



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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1st VCDR: Byron Pianalto
2nd VCDR: Linda Blaker
3rd VCDR: Rob Sullinger
Adjutant: Gary Flaskegaard
Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Desh Nendze
Sgt-at-Arms: Sean McDonnell
Historian: Paulmichael Youngmills

Exec Board

Tim Gonyea
Janet Sullinger
Brian Blaker

LEGION RIDERS

Director: Keith Palmer
Asst Dir: (DJ) Derrick Johnson
Secretary: Philissa Marable
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley
Chaplain: Mike Moranha
Sgt-at-Arms: Kenneth Parker
Road Captain: TBD

Exec Board

Al R. Gnome

SAL SQUADRON

CDR: David Vernon (Benski)
1st VCDR: Evan Glendinning
2nd VCDR David Twitty
Adjutant: James Doty Jr
Treasurer: Jeff Evans
Chaplain: Rocky English / Frank White
1st Sgt-at-Arms: Gary Stull
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

Steve Gower
Milo Cross
Kenneth O'Bryan

AUXILIARY

President: Philissa Marable
Vice President: Carla Sherrill
Secretary: Charlotte Cole
Treasurer: Martha Martin
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers
Sgt-at-Arms: Sally Newman
Historian: Suzanne Fields

Exec Board

Crystal Cross
Helen Lynum
Jeanne Hartman

COMMANDER: SECOND NOTICE: Election of Post Officers Attention all Legionnaires: Elections for the 2025-2026 fiscal year will take place at the May Post Meeting. If you are interested in serving as a Post Officer, please submit a Letter of Intent stating the position you wish to run for. **Letters can be submitted via email at amlg327@yahoo.com** or directly to the Post Adjutant. Serving as a Post Officer is a yearlong commitment, so please consider the responsibility before submitting your intent.

Your leadership and dedication help keep our Post strong—step up and make a difference!
A huge thank you to everyone who represented Post 327 in this year's St. Paddy's Day Parade! We had a record turnout, and our presence was felt throughout the community. Special appreciation goes out to our Second Vice for organizing a fantastic After Parade Event at the Post. Your hard work and hospitality made for a great celebration!

Upcoming Events & Reminders April Meeting – Don't miss important updates on upcoming elections and events.
May Elections – Be sure to attend and cast your vote!
Membership Renewals – If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so **ASAP** to remain in good standing. Stay engaged, stay involved, and continue the great work that makes Post 327 a strong and united force in our community! For questions or more information, contact us at: amlg327@yahoo.com For God and Country,
Derrick Johnson Commander, American Legion Post 327

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We still have over 250 Members that have not renewed for 2025. The Post has added a new method of paying your dues, if you have **Zelle** thru your bank or the app on your phone, you can also come to the office and pay, or you may go to our website: legion327.com and select **PAY MEMBERSHIP**

DUES. Once I receive notification of your payment I will mail your Membership card to the address on file. You can also renew online at legion.org/renew for 1 year or 3 years with a credit card. **Remember anytime you are at the Post you are required to have your Membership card in your possession or a digital image of your Membership card on your phone.** For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER Hello Everyone! Spring has sprung! We have a lot of things going on this month. Our 2nd CHKD Fashion show is on Saturday night 5 April with a Flag Disposal scheduled Sunday 6 April! Please bring your scissors. AJ will also be holding Karaoke 101 in the hall at the same time! Friday 11 April I will be holding Spring Trivia with the winning team walking out with \$40.00!! We have 2 live bands this April. Cactus Creek will be performing on Saturday 19 April and The Ramblers will be performing on the following Saturday, April 26! I hope to see you there< For God and Country, Linda P. Blaker

THIRD VICE COMMANDER: Greetings everyone! Just to sum up a few things from March, we moved the Dugout lockers to the pool room and added 6 new gaming machines that have different games. 2 are in the Dugout and 4 in the pool room. We held our first ever Queen of Hearts this past Month. Congratulations to our winner, James Walsh. Our **next drawing will be held April 11th. Ticket sales are from 5:15 to 7:15** and the drawing is held at 7:30. Soon this will be changed to a weekly event once our license is updated. **There will be a field day at the Post on April 12th from 9:00am till Noon.** We are wanting to clean out sheds, ground etc. to get ready for the upcoming season. There are a lot of fun events coming up in the Clubroom thanks to the hard work of our 2nd Vice. As always, a BIG "THANK YOU" to all our employees and volunteers. We couldn't do this without you! For God and Country, Rob Sullinger 3rd Vice

ADJUTANT: Be the One ... Be pro-active and checkup on Vets your friends and neighbors you have not heard from.

SECOND NOTICE: Election of Post Officers
If you would like to run for office, please submit a letter of intent by either dropping it off at the Post or you may email it to amlg327@yahoo.com by 5 PM on May 2nd, so

that we can make up the ballots in time for the voting on May 13th.

The following positions are open:

Commander

1st Vice Commander - Membership

2nd Vice Commander - Planning and coordinating events

3rd Vice Commander - Liaison to the Social Club

Adjutant, Service Officer, Chaplain, Sergeant of Arms, Executive Board – (3 members)

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, feel free to reach out and we will do our very best to help you out!

we need your Letter of Intent no later than May 2nd. So, we can make enough ballots. If you would like to read a description of the duties and responsibilities of each elected position, please go to:

<https://legion327.com/index.php?id=96>

If you have any more questions after reading about any of the position after reading about it in our constitution and by-laws, feel free to reach out. Nominations can also be made off of the floor on election night. Also, please be mindful being elected to a position is a yearlong commitment (Service Officer and Finance Officer is a two-year commitment). For God and Country Gary Flaskegaard.

SERVICE OFFICER: Post Service Officers are available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 1000-1500. Closed holidays. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: Be the One... "We are Here for Each Other" For those of you who I have not had the opportunity to meet yet, I just wanted to introduce myself as the new Chaplain. It is my pleasure to serve in this role and I look forward to meeting everyone in person. In addition to the NAMI Homefront Military Mental Health Class that will be held in August, I look forward to bringing other Be the One events to the post. If you have any recommendations for me on any military mental health initiatives you would like to see, how I can help with anything, or just need to talk, please feel free to contact me chaplain327@gmail.com. For God and Country, Dsh Nendze

LEGION RIDERS Second Notice: Elections are fast approaching. The elections will be held in MAY
Riders A huge thank you American Legion Rider for

your participation and support in Norfolk St Patrick's Day Parade.

Upcoming Events:

-5 April 2025, Caroline CAV 221, Bike Blessing 11am-3 PM

-12 April 2025, VFW Riders 11TH Annual Four Season Run registration 9 AM at Post 25 Newport News, VA.

- 3 May Chapter 280, 3rd Annual Poker Run registration 8-9 AM.

- 3 May Chapter 284, Pig Roast noon to 6 PM.

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

ATHLETIC OFFICER:

No input. For God and country, Jeff Evans, A. O

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Second Notice:

Elections are fast approaching. The elections will be held in May Greetings to the American Legion Family & Friends. The month of March and the Irish is over. I hope everyone got to celebrate this holiday, one of my favorites, and got you fill of Irish holiday fun and festivities!

For the month of April, the kids cooking class will be on April 27 th from 2pm-4pm we will be preparing a build your own wrap which will work on the burrito rolling skills from March. Once again, we are always trying to make food available to kids to help prepare them to help themselves! We encourage all kids to come out! As always, please remember those that are ill or going through rough times. Please keep them in your thoughts.

In these times we also remember our troops deployed and their families. I hope we can continue to grow our Legion Family to new heights. As we strive to come closer together in support of one another through camaraderie and consideration.

For God and Country, Squadron Commander David "Benski" Vernon

ALA PRESIDENT: SECOND Notice: Elections are fast approaching. The elections will be held in May.

The Veterans' Fish Fry scheduled for Friday, April 4, 2025, has been cancelled. It has been rescheduled for Friday, May 2, 2025 starting at 5:00 pm. The veterans residing at the VAMC are currently on lockdown, which means they cannot leave their respective unit or allow visitors due to illness. After discussion with members of our legion family, it was decided it was in the best

interest of the health of our special guests to reschedule the event. Thank you for your understanding. The Month of the Military Child is observed in April to honor military children for their unique experiences resulting from their parent(s) military role. A simple way to show support is by wearing purple; especially on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, which is Purple Up Day.

The Children's Easter Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025, starting at 1:00 pm. Please join us for an egg hunt, games, food and the guest of honor, the Easter Bunny. The event is to be enjoyed by all and is open to the public. Elections will be held at our meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. This is the second call. All positions are open. A sign-up sheet is located at the post.

For God and Country, Philissa Marable

HONOR GUARDS CORNER:

The Honor Guard assisted in remembering Post 327 deceased legionnaires during Post Everlasting. We, provided veterans with funeral honors and marched in the St. Patrick's Day. March closed out by assisting with the Challenger League season opening ceremony. April celebrates children by recognizing the Military Child, American Legion Children and Youth. April 9th is Purple Up day by the Virginia Department of Education. In closing, military children are like dandelions. They bloom wherever they land. Celebrate The American Legion Family on April 26th. As the weather warms up, please watch out for children. Please contact Otha Newton with any questions or requests. For God and Country Mary Taggart

CLUBROOM:

Good afternoon, everyone!! Spring is here, the trees are blossoming, and the flowers are blooming. The weather is getting warmer. Are you excited? I know I am. This winter was brutal. With all that said, schools are about to break for Easter vacation and we all should take our time watching our young people crossing the roads, playing catch, riding their bikes, or walking their favorite pets. This month The ALA will have their children's Easter Egg Hunt, 2nd Vice Linda Blaker will have these fun nights, Paint & Sip Night, Bar Bingo, and live music from The Ramblers Band. Come on out these nights and enjoy your evenings. We hope you all have a Fun & Wonderful Easter. Look forward to seeing everyone.. **Kitchen schedule update** beginning April 1,2025 The kitchen is closed for lunch on Wednesday and Friday. We hope to see everyone soon God and Country, Clubroom manager, Angie Hernandez

