

# Post 243 Newsletter

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**As we express our gratitude,  
we must never forget that  
the highest appreciation is  
not to utter the words, but to  
live by them.**

*~John F. Kennedy*

## Upcoming Post & Community Events

**Virtual Coffee & Chats  
Wednesday's from  
1030-1130**

**Florida Fallen Memorial  
Cross Display at FUMCO  
Cemetery  
May 16 – May 25**

**Please stay in touch if  
you are in need of  
assistance**

## From the Commander

Our activities at Post 243 have been seriously interrupted during March and April. We miss our General Meetings and our dinners. We also miss our Wednesday Coffee & Chats and the opportunities those events offer to visit and check on each other.

We have started doing our Coffee & Chats via Zoom, through the courtesy of Oviedo Mayor, and Post 243 member, Megan Sladek. Thirteen to fifteen members have been signing in on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 and enjoying the contact. It's easy to join via computer, Smart Phone, iPad, or telephone. Just get the link on the reminder emails from James and follow the prompts or download the instructions from our website (bottom of Calendar page).

Last month, we did our Buddy Check and managed to contact almost all of our members. We are pleased to report that no members were found to have issues related to the Coronavirus or other issues with which our Post 243 family of members could help. We plan to repeat the Buddy Check in coming weeks, and if anyone needs help with anything in the meantime, contact the Post at [Post@OviedoLegion.org](mailto:Post@OviedoLegion.org) and let us know.

We are starting the Post Officer nomination and voting cycle. Our Nominating Committee has recommended a slate of candidates, and all members are invited to nominate themselves or other members for any of the elected officer positions. Nominations are open from now until noon on 5 May 2020. Voting will be from noon on 6 May 2020 until noon on 20 May 2020. We can nominate and vote by email: [Post@OviedoLegion.org](mailto:Post@OviedoLegion.org). (See the Elections email that was distributed!)

Someday, the evil virus will be under control, and we can get Post 243 activities back to normal. Let's be sure to keep the Post and its membership healthy and ready for when the normal days return.

Vote, be safe and stay healthy!  
Bill

## Florida Fallen Memorial Cross Display

Post 243, in partnership with the First United Methodist Church (FUMCO), will be installing manning and removing the memorial crosses of our fallen Florida Veterans this year. Last year Most Precious Blood generously donated their space for this display but this year they will be displayed at the FUMCO Cemetery

We need two types of volunteers; people who can help install and/or remove the display and people to host/man the event.

- 1) If interested in installing and/or removing, please check your calendars for 5/15 and 5/26. If you are available, please contact [wrmitchem@gmail.com](mailto:wrmitchem@gmail.com).
- 2) If interested in hosting/manning the event (sitting under a tent, welcoming guests and answering general questions), please check the time slots available in our website [here](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page to download the most current openings available. Email [laureleross@gmail.com](mailto:laureleross@gmail.com) with your written request. She will reply to you and update the online availability form.





### Buddy Checks

Our commander has tasked the leadership team to contact all members again within the next month. If you have not received a call or mail notification, please contact us so we can be sure you are doing well.

### Post Leadership Voting

Some of you may be interested in serving your Post but are unsure of what each position entails. Please click [here](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page to download the information posted on our website regarding each position. If you are interested or know someone who would be a good fit for any of these positions, please contact us to be included in the Post ballot that will be going out 6 May.

### Lighting

The Post recently underwent indoor lighting upgrades. We now have more cost effective and uniform lighting throughout the facility. Upgrading to an all LED system left some traditional fluorescent bulbs available for personal use. If you are interested in bulbs or ballasts, please contact [scottyrc2@gmail.com](mailto:scottyrc2@gmail.com) to set up a time and date for pick-up.

### Seminole County Veterans Newsletter

Ed Burford, Seminole County's Service Officer, puts together a very informational monthly newsletter. If you are not receiving this directly from him it is also posted on our website. Click [here](#) to access the page and scroll down to the bottom to download the most recent newsletter.

### General Scholarship Winner

Department of Florida announced their scholarship winners earlier this month. Oviedo High School Senior Zack Ross of Winter Springs will be attending UCF in the fall and was awarded one of the Department scholarships. Part of his application answer to why he is seeking a higher education was, "I've always been told, "Once you stop learning, you start dying," so I plan on learning every day of my life." Let us all keep learning something new every day!

### Basic Training

We encourage everyone to keep learning by attending this five-part course offered under the American Legion Education Institute banner [here](#). Core topics covered are History & Organization, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Each core topic includes suggestions on ways American Legion family members can influence and strengthen their local communities. Course graduates can download and print a certificate of completion and order a pin from Emblem Sales.

### Florida's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

Click image below for updated information



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## Stay in Touch

If you'd like to be added to our email distribution, please send your contact information to the email address to the right. If you need help getting to or from Post events, just ask, we're here to help!

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