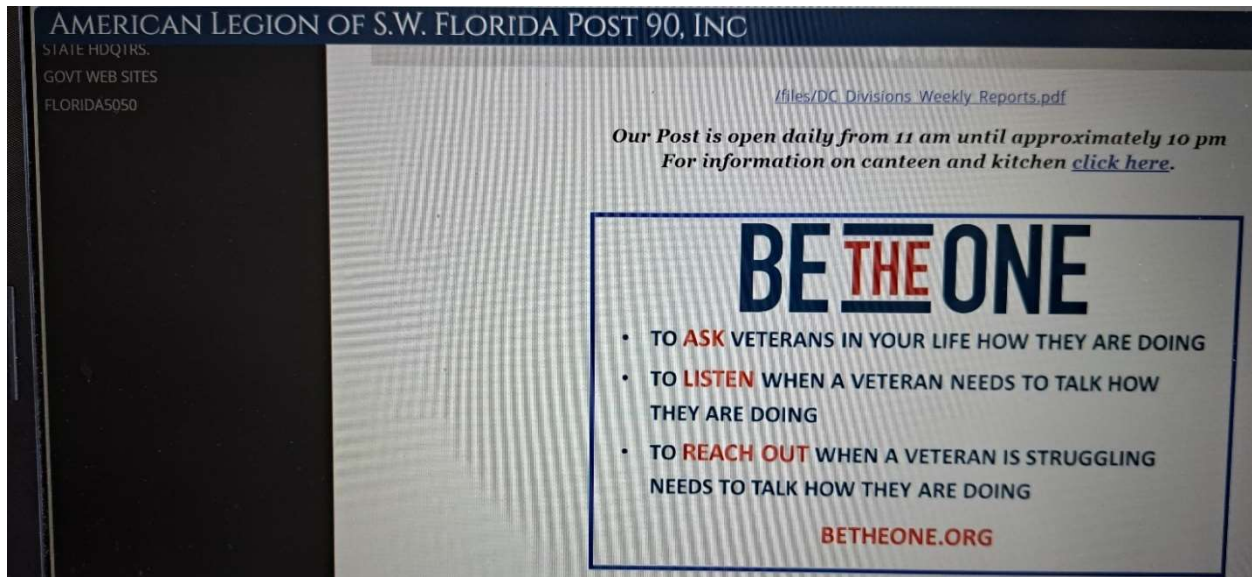
If you have not visited our website lately, you really should go check it out!

We have an all-new look, and more to come!!

See what is new and what we have already been doing!

***See the website for additional information! ***

www.post90swf.org



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