



The American Legion

Tarpon Springs Post 46 Newsletter



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American Legion Post 46

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Commander's Corner

Welcome to the month of September. We have exciting news going on all over the place. A possible new permanent home. See our article on page 2. More people are signing up every day. Since the beginning of July we have transferred 20 people, signed up 3 new members and we are just getting started. Our membership goal for the year is already at 53%. Dues go up starting in January. Don't wait too long to renew for 2026. Pay Now! Additional news on dues by VCmdr Guy on page 3.

Pay special attention to Gordon Aber's historical account of days gone past on page 11. We are slowly filling up the various chair positions. There are a few opportunities if you want to be more involved with the post. Every little bit helps. From operations at 20 W to our possible new home, we are on the move. It's an exciting time and we are grateful for all the support that has been pouring in.

Please pay close attention to all the newsletters we send out. Be in the know and stay up on our activities. I would like to see more members showing up for Bingo on Thursday night, attending a monthly post general meeting, and taking advantage of the various events taking place here at 20 W Annex.

Thank you for standing with us.
Respectfully,

Eric Nestler

Post 46 Commander
16th District Commander (2022-2024)
16th District Vice Commander (2019-2022, 2024-2025)



POST 46 TARPON SPRINGS AMERICAN LEGION MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
20 W. TARPON AVE., TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA
FL 34689

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 727-487-5402

SERGEANT AT ARMS WILL BE CHECKING
MEMBERSHIP CARDS TO ENTER MEETING

**PROUDLY SERVING TARPON
SPRINGS VETERANS AND
THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1919**



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This Could Be Our New Home?

By Guy Stone, Vice Commander

The AHEPA foundation has donated this house to Post 46. We just have to move it. This house was built in 1910 and has a SF of 2,274. Keep in mind Tarpon Post 46 started here in 1919. Both historic on many accounts. We are in the process of working out the details with the city and AHEPA. We are asking for donations to help pay to move and set up the structure once we have a lot acquired here in Tarpon Springs.

"Donations Needed" Please support Post 46

We are looking to raise \$100K. Any amount you can give would be appreciated. We will approach the community businesses for donations, as well as, any benefactor's we can find to support us. We will hold numerous fund-raising events over the next year.

We will still be using the "ANNEX" at 20 W Tarpon Ave for many years to come as it will hold up to 120+ seats for Bingo, Banquets and other functions where we need more space.



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September Calendar Suicide Prevention Month

Day	Date	Time	Event
Mon	1	Jr Shooting Sports Prog. Registration	
Mon	1	Labor Day	
Thu	4	6:00PM	BINGO
Thu	4	Membership Target 50%	
Tue	9	5:00PM	Exec Meeting
Tue	9	6:30PM	Member Meeting
Thu	11	Patriot Day	
Thu	11	6:00PM	BINGO
Tue	16	American Legion Day	
Wed	18	US Air Force Birthday	
Thu	18	6:00PM	BINGO
Thu	19	POW/MIA Recognition Day	
Thu	25	6:00PM	BINGO
Fr-Su	26-28	Combined Americanism Conference	

Membership Dues

By Guy Stone, Vice Commander

We operate on a fiscal year, July to June. Membership dues run on a calendar year. The Department of Florida started sending out renewal notifications for 2026 in July. AL Department of Florida is raising dues in January to \$53. We request you try to renew on line at mylegion.org. If you have not established an account, please visit the site and do so. Here you can update your basic information if anything has changed. Most critical to us is the email address. This is our primary way of communicating to the members with monthly newsletter and notifications which contains critical Post information. If you have questions or need help, please contact us. We are here for you. Serving our members is one of our primary missions.

Thank you for your service!



This beautiful Flag art was created and donated to the post by Debbie. What a wonderful gift. It will take a special spot on the wall in our new post.



Even our young future vet is reading the Legion. Love how she is pointing to the Gold and Silver!



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Tony Cox, our Newsletter Chair is just out of the hospital. Get well soon Tony! All our Love.



Chaplain's Pulpit

I sit on the planning committees of both the Bay Pines Stand Down and New Port Richey Stand Down's respectively. Both Stand Down's are held in April of each year. Stand Down's are noteworthy as we lend a hand and assist fellow veterans who are homeless or those "at risk" of being homeless.

I'm the co-lead of the men's Wednesday morning bible study at First Baptist Indian Rocks Church in Largo, for the past two years. We also recently helped one of our senior members who

was in danger of being evicted due to the condition of his apartment. I helped coordinate the logistics of getting volunteers to clean up, throw out, and spruce up his apartment, that his apartment manager was stunned we turned the situation around in less than a week. He is now able to sign a new lease for another year in greatly improved living conditions.

My wife and I regularly assist the homeless in Pinellas County parks, by providing blankets and hot drinks in the cold months here, and various towels and snacks during the warmer months.

I say these things not to boast, but to do what I have a calling to do...preach the Gospel and serving others in need.

Did Jesus not wash his Disciples feet? The symbolism of the act, and putting the needs of others ahead of your own is the key takeaway. Imagine how much better our country would be if everyone looked out for their neighbors and even strangers in this manner. What a wonderful world we would have.

Question to ponder - when was the last time you paid a random act of generosity forward, with no regard to receiving anything at all in return?

Try it, and see how good it makes you feel!

Have a good month my brothers and sisters, and we'll see you at our monthly member meetings, Bingo Night, or one of our many events Post46 is involved in with the Tarpon Springs community!

Chaplain Scott



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Post 46 Facebook QR Code

American Legion Post 46 Constitution & By-Laws



Tarpon Springs, Florida



American Legion Post 46 is a Federally Chartered Not-for-Profit Veterans' Organization incorporated in Florida under **Florida Statutes Chapter 617**. Donations and dues may be tax deductible under IRS Code **501(c)(19)**. All donations and dues are used to benefit veterans and the community.



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Post 46 Sponsorship

Support Our Community by Becoming an American Legion Post 46 Sponsor

The American Legion Post 46 in Tarpon Springs is committed to serving our community, veterans, and youth through a variety of impactful programs. We are reaching out to local businesses like yours to invite you to join us in making a difference by becoming a sponsor of our Sponsorship Program.

Your sponsorship will directly support programs such as Boys State, JROTC/ROTC, Oratorical Competitions, Youth Law Cadet, Scouting, Baseball, Educational Assistance, Suicide Prevention, Disaster Preparedness, and many more initiatives that positively impact our community.

We offer three sponsorship levels with great benefits for your business:

Bronze Star Sponsorship \$100

Free advertising in our Newsletter for one year

Silver Star Sponsorship \$200

- Free advertising in our Newsletter & Website for 1 year

Gold Star Sponsorship \$300

- Free advertising in our Newsletter & Website for 2 years
- Sponsorship placement on Bingo T-Shirts & Flyers
- Recognition and appreciation on Social Media

Your support will help us continue our mission. We would love to discuss how we can partner together.

For more details or to become a sponsor, please contact me directly or visit our website at:

<http://www.tspost46.org>
727-487-5402

Thank you for your support, Best regards,

Eric Nestler

Commander,

Post 46 American Legion Tarpon Springs
Past 16th District Commander (2022-2024)

The American Legion Membership Application	
NAME	DATE OF BIRTH
MAILING ADDRESS	PHONE NO.
CITY	STATE
ZIP	POST NO.
EMAIL	DUES
<input type="checkbox"/> I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.	
Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below	
<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Space Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts	
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE
NAME OF RECRUITER	

RECEIPT OF DUES	
FROM	
\$	\$50.00 FOR 20 26 POST NO. 46
RECRUITER'S NAME	
RECRUITER'S SIGNATURE	
RECRUITER'S PHONE NO.	

Mail signed, completed application, with check or money order for \$50.00, and a copy of your DD214 or equivalent proof of service to:



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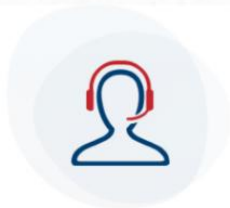
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Support Our Community by



Or TEXT 838255

Access free, confidential support 24/7,
365 Days a year.



Live Connection

Connect with a real person qualified to
support Veterans.

The Veterans Crisis Line serves Veterans, service members, National Guard and Reserve members, and those who support them.

Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)

Bay Pines VA Healthcare System
10000 Bay Pines Blvd.
Bay Pines, FL 33744

Dominique Carano, LISW
Veterans' Outreach Social Worker

Tel: (727) 398-6661 Ext 10770

Cell: (727) 558-3346

BE THE ONE.

SAVE A LIFE.

CHANGE A LIFE.

Together, we can stop
veteran suicide.
Reach out. Speak up.
Stay connected.

VETERANS CRISIS LINE:

Dial 988, then Press 1

TEXT: 838255 | CHAT:

VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat



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Past Commander			



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Post 46 Activities, Bingo, Meetings, and Just Having Fun!





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Post 46 is making great headway in our revitalization efforts. More and more people are contacting us and showing up for various events. Please take some time to come visit us. For now, the best time to see us is either at Thursday night Bingo between 5pm and 9pm or at our monthly general meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 6:30 pm.

We can always meet you by appointment.



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Historian's Cornor

By Gordon Aber

World War I began in 1914 and ended in November 11th, 1918. Many of our service members came home, finding the need to belong to something that would provide the comradery and closeness they experienced in the service.

American Legion Post 46 in Tarpon Springs, Fl. received its charter in 1919 and found a post home in a small building on Gulf Road. The post quickly found itself to be a hub for not just members, but the community at large. The Legion hosted dances, dinners and other community weekly events as well as beach events in the Legion owned building out on Sunset Beach.

The 20's and 30's were roaring times. Post 46 caught the attention of the State of Florida American Legion organization and Post 46 was chosen to be the annual conference site with a last evening dance at our location on Sunset Beach.

Many wars have passed along with many of our wonderful members. Many things have changed, but our service to Vets, and our community has never wavered. The American Legion National organization will be holding its National Conference this month in Tampa. Our proud Post 46 will proudly attend to again share memories.



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Veterans Connection

Veterans of all service eras and branches are invited to connect with other veterans and receive beneficial information and resources for veterans.

Third Thursday of the Month | 10:00 am–11:00 am
Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church Community Hall
400 S. Levis Ave., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

As a Post 46 member you can also come to the Post Annex at 20 W Tarpon Ave every Thursday from 5:30 – 8:30 pm and join the officers of the post for beneficial information, resources, and free coffee.

We are here for you. Come visit with us.