

CAPE LEGION'S VOICE

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Cape Coral, Florida - Post #90



DECEMBER 2025 &
JANUARY 2026



With Lisa Arnold

Greetings everyone,

As Commander of American Legion Post 90, I couldn't be prouder of what our team has accomplished this year. Leading the 2025 Cape Coral Veteran's Day Parade was an incredible honor, and the flawless execution reflected the dedication and unity of our members and volunteers. Inside the post, the installation of our new floor has transformed the space into a brighter, more welcoming home for our veterans and community. We will close out the year with outstanding celebrations—our Post 90 Christmas Party will be a success, filled with camaraderie and joy, and our Santa Con event will bring an energy and enthusiasm that reminds everyone why our post is such a vibrant part of Cape Coral. Each achievement shows what happens when a community comes together with purpose, pride, and heart.

Many thanks to all of our members and their families. I look forward to seeing you throughout the new year.

For God and Country,

New American Legion Post 90 Commander,

Lisa Arnold



Hello Everyone,

As of November 14, 2025, the paid membership is 64.03% which is short of the expected goal of 65.00%. The next goal to be achieved is 75% by December 3. That means that Post 90 must get 129 members to renew or new members approved and sign-up by that date. Please renew your membership soon.

The membership year ends at midnight on December 31, 2025. If you have not renewed your membership for 2026, you will not be able to enter the Post unless you ring the buzzer and cannot purchase alcohol. Please renew as soon as possible. Adjutant Baker will be available to process and give out membership cards for renewing members during the last week in December.

and first week in January from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The American Legion gives a 30-day waver to renew your membership before it will expire. If you do not renew by January 31, your membership is considered expired, and you will have to reapply for membership with your continuous years reverting to 1 (one). For example, if you have 25 continuous years of membership, your membership will start at 1 continuous year.

I encourage all American Legion members to renew their 2026 membership soon or before. December 31, 2025.

If you need to obtain your DD-214, the link is: <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>.

I hope you are receiving Post 90's weekly update on Post activities. Also, please check out Post 90's website (www.post90swf.org) and Facebook page for more information.

There will be a large turnover of officers for Post 90 for the year 2026-2027. The current officers in the following positions will not be available for the year 2026-2027: Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Adjutant and Finance Officer. If you are interested in running for any officer position at Post 90, please let Commander Arnold or Adjutant Baker know. The sign-up sheet for officer positions will be on the Bulletin board on January 1 (one), and the election is currently scheduled for Monday May 18, 2026, with the Executive Board meeting on Wednesday May 20, 2026, to approve of Commander appointments.

Remember, the Post holds its Legion Membership Meetings every fourth Monday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM. Typically, they last 55 minutes to an hour, and a lot of information is processed, gained, and approved during the meetings. Post 90 belongs to you, the Members, so, please come to the meetings and express your rights.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 Adjutant,

John Baker





SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 90



Hello everyone,

Squadron 90 has performed well in the past and is an asset to the American Legion Post 90 Family. Squadron 90 is on its way to achieving its 2026 membership goals. As of October 30, 2025, the paid membership for Squadron 90 is 50.31% which exceeds the expected goal of 45.00%. The next goal to be achieved is 60 %. Please renew your membership soon.

The membership year ends at midnight on December 31, 2025. If you have not renewed your membership for 2026, you will not be able to enter the Post unless you ring the buzzer and cannot purchase alcohol. Please renew as soon as possible. Adjutant Berres or Commander Baker will be available to process and give out membership cards for renewing members during the last week in December and first week in January from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

If you do not renew by January 31, your membership is considered expired, and you will have to reapply for membership with your continuous years reverting to 1 (one). For example, if you have 25 continuous years of membership, your membership will start at 1 continuous year.

I encourage all SAL members to renew their 2026 membership soon or before December 31, 2025.

Squadron 90 has raised funds for charities and operations through the Annual Gun Raffle, Christmas Cash Raffle, Meat Raffle, basket raffles, etc. The Christmas Cash Raffle is underway. Squadron 90 has also supported and provided volunteers for Post 90's Honor & Color Guards, Red Sox Training Camp concession stand, the ALA Poppy drive, Honor Flight Promotion, and others. I would like to expand these efforts and improve on the current programs. However, this can only be accomplished with ideas from Squadron 90 members and with volunteers.

Squadron 90 will be hosting a dinner on Saturday January 24. Commander Baker will be cooking but needs help with taking money, plating, taking orders & serving and dishwashing. If you can help, please contact Commander Baker.

I hope you are receiving Post 90's weekly update on Post activities. Also, please check out Post 90's website (www.post90swf.org) and Facebook page for more information.

There will be a turnover of Squadron officers for Post 90 for the year 2026-2027. The current officers in the following positions will not be available for the year 2026-2027: Commander and Adjutant. If you are interested in running for any officer position at Post 90, please let Commander Baker or Adjutant Berres know. The sign-up sheet for officer positions will be on the Bulletin board on January 1 (one) and the election is currently scheduled for Monday May 11, 2026.

Remember, Squadron 90 holds its Membership Meetings every second Monday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM. Typically, they last 55 minutes to an hour, and much information is processed, gained, and approved during the meetings. Squadron 90 and Post 90 belong to you, the Members, so, please come to the meetings and express your rights.

Sincerely,

Sons Of American Legion Post 90 Squadron Commander,

John Baker



Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is safe and well. If you know of anyone else who is sick or passed away recently in our American Legion Post 90 membership, please let me know. You can reach me at: (734) 475-1080 or you can email me at: ron.nancy01@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 Chaplain,

Ron Montage



Hello everyone,

The Post implemented a House Committee for the 2025-2026 fiscal year that manages the Post property. The House Committee is comprised of Jack Fitzgerald (Legion & ALR), Tim Fisher (Legion), Sherry Baker (Legion Auxiliary) and Jay Bissel (SAL). I will continue to oversee the canteen and kitchen operations and will also be a member of the House Committee.

In November, much has occurred at Post 90. New flooring in the canteen and women's bathroom, cabinets and cabinet tops were installed thanks to a grant given by Home Depot. I want to thank Jay Bissel, Terry Reynolds, and other volunteers for their tireless work in getting the new floor installed. The kitchen needed a new sandwich board and grill, and many thanks go out to the SAL, Squadron 90, and Auxiliary Unit 90 as each contributed \$1,000 toward purchase of these appliances. We are working on funding for hurricane screens for the front door of the Post. The hurricane screens are the last elements we can do to make Post 90 100% hurricane proof.

The kitchen is open during the NFL season starting on September 5 and will end with the Super Bowl. All NFL games are televised on Sundays during the football season, and the kitchen is open with a limited menu during the games. Please join us on football Sundays for the NFL games.

The Post Canteen has new operating hours which began October 1, 2025. The new hours are:

- a. The Post canteen will close at 6:00 PM on Sundays; however, the bar may remain open if in determination of the bartender there are enough customers present to keep it open.
- b. The canteen will remain open on Mondays, except when there is a fifth Monday during the month when the Sunday closure rule would apply.
- c. The historic core hours for the canteen are 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM Monday through Sunday, except for the new Sunday and fifth Monday closure times. The bartender has the option of closing at 9:00 PM on Monday or Sunday if there are less than three customers.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Post and/or Post operation, please do not hesitate to contact me, Commander Arnold, or any member of the House Committee. There is a suggestion box at the Post where you can submit your comments, but if there is no name or phone number attached to the suggestion, we will not be able to make any contact or response

Sincerely,

2nd Vice Commander of American Legion Post 90,

John Baker





These jokes were submitted by Amy Oneill. Thank you! I am looking for some clean and funny Military Jokes for the American Legion Post 90 Newsletter. If you have any, please email, text, or call me. Please include your full name for recognition.
strawjazz1978@gmail.com
(304)

Sincerely,

Chairman & Editor of American Legion Post 90 Newsletter,

Amy O'Neill



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Sincerely,

2nd Vice Commander of American Legion Post 90,

John Baker



AMERICAN LEGION POST 90

HONOR GUARD CORNER



Hello Everyone,

We have practice on the 2nd Saturday of each month. We will continue to practice on every 2nd Saturday of the month starting at 9am at the Post. The following are dates and times of the next 2 Honor/Color Guard practices.

There will be Honor & Color Guard Practice at American Legion Post 90 on Saturday, December 13th, 2025, in civilian clothes.

There will be Honor & Color Guard Practice at American Legion Post 90 on Saturday, January 10th, 2025, in civilian clothes.

Please help honor our veterans by volunteering for our Legion's Color and Honor guards. We do a lot in the community to honor our fellow departed & living veterans. You must be a current member of American Legion Post 90's membership, Riders, Auxiliary, and/or SAL to join. No experience is necessary. Your uniform will be supplied & we will train you. If you are interested in joining any of American Legion Post 90 Honor/Color Guards, please call me at: (303) 882-5164 or you can email me at: baker292@comcast.net. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Captain of American Legion Post 90 Color & Honor Guards,

John Baker





Hello everyone,

The sweltering days and rains of Summer have faded, and Chapter 90 Riders have been raking up the miles promoting Post 90 to the area. We have been busy starting the Passport Tour to raise awareness of Veteran suicide prevention and to raise money for that cause. The tour includes stops at Posts and businesses from Marco up to Bradenton. Anyone can enter by purchasing a passport tour book for \$10.

Chapter 90 has started with our breakfasts and this Thanksgiving Day we served Dinner to our Veterans at no cost. The Post was open from 1100 – 1600 and dinner was served at 1300.

On November 29th, Chapter 90 held pocketbook bingo at the Post from 1600-2000. Tickets were available at the Post and Tables could be reserved for a price.

This year, the Chapter 90 Riders is hosting a Santa Con event starting and ending at Post 90. This is a walking event and will stop at local establishments, Wear your best Santa and Christmas attire for this event.

It is that time of year for the Teddy Bear run to Golisano Children's hospital this is on December 20th. Please bring your teddy bear donations for this to the Post for collection.

The week of December 17th, the American Legion Department of Florida Commander, Jessica Moore, will be conducting Post visits in our District and the Chapter 90 Riders will be in the lead escorting her throughout the District. Also in December, the Chapter 90 Riders will be serving Christmas day brunch at the Post for our Veterans.

December is also our annual Key West ride where we Stay at Trumbo Pt Naval station. We also will be riding to the Jacobson Veterans Home in Port Charlotte to donate to the residents.

In January, we will be having another breakfast, and we will be traveling to Daytona Beach FL for our American Legion Riders conference.

As Always, we hold our 50/50 drawings on Friday nights at the Post. The American Legion Riders Chapter 90 appreciate the support we are given from our Post and Members. Always look twice for motorcycles.

Sincerely,

Chapter 90 ALR Director,

John Fitzgerald





UNIT 90 **AUXILIARY** **CORNER**



Hello everyone,

Auxiliary has distributed Poppies throughout the year. All proceeds went to support veterans and their families. We donated to Wreaths Across America. 50/50 raffles and raffle baskets are held to support other veteran needs.

BE THE ONE TRAINING session was held at the post. It was very informational.

Auxiliary is supporting "Shop with a Cop" program. We will assist the children with wrapping the gifts they have selected.

Dollar Tree has been very generous by supplying many boxes of small toys. We will distribute to a special needs school near the post, and to an elementary school nearby.

VA residents will be coming to the post to celebrate Christmas. We are having a party for the veterans from the Jacobson Home for Veterans. A giving tree has been set up, and gifts will be given to residents according to their wish lists. About 15 vets will be transported from the home for the party.

Donations were made to the nearby Caring Center and local Cape Coral food banks.

Chili cook-off is coming soon.

Budapest style New Years Eve party 12/31/2025 from 2 to 6.

And, finally, our second annual Soup Per Bowl party. Bring your favorite soup. Soups will be judged, and prize awarded.

Sincerely,

American Legion Unit 90 Auxiliary President,

Sherry Baker



**American Legion Post 90
Women Veteran's Committee**



Sisters-in-Arms
Bravery Knows No Gender

American Legion Post 90's Women Veterans Committee, Sisters-In-Arms, remains deeply committed to creating a lasting tribute that honors the courage, sacrifice, and service of female veterans in Cape Coral. Recently, the committee met with the City Parks and Recreation team at the Four-Mile Cove Ecological Preserve to identify the ideal location for this meaningful monument, ensuring it will stand in a place of reflection and respect. With the site now selected, the next step is to collaborate with the city's Art department to issue a formal call for an artist to bring this vision to life. This monument will serve as a powerful reminder of the women who have proudly worn this nation's uniform and continue to inspire future generations.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 Women Veterans Committee Chairperson,

Lisa Arnold



Cape Coral Museum of History Event

Honors Veterans

On Saturday, November 1, three members of the Marketing committee staffed a table at the Cape Coral Museum of History, located on Cultural Park Boulevard. The venue, although small — 400-500 attendees— was nevertheless very successful in terms of showcasing Post 90 and gathering data from a dozen potential members. The Cape Coral FD Honor were among the acts featured on stage to a very enthusiastic crowd.

Given that the event was held to honor veterans and that most attendees resided in Cape Coral, we should not have been surprised by our success from an ideal demographic group. Due to the outcome, we will add this event to our list of future events and festivals for recruitment purposes. We have also been requested to develop a small display to be placed at the Museum for the entire month of November to promote the American Legion.

Thanks to Ted, Bruce, and Joe for staffing the marketing table.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 Publicist,

Ted Clark





POST 90 MARKETING CORNER



Octoberfest at the Germain American Club

The Marketing Committee enjoyed another extraordinary 2025 Oktoberfest at the German American Club, spanning the two festival weekends of October 17-20 and 24-26, with a remarkable number of contacts made with attendees despite having fewer volunteers (10) than in 2024 (17). Committee members had conversations with 608 attendees and collected data from 50 'hot' prospects, representing an 8% conversion rate from these conversations. We distributed 102 business cards, 60 applications, and collected \$640 in donations (equal to last year).

In marketing, an impression refers to the number of times an advertisement or content is displayed to a user. It represents the potential reach of an ad but does not necessarily indicate user engagement. Based on an approximate Oktoberfest attendance of 40,000, the estimated impressions of the American Legion banner were between 10,000 and 13,000, due to the location of the tent.

Overall, the Marketing Committee could have used more volunteers but did an incredible job with fewer resources and shifts. The volunteers and committee members spent a considerable amount of time strategically staffing the tent and interacting with festival attendees at the most productive times. The volunteers from all four of our units —Legionnaires, SAL, ALA, and ALR, through their dedication and hard work, contributed to the successful outcome of Oktoberfest. Our thanks to Bruce, Ted, Harry, Bill, John & Sherry, Joe & Judy, and Rebecca & Rick.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 Publicist & 1st Vice Commander,

Ted Clark & Bruce Bohlinger



The Social Club of Cape Coral and the Quilts of Valor Foundation honor veterans.

On Thursday, November 20th, at 10 am, members of the American Legion Honor/Color Guard from Post 90 of Cape Coral, FL, conducted a flag- folding ceremony as part of the Social Club's agenda to honor veterans, which included the Quilt of Valor ceremony held at the German American Club. The event was attended by hundreds of Social Club members and a dozen members of the Quilts of Valor Foundation's local chapter, Stars and Stripes, FL 75703. Group leader Robin Harris presented quilts to four veterans, including Legion Honor/Color Guard members Ted Clark and Ron Montange.

Pictured first are the members of the Post 90 Honor/Color Guard: Ted Clark, George Laman, and Harry Finke. Jennifer Hertzfeld, George McMahon, and George McKernan. In the second picture, the four veterans who received quilts were Ted Clark, Ronald Cox, Richard Plesak, and Ronald Montange.

Additional information about American Legion Post 90 is available on their website, www.post90swfl.org. The Legion provides a broad range of services to veterans and the community. For further information about the Post, get in touch with Bruce Bohlander, 1st Vice Commander, at (317) 979-7061, or (239) 540-8128.

To find out more about the Cape Coral Social Club, attend the monthly meetings as a guest. Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the German American Social Club. Sign-in and light refreshments start at 9:30 a.m., with the guest speaker and general meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. The address is 2101 SW Pine Island Rd., Cape Coral, FL 33991, or call the Membership Chair, Nancy Montange, at (734) 368-6499.

Sincerely,

American Legion Post 90 Publicist,

Ted Clark

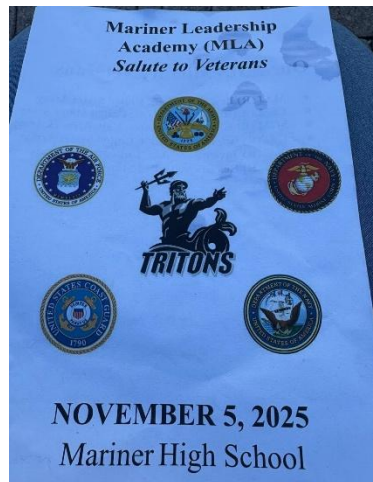




Judy Kobylinski Lindhorst

Top contributor Nov 5 ·

By invitation only to members of our Post 90 Legion Family we were honored to attend Mariner High School this morning for their annual "Salute to Service" as VIPs. Those invited represented the Legion family who support JROTC, Girls & Boys State.



Free Haircuts



DECEMBER 17

10 am to Noon

Provided by the
Cape Coral Technical
Barber School



**Budapest style New Years Eve party on
December 31, 2025, from 2-6pm!**



LEGION AUXILIARY QUILT RAFFLE



Drawing at 7 pm
February 7th, 2026

Need not be present to win
All proceeds go to support
Veterans Charities

\$10 per chance

Or

3 chances for \$25

Purchase tickets at the bar or from
Auxiliary Officers



Find us on
Facebook



You can find us here... On Facebook,

American Legion Post 90

If you have not visited our website lately, you really should go check it out!

We have an all-new look, and more to come!!

See what is new and what we have already been doing!

***See the website for additional information! ***

www.post90swf.org



***Our Post is open daily from 11
am until approximately 10 pm
For information on canteen and
kitchen [click here](#).***

BE THE ONE

- TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING
- TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK HOW THEY ARE DOING
- TO **REACH OUT** WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING NEEDS TO TALK HOW THEY ARE DOING

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Coming Events Summary

****See the website for additional information****

Enjoy any or all these meetings and entertainment.
We appreciate your support of American Legion Post 90.



December 2025 (Music & Events)

Monday the 1st - meeting at 7pm for AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Monday the 8th - meeting at 7pm for SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION

Monday the 15th - meeting at 7pm for AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Wednesday the 17th - meeting at 7pm for EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Monday the 22nd – meeting at 7pm for AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP

(For information about any upcoming holiday celebrations, please ask a Post 90 Bartender, look at flat screen tv by the office, or you can check out Post 90's website address which is on page 17. Some meetings may be cancelled due to holidays.)

January 2026 (Music & Events)

Monday the 5th - meeting at 7pm for AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Monday the 12th - meeting at 7pm for SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION

Monday the 19th - meeting at 7pm for AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Wednesday the 21st - meeting at 7pm for EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Monday the 26th – meeting at 7pm for AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP

(For information about Friday night's entertainment schedule, please ask a Post 90 Bartender, look at flat screen tv by the office, or you can check out Post 90 website address which is on page 17.)



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 90 IS NOW OPEN EVERY
MONDAY- SUNDAY, FROM 11AM-10PM.**

Every Tuesday – 5:30pm - **SHOW ME THE MONEY CARD GAME**

Every Wednesday – 11am to 1pm – **FREE DROP-IN GAME DAY**

Every Wednesday – 7pm – **WEEKLY POOL TOURNAMENT = \$5
SIGN-UP TO PLAY**

Every Third Wednesday - 10am to 1pm – **FREE HAIRCUTS FOR ALL VETERANS**

Every Thursday – 5pm – **DINNER SPECIALS - SPECIALS ARE NEW EVERY WEEK
50/50 NAME DRAWING AT 7PM**

Every Friday – 11:30 to 4pm – **REGULAR MENU**

Every Friday – 5pm to 7:30pm – **DINNER SPECIALS –
SPECIALS ARE NEW EVERY WEEK**

Every Friday – 6pm to 8pm – **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT – SEE PAGE 13**

Every Saturday – Noon to 7:30pm – **REGULAR MENU & SPECIALS**

Every Saturday – 7pm – **LAST ACE STANDING GAME (MEMBERS ONLY)**

KITCHEN IS OPEN TUESDAY TO SATURDAY FROM NOON – 7:30PM



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