

District 6 Quarterly Meeting

Winter Garden American Legion Post 63

September 12th, 2026

Meeting called to order at 10:03am

Roll Call of Officers and Posts:

District Commander Alan Adams (presiding); District 6 chairs, staff, and officers introduced and acknowledged. Family organizations (Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders) commanders each introduced their district officers.

Welcoming Remarks: Commander Alan Adams

VIPs

1. Dennis Mallon – Area Commander (District 12)
2. Rick O – Dept of Florida 2nd Vice
3. Darryl (Daryl) Bass – Past District Commander (8-time; also past Eastern Area Commander)
4. Joan Saulter (Suelter) – Past Area / Past Eastern Area Commander
5. Tom Murphy

Minutes – Adjutant Bethany Eller

- DCC minutes from May 9th, 2026. They are posted on the website; do any changes need to be made?

A MOTION was made to accept as read by Bruce Hargis SECONDED: Dave Campobasso

No Discussion APPROVED

Membership: 1st Vice Rob Burgess

- Currently District 6 renewal is 50.17% (crossed 50% the night before the meeting).
 - o We as a district are currently sitting at 50.17%. We lead all of Florida's districts and we are currently higher than the state's renewal of 49.81%. Next target: 55%. Roughly half a dozen posts are already there.
- Posts that are struggling were encouraged to contact district staff directly for one-on-one support. Commander Adams will personally visit two struggling posts the following week and emphasized guidance over pressure.

- Requested all update Post Data on the sheet by sign-in sheet. This is an attempt to update the Post Rosters and aid in communication across the District.

Finance: Scott Kanabara

- Current Total: \$7,544.65 (up from an opening balance of \$6,094.65)
- No current expenses
- Upcoming deposits: District 6 picnic (handled by Anita)

A MOTION to accept the finance report for audit by Rob Rossman Seconded: Dave Campobasso

No Discussion APPROVED

JAG: Jim Lloyd

- Excused
- If you have not reviewed your CBL's, please review them yearly and ensure Department approval. One post was found operating on unapproved CBLs from 2014.

Service Officer: Eric Allen

- Required Service Officer training will be at the Fall Conference, Nov 20-21, 2026.

Gaming: Larry Kane

- ALG Foundation program connects veterans through video games and esports. New Hampshire and Maryland have launched department programs. District 6 is co-writing a resolution with District 7 for an official Florida department program, targeting the spring meeting.

Webmaster: Bob Colbert

- District website receives 600–800 daily hits.
- Posts please forward your events and flyers to Bob for calendar listing.

POW/MIA Chair: Kim Bean

- POW/MIA Recognition Day Friday Sept 18th (or the Friday following the meeting) at the Dr. Philip Center, 10:30 / 11:11 a.m.
- POW/MIA Ride – weekend following at Cecil Field. Donations requested; contact Eddie Luke (Jacksonville).

Boys State:

- Be sure to get into the high schools and start getting things in place for Boys State candidates. Schools are back in session; time to identify candidates.

Riders

- September 19 – Seven Bridges Ride, Jacksonville.
- September 26 – District 6 Riders meeting, Post 10.
- October 17 – District 6 Unity Ride.

Other Committee / Program Items

- Blood drive: Don Morrison urged all posts to get arms out and donate.
- Cruisers chapter: Post 403's Mike Ungerman requested a District 6 Cruisers committee (car club modeled on the Riders). Approved in principle.
- Oratorical: Ron Beasley already meeting with guidance counselors. Last year produced 4 strong candidates from 26 posts; the national winner earned \$45,000+ in scholarships. Time to identify candidates as schools return.
- Suicide awareness: Suicide Awareness Walk – Saturday, September 26 (details on the post website). The Chaplain offered a powerful personal reflection on losing a 38-year-old combat-veteran chaplain to suicide. Members were urged to reach out, wear Legion covers in public, and be a listening ear.
- Prison Post 403 (Bushnell): 31 members need sponsorship at \$37–\$40 each (approximately \$1,200 total). Post 419 pledged \$150. Several other posts indicated interest in sponsoring individual Legionnaires. Members who leave incarceration can transfer to a local post (reported 85%+ success rate of not returning). Contact Rob Burgess for pledges.

Announcements: Alan Adams

- Review from National
- New National Commander is from Colorado. Slogan: “Be Part of the Solution.”
- Department Adjutant: Kevin Mook (formerly with the Sons organization and JAG) is the new Department Adjutant and still getting up to speed.
- Congratulations to Post 347 for their repeat victory of National Color Guard — the first repeat championship in Florida history.

- In person training vs. virtual monthly training: Monthly virtual training remains set for the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (topic-based; calendar invites sent). Decision: add in-person training sessions; schedule to be circulated next week. Option discussed: combine in-person training with district meetings (30–45 minutes before the meeting).

- Women Veteran's advocacy – need a volunteer to chair the District Women's veterans team (contact Larry Kane). Post 243 Women's Reception – next Saturday at 2:00 p.m.; open to non-members; guest speaker TBA. Women's Expo at Post 8 (District 7, Winter Haven area) – October 24 at 10:00 a.m. A quarterly Women Veterans Meetup is hosted and open to non-Legion members; attendance is about 10–20 and growing.

- Post visits: Please schedule a time for the District team to come out and visit. Post visitation forms are available with Bethany. All posts asked to schedule a visit before the end of November. Goal: three visits per post per year — avoid end-of-year checkbox rushing. Chain of command reminder: post issues go to the District first, not directly to Department.

New Business

- Looking over our District CBL's / standing rules to update election process for DCC. Two conflicting sets were identified — one from approximately 2014–2016, and one redlined but unapproved. Both versions will be sent to the membership for feedback. A new redlined version will be drafted at the next meeting.

Good of the District

1. District 6 Picnic – Sunday, March 14, 2026 (context indicates future picnic), from Noon to 5:00 pm.
 - a. Held at Hickory Point, 27341 SR 19, Tavares, FL
2. Next District Meeting will be Dec 5th, 2026 at Mt Dora Post 35. Sign-in at 9:00 am and Meeting Starts: 10:00 am
3. It was mentioned the Wreaths across America will be Dec 19th, 2026. If you cannot physically lay wreaths reach out and sponsor, others will gladly help with the laying of the wreaths.

Post Meeting Note:

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

Time Adjourned: 11:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Eller, District 6 Adjutant

Sep 16, 2026