



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Eric Isaksen
Chaplain: J. J. Willis
Sgt-at-Arms: Bob DeChamplain
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

Ken Nobles
Tim Gonyea
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LEGION RIDERS

Director: Keith DeLucenay
Ass't Dir: Paul Murch
Adjutant: Shane Kelly
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Paul Murch
Chaplain: Paul Murch
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Exec Board

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SAL SQUADRON

CDR: Fred Vaccarella
1st VCDR: Dave Samson
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Chaplain: Rocky English
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Exec Board

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AUXILIARY

President: Nancy Bell
Vice President: Jean Lewis
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Sgt-at-Arms: Pat Hatke
Historian: Sharon Bukowski

Exec Board

Stacey Hempfer
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Linda Byrd

COMMANDER: SECOND NOTICE: Election for Post officers for 2018-2019 will be held at the May meeting.

Members may have noticed the clubroom has been conducting more 100% membership card checks. That means we all must show our card. The bartender or a volunteer at the door will be checking cards on a as needed basis. Please cooperate and **REMEMBER, YOU MUST HAVE YOUR CARD WITH YOU ANYTIME YOU ARE IN THE CLUB.** Your card is your responsibility. If lost, contact the club for a replacement. **REMEMBER NO CARD, NO ENTRY.**

If you come to the club often, you've probably noticed LHI Medical has returned for another round of VA Medical Claim appointments. VA is actively trying to reduce the backlog of claims and the American Legion is happy to help. The clubroom still serves Breakfast three Sundays a month. Dinner is also served three Fridays a month. Please check

the Post Calendar for dates and times. Remember during a scheduled dinner, the smoking light is out, and the music level will be lowered. When no Breakfast or Dinner is scheduled, normal everyday policies will apply. Please support those who are preparing the meals. Each organization provides their own food and depends on sales to provide funds for charities they support. They provide good food at a great price. Come out and enjoy. For God and Country, Tony Moore

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: Currently we are at just over 850 new or renewed members for 2018. You may renew your 2018 membership online at www.legion.org/renew website and pay with credit card; you can also check your personal information and make any corrections if necessary. Renewal online at the above website address is for Post members only. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: No input. For God Country, Duff Kleinfelter

SERVICE OFFICER: In the month of February we submitted 44 claims, spoke to 150 veterans, drove 1042 miles and logged 277 hours. I went to Department Service Officer school in Washington, DC. The training is now done by a different company, and we talked about the many changes that the VA is making. One change, the RAMP, is not such a good idea. If you receive a letter from the VA inviting you to participate in the Rapid Appeal Management Program, talk to your service officer immediately, you probably do not want to participate. Also, if you have a problem at the VA Hospital, document the problem, the providers name and as much detail as you can, and get that information to me. I will give that information to the Director of the VAMC.
For God and Country, Eric Isaksen

CHAPLAIN: Greetings, fellow Legionnaires. For those of us who believe in such things, in April we not only have April Fool's Day, we have a Friday the 13th. Say a prayer for those who need them on both days. For God and Country, J. J. Willis

LEGION RIDERS: Greetings fellow Legionnaires. We rode to Valentines VA to drop off Valentine's Day cards to loved ones. Combat Warrior Coalition sponsored the "Toast for the Heroes 8" During the program, it was announced that the Volunteer of the Year award was being Changed to the "Bob Perkins volunteer annual award. Bob Perkins was active in the ALR 327, VFW 3160 riders, Honda Goldwing Riders and especially volunteering for Operation Smile and Combat Warrior Coalition. He really deserved that honor to have his name in the yearly hero's award. We rode in the St. Patty's Day Parade on the 17 March 2018.

ALR executive board meeting is at 1800 and regular meeting is at 1830. For God and Country, Keith DeLucenay(Cowboy) Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, Hopefully the winds of winter are behind us, we have ball to play. Our co-ed softball team opens their season on Friday the 14th. They play double hitters at Northside Park. The schedule is posted on the hallway corkboard. Come have fun and support our team. I want to thank Post 327 Honor Guard and Commander Fred for joining me at Ocean View little league's opening day ceremony.

The challenger teams we sponsor were there loud and proud. Our Legion Jr. Baseball team is registered, just waiting for summer. We are now accepting team applications for the James P. Norton charity golf tournament. The registration forms are on the corkboard. This will be a great way to spend a Friday {May 11th}, as working is over rated. Till next month...
For God and Country, Jeff Evans, Post 327 A. O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings Legion family: It's official! Spring has sprung! The Vernal Equinox was March 20th which is officially the first day of the Spring Season. Shortly the flowers will be coming alive and so is our Post.

Starting off April 6th the Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the Spring Fish Fry for our Veteran patients that will be visiting us from Hampton VA Medical Center. After dinner there will be dessert and then Bingo. The Girl Scouts will be there helping the Veterans eat and then later play their bingo cards. The Sons will call Bingo and distribute cash prizes to the winners. Please make an effort to come out and support our Vets. Some are paraplegic, and some are quadriplegic due to Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury. Some suffer from Traumatic Brain Injury. Some are experiencing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or perhaps substance abuse. So it is important for us to welcome these Veterans and make them feel wanted and welcome.

In an ongoing effort to better support our Hampton VA Medical Center I will be traveling to Tampa, Florida April 11th-13th to attend the 72nd Annual VAVS National Advisory Committee Conference. This is a three-day event including study work groups and educational sessions. You can thank your Post for sending me. The Post is covering all costs. Cmdr. Moore realizes how important it is to serve our Veteran VA groups. This VAVS NAC Conference will train me to be able to better perform and assist with the VAVS, VSO segments at the VA Medical Center. Furthermore, I will be able to share this information with my other Son VA & R Representatives in the Detachment of Virginia that service McGuire and Salem.

The Sons applaud all of you for supporting our Campaign dinner night. The dinner was held for Virginia's very own Son from Warrenton Virginia Mr. Clint Bolt. Clint will be our next SAL National Cmdr. It has been 35 years since Virginia has had a SAL National Cmdr. I want to personally thank Jane, Ginny, Debbie, Kathy, Ross, Andrew, Mark, Sid, Rob and anyone else that I may be

forgetting due to my "old timers". A round of applause goes out to John, David, Rob, Gary and Billy for your music and songs.

I thank Tim and Jim for transporting our guests.

We sold 85 dinners and between dinner proceeds and donations we were able to donate \$1302.00 to the Clint Bolt National Cmdr. Campaign Fund at the SAL Spring Conference meeting.

We also donated \$1500.00 to CWF and \$7800.00 to OCW.

So your "**little**" Squadron handed out a total of **\$10,602.00** at the Spring Conference.

1st Vice Cmdr. Dave Samson says we have 123 active members as of March 14th. He says we are at 84.82 % of goal. Please keep up the good work in recruiting new members. We now have 25 new members for this year.

Dave says keep asking for new members and please come in and renew if you haven't done so yet.

SECOND NOTICE: Election for Squadron Officers will be held in May. We encourage all Sons to take an active role in your Squadron. Any volunteer time helps. Try going a step farther and run for an office.

Our next delicious dinner will be April 20th. We will be serving ---→ ***Spiral Cut Ham, Homemade Potato***

Salad, Homemade Cole Slaw & Bread. The Dessert will be Banana Pudding Stuffed with Vanilla

Wafers...UMMM YUMM!!! It's gonna make your

tongue slap the roof of your mouth. Come and get it early before we sell out!!! Call ahead for take outs. Only an \$8.00 Donation to our Son's charity fund.

Please remember all of our family that may need prayer due to unforeseen trouble or illness.

For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello Ladies. Well spring is finally here. Yeah! April 6th is our Vets Fish Fry (Friday) with the Vets from Hampton, VA. We desperately need desserts (regular & sugar free). We will need them no later than

Friday morning. We are at 52% membership we have a long way to go. Please renew for 2018 ASAP. This is the **2nd NOTICE FOR ELECTIONS**. Jane Evans and Cathy Rook are the nominating committee if interested please contact them. For God and Country, Nancy Bell

ONCE A MONTH SERVICE PROJECTS: Can you spend one day a month to reach out to our community and assist or better the lives of Veterans, Active Duty or Senior citizens?

The Post recently sponsored a Hero Dog. If you shop on amazon, please go to **smile.amazon.com** and select Hero Dog-5% of qualifying purchases will be donated to the Hero Dogs for Heroes program.

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hi everyone! To start the year off right I need to remind everyone that if you have a bottle in the Clubroom behind the bar OR in a locker it **MUST** be updated every ninety (90) days. When you bring a bottle in stop at the desk in the foyer and put a label on your bottle – be sure **TO PUT YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME AS WELL AS THE DATE** on the label. For God and Country, Sandra Wright, Clubroom Manager

From the Guards Corner: The month of March was very good to us. We had no funerals and only one Post Everlasting. On the good side if you missed the St Patty's Day Parade you missed a good one. We need more Legionnaires to come out and support us in the Parade and not on the street waving at us.

I'm sorry to say that we had to cancel our Overnight Stay on the Battleship Wisconsin because we didn't get enough support. We need at least 50 commitments to break even. However, we still think that is a good idea, so we are shooting for a later date. Saturday March 24th, we had the honor of going to Camp Allen and presenting the Colors for Opening Day for their Baseball League. For God and Country Otha & Gene

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HAPPY EASTER No Breakfast	2 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	3 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	4 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	5 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	6 6:00 PM Aux Dinner - Vets Fish Fry	7 7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike
8 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - Girl Scouts 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	9 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	10 7:00 PM Post 327 Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post 327 Reg Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	11 6:30 PM ALA Social & Crafts	12 7:00 PM Outside Volunteer Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	13 6:00 PM Girl Scout Dinner - Pulled Pork	14 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell
15 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	16 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	17 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	18 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	19 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	20 6:00 PM Sal Dinner - Spiral Cut Ham	21 7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike
22 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	23 6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital 7:00 PM Stress Recovery Support Group 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	24 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	25	26 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	27 Kitchen Open	28 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell
29 1:00 PM Legion Bowling No Breakfast	30 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post					