

Breaking News

Commander – Toshiko Moultrie

Vice Commander – Alicia Scarver

2nd Vice Commander - Lauretha Hughes

Chaplain – JoAnn Miller

Finance Officer – Mike Rodgers

Judge Advocate – Tim Hughes

Sergeant At Arms – Avarn Hearn

Adjutant – JB Hinton

Asst Adjutant – Edna Johnson

Service Officer – Maida Kelly

Historian – Vacant

Business Manager – Avarn Hearn

Asst Business Manager – Chris Hills

Auxiliary Commander - Tonya Wyche

Riders Director – Mark Hinton

SAL Commander – Randolph Ford

2025 – 2025 Post 197 Officers



Join us with congratulating the 2025 to 2026 Post Officers and Legion Family positions. We welcome your continued support for the 2025 – 2026 year as well. As our numbers continue to increase our combined

visibility can only improve our exposure within our communities.

Here is something that can help to improve our exposure. How well educated are you personally on the American Legion? Here is my education plug—please take the American Legion Basic Course. You can take it online at your pace. Search out www.legion.org/basic training. You will learn more about the American Legion and it's values and community programs.

The American Legion Basic Training Course is free for Legion members to attend.



Consolidated Post Report



You will all start to hear the emphasis on completing and submitting the annual Consolidated Post Report (CPR). These are our most important tools for advising Florida and national legislators what we have achieved and that we are strong. So, help us by promptly providing any requested information that will be needed to complete the report.

Renew your Membership

You will see Membership Drives underway on Booster Nights. You can use that as an opportunity to renew your membership. See any Legion Officer or contact membership@aljax197.com. As a reminder your Legion membership must be in good standing to participate with the Legion Family Programs (i.e., Legion Riders or Sons Of The American Legion).

American
Legion



Jacksonville
Post 197

Membership
Renewal

Legion Membership Renewal is \$55

Renew your membership today

Contact [Membership@aljax197.com](mailto:membership@aljax197.com)

Around the Legion

Back 2 School Drive

It is that time of the year again. Back to school. We are looking for your help with donating supplies or making donations to assist with acquiring supplies for our Back 2 School Drive on July 26, 2025, at 1 pm.

If you are interested in setting up a table at the Back 2 School Drive, contact events@aljax.com



American Legion
Jacksonville
Post 197

PRESENTS

SATURDAY
JULY 26, 2025
STARTS AT 1 PM

For more information contact:
events@aljax197.com

LOCATION:
2179 Benedict Rd
Jacksonville FL, 32209

Back 2
SCHOOL
drive

BOOTS, BRIMS & BOURBON

Tickets are on sale now for the Boots, Brims and Bourbon event being sponsored by the American Legion Post 197 on August 2, 2025, at 8 pm. Get your tickets now. Contact a Legion Officer or your program leadership (Auxiliary, Riders, and SAL).

AMERICAN LEGION POST 197
PRESENTS

BOOTS BRIMS & BOURBON

02
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Performing Live Mr Midnight

MUSIC BY
**DJ
MEMPHIS**

\$20 ENTRY | FREE PARKING
2179 BENEDICT RD
JACKSONVILLE FL 32209

PURCHASE 904 994 7729/918 809 2353 | ALPOST197@COMCAST.NET

The poster features a central image of a large, ornate glass bottle of bourbon. In the foreground, there are two glasses: one with a single ice cube and another with several ice cubes. The background is dark with warm, out-of-focus bokeh lights in shades of orange and yellow. At the bottom, a man wearing a brown cowboy hat and an orange shirt is shown from the chest up, holding a cigar. The overall theme is rustic and celebratory.

Riders Bike Night

Come out and support the Legion Riders monthly Bike Night. Every First Wednesday of the month.



MAYO Clinic

This is last week's flyer. Every Wednesday at 6pm unless otherwise stated we will be recruiting participants.

Please spread the word to anyone 18 years old and above who do not have health insurance or underinsured.

MAYO representatives will provide a questionnaire to verify eligibility for the program during that time.

To stay on top of our goal for the month we are in need of 8 more qualified applicants.



FL-CEAL Social Determinants of Health Recruitment Opportunity

July 16, 2025, 6:00pm-8:30pm

Presented By Mayo Clinic and American Legion Post 197
Opportunity to participate in a clinical trial centered around social determinants of health!



American Legion Post 197

2179 Benedict Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32209

Call 904-294-2882 or email [alpost197 @comcast.net](mailto:alpost197@comcast.net)

For more event details.

RENOVATIONS

Renovations will begin with the DJ Booth, and need volunteers, see Facility Manager Avarn Hearn.

Also starting July 20, 2025, renovations will begin on the front area hallway area as you walk in the Post, the hallway walls by bathroom and office area.

Topics of Interest

Friday August 15, 2025, National Conference in Tampa - Commander Moultrie and Finance Officer Rodgers will be attending.

All reports need to be forwarded to the Commander before the start of meetings Membership, Finance, Riders, SAL, and Facility Manager etc.

Upcoming Legion Meeting Dates

29 July 29, 2025, Executive Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 pm. Afterwards at 7:30 pm the Executive Board with Officers will meet

01 August 2025 Regular Meeting 7 pm

15 August 2025 Regular Meeting 7:pm

02 September 2025 Executive Board Meeting

05 September 2025 Regular Meeting 7 pm

19 September 2025 Regular Meeting 7 pm

27 September 2025 Axillary Boots on the Ground 4pm to 8pm

31 October 2025 Halloween Party @ Best Costume Contest

31 October 2025 Trunk Treat 5:30pm to 7:30 pm

21 November 2025 Thanksgiving Fest 2pm to 4pm.

21-23 November 2025 Fall Conference

20 December 2025 Christmas Give Away. 1pm to 4pm

FREE VIRTUAL TRAINING

American Legion | Suicide Prevention Training

Join The American Legion's mission to prevent veteran suicide. Sign up for a free training class so you can "Be The One" and help save the life of a veteran.



BE THE ONE



Employment Resources

The Military Affairs and Veterans Department (MAVD) of the City of Jacksonville: <https://www.jacksonville.gov/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs>

Employment: Employ

Florida: <https://www.employflorida.com/vosnet/Default.aspx>

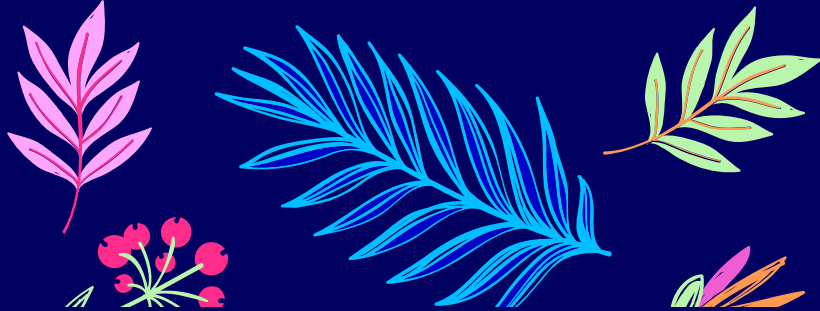
City of Jacksonville: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/jacksonvillefl>

State of Florida: <https://jobs.myflorida.com/>

USAjobs: <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

Clearance jobs: <https://www.clearancejobs.com/>

Auxiliary News

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- Back to school 7/26/25 event at 13:00
 - Auxiliary Meet and Greet 9/6/25 11:00-14:00
 - Boots on the Ground 9/27/25 16:00-20:00
 - Trick or Treat 10/31/25 17:30-19:30
 - Thanksgiving Dinner 11/15/25
 - Nov Conference 21-23rd
 - Sneaker Ball 12/6/25 20:00-00:00
 - Kids Christmas Party 12/20/25

Contact Tonya Wyche

Email: tonyawyche@gmail.com

678-689-4624



July 2025



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|--|---|----------|---|---|
| 29 | 30 | 1 Executive Committee Meeting every 1st Tuesday | 2 Riders Bike Night 6 pm | 3 | 4 General Membership Mtg - 7 pm, every 1st and 3rd Friday | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 MAYO C.E.A.L Recruitment 6 pm - 8:30 pm | 17 | 18 General Membership Mtg - 7 pm, every 1st & 3rd Friday | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 MAYO C.E.A.L Recruitment 6 pm - 8:30 pm | 24 | 25 | 26 Back 2 School Drive 1 pm |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 Tour De Pain Fundraising Event | 2 Tour De Pain Fundraising Event Boots, Brims & Bourbon Event 8 pm |
| 3 | 4 | Notes | | | | |



Apprenticeship / Earn-as-you-learn Opportunities

Apprenticeships are a wonderful way to start a new career, learn desirable skills with mentorship while being paid, and be a part of a company that is invested in you.

These opportunities are “**earn-as-you-learn**,” so you can move into a new career without taking time and money to learn new skills.

Search:

- www.apprenticeship.gov With your zip code
- “**Apprentice**” at www.EmployFlorida.com or www.indeed.com
- **State registered programs** Search by county, not all are hiring currently

Programs registered with the state of FL:

- **Electrical Training Alliance Union Apprenticeship**
- **Carpentry Union Apprenticeship** Email- MHarper@sdttf.org
- **Sheet Metal Union Apprenticeship**
- **Hypower Electrical Helper / Apprentice**

****If you are interested in the skilled trades,**

If more assistance or information is needed, contact:

Doreen Lund
Manager, Apprenticeship
 CareerSource Northeast Florida
 Apprentice Florida
 1845 Town Center Blvd., Ste. 150
 Fleming Island, FL 32003
 904-798-9229 x2040
 DLund@careersourcenefl.com
careersourcenortheastflorida.com

this **10 minute video** will provide more information about some of the programs above

Other strong “earn-as-you-learn” programs that are currently hiring:

- [Jax Fire and Rescue Apprentice](#)
- [JSO Corrections , JSO Dispatcher](#)
- [Arlington Toyota Apprentice Technician](#)
- [PetSmart Groomer Trainees**](#)
- [Walgreens Pharmacy Techs**](#)
- [Technician Apprentice Auto Body at Caliber Collision](#)
- [Multiple trade apprentices at Creative Multicare](#)
- [Harris Teeter Meat Cutting Apprentice Amelia Island](#)
- [Owen Electrical apprenticeship – St. Augustine](#)
- [City of Jax Beaches Energy - Apprentice Relay Tech](#)
- [Gerber Collision Estimator in Training – Orange Park](#)
- [Apprentice Optician, LensCrafters](#)
- [Dock and Door Apprentice at Lift Power](#)
- [Floor Care Tech Apprentice at Lift Power](#)
- [Plumber Apprentice at David Gray](#)
- [Plumber Apprentice at Buehler](#)
- [Truck Tire Service Technician](#)
- [Residential Elevator Install Apprentice](#)
- [Appliance Repair Apprentice](#)
- [Fire Sprinkler Install Apprentice](#)
- [Apprentice Dog trainer – Green Cove Springs](#)

If more assistance or information is needed, contact:

Doreen Lund


Manager, Apprenticeship

CareerSource Northeast Florida

Apprentice Florida

1845 Town Center Blvd., Ste. 150

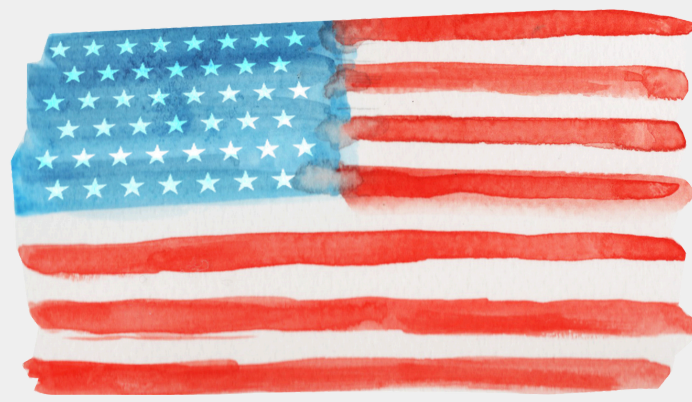
Fleming Island, FL 32003

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FREE EVENT



ATTENTION VETERANS JOIN US FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL “WILLS FOR HEROES”

Have your Will and Advance Directives drafted for FREE



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL

117 WEST DUVAL STREET, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202

(GROUND FLOOR, OFF OF THE ATRIUM)



WITH INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY
LAWRENCE “LARRY” DI RITA

USN VETERAN & FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS



SCAN ME TO SIGN UP! →

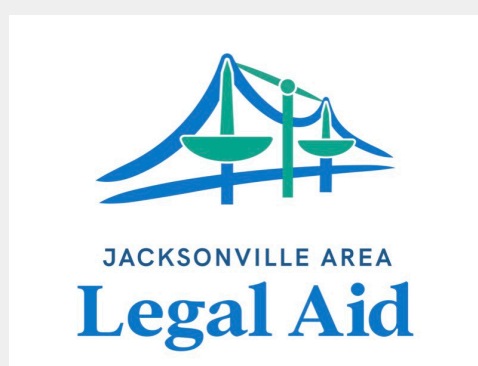
*****APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED AND SPACE IS LIMITED*****



**FREE
Lunch**



THIS PROGRAM IS MADE POSSIBLE BY:





SAVE the DATE
Saturday 18 October 2025
9:30 – 2:30



Veterans Resource Fair

Jacksonville Elks Lodge #221
1855 West Road

**Come out to hear speakers and visit organizations
with information on benefits & resources as we
HONOR OUR VETERANS**

FDVA

COJ Military Affairs

UF Health

YMCA

DAV

And Many More!

ALL Military Veterans Are Welcome!

**A delicious complimentary  lunch will be served to all following
the morning speakers**

***“As long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent
and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them”***



Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please contact Disabled Services at VM (904) 255-5466, TTY (904) 255-5475, or email your request to KaraT@coi.net.