



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Keith Palmer
Sgt-at-Arms: Michael Encalade
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

Tim Gonyea
Michael McCann
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LEGION RIDERS

Director: Keith Palmer
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Secretary: Jackie Wilson
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley
Chaplain: Mike Moranha
Sgt-at-Arms: Dennis Rosario
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Exec Board

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SAL SQUADRON

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

Exec Board

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President: Kathy Morrison
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Secretary: Angie Hernandez
Treasurer: Martha Martin
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Historian: Teresa Clay

Exec Board

Mary Taggart
Laquetta Joe
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COMMANDER: Greetings! Hope this finds everyone well and enjoying their summer. Post 327 was very well represented at the Department Convention, Our SAL Squadron and Auxiliary also were also presented with multiple Department Level Awards. We are still looking for more members to step up and be volunteers. For God and Country, Roger Kelly.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We have started off great with new and renewed Members for 2024. We are currently at 40% of our goal for 2024, let's keep those renewals coming in. All Post Members that **renew** their membership on or before Labor Day will be entered for a drawing for a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership. Remember anytime you are at the Post you are required to have your card in your possession. Post, Auxiliary and SAL Members can also use 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 Happy Hot & Humid Summertime!!

Upcoming events:

Aug. 4th at 6PM Happy Birthday Coast Guard 233rd in the

clubroom

Aug. 5th @ 12 – 3 PM Small Business Expo featuring Veteran owned Business' in the Hall

Aug. 5th at 8PM DJ the DJ's Ladies Night, Millennial Party!

Aug 12th @ 7:30 Ricky Still Karaoke

Aug 18th@ Torrid Trivia in the clubroom

Aug 19th@ 1PM Boots & BBQ Cook-off clubroom

Aug 19th@ 9PM Elvis Tribute with Harold Witham

Aug 25th@ 7PM Football Paint & Sip in Hall

Aug 26th@ 7:30 Ricky Still Karaoke

For God and Country, Linda P. Blaker

THIRD VICE COMMANDER: Greetings from the 3rd

Vice!! Do you have suggestions or something you would like to see on our menu!? Please drop us a line in the suggestion box or at our new Email address

ThirdVice327@Gmail.com. Please remember to provide a contact if you would like to get feedback. Thank you!! For God and Country, Derrick (DJ) Johnson

ADJUTANT: Hello everyone,

This part is specifically for the Legionnaires. The budget committee finished its draft of the budget. We will be

presenting it at our next meeting, on August 8th and will be voting on it. If you would like to look at the budget prior to the meeting, please come to the post any day prior to the meeting up to 2:30 PM. If you can't make it to the Post prior to 2:30 PM to look at the Budget, please contact the Post to make arrangements to come and look at the proposed budget.

We do have a Small Business Expo on August 5th from 12 PM to 3 PM. Many of the small businesses are veteran owned. They will be setting up a table to promote their products and/or services. So, come and support locally owned businesses.

We have started renewing membership for 2024. Paying your dues is important for multiple reasons. The money does support our efforts to help veterans. Both at a local and at a national level. Also, renewing your membership does help us win membership awards. We are trying to win the Post Honor Ribbon. This award is for Posts that hit their membership goal by December 30th. If we achieve this milestone, it will be the first time that this Post has won this award.

For those who renew by September 4, 2023, will be put in a drawing for a PUFL (Paid Up For Life) membership. There are multiple ways to renew your membership. The first way is to come to the Post in person and renew. The second way is to go to legion.org/renew and then click on the button that says renew. Then follow the prompts. The final way is to mail your dues in. Our mailing address is:

The American Legion Post 327
705 Lesner Ave
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It will be greatly appreciated if you renewed your dues as soon as possible. The money does go to helping local veterans and does make the Post look good.

Also, we do have a tablet that is located next to our ATM. If you don't already receive our text updates, please go to the tablet and enter your phone number. We are also on social media. We are on Facebook, Twitter (X), Threads and Instagram. Please follow us on social media to get regular updates, see pictures from events and much more.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. We do hope all is well. For God and Country, Evan Glendinning

SERVICE OFFICER: SERVICE OFFICER: During the Month of June service officers spoke with 213 veterans, spent 396 hours, and logged 661 miles. I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do.

For God & Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: Our daily walk-through life has its challenges. We have times of sickness, you are looking for a powerful healing prayer, or looking for comforting message for healing the mind during these challenging stressful times. In times like these, it is helpful to know you are not alone. Psalm 30:2 "O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you restored my health." For God and Country Keith Palmer, Chaplain

LEGION RIDERS: The Riding season has kicked into gear!! Summer has come in with extreme heat. Temperature of 90 plus and the heat index exceeding 100 degrees. We all love to ride daily, but in this dangerous heat be cautious and try to ride early or late in the evenings, drink plenty of liquid and stay hydrated. Chapter 327 Riders have planned a lunch ride on Sunday, August 20, 2023. Kick Stands Up (KSU) at 9:30 AM departing Post 327. Congratulations to Sonnie Dickerson, the newly elected Commander of the American Legion Department of Virginia 2023-2024. For God and Country, Keith "Klutch" Palmer, Riders Director.

ATHLETIC OFFICER: No input at this time. For God and Country, Jeff Evans, A. O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greeting and salutations American Legion family Greetings Legion Family! Wow already August.

We started off the 2024 membership drive on the 4th of July picnic with 37, three of which are new members. I want to thank you all for your support in helping us get off to a good start. We will be getting our new membership goal for 2024 shortly from the Detachment.

We hope this year will be an even bigger and better membership year than 2023.

1st Vice Commanders **Samson** and **Turner** also thank you for the fine job recruiting new squadron members for 2023 and as mentioned with 3 new members for 2024.

PNVC Gower and I attended the State Convention, and we congratulated our incoming Detachment Commander and his Officers. Our Squadron was awarded the Detachment VE&E award for large category. This is our second year as an official Post/Squadron VE&E Committee and the second year for Squadron # 327 winning the Detachment award in large category.

I also want to congratulate our Post Commander **Roger Kelly** for winning the Department of Virginia award for best Post Commander in the state of Virginia. Post 327 and Unit 327 walked away with a bunch of awards. Congratulations to President Mary Taggart for her leadership and her staff of officers.

Congratulations to the Auxiliary for their devotion to our youth and the youth involvement and activities the Auxiliary promotes. Our youth are never too young to learn the values of Americanism and Patriotism. I am proud of the enthusiasm and drive that these young Juniors and Sons display.

I would like to congratulate 3 young sons for their participation. They are **Julian Chuckta-Sang**, **Zayden Lynum** and **Jordan Smith**. We need to keep young Juniors and Sons active and teach them each all the great values that the American Legion espouses.

Chef Benski thanks each of you for the support you give him for the wonderful dinners he prepares for our Son's dinner nights. July's dinner was another smashing success. Not only does **Benski's** exquisite cuisine bring you all in to dine but

your evening is enhanced by Post 2nd Vice Commander **Linda Blaker's** entertainment following our dinner.

SAL 2nd Vice Commander **Benski** has a surprise for you in the month of August. **Benski** is serving a lip sucking, tongue slapping savory Roast Beef Dinner with Potatoes, Carrots, Gravy, Roll and Desert for only a \$9.00 donation to the SAL's charity account.

The Legion dinners will be going up across the board to \$10.00 in September. If you've been to the grocery store you know how much higher everything has become.

Heck, you can't even walk away from a fast-food venue without spending \$10.00 for a burger, fries and drink.

Please keep in mind and prayers our following Sons who are under the weather: **Dan Schmidt**, recovering from neck and emergency surgery, Chaplain **Rocky English**, **Steve Gower** and **Wayne Turner** who had surgery in July.



VAVS/CDCE : I attended the HAVAMC quarterly VAVS Zoom meeting. The Post donated to VA&R \$100.00 to Palliative Care, \$200.00 to Mental Health PTSD and \$200.00 Women's Clinic Baby Shower accounts.

Volunteers should have an open door shortly. In fact, our next quarterly meeting in October should be live, no more zoom meetings.

VE&E: Check with **Evan Glendinning** for updates on upcoming Career and Education Fairs. While attending the quarterly meeting I presented a check from the Post for VE&E in the amounts of \$100.00 to the Homeless, Chronically Menatly Ill account, \$200.00 to Suicide Prevention and \$200.00 to Rehabitate Homeless account.

Please remember our Vets and/or their families who are suffering from medical or financial issues. Remember the "Buddy Check" system and use it to contact those we haven't heard from in some time. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Greetings Auxiliary members and Legion family well it certainly has been a busy month. The fourth of July picnic was a great success thanks to all the volunteers. Our membership kick off was also very successful. We still need everyone to renew and bring in those new members, of course you have until the end of the year but why wait, you might forget.

The Auxiliary brought home seven awards from the

Department Convention great job everyone.

We are certainly in the dog days of summer this past couple of weeks. Please be sure you are hydrating if you have to be out in the extreme heat we are experiencing and check on your elderly neighbors who might not do well in the heat.

We have kicked off our back -to -school drive and the donations are coming in. There is a box in the clubroom for donations. I want to thank all that have already donated. We will be stuffing the backpacks for the schools on Friday August 18th in the hall from 5 pm until we get done, hopefully we can get done before the dinner starts and volunteers can relax and enjoy a great meal.

Our dinner for August will be Chips, salsa and white sauce. A choice of chicken or beef taco salad bowl or a burrito. For dessert we will have fried ice cream all for the low price of \$9.00.

We are always looking for volunteers for our many projects. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to any officer or member and bring your ideas to a meeting. We are always looking for suggestions for our fundraising efforts. For God and country, Kathy Morrison

HONOR GUARDS CORNER. The Honor Guard continues to support both The Legion and Community. Members supported the Post at the fourth of July picnic. We look forward to helping the Post celebrate the Coast Guard's birthday on August 4th. Please contact Otha Newton should you need our services.

For God and Country, Mary Taggart

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello everyone! Hope y'all are staying cool and hydrated in this extremely hot weather. I want to remind our members you are allowed a limit of two (2) bottles behind the bar. If you have more than this, PLEASE take the excess bottles home. Thank you! I also want to thank our Bar managers for doing a great job. Remember they are in charge and if they tell you that you've had enough, please respect their decision. Kudos to our 2nd and 3rd Vice commanders for the great job they are doing with entertainment!! Chef Benski will be serving lunch Monday thru Thursday from 12:30 to 2:30 starting Monday August 7th.

Please refer to the newsletter for all dinners and upcoming events. For God and Country, Sandra Wright

KITCHEN MANAGER: Hello from the kitchen! First, I want to thank everyone for their patronage to the kitchen. It's an exciting time for us here at the legion. The kitchen is really taking off with the introduction of the \$5 lunchboxes! Second, the kitchen challenge is to constantly keep innovative menu ideas that will make you want to come in and have a meal. With that, every 1st Monday of the month will be meatloaf Monday for \$10. Third, starting August 7th lunch is back at the legion. Monday-Thursday 12:30pm -2:30pm there will be a lunchtime menu available. Thank you again and we hope to see for a meal sometime – For God and Country, Chef Benski

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Kitchen open for lunch Mon thru Thur 12:30 -2:30 and for dinner 6 PM to ? and Sat 6 PM to ? Lunch starting Aug 7th Ask about our Lunch Boxes</p>		<p><i>1</i> 6:30 PM ALA Exec Mtg 7:00 PM ALA Regular Mtg Taco Tuesday</p>	<p><i>2</i> 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327 Pasta Wednesday</p>	<p><i>3</i> Home Cooked Thursday</p>	<p><i>4</i> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Burritos or Taco Salad w/ Fried Icecream <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">US Coast Guard B-day</div></p>	<p><i>5</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">12:00 PM -3:00 PM Small Business EXPO</div> 8:00 PM DJ the 'DJ'</p>
<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i> Meatloaf 1st Monday of Month \$10 Stir Fry Monday</p>	<p><i>8</i> 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg Taco Tuesday</p>	<p><i>9</i> Pasta Wednesday</p>	<p><i>10</i> Home Cooked Thursday</p>	<p><i>11</i> 6:00 PM Softball Team Dinner - Pulled BBQ Chicken Sandwich</p>	<p><i>12</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still</p>
<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i> 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg Stir Fry Monday</p>	<p><i>15</i> Taco Tuesday</p>	<p><i>16</i> 6:30 PM V V A Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg Pasta Wednesday</p>	<p><i>17</i> 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg Home Cooked Thursday</p>	<p><i>18</i> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Roast Beef Dinner <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">7:00 PM Torrid Trivia Nite in Clubroom</div></p>	<p><i>19</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">1:00 PM Boots & BBQ Cook-off</div> 8:00 PM Harold Witham Elvis Tribute</p>
<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i> 7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg Stir Fry Monday</p>	<p><i>22</i> Taco Tuesday</p>	<p><i>23</i> Pasta Wednesday</p>	<p><i>24</i> Home Cooked Thursday</p>	<p><i>25</i> 6:00 PM Dinner - Hamburger Steak <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">7:00 PM Football Paint & Sip</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">National Convention</div></p>	<p><i>26</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still</p>
<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i> Stir Fry Monday</p>	<p><i>29</i> Taco Tuesday</p>	<p><i>30</i> Pasta Wednesday</p>	<p><i>31</i> Home Cooked Thursday</p>	<p>Kitchen open for lunch Mon thru Thur 12:30 -2:30 and for dinner 6 PM to ? and Sat 6 PM to ? Starting Aug 7th Ask about our Lunch Boxes</p>	
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