



Frank Marston American Legion Post 33 Newsletter

Our success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism.

Commander's Corner

School has started, and summer is almost over. Our new 1st District Commander, Ronnie Grover came to Frank Marston American Legion Post 33 on July 9th for the installation of officers, and I am honored to be your new Post Commander. I am looking forward to the year ahead, and as we all work together, we can get a lot of things accomplished.

This year we have had some amazing support, not just local community, but from national and regional organizations that have assisted us in our journey to restore this important historic building. On September 18 we will be holding our first new initiation ceremony for all new 2022 members along with our first Frank Marston Day of Recognition, where we say thank you to all those that have done so much for us. This is a great time for everyone to come out, see what has been happening at the Post, meet our new members, and catch up with old members. This is also a time to bring a potential member or two to see what we are all about.

2022 - 2023 Elected Officers & Executive Committee

- Commander Rick Cusimano
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- 1st Vice Commander AJ Colston II
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- Trustee #1 Eric Zwald
- Trustee #2 Debra Gulley

This is the official newsletter for and about members of the Frank Marston American Legion Post 33

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Hours

Saturday: 0900 - 1300

Comments may be sent to: fmpost33@gmail.org

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post33.org

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Blood Drive
September 24, 2022
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

for more information visit: post33.org

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Membership

As reported by the American Legion, Department of Florida, the latest membership report of August 18th, states that we are at 32.73% of our 2023 Department membership goal of 55 members. This represents only 18 members who have either renewed (16) or joined (2). We are on a good roll, but let's see if we can meet our first goal of 50% by September 8th.

National has recommended that you go to mylegion.org and renew your membership through their website. If you prefer, you may drop off your dues at the Post (a secure mailbox is located at the front door) or you mail them to:

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Please DO NOT send anything to the PO Box address, we no longer have it and the postal service will return your payment back to you.

As for veterans, Florida is number three in the nation behind California and Texas. Within the state of Florida, our District has the highest number of veterans than any other District. We need to take advantage of this and not just talk to our fellow veterans, but also to those that you may know that are on active duty about the benefits of the American Legion and the importance of what we do.

Chaplain's Corner

Proverbs 19:17 "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deeds."

Many of us have more time than we did when we were juggling work, families, and household responsibilities. You grew up in a time when families taught the upcoming generations how to work with their hands, from changing the oil in your cars, farming acres of land to grocery shopping, to cook a meal. Being "generous to the poor" in our day and age can be sharing those skills with someone else. Teaching a neighbor how to change the light bulb on a golfcart, pulling someone's paper out of the sprinkler puddle, or inviting someone to a glass of lemonade. They may seem trivial to you and mean so much to someone else.

God Bless

Borrowed from Lisa Johnson, Chaplain, Veterans Memorial American Legion Post 347 (Lady Lake, FL)

From Our Past

Dave Meron Jr., Post Historian

Post 33 Supports the New Deal

American Legion Post 33 completed the building on July 4, 1931, during the Great Depression. The following year, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected President, and once sworn in he immediately started to combat the economic hardships the country was facing. By August 1933 President Roosevelt pushed through Congress one of the first bills of his New Deal Programs, the National Recovery Act of 1933. Locally Post 33 took the lead in supporting FDR's new law and met on August 8, 1933, to determine how the Post could support the President's initiatives in combating the Great Depression. Post Commander M.N. "Nip" Melzer called the meeting to order as part of a national initiative from the American Legion to support President Roosevelt. Hitting on the sentiment of the World War I veterans who exclusively made up the Legion's membership, National Commander Louis Johnson described the Great Depression as, "Our country is in the middle of the greatest battle in its history. It is Argonne of 1933". The Act was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1935 but the President would carry out several more New Deal programs with the support of the American Legion. The last New Deal legislation signed into law by President Roosevelt will the full support of the Legion was the G.I. Bill of 1944.

Please assist your Post Historian by sending pictures of Post events with a brief description to historian.post33@outlook.com

Frank Marston Day of Recognition

On September 18th, 2022, we will be hosting the "Frank Marston Day of Recognition". This inaugural event will initiate what should become a strong reminder to the community that Post 33 is alive and well. This annual event will fortify us as an appreciative, humble and giving American Legion in Pensacola and the surrounding area.

We will kick off the event by holding a Legion initiation ceremony for those that have joined our Post this year. That ceremony will be followed by the formal recognition of community partners and volunteers along with local and national organizations. These individuals and businesses have graciously supported us in the undertaking of restoring the members of our Post and the continued physical restoration of our beautiful historic building.

The "Frank Marston Day of Recognition" is one of the many important days for our Post. This social event will give a perfect opportunity for our seasoned members to welcome and meet the new members who have decided to make Post 33 their home in the American Legion.

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Renovation updates

Dan Woodcock – House Chair

The roof has been a high priority. The amount of rain we have been getting lately is giving us a lot of motivation to seal the issues in order to protect the building. Currently, water is getting in and flooding the basement area. We are currently working on patching the back portion of the roof that covers the back offices and stage. The initial thinking was that just a small area of the roof had to be replaced, but upon further roof tile removal, we discovered that a much larger portion had rotted out. This should be fixed within the next week or so. If you have roofing experience, we can very much use your assistance.

The purchase of new locks for the Post was approved in July, and we have started the process of changing out the old locks to our new ones. In the future, this will allow us to change the cylinder without having to purchase all new lock sets. The old locks will be used to lock both the doors on either side of the stage.

With the Campari Day of Service coming up on September 13th, we are looking to have our volunteers tackle the huge task of painting the hall's walls, window trim, and proscenium. It's something that will give the inside a new life and look. And with that being said, we have been receiving more rental requests. This translates to us getting much needed attention from the community. It's all about raising the bar and making Post 33 shine!

One of the priorities that was requested by the new Post Commander is that we renovate the main floor restrooms and make them non-gender specific. Our budget of \$2,100 was approved and we are looking to start this project during the Campari Day of Service.

The idea of Post 33 needing volunteers cannot be stressed enough. There are plenty of projects that need attention. Even something as simple as tending the grounds (mowing, edging, etc) would benefit greatly from folks raising their hands and saying: "I can do that!" We have the equipment, we just need warm bodies to operate them. Keeping the outside of the building looking sharp is as important as tiling a roof.

If you would like to join in, please contact me at house.post33@outlook.com



Top image shows what we knew was rotted. New member Ricky Alfonso tackling the removal of debris. Last image is what needs to be replaced.

Images courtesy of Dan Woodcock

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5 Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	6	7	8	9	10 Pensacola Arts Market 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Combat Sports Pro Wrestling 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
11	12 General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	13 Campari Day of Service 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	14	15	16	17
18 Frank Marston Initiation Ceremony & Day of Recognition 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Doors open at 4:30pm	19	20	21	22	23	24 Pensacola Arts Market 11:00 am - 4:00 pm OneBlood Blood Drive 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Some of the events coming up in October and November:

midnight showing of Rocky Horror Picture Show

Halloween Monster Ball

Karaoke Murder Mystery Theatre

Veteran's Day
Swing Dance