



Sailfish Moose Legion 197

Winter Newsletter

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MEDAL OF HONOR PRESENTED TO RICHARD MEALS AT THE SPRING CELEBRATION



Richard Meals Medal of Honor presented by Past International Moose Legion Ambassador Lee Singleton and President Scott Duncan

By successfully earning 50 sponsor credits in the Moose Legion, Richard Meals has been awarded the coveted Moose Legion Medal of Honor. Richard has spent many years supporting the Sailfish Moose Legion. Joining West Palm Beach Lodge 1461 in January 1994, Richard elevated his membership into the Moose Legion in 1994. He has served the Moose Legion in many director positions including President in 2016-17. He earned his Fellowship Degree of Honor in 2003, and elevated in the House of God at Mooseheart, to the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 2018. It has been an honor to work side by side with him during my time with Sailfish, and look forward to continuing that effort as we strive to make our Moose Legion better than ever. When you see him at the next Celebration, congratulate him and thank him for his dedication and hard work. **By W. Scott Duncan**

Where are You? Our Dedicated Moose Legionnaires...

When you were asked to join the Moose Legion, whether many years ago or just last week. You took an oath to support your community, Lodge and our philanthropic endeavors at Mooseheart and Moosehaven. For over one hundred years, the Moose Legion has been made up of Moose Members that wanted to do just a little more, who wanted to step up and volunteer a few more hours, to help organize Lodge events, and execute the plans. Along the way, most have become leaders in their respective areas, whether at the Lodge, State Association Districts, or in the Moose Legion jurisdiction. This is where our fraternal bond shines the brightest. We are the men who get things done!

As our time has passed, the question is... Where are you? I attend a lodge meeting and see just a few of many in attendance. How can you assist your Lodge, if you are not aware of what they need assistance with. Sure, a lodge can always use a cook, or someone to sell raffle tickets. Those are pretty easy volunteer jobs. Well what if they need to paint the restrooms, or replace damaged ceiling tiles, even easier, change a lightbulb. I know, the lodge saves money to pay others to do this kind of work, but what if they had volunteers that would step up and become a force, thus saving the funds they would have spent on labor costs, and purposing the funds to our charitable endeavors.

In our community, there are projects that get noticed by many, how

about organizing a group of members to clean up a park. Is that free? Consider the cost of trash bags, safety equipment like gloves and a hat for shade. A Moose Legionnaire has the skills, and knowledge to know, planning and many volunteers will make the most impact. It's not just picking a date and sending out invitations. Who is going to pay for the trash bags, hats, and gloves? Why not make fundraising for the event, like a simple 50\50 on a Friday or Saturday night. Use the proceeds to buy those needed supplies, and save the leftovers for the next planned community event. The idea is to make it easy to volunteer and get involved.

At the same time you are using your skills and expertise, you are teaching others how it could be done, and possibly even motivating a new volunteer to step up and do even more, including joining the Moose Legion. If this all sounds interesting, why not come to a Celebration and get to know other Moose Legionnaires who have walked in your shoes and have the knowledge and expertise to help you make your next event, even more organized, planned and executed. Take it to the highest level to bring the most productivity, results, and recognition for the Fraternity we love. So the next time you attend a General Meeting or Moose Legion meeting, ask yourself "Where are you? Our Dedicated Moose Legionnaires"...

By W. Scott Duncan, Junior Past President, Sailfish Moose Legion #197



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Upcoming Celebrations

Okeechobee

June 19 & 20

Who Will Be Next?
Lake Park?

Sailfish Moose Legion 197
Fundraising as of 03/31/2021

Endowment Fund
\$3999

Annual Project
(House of God Improvements)

\$786.00

Youth Awareness
Scholarships

\$393.00

Presidents Project
(Moosehaven Transportation)

\$327.50

Mooseheart Student Trips
To Moosehaven
\$163.75

Check Out Our Website

Secretary's Message

We are off to a new year, new Directors and lots of new ideas. This been a long haul and now we are coming out of the tunnel. It looks like a virus is going in the right direction.

We had a great meeting at Okeechobee on May 22, 2021. A great mini conferral with a lot of new Moose Legionnaires, hearing the story of the Moose Legion.

The following day at Vero Beach Lodge I and my better half were able to watch and listen to our Ritual team. They are working hard to represent Sailfish 197 in Cincinnati at the International Convention.

We are now One Moose, there is a lot of confusion but we will work our way through it. We will be stronger together.

Think Fun, it is time to let our hair down, it is time to enjoy a fellowship and friendship. Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Please take a moment to send Birthday Wishes to our Sailfish Moosehaven residents. Ed Layton in June and Gary Anderson in July. You can send them good thoughts and a Birthday Card to 1701 Park Avenue, Orange Park, Florida 32073

Fraternally, Lee Singleton



Congratulations to our newest Pilgrims.... Straight from the house of God at Mooseheart, the 2021 Class of Pilgrims were conferred on June 5th. Congratulations to our Sailfish Moose Legion recipients, Keith Headley , Joe Eriksen, FMA Prelate Jim Esposito, and International Moose Legion Ambassador Gerry Dubois.

Editors Note

As part of my commitment to Communications within Sailfish 197, the FBMA and Moose International, I thought you should know, you can send in your Moose Stories to me, The FBMA Courier, and Moose Magazine. Always send pictures and text separate and include who you are and where you are from. For this newsletter or www.sailfish197.com send them to moosepg2311@live.com, for the FBMA Courier, email to courierjdf@aol.com. And to submit your story to Moose International, go to www.mooseintl.org/communication go to forms and follow instructions on the form. Let our peers now how we are supporting the Moose Mission.



Sailfish Moose Legion # 197 Summer Celebration

June 19-20, 2021

Hosted by Okeechobee Lodge 1753

159 Northwest 36th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34973 (863) 763-4954



Saturday, June 19

- Free Pool All Day
- Corn Hole Tournament 10 AM
- Directors & Assistant Secretaries Meeting 3 PM
- Dinner 5 PM Meatloaf \$8
- Music and Dancing

Sunday, June 20

- Breakfast 8-11 AM
- Registration & Store 8-11
- Candidate Sign-In 9 AM
- Candidate Parade 10 AM
- Conferral Meeting 12 PM
- Lunch Served after Conferral

THERE IS A DESTINY...

Many articles have been written that include a reference to this line from a bygone and fondly remembered version of the Moose Legion Ritual; "There is a destiny which makes us brothers, none goes his way alone. That which we send into the lives of others will come back into our own."

Now as we emerge from a year of shuttered lodges, unfulfilled expectations and, in some cases, disappointed members, into the advent of One Moose, let's pause and reexamine this statement originally attributed to poet Edwin Markham.

While many of us have felt lonely and isolated as we quarantined at home and avoided our lodges and other fraternal gatherings in order to remain safe from viral infection, the work of The Moose has not come to a grinding halt. Our Mooseheart youngsters have been kept safe and are still learning and growing in our Child City.

Meanwhile at Moosehaven, our seniors have not reported even one case of Covid-19 and are safe and happy. On both of these campuses we are "adding years to their lives and life to their years." Additionally, communities across our fraternity are benefitting from service provided by dedicated members of Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legion Jurisdictions.

While we may mourn the loss of the physical pleasures denied us these past months such as dinners, dances, meetings, picnics, sports and conventions we should also celebrate the fact that all these blessings that we have sent into the lives of others are on their way back unto us.

In the words of the writer of Ecclesiastes; "Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again." Ecc. 11:1

So, might we suggest: Let's quit crying in our beverage and start collecting that bread! We may indeed find that the best truly is yet to come!

Fraternally,
Charles Barber, International Moose Legion Committee



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CURRENT RESIDENT OR

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MAY 1 - JULY 31, 2021
to join The Moose

Take advantage of this initiative and welcome your neighbors, friends and family into our Moose family. Remember, our rules prohibit public solicitation of membership. It is suggested that if you post on social media, that you encourage anyone that wants more information to contact you personally.

There is no application fee for the Moose Legion or WOTM Chapter beginning May 1.
(Membership dues must be submitted with the application.)