



The American Legion

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Commander's Corner

Another year has past and I want to thank all our members for their trust that you have placed in me as your Post Commander for another year.

I also want to thank you all for making us achieve 101% membership.

We're going to have another great year ahead of us. We're a Post without a home and yet are more active than 90% of the Posts that do. We now support 5 High School JROTC units, 2 Civil Air Patrol units and the Naval Sea Cadets. We are also sending 2 boys to the Florida Boys State. We have a lot to be very proud of.

Our Post installation is scheduled for Sept. 5, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. I hope to see as many of you as possible there to not only meet our Officers, but to meet our new District Commander Rico Thomas and the 9th District staff.

For God and Country,
Jim Tewes
Commander



Post Commander Jim Tewes and Post Chaplain Bob Nagle presented a check for \$200 to the Scoutmaster of Troop 224 during their May 30th Court of Honor.

Adjutant's Report

Hello Legionnaires,

I hope all is well with everyone. Well, another year has gone by and our first year in person. It felt good to see everyone again. I would like to thank everyone who renewed their membership this year and we also had a couple of new members to join the post. It was great to get back into the schools again to support our JROTC units. Please refer to our Facebook page and see all that we have been doing and if you like it let us know by clicking "Like It" and send it to your friends and family.

I would like to mention again that we are here to support our veterans, service members and their families among other national and community programs. Our post has a Service Officer that can help with VA help. The only way we can do this is by your membership. Let's keep our post alive. So, starting July 1st please start sending in your renewals or you can renew online at "mylegion.org". Please visit our website www.alpost385fl.com for more information. Let's keep our post alive.

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OUR MEETINGS FOR THE 2023 & 2024:

Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5.
Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7

Our Post meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm
between September and May.

at the *YWCA Pembroke Falls Aquatic Center*

Please check our website for the map or call me for
information on each months meeting.

(954) 655-2833

FaceBook Page: American Legion Post 385

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN POST 385 MEMBERS

Our Post 385 Commander would kindly request that all Post members make arrangements for relatives or friends to notify our Post upon your passing so that we can properly honor your military service and membership in the American Legion.



For God and Country



Post 385 Frank Dingfelder Scholarship

Our post has a \$500 scholarship for Post member's children, the scholarship application always open January 2nd until May 30th for each calender school year.

Please visit our website and click the Scholarship link. For more information, please call Joe Motes at 954-559-3202.

AMERICAN LEGION flag retirement

Please bring your old USA Flags for Retirement.

Bring them to the meetings or call Teddy Pomerantz at 230-494-9715 to arrange a Pickup.

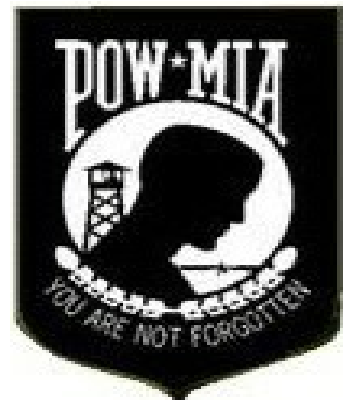
VIETNAM CONFLICT - CASUALTY SUMMARY

As of February 21, 2023

CASUALTY TYPE	TOTAL	ARMY	AIR FORCE	MARINES	NAVY
Killed in Action	40,934	27,047	1,080	11,501	1,306
Died of Wounds	5,299	3,610	51	1,486	152
Missing in Action - Declared Dead	1,085	261	589	98	137
Captured - Declared Dead	116	45	25	10	36
TOTAL HOSTILE DEATHS	47,434	30,963	1,745	13,095	1,631
Missing - Presumed Dead	123	118	0	3	2
Other Deaths	10,663	7,143	841	1,746	933
TOTAL NON-HOSTILE DEATHS	10,786	7,261	841	1,749	935
TOTAL IN-THEATER DEATHS	58,220	38,224	2,586	14,844	2,566
Killed in Action - No Remains	575	173	206	102	94
Missing in Action - Declared Dead - No Remains	691	201	339	74	77
Captured - Declared Dead - No Remains	52	32	7	3	10
Non-hostile Missing - Presumed Dead - No Remains	91	86	0	3	2
Non-hostile Other Deaths - No Remains	332	69	30	37	196
TOTAL - NO REMAINS	1,741	561	582	219	379
WOUNDED - NOT MORTAL	153,303	96,802	931	51,392	4,178
NUMBER SERVING WORLDWIDE	8,744,000	4,368,000	1,740,000	794,000	1,842,000
NUMBER SERVING SOUTHEAST ASIA	3,403,000	2,276,000	385,000	513,000	229,000
NUMBER SERVING SOUTH VIETNAM	2,594,000	1,736,000	293,000	391,000	174,000



A Post 224 scout worked on his Eagle Scout project, which was to buy items for the Nininger Veterans Home and the VA Clinic in Sunrise. The scout dropped the items of at the Nininger Veterans Home and were accepted by the Florida Lt. Gov Jeanette Núñez who was visiting there at the time. Also, this scout will be our Boy State student this year.



Post 385 Taps



Leonard Saver	01/06/06	
Stewart Fraser	09/01/06	
Frank Fong	03/24/07	Charter member
John B. Franz	09/05/07	
Jack Finkelstein	09/07/07	
Joseph Buchler	10/07/07	
Helen Franz	10/24/07	
Myron Pavlik	11/18/07	
Juan R. Zayas	12/29/07	
Morris Weinstein	04/03/08	
John A. Sexton	04/09/08	
Andrew Hudson	07/07/08	
Raymond G. Chote	2008	
Eugene V. Palermo	10/11/08	
Alvin Harold Chanin	03/15/09	
Anthony J. Radzville	02/03/09	
Fred Green	03/24/09	
William Engel	01/31/10	
Barrett Balsam	04/01/10	
Felix Giuffre	04/10/10	
Frank Dingfelder	06/24/10	Post Vice Commander
Robert J. Dolin	06/26/10	
Luis A. Soto	07/21/10	
Vincent W. Shevlin	10/12/10	
William Spiekerman	03/20/11	
Rene "Al" Kirouac	04/08/11	
Guy F. Walters	05/03/11	
Edward J. Bleyer	09/06/11	
Cooper Camp	09/18/11	
Clinton Lingerfelt	11/28/11	
Jordan D. Raileanu	12/27/11	
Donald Korn	04/08/12	
George W. Wilsher	06/14/12	
Elbert Armstrong	10/13/12	
Angelo Perfetto	01/27/13	
James Beicher	02/03/13	
Alvin Trilling	02/14/13	
Julius Smalkin	08/13/13	
Arthur Aiss	08/21/13	
Andrew Paul Lokie	01/12/14	
Thomas A. Flynn	08/05/14	
Allen C. Colton	08/05/14	
Farris Jammel	09/12/14	
Frank Mazzarella	12/18/14	
Joseph Pezzulo	01/03/15	

Roy Pitter	01/06/15
Antonio C. Catubac	05/13/15
Gerald G. Konzen	06/12/15
Martin Sobol	11/27/15
Murray S. Ginsberg	06/14/16
William B. Armstrong	08/07/16
Roger J. Cartier	08/17/16
Jeffrey Shapiro	09/25/16
Jose Perez-Mayo	12/19/16
Hector Castro	01/12/17
John R. Carlson	01/17/17
Pasquale T. Sessa	01/15/17
Kenneth Braidman	03/14/17
Wesley Brock	08/17/17
Peter Bouvier	09/12/17
Lou Manfra	09/13/17
Walter Meshaka	10/31/17
George D. Vrotsos	11/15/17
Ariosto Morales	03/10/18
Benjamin J. Guerra	05/30/18
Warren Mull	08/14/18
Louis S. Papelette	09/22/18
Dominic Barbera	09/28/18
Estelle Kfare-Lindsey	10/03/18
Kenneth Bialy	10/07/18
Michael Mauer	10/11/18
Henry L. Haddon	02/05/19
Peter J. Savoca	06/13/19
Leon Mogel	06/13/19
Louis Pipitone	08/26/19
Anthony E. Pietraro	09/16/19
Ezekiel L. Seda	01/19/20
John R. Johnson	04/03/20
George Webster	04/10/20
Ronald Schweighardt	12/29/20
Stanley Brust	02/25/21



Veterans to see cost-of-living boost to their benefits

By Stars and Stripes
Jun 16, 2023

Veterans will get a cost-of-living boost on their benefit payments next year equal to the annual Social Security cost-of-living adjustment now that President Joe Biden signed a bipartisan bill into law Wednesday requiring the raise.

The Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2023 directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to boost compensation for service-disabled veterans and the families of fallen service members by providing a cost-of-living adjustment equal to the Social Security increase. Biden signed the bill at the White House after it was passed unanimously in the House on May 23 and the Senate on March 30.

The law comes after veterans and Social Security recipients saw the largest COLA boost in decades last year, when the Social Security Administration and VA approved an 8.7% raise for this year due to high inflation rates last year.

Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., applauded Biden's signing the bill that he and Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., introduced earlier this year. Tester is the chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee and Moran is the committee's top Republican. Reps. Chris Pappas, D-N.H., and Morgan Luttrell, R-Texas, introduced the measure in the House.

"At a time when folks are struggling with rising costs, from housing to groceries, veterans deserve absolute certainty when it comes to providing for their families," Tester said in a statement issued Wednesday after the bill's signing. "That's why I'm proud to have worked with my Republican and Democratic colleagues to deliver a cost-of-living increase to millions of disabled veterans and survivors across the country — including 30,000 in Montana."

It was not immediately clear Wednesday how large a raise veterans would get from the bill. The Social Security Administration is expected to announce its annual cost-of-living adjustment sometime early in the next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. The raise is based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, according to the Social Security Administration. It would go into effect Dec. 1, 2023, according to the law.

The raise could be much lower this year. The Senior Citizens League, a nonpartisan senior group, announced Tuesday that it anticipated a 2.7% COLA boost for Social Security this year, after it had predicted last month a 3.2% boost.

The league's latest projection cited falling inflation rates in the latest Consumer Price Index, the group said in a state.



Post Commander James Tewes presented the JROTC Medals to 2 cadets from Boyd Anderson High School. At this ceremony they wanted the presenters to pin their medals of their uniforms with no certificate.



Post 385 Commander James Tewes presented the JROTC awards to cadets from Cypress Bay High School.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is now: 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline



988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. While some areas may be currently able to connect to the Lifeline by dialing 988, this dialing code will be available to everyone across the United States starting on July 16, 2022.



Post 385 presented the School Medal awards to cadets from Charles Flanagan High School.



Post Adjutant Teddy Pomerantz presented the JROTC Military and Scholastic awards to cadets from Hollywood Hills High School Academy.



Post Commander James Tewes presented the School Medal awards to cadets from Everglades High School.



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Post Commander James Tewes presented the YMCA a check for \$250 for the use of the Y for our Post meetings.





Post 385 attended the November 2022 Boys Scout Troop 224 Court of Honor and Post Commander Jim Tewes presented them a check for \$200.



One September 11, 2022 Our Post met for the first time since Covid began at our home at the YMCA, were we held our Installation of Officers by the 9th District staff and presented our two Boys State students with their medallion. Each student spoke about their experience in Tallahassee.



On Friday November 11th Veterans Day our American Legion Post 385 participated in the City of Pembroke Pines, the following photos are courtesy of Patti Good. It's Veterans Day Weekend.



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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Post 385 Active Charter Members

Kenneth Baranik	John Boyle
Dominick Froio	Peter Moore
Joseph Motes	Roy Schofield
Dennis Teitge	



2023 - 2024 Post 385 Officers

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Post 385 attended the Pembroke Pines 9-11 ceremonies, Legionnaires attending were (LtoR) George Koren, Bruce Eisner, Joe Motes, Ray Aguiar, David Izquierdo, Maj.Gen. Rafael Ribas, David McDonald.