

District 6 Quarterly Meeting
St Cloud American Legion Post 80
May 9th, 2026

At 10:00am, Commander Musser called the meeting to order. The meeting opened in good order with a prayer by Chaplain Larry Miller. The roll call of officers and Posts showed a quorum present.

Sgt at Arms Darrell Gray – **Absent**; **Posts Absent**: 19, 21, 53, 109, 239, 242, 330, 409, 412.

Welcoming Remarks: Commander Dave Musser and Post 80 Commander Dan Brooks

VIPs

1. Jessica Moore – Department Commander
2. Bob Matherson – Dept 1st Vice
3. Bruce Carl – Dept 2nd Vice
4. Denny Luke – Dept Chair POW/MIA
5. Sonny Decker – Dept Chair Boy's State
6. Shirley Douglas – Dept Finance Officer
7. Barry Roberts – Dept Chaplain
8. Joan Suelter – Eastern Area Commander
9. Rick Orzechowski – Central Area Commander
10. Daryl Bass – Past Eastern Area Commander

Auxiliary Report – Carol Pirone-Udell

- District Six Family Fun Fest raised over \$8,700.

Department Commander – Jessica Moore

- Something I've shared on my travels around the department this year was how I build American Legion family. I've worn this big bracelet for about eight years now, and on one side, it says American Legion family. On the other side, that's my hashtag, one team, one dream.
- As legionnaires, we are members of the largest and greatest veterans service organization in the world. Honor your service by being members. But it doesn't stop with us.
 - Our auxiliary are honoring the service of their spouses, their parents, their grandparents, these days, their children and grandchildren. So, thank you.
 - Our sons are honoring the service of their parents and grandparents. Service to their parents and grandparents. Thank you, sons.
 - I appreciated the event here last night for Special Olympics. Thank you all so very much.
- I will try to keep it short sweet, because I know we have a long meeting. So, there's a presentation for Special Olympics from Post 286 for \$2,900.
- We're going to do our candidates call for department right now, and I'm running for NES, so I won't talk later.

Candidates Call:

- Sonny Decker for the high office of Sergeant at Arms, Department of Florida.
- Diane Schmidt for the high office of Department Chaplain.
- Rick Orzechowski for the high office of Department 2nd Vice Commander.
- Troy Horsley for the high office of Department 2nd Vice Commander. (Read by Alan Adams)
- Bruce Carl or the high office of Department 1st Vice Commander.
- Bob Matherson for the high office of Commander, Department of Florida, 2026-2027.
- Barry Roberts Department Chaplain: I'm not running for anything. There is path for me to be National Chaplain. When they do that, I'm game.

- But you know, seek you first the kingdom of God, and I will give you desire of your hearts. God created me to provide us a suicide prevention farm in Monticello.
- What I'm going to start doing is preaching to raise money to finish that.
- I asked for a wife, and God gave me a wife last year. Annie, can you stand up?
- There's PTSD in the Bible to be preached about. You know if you understand the life of Samson was given a whole lot of strength, and he was deceived in telling why he had the strength, it was in his hair, and they cut off his hair, and he lost his strength, but then they cut out his eyes he could not see. I want everybody to close your eyes right now and think that you have lost your strength and you cannot see. Do you think you're going to have PTSD? I think you will.
- So, I can preach about that and raise money for a suicide treatment farm
- I just want to thank you for supporting me for the past nine years. Nine years, that's a long time. You have been prayed for time and time again, whether you realize it or not.

Minutes – Adjutant Rob Burgess

- Quarter 3 District Meeting minutes from Mar 7th, 2026, were posted on District Website.

**A MOTION was made to accept as read by Daid Hulin SECONDED: Alan Adams
No Discussion APPROVED**

Finance: Jodi Stump

- We had a very successful District Picnic with a great turnout as well. I have a breakdown of the Income from the money made prior to and during the Picnic here:

District 6 Picnic			
Jail	\$402	Post Donations	\$3,050
Games	\$168	Riders Donation	\$620
50/50	\$340	50/50	\$255
Food	\$1,388		
Silent Auction	\$1,588	Total	\$8,478
Bar Sales	\$437		
Crown Auction	\$230	Buses	
Sub Total	\$4,553	Jun 21-27	(\$3,744)
		Jun 4-12	(\$3,384)

- The 50/50's were from our previous district meetings and the picnic.
- The Buses are both paid in full for the transportation of the Boys and Girls State scheduled for June coming up.
- Deposits were made as the checks kept coming in before and after the picnic.
- We only had a few checks sent out as listed below:

3/30	Transportation Girls State	\$3,384
3/30	Transportation Boys State	\$1,872
4/20	Transportation Boys State	\$1,872
4/13	Cralyn Technology Solution Inc. /Website	\$141.17
- The balance of our bank account at this date is \$5,894.65

**A MOTION to accept the finance report for audit by David Hulin Seconded: Bethany Eller
No Discussion APPROVED**

Membership: 1st Vice Alan Adams

- Currently the district is at 96.3% we need to go in those drawers, deep in the pockets, and get those last renewals.
- The good news is 9 posts in the district over 100% high. 95% and above. 6 more posts, 6 that are 90% ish, like upper 80s and low 90s.
- So all in all, we need 427 total, and we cannot rely on 347 because their 100% is 209, so that's 218 that I need everyone to dig down and find. There's some Post 400s out there. Get them in your post. Remember the Post 400s who paid for this year, count towards membership.

Riders – David Hulin

- The project VetRelief, the in state unity ride, it's still counting, but we're at \$440,000 so far this year. We've already surpassed our goal, and it's still counting so we're there.
- Good job to all the posts that support it. Thank you for everyone.

Post Service Officer: Submitted Report

- Pointed out the DCC coming in May.
- Explained the rules if you wish to be nominated for a District position.
- Talked about the process for selecting delegates for the National Convention in Kentucky.
- There was discussion from the floor about which District officers would be offered delegate status.
 - Discussion from the floor about pitfalls and problems encountered last year and the need for clarification.

Service Officer – Report Submitted David Kassander

- I am reaching out with several important updates regarding upcoming training opportunities and some well-deserved benefits available to our Florida veterans.
 - Post Service Officer (PSO) School: It is essential that every Post has a designated Post Service Officer. A comprehensive, interesting, and required two-day training course is offered during the Department of Florida Convention. Starting Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 8:00 AM
 - Instructors: Qualified experts from The American Legion and the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - Requirements: Each Post may send up to three representatives. Attendees must be appointed as a PSO and must attend both days. This is a good opportunity to get a PSO / Resource Officer
 - Recertification: Please note that PSO training is valid for one year; all PSOs must keep their training current.
- Helping veterans navigate the benefits they've earned is one of our most rewarding duties. Pre-registration is required. I have attached the registration form, which includes specific location details, for your convenience.
- Streamlining Your Online Access
 - Navigating government websites can be a challenge. I strongly recommend setting up accounts with Login.gov and ID.me.
 - These services provide secure verification for many Government sites like VA.gov and SSA.gov, allowing you to use a single login for multiple agencies. Beyond government use, an ID.me account is the standard for accessing various commercial veteran discounts.
 - While you're at it, GOVX.com also verifies your service for many commercial sites.
 - Do NOT use the same password for these 3 sites.
- Veteran Discounts & Offers
 - SeaWorld Orlando: For a limited time, veterans can receive up to four FREE tickets (for yourself and three guests). Additionally, you can purchase up to six single-day tickets at a 50% discount.
 - Deadline: Tickets must be obtained by May 10th and used by June 30, 2026.
 - Claim here: SeaWorld Military Discount (ID.me required). <https://seaworld.com/orlando/tickets/military-discount/veterans/>
 - Margaritaville at Sea: Through the "Heroes Sail Free" program, veterans can book Caribbean cruises for just the cost of taxes and fees. Recent interior room rates have been as low as \$188 per person for a 6-night cruise. Look for the FREE CRUISE designation. Military always get 20% off on their cruises.
 - Claim here: Margaritaville at Sea Offers <https://www.margaritavilleatsea.com/current-offers/thank-you-for-your-service-month>
- If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact me at 407-900-3283. If I am unable to answer, please leave a voicemail or send a text message and I'll get back with you. I stand ready to assist you and your team in any way I can.

Riders Report: District Riders Director Dave Hulin

- District Riders are helping prepare for upcoming picnic.
- In April 21st we kick off our annual Unity ride for Vet Relief. The three rides across the state will end at Sanford, at the Harley Davidson dealership.

Announcements:

- **District 6 Commander Musser:** Get CPR, Dept Addendum and Officer Reports submitted to Dept ASAP.
 - Post Visitations need to be If you wish to schedule your installations please see us after the meeting and after we settle the Delegate paperwork.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Nominations: Jim Lloyd the New District 6 JAG was appointed after the abrupt departure of Tom Murphy.
 - A total of four (4) nominations were taken: Alan Adams for District 6 Commander, Rob Burgess and Larry Kayne for Vice Commander, and Scott Kanabara for Finance.
 - A Post 400 member attempted nomination for Vice Commander but because she was not a member in good standing within a Post in District 6, she was ineligible to run.
 - With No other nomination and the Vice Commanders agreeing that Rob Burgess be 1st Vice and Larry Kayne for 2nd Vice; The adjutant cast one vote for each.

Slate of Officers for District 6 for the year of 2026-2027

District 6 Commander – Alan Adams

District 6 1st Vice Commander – Rob Burgess

District 6 2nd Vice Commander – Larry Kayne

District 6 Finance Officer – Scott Kanabara

- Alan Adams nominated Dave Musser for Eastern Area Commander. After much heated discussion concerning a handshake agreement between the 12th and 6th District commanders, but seeing as the 12th District didn't nominate their 12th District Commander we proceeded.

A MOTION to accept the endorsement was made by Bethany Eller Seconded: Rob Burgess

After Discussion the endorsement was APPROVED

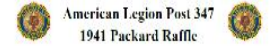
Delegates and Alternates for National Convention

DELEGATES		ALTERNATES	
Post #	First and Last Name	Post #	First and Last Name
1)	3 of the 4 Delegated to District 6 Officers	1)	419 Manuel Gonzalez-Juarbe
2)		2)	347 Tony Gibson
3)		3)	10 Eric Allen
4)	347 Tina Burgess	4)	331 Tonya Bass
5)	10 Joe Marcheggiani	5)	63 David Kassandra
6)	80 Daryl Bass	6)	419 Bethany Eller
7)	243 Mike Ungerman	7)	347 Wayne Rodgers
8)	331 Larry Colleton	8)	243 Kim Bean
9)	63 James Wade	9)	331 Ron Beasley
10)	243 Don Morrison	10)	Nick Gonzalez
11)	101 Jodi Stump	11)	331 Revette Brown

Good of the District

1. Alan Adams: Presentation to Outgoing Commander Dave Musser.
2. Next District Meeting will be Sep TDB, 2026, at Winter Garden Post 63. Sign-in at 9 am / Meeting Starts: 10 am
3. Andy Smith, Boy State Update.
 - i. Boys State is maxed out this year about 515
 - ii. We said almost 10% of the entire total out of the 6th District and especially Post 347 provided a large amount of those delegates.
 - iii. Boys State will be starting on Father's Day and will have two pick-up points.
 - iv. There'll be one more mandatory District briefing for our delegates, and it will be next Sunday at 10 am at 347.
4. Post 219: Suggest a Bar called Valuable Salute for their Seafood Boil.
5. Post 35: Explained about a retail law legal plight involving a member and suggest if you are in a similar situation contact Senator Moody's office as they have helped their situation.

- 6. Post 347 1st Vice Commander Burgess:
 - i. May 27th – Jun 1st Post 347 is sponsoring “Remember the Fallen”. It honors the 5000 members of the military that have passed since 911. We are looking for anyone who would like to sponsor a tower for \$200. One of our Gold Star parents is sponsoring the tower their where their son’s picture is displayed. It’s going to be here over that Memorial Day weekend, and we’d love for everybody to come swing through.
 - ii. Tower Sponsorship are available to any individual or post for \$200. Please contact Tina or Rob Burgess if you are interested.
- 7. Larry Kayne Post 243: Every year one week before Memorial Day and one week after Memorial Day we stand up what we call the ‘Florida’s Fallen Memorial’, and it runs from May 17th – May 30th from 8 am to 8 pm and it honors all those from Florida who have lost their lives since 911. There are over 419 crosses and stars of David to remember them. On Memorial Day we have remembrance ceremony that starts at 11 am and a taps ceremony at 7 pm at the veteran’s tribute in Oviedo.
- 8. Bob Colbert, D6 Webmaster
 - i. Our webpage is <https://flad6.org/> and is as current as the information provided.
 - ii. Contact the webmaster to update your information.
 - iii. Please send pdf flyers so I can put them on the webpage.
- 9. Post 55: We teamed up with Clermont VFW for a celebration at the Clermont Arts
- 10. Post 419: What you to support their Family All-American Flag Parade. (See flyer)
- 11. Invitation everyone to come up to the National POW–MIA Memorial on 19th September for POW-MIA Recommission Day.
- 12. Post 347 is raffling off a 1941 Packard Raffle. (See Flyer)



American Legion Post 347
1941 Packard Raffle

Tickets: 1 for \$25 or 5 for \$100
Winner will be drawn on May 24, 2026, 12pm, at Post 347



1. All proceeds go to the Florida National Cemetery Monument Fund
2. Winner will be responsible for all taxes and fees
3. This is not a charitable Donation
4. Winner does not need to be present to win.

Closing prayer /Moment of Silence: Chaplain Larry Miller

With no further business to come before the Membership, the meeting was closed in good order.

Time Adjourned: 11:44 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C Burgess, Adjutant
May 20, 2026