

CAPE LEGION'S VOICE

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Cape Coral, Florida - Post #90



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Co-Editor: Ted Clark

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

With Nick Napolitano

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is safe & well. I would like to thank John Baker, Bob Buchholz, and all the volunteers who helped at the First Base Grill at JetBlue Park for the Red Sox training camp this year. Aramark sent American Legion Post 90 a check for \$13,000! This money will be put towards charities that we choose and items that we need at our post. Post 90 E-Board Elections will be held on Saturday, May 8th, 2021 from 3-7pm. Please come out and vote if you are a member of American Legion Post 90 & S.A.L. Happy Memorial Day everybody!

For God and Country,

American Legion Post 90 Commander,

Nicholas Napolitano





CHRIS'S CORNER



Hello Everyone,

First, I would like to thank everyone who came out to donate on Saturday. We were able to collect 15 pints of blood. The next 2 blood drives will be 7/4/21 and 10/23/21 from 12 pm to 5 pm. YES, the July 4th Blood Drive is on a Sunday and Holiday! That should make it more convenient since you have a reason to be here, anyway! The sign-up sheet will go up early to mid-June, so watch for it to get your personal appointment time to give blood. If you are not comfortable coming in yet, call the bartender, (during a slow time if you can.... usually before noon is easiest) and they can sign you up. Get it on your calendar so you do not schedule anything over it. I hope to see everyone there.

On Memorial Day, we will be having a picnic at Post 90 from 3 pm to 7 pm.

Also, on July 4th, there will be a picnic with free hamburgers and hotdogs. There will also be a raffle at 5 pm.

If you would like to be a Delegate for the Department Convention which will be held on July 1-4 of 2021 at the World Center Marriot in Orlando, Florida, please let me or the Commander know. Here is a link to the activities that are scheduled for the convention. Always remember it is subject to change.

<https://www.floridalegion.org/news-events/department-convention/event-agendas/>

Finally, the election for Post 90 officers will be held on 5/8/21 from 3 pm to 7 pm at American Legion Post 90. Make sure you come out to vote.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 Adjutant & Blood Drive Chairman,

Chris Wing



**A sailor in a bar leans over to the guy next to him and asks,
“Hey, do you want to hear a Marine joke?”
The guy responds, “Well, before you say that joke, you should know that
I’m 6-foot tall, I weigh 200 pounds, and I’m a Marine.”
“The guy sitting next to me,” he continues, “is 6’ 2”, weighs 250 pounds,
and he’s also a Marine. Now, you still want to tell me that joke?”
The sailor says, “Nah, I don’t want to have to explain it twice.”**



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 90 OFFICER & EXECUTIVE BOARD
NOMINATIONS FOR SATURDAY, MAY 8TH, 2021**



OFFICERS:

COMMANDER – NICK NAPOLITANO JOHN BAKER

1ST VICE COMMANDER – WAYNE CAVE

2ND VICE COMMANDER – BRIAN “TAZ” GEHLING TIM FISHER

FINANCE OFFICER – KEITH BERRES

CHAPLAIN – JERRY GRAY

HISTORIAN – ALAN GRUDZIEN

SERGEANT AT ARMS – CARL SAITTA

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

DENNIS STEBBINS JAMES STEPHENS

RICHARD OSMAN CHRISTINE WING

REBECCA SEWELL

TED CLARK

JEFF ZAMBRANA

BEN BLALOCK

BILL MCKERNAN

HARRY FINKE

APPOINTED POSITIONS:

ADJUTANT – RALPH CAMP

JUDGE ADVOCATE – JEFF ZAMBRANA

SERVICE OFFICER – BRIAN “TAZ” GEHLING

ASST. ADJUTANT – BRIAN “TAZ” GEHLING

S.A.L. ADVISOR – BRIAN “TAZ” GEHLING

RIDER ADVISOR – REBECCA SEWELL



SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 90 OFFICER NOMINATIONS



OFFICERS:

COMMANDER – BRIAN “TAZ” GEHLING

1ST VICE COMMANDER – SEAN WING

2ND VICE COMMANDER – CLINT BAXTER

FINANCE OFFICER – BOB BUCHHOLZ

CHAPLAIN – KEVIN “GATOR” CLAREY

HISTORIAN – BRIAN “TAZ” GEHLING

SERGEANT AT ARMS – TONY TRUZZILINO

APPOINTED POSITIONS:

ADJUTANT: RALPH CAMP

JUDGE ADVOCATE: SEAN WING

Hello Everyone,

As we all know healing from injuries is not always something that can be seen. Many times, there is healing that needs to be done with the mind. We also know that a one solution fits all attitude is more damaging than helping. I know that belonging to this post and this organization has helped me in many ways and I am sure there are many of you that find comfort in the association with our fellow brothers and sisters to be helpful at times.

I said the above for a simple reason. The VA has a new initiative called Challenge America Veteran Arts Community (CAVARTS). It is designed to help veterans through a love of artistic passions, to discover new interests, or just share their appreciation for the art that moves them. CAVARTS states that they welcome all Veterans, regardless of their discharge status, era of service, gender, or sexuality. If you raised your hand to take the Oath of Enlistment, then they will welcome you to join. Their website is www.CAVARTS.org.

As always if you have any questions about your benefits, please see a Service Officer.

For God and Country,

American Legion Post 90 Service Officer,

Brian "Taz" Gehling



Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is safe & well. If you know of someone 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



Hello S.A.L. members and Family,

As the year starts to wind down, we have a few things left to do.

Nominations for the 2021-2022 year are officially closed. Elections will be May 8th, 2021 from 3pm – 7pm. Please bring your 2021 membership card. I look forward to a good turnout.

May 8th will be the District Constitutional Conference (DCC) at D.N. McQueen Post 103 in Punta Gorda. It will start at 9am. This is where we elect our district leaders for the up-coming year. If you can, please plan on attending.

Our 1st Vice Commander Sean Wing is currently working with the Legion 1st Vice Wayne Cave to plan an Initiation of New Members this year. We are looking for a June date. This is a nice ceremony for those that have never seen it before.

July 1-4, 2021 will be the annual convention. It will be held at the World Center Marriot in Orlando. If you would like to attend and be a delegate for the squadron, please contact the squadron adjutant Ralph Camp or myself.

We are also looking for a Sons member that may be interested in marching with the Post Color Guard carrying the Sons flag. If you do not have a uniform, the squadron may help you with this. If you might be interested, please see me.

Remember, your support means that we can assist veterans and their families, as well as supporting some wonderful charities such as Special Olympics.

Yours in Service,

S.A.L. Commander,

Brian “Taz” Gehling



Cinco De Mayo Week is May 4th thru May 8th. There will be a special Mexican item featured each day, with the drink special being Margaritas for \$4.00.



POST 90 AUXILIARY CORNER



Hello Everyone,

I would like to personally thank Carol & Keith for thinking “outside the box” by having a Chinese Auction (with the winners announced on St. Patty’s Day) with the proceeds going towards getting a new ice box for American Legion Post 90 when theirs was broken. I would also like to thank the Post 90 Auxiliary for having an American Legion Post 90 Happy Hour Mixer for ladies & their friends on Monday, March 29th, 2021 from 3-5pm with great free appetizers & Mimosa’s & Bloody Mary’s available for purchase and starting up a Drop-In Free Game Day every Wednesday from 11am-1pm! Everyone that went had a great time & were happy to participate! The Auxiliary Elections will be at American Legion Post 90 on Monday, May 17th, 2021 at 7pm. If you are a current member of our Legion’s Auxiliary, please come in to vote.



There is an old Dice Game called “Ship, Captain, & Crew” that takes place at the Bar at American Legion Post 90 every Saturday starting at 1pm. It is ran by Keith and it is fun and easy to play. This is known as a Drinkers’ Game and it costs \$1 to play per round. If you want to know how to play it, ask Keith. Everyone is nice, and you could win big. Come into our Legion for great food & drinks for purchase, and camaraderie during every Saturday game!



OUR LEGION RIDERS JUST HAD
THEIR VOTING ELECTIONS YESTERDAY AT THEIR
MONTHLY MEETING AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 90.
THE FOLLOWING ARE THE
AMERICAN LEGION RIDER ELECTION RESULTS:



DIRECTOR – REBECCA SEWELL

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – JACK FITZGERALD

SECRETARY – JOHN LUTHARD

TREASURER – JOHN CAROL

SERGEANT AT ARMS – RICHARD ENGLISH

American Legion Post 90 would like to thank everyone who voted and say congratulations to all the newly appointed officers of the American Legion Post 90 Riders! Good luck!





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



Hello everyone,

Gulf War veterans now account for the largest share of all U.S. veterans, having surpassed Vietnam-era veterans in 2016, according to the VA's 2018 population model estimates. VA estimates for 2021 indicate there are 5.9 million American veterans who served during the Vietnam era and 7.8 million who served in the Gulf War era, which spans from August 1990 through the present. There are also around 240,000 World War II veterans and about 933,000 who served during the Korean conflict, the VA estimates. Some veterans served through multiple eras but are counted only in their earliest era. Roughly three-quarters (78%) of veterans in 2021 served during wartime, and 22% served during peacetime. (Veterans with wartime and peacetime service are only counted in wartime.) Fewer members of Congress have prior military experience than in the past. As the share of Americans who are veterans has declined, so has the share of legislators who have previously served in the military. In the current Congress, 17% of lawmakers in both houses had prior military service, down drastically from just a few decades ago. The share of senators who are veterans reached a post-Korean War peak of 81% in 1975, while the share among House members peaked in 1967 at 75%. However, in recent elections, both Democrats and Republicans have made special efforts to recruit veterans for congressional contests, and the newly elected freshman class includes 15 such lawmakers.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 PR Officer,

Ted Clark





POST 90 MARKETING CORNER



Hello everyone,

The following article regarding American Legion post 90's "Buddy Check Program" was recently printed in the Breeze Newspaper and I would like you all to see it.

American Legion Post 90 reaching out to veterans through Buddy Checks

American Legion Post 90 in Cape Coral is conducting Buddy Checks during the month of April for veterans and their families to assist them and provide a friendly voice during potentially difficult times. Post 90 has a team of volunteer members who make a phone call to every veteran we can locate. Such outreach has been especially important during the challenges and isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Veterans need to know they are not alone," Post Public Relations Officer Ted Clark said. "American Legion Buddy Checks have been used in communities large and small throughout the country to help veterans get groceries, medication, transportation and fulfill other needs since the program launched in 2019. Buddy Checks became extremely important during the pandemic when stay-at-home orders made routine household activities so challenging. Veterans who receive Buddy Check calls also say the most

important thing about them is a friendly voice at a time when friends and family are limited in their ability to gather in person. Buddy Checks can help veterans facing mental health and well-being struggles, no matter the reason."

Those who know of veterans who would appreciate a Buddy Check call from American Legion Post 90 are encouraged to call the phone number of Post 90, 239-540-8128, or email Clark at tedclark12@gmail.com or alpost90cape@yahoo.com. Any veteran needing assistance of any kind is also encouraged to contact Post 90.

American Legion Post 90 is located at 1401 SE 47th St, Cape Coral. Founded in 2001, Post 90 has abided by the organization's national motto -- "Veterans Strengthening America" -- for 20 years, through programs and services that support veterans, military personnel, youth and patriotic activities.



Hello everyone,

Two more months have gone by and we are still out there riding. We did a great ride to see the Lipizzaner Stallions practice in Myakka City. We had a District 13 ALR meeting over on Pine Island at Post 136, and we have done some Legion plaque rides. Also, we joined the VFW Riders on their poker run. Many opportunities to ride! It is great to be back in the saddle!

Sincerely,

Director of American Legion Riders Chapter 90,

Rebecca Sewell





Greetings to all Members of American Legion Post 90,

Membership Dues are currently at around 95% with about 870 paid members. The goal is to get 100% with 891 members' dues paid. Please pay your American Legion Post 90 Membership dues by May 1st, 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 only. 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



I WANT YOU

TO JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 90

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.

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. Recruits: 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 a lot of Honor/Color Guard events coming up. I will call you all when I need you. There will be a Post Everlasting Ceremony at American Legion Post 90 on May 31st, 2021. All Honor Guard members & officers are expected to be there before noon in uniform. Please call me if you have any questions or you cannot make it.

Honor Guard Practice-Saturday, May 8th, 2021-American Legion Post 90-8:30am
-Practice & burning unserviceable flags & cleaning rifles.

Honor Guard Practice-Saturday, June 12th, 2021-American Legion Post 90-
time to be determined-Practice & more.

Honor Guard Practice-Saturday, July 10th, 2021-American Legion Post 90-
time to be determined-Practice & more.

Please help honor our veterans by volunteering for our Legion's Color and Honor guards! If any of 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. 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



Hello Everyone,

The JROTC Marksmanship Competition recently completed, what a season it was! Covid-19 made many challenges this year. The results are as follows:

King of the Cape:

- 1st Place** - Oasis High School
- 2nd Place** - Mariner High School
- 3rd Place** - Ida Baker High School



District Competition:

- 1st Place** - Oasis High School
- 2nd Place** - Mariner High School
- 3rd Place** - East Lee High School

Individual District Champion:

Nathan Krockstrom – Freshman - Mariner High School



State Competition:

- 8th Place** - Oasis High School
- 12th Place** - Mariner High School
- 13th Place** - East Lee High School

I, Carl Saitta, and the entire American Legion Post 90 wish to congratulate all JROTC Cadets and Instructors for a job Well Done! We look forward to the future for a new school year and hopefully returning to a more normal season. Have a great summer, see you in the fall.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 JROTC Marksmanship Program Chairman,

Dennis Stebbins



Hello everyone,

It has been a busy 2 months for the Scouting Program & the American Legion Post 90 sponsors. The weekly meetings continue to be held every Monday night (when school is in session) at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

There have been many outdoor events that the scouts have attended. This includes different fundraising events such as selling camp cards (coupon books) and 3 Pepper Burrito donating 10% of their sales on Mondays. We have also been on a trip to Echo Farms to learn about better ways to grow crops around the world and 2 campouts.

In March (5-7) we had our Crossover Ceremony at Camp Miles in Punta Gorda. 3 new scouts crossed over from Pack 777 to Troop 777 & 2020. They also received their Arrow of Light Award at the same time. Everyone (Parents & Scouts) had a great time on the 3rd day of camping out.

At the present time, both troops are planning and preparing for Summer Camp at Camp Woodruff in Blairstown, Georgia.

Personally, I would like to thank all the scouts and families for their involvement in the scouting program and especially the adult volunteers because without them there would be no program again. Thank You!

Last but not least, I would like to announce that I have been recognized by the Panther Scouting District for my Dedication and Support of the Scouting Program and have been awarded my 1st Knot for service! It has been my pleasure and honor to support the scouting program for American Legion Post 90 and I hope to continue for some time to come.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90
Troop 777 & 2020, Pack 777 COR
(Chartered Organization Representative) Chairman,



Dennis Stebbins



Hello Everyone,

When we consider the implications of being struck by various disasters that can easily strike us, it is important to consider helpful information. We have been outlining several things to consider over the past months as they relate to emergency preparedness. One important resource is the American Red Cross. One catchy concept they use to help us evaluate and prepare ourselves for such disasters is the following:

1. Get a Kit.

Learn the essential supplies to put in your family's survival kit.

2. Plan.

Plan effectively for you and your family in case of an emergency.

3. Be Informed

Understand which disasters are likely to occur in your area and what you must know to stay safe.

The typical threats to southwest Florida are hurricanes, tornadoes, and flooding. At times, services may not arrive to our locations for several days or even weeks. We learned from the early weeks of COVID that even supply chains for our most basic needs are interrupted for extended periods of time. We encourage you to collect essential supplies now, put together a plan for your household well before a disaster strikes, and know what our threats are.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.legion.org/emergency/about>

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html>

Finally, if anyone is interested in participating as a member of the Disaster Preparedness Committee, please email me at otwytma@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 Disaster Preparedness Chairman,

Ben Blalock





MEMORIAL DAY

May 31, 2021

- **Post Everlasting Ceremony starts at Noon.**
- **The Sons of the American Legion is grilling (**FREE**) Hamburgers & Hot Dogs starting at 1:00 PM**
- **Please bring a dish to share. A sign-up sheet is by the Kitchen window.**
- **Entertainment by the Bob and Bob Show from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM.**
 - **50/50 Raffle**



CASH EXPLOSION RAFFLE

Drawing on July 4th, 2021 at American Legion Post 90.

There will be five drawings for \$100 each.

**The winning Ticket for each Drawing will be returned to the pot; so,
you have a chance to win \$500.**

The price is \$5 for one ticket or \$20 for five tickets.

The drawing begins at 5:00 PM

5:00 PM \$100

6:00 PM \$100

7:00 PM \$100

8:00 PM \$100

9:00 PM \$100

6:00 PM \$100



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.

May 2021 (Music & Events)

Monday the 3rd – meeting at 7pm for
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Friday the 7th – music by **CJ & FRIENDS**

Monday the 10th – meeting at 7pm for **SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION**

Wednesday the 12th - meeting at 7pm for
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Friday the 14th – music by **CJ & FRIENDS**

Monday the 17th – meeting at 7pm for
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Friday the 21st – music by **CJ & FRIENDS**

Monday the 24th – meeting at 7pm for
AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP

Friday the 28th – music by **CJ & FRIENDS**

June 2021 (Music & Events)

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

Wednesday the 9th – meeting at 7pm for
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Monday the 14th – meeting at 7pm for **SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION**

Monday the 21st – meeting at 7pm for
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Monday the 28th – meeting at 7pm for
AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP

MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT ON FRIDAYS
THIS MONTH TO BE DETERMINED!

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 22

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

