



# The Legionnaire

## Tidewater Post 327

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Commander: Roger Kelly  
1<sup>st</sup> VCDR: Byron Pianalto  
2<sup>nd</sup> VCDR: Linda P. Blaker  
3<sup>rd</sup> VCDR: (DJ) Derrick Johnson  
Adjutant: Evan Glendinning  
Finance: David Seate  
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain  
Chaplain: Keith Palmer  
Sgt-at-Arms: Michael Encalade  
Historian: Paulmichael Youngmills

### Exec Board

Tim Gonyea  
Michael McCann  
Bryan Blaker

### LEGION RIDERS

Director: Keith Palmer  
Asst Dir: (DJ) Derrick Johnson  
Secretary: Jackie Wilson  
Treasurer: David Seate  
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley  
Chaplain: Mike Moranha  
Sgt-at-Arms: Dennis Rosario  
Road Captain: TBD

### Exec Board

Al R. Gnome

### SAL SQUADRON

CDR: Fred Vaccarella  
1<sup>st</sup> VCDR: Wayne Turner  
2<sup>nd</sup> VCDR David "Benski" Vernon  
Adjutant: James Doty Jr  
Treasurer: Jeff Evans  
Chaplain: Rocky English / Frank White  
1<sup>st</sup> Sgt-at-Arms: Gary Stull  
Historian: Evan Glendinning

### Exec Board

Steve Gower  
Milo Cross  
Kenneth O'Bryan

### AUXILIARY

President: Kathy Morrison  
Vice President: Helen Lynum  
Secretary: Angie Hernandez  
Treasurer: Martha Martin  
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers  
Sgt-at-Arms: Patty Hibner  
Historian: Teresa Clay

### Exec Board

Mary Taggart  
Laquetta Joe  
Jeanne Hartman

**COMMANDER: SECOND NOTICE: Election of Post Officers for 2024-2025 fiscal year will be at the May Post Meeting.** If you are interested in running for a position, please submit a letter of intent stating what position you are running for. You can submit these letters via email ([amlg327@yahoo.com](mailto:amlg327@yahoo.com)) or directly to the Post Adjutant. Please remember that this is a yearlong commitment.

**The April Post Meeting will be on Wednesday 10 April!!**

I have moved this very important meeting because of the vote by the City Council on Tuesday 9 April at 7:30PM. Please come out for both meetings. The City Council will vote on our new Digital Sign and a good showing from our Members will help!! The Post meeting is **VERY** important amendment to the constitution and we must have a quorum to get this proposed amendment. This is the 75% attendance rule to be able to run for one of the offices!! Thank you to all of those that represented Post 327 in the St. Paddy's Day Parade. Looking forward to warmer weather and make sure to keep up with Facebook, the

newsletter, and the text messages about all upcoming events! If you know anyone or you are one of our members that haven't renewed yet, please come in and take care of getting your 2023 card. For God and Country Roger Kelly **FIRST VICE COMMANDER:** With new and renewed Members for 2024 we are currently just over 95% of our goal for 2024, let's keep those renewals coming in. You are now able to renew **online** for 3 years, if you renew before 1 July you can renew at the current rate of \$40 before the dues go up to \$50.00 on 1 July 2024 for the 2025 Membership year. If you don't want to do the 3 year renewal online you may come into the Post Office and pay for the 3 years I will do the renewal for you. Remember this needs to be done **before** July 1st. This is for Post Members only. **Remember anytime you are at the Post you are required to have your Membership card in your possession.** Post, Auxiliary and SAL Members can also use [legion.org/renew](http://legion.org/renew) to renew your Membership online, there are links for the Auxiliary and Sons on this website. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

**SECOND VICE COMMANDER:** Spring is here!! Hello allergies and mosquitoes. There will be no Trivia during April. There is a fundraiser Paint night for Alzheimer's Assn. For God and Country, Linda P. Blaker

**THIRD VICE COMMANDER:** No Input at this time

**ADJUTANT:** Hello everyone, I am working to put on a Job Fair April 20th from 12 pm to 3 PM and a Veteran Small Business Expo on April 27th from 12 PM to 3 PM. The purpose of the small expo is to promote the products and serves of veteran owned small businesses. So, please come out to support small businesses that are owned by veterans. Also, our last blood drive was a success 17 units collected. Thank you to everyone that came and donated. Also the time is coming close for elections. If you would like to run for a position, please submit your Letter of Intent no later than 5 PM on May 12, 2024. If you have any questions on any of the positions, please read our by laws and constitution or ask me. Thank you for everything. For God and Country, Evan Glendinning, Post Adjutant

**SERVICE OFFICER:** During February service officers spoke with 168 veterans, spent 203 hours, and logged 490 miles.

I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do. Post Service Officers are available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 1000-1500. Closed holidays. For God & Country, Bob DeChamplain

**CHAPLAIN:** Happy Easter! This is the time of year, Easter brings us joy, hope and a reminder of God's love for all. "May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear. And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide."-Author Unknown. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 For God and Country. Keith Palmer, Chaplain.

**LEGION RIDERS:** As the Riders Director, I would like to personally thank all the riders for their continued support and contributions in giving back within our local community, helping veterans and those who are less fortunate by giving back their time and efforts lending a helping hand.

**Upcoming events:**

- 6 April Caroline CAV ALR Post 221 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Blessing 11am – 4pm, 24385 Rogers Clark Blvd. Ruther Glen VA
- 13 April all are welcome to VFW 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 4 Seasons Poker Run registration 9-10:30am, VFW Post 392, 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach
- 18 April ALR 284 dinner fundraiser 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month
- 27 April Proclamation Lets bring Awareness to the American Legion Family in our communities

- 4 May ALR 190 Legacy Run Fish Dinner Fundraiser 12-5pm

Chapter 327 American Legion Riders are always looking for new riders to join. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Keep both wheels on the ground and be safe. For God and Country. Keith Palmer, Riders Director.

**ATHLETIC OFFICER:** Greetings to all. Unfortunately, opening day at Ocean view little league was a wash out. There is such a feeling of excitement these players didn't get a chance to experience. Our Friday night co-ed team starts very soon. Once the schedule is released it will be posted on the hallway cork board. All games are double hitters at north side park. Friday night luck of the draw dart tournament starts at 7:30. April we will have all Fridays! The dates are 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26! Till next month... For God and country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

**SQUADRON COMMANDER:** Greeting Greetings American Legion Family and Friends

The Sons hope all had a Nice Easter shared with relatives and friends.

So, as of this input to the newsletter the SAL is sitting at 85.18% membership. However, Three more memberships have been transmitted which means we need only 30 more to hit our 2024 membership goal of 216. Membership is not just about collecting dues. Membership combines nationally with the Legion membership numbers. This total membership gives us power and strength when we go before Congress to help promote and enact legislation to help Military Veterans and their families. If it wasn't for membership in numbers, we would not have been able to get legislation enacted like the G.I. Bill, Blue Water, Burn Pit Protection, Post 911 G.I. Bill, Pact Act, etc. So, it is not just about dues; it is about membership strength and the power to make the world better for our military.

**Elections are in May and this is the 2nd Notice:**

If you wish to run as an incumbent or want to step up and run as a new officer then now is the time.

There is a nominee list posted on the SAL office door. Just print your name and phone number and see either PNVCS **Steve Gower** or **Jeff Evans** who are the squadron nomination committee. Let one of these two gentlemen know your desire to run and what office you wish to be elected for. This list is for both incumbents or new men looking to run for an office. We encourage nominees and competition. Be part of a national and state award winning squadron! May the best men win!

Our March Guinness Irish Stew Dinner, prepared by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice **Benski**, was a hit! His next dinner for the SAL will be April 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm or until we sell out. **Benski** will be serving a Southern Style Ham Dinner with Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Roll and Dessert. Come hungry and treat your

tummy to a delicious meal.



Let's review the concept of "Be the One"!

Be the One is designed to empower each member to be the one that reaches out to help members in need. There are those members who may be a widow or widower and all alone. There are members that are having mobility issues and may need an errand run to pick up a prescription or go to the grocery store.

There are members who may need to be made aware of a Legion program like NEF or VCF.

Most dire are the Vets who are having mental crises and are contemplating suicide.

Be the One doesn't just apply to our members and their families but to all our Veterans, their families and our communities. By reaching out individually you are supporting a healthy, viable environment of life for our brothers and sisters.

A good example is the recent bylaw change in your Post to make a better environment for those members and guests who may have respiratory issues or are trying to quit smoking. The ban on cigars and pipe smokers was a partial effort to provide a more pleasant environment for members and guests. The by-law enacted is only a partial attempt at the pacification of many of our non-smokers. There is maybe a half dozen cigar smokers and perhaps a couple of pipe smokers who are members. When you consider the number of cigarette smokers one may wonder if 50 to 60 cigarette smokers should also be added to the by-laws banning cigarettes and making our Post non-smoking. Fifty to sixty cigarette smokers smoking at any time is very devastating for the non-smoker members, many of whom have COPD, are lung cancer survivors or suffer from some other respiratory issues. Let's face it, there are more non-smokers than smokers so they are the majority. They have chosen not to smoke for better health. The carcinogens in tobacco proven by research have made most public facilities smoke free. Some examples: hotels, schools, military facilities, medical facilities and most any public facility that you can think about. Most VFWs, American Legion Posts, Knights of Columbus are smoke free. Maybe it is time to stop putting lipstick on the pig and do the right thing!

**CDCE/VAVS:** No report

**VE&E:** No report

Pray for our sick and disabled and our military, especially those who are deployed. For God and Country, Fred

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**ALA PRESIDENT:** This is the **second notice for TALA Unit 327 Officer elections for the 2024-2025 year.**

Elections will be held at the May regular meeting. We encourage anyone interested to run for office. All officer positions are open for election. President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Historian, Sgt. At Arms and three Executive Committee positions. You can make your intent known to the nominating committee Helen Lynum, Carla Sherrill and Phillisa Marable. You can also sign up on the sign-up sheets, located in the vestibule and on the bulletin board across from the ALA office.

April 5<sup>th</sup> will be our fish-fry for the veterans we have already gotten permission to have them come provided everyone is well. We will have a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for volunteers. We will need volunteers for the hall and the social quarters. We also will need volunteers to run food from the fryers outside. If anyone would like to donate dessert for the Veterans please see Jane Evans. As always, we appreciate your support in volunteering. We are getting down to the wire we need your inputs for hours volunteered if you did not put them on the clipboard hanging from the ALA office door. We have to turn these hours in by April 15<sup>th</sup> so please get them in sooner rather than later. Also, if you spent any money and any miles you had to travel to volunteer.

Don't forget to file those taxes on time.

Upcoming events in May will be the French Day of the Sailor, Poppy Day and Memorial Day.

For God and Country ALA President Kathy Morrison

**HONOR GUARDS CORNER:** Hello everyone. We led the biggest American Legion Group in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade to date! What a wonderful showing, thank you all for your continued support. We are looking for new members to help fill our ranks. As you know it is our great privilege to present the colors at funerals, viewings and many organizational functions!! For God and Country, Mary Taggart

**CLUBROOM MANAGER:** Hello everyone! Spring is here!! I have one very important item to put out. The kitchen will be closed starting Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> when we open back up for Breakfast. There will be no Breakfast till the following. The kitchen is undergoing construction and cannot be opened till finished and deep cleaned. Pizza and lunch boxes will still be available. The **No outside food rule is still under effect.** Thank you for your understanding

For God and Country, Sandra Wright

# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 7:00 PM ALA Regular Mtg	<i>3</i> 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Vets Fish Fry 7:30 PM Dart Tournament	<i>6</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
<i>7</i> 9:00 AM Breakfast 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	<i>8</i> 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg	<i>9</i> 7:00 PM Norfolk City Council Mtg for Signage	<i>10</i> 6:30 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 2:00 PM -3:00 PM Yoga in Hall 6:00 PM Dinner - BBQ St. Louis Ribs by Angie 7:30 PM Dart Tournament	<i>13</i> 8:00 PM DJ the 'DJ'
<i>14</i> 9:00 AM Breakfast 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	<i>15</i> 7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	<i>18</i> 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg	<i>19</i> 2:00 PM -3:00 PM Yoga in Hall 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Music by John Sims 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Southern Style Ham Dinner 7:30 PM Dart Tournament	<i>20</i> 12:00 PM -3:00 PM Job Fair 8:00 PM Karaoke - Harold Witham
<i>21</i> 12:00 PM -3:00 PM Karaoke Fun & Flag Disposal 1:00 PM Legion Bowling No Breakfast - Kitchen Closed	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 2:00 PM -3:00 PM Yoga in Hall 6:00 PM No Dinner Kitchen Closed 7:00 PM Paint Nite 7:30 PM Dart Tournament	<i>27</i> 12:00 PM -3:00 PM Small Business Expo 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
Kitchen Closed for Remodel / Updating						
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