



The Legionnaire

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

Exec Board

Roger Kelly
Tim Gonyea
Larry Turner

LEGION RIDERS

Director: Keith DeLucenay
Asst Dir: Paul Murch
Adjutant: Shane Kelly
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Paul Murch
Chaplain: Paul Murch
Sgt-at-Arms: James Kern
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Exec Board

Josh Goughneur
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CDR: Fred Vaccarella
1st VCDR: Dave Samson
2nd VCDR Mike Schmidt
Adjutant: James Doty Jr.
Treasurer: Jeff Evans
Chaplain: Rocky English
1st Sgt-at-Arms: Mike Atkinson
2nd Sgt-at-Arms: Wayne Turner
Historian: Dan Schmidt

Exec Board

Steve Gower
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AUXILIARY

President: Collene Gravitt
Vice President: Cheryl Loyko
Secretary: Rebecca Smith
Treasurer: Kayla Slomsky
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Sgt-at-Arms: Theresa Gustafson
Historian: Crystal Cross

Exec Board

Sharon Bukowski
Martha Martin
Kathy Morrison

COMMANDER: SECOND NOTICE: Election for Post officers for 2019-2020 will be held at the May meeting.

March has come and gone, and Spring is in the air. Two events coming up in April are the Honor Guard dance on the 13th, and the Dart Banquet on the 20th. Elections will be held next month in May for the upcoming year. Each member is encouraged to vote. For God and Country, Tony Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS: Dancing Bear Show at the Post Apr 12th @ 7 PM; Honor Guard Find Raising Dance Apr 13th @ 8 PM; Stress Recovery Support Group Apr 29th @ 7 PM

IRST VICE COMMANDER: I would like to put out that any application for Membership must come with some type of verification of eligibility, preferably a DD-214 but

other types I will accept, please check with me. Just submitting a POST, SAL or AUX membership application without documentation will not be accepted, and the myth that I can look up DD-214's is **NOT** true. If you need assistance to obtain a DD-214 I will be glad to help you obtain one.

Our current membership for 2019 is at 875 new and renewed members. You can renew your 2019 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, if you make any changes please notify me at email address in the header of this newsletter so that I can keep my database up to date. Renewal online at the above website address is for Post members only. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather and getting ready for Memorial Day Picnic! We're planning for great time for our Legion families. For God and Country, Milo Cross

ADJUTANT: I would like to give a big shout out to everyone who participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. If you have volunteered, please log your hours! Once again thank you for your assistance in supporting our veterans and their families. For God and Country, Sammi Louis.

SERVICE OFFICER: In the month of February we submitted 53 claims, spoke to 136 veterans, drove 950 miles and logged 224 hours. We continue our outreach at Tidewater Community College. As always, I want to thank all the service officers for their great work in making Post 327 the place to come for VA claims purposes. I want to thank the Post for continuing to support the Service Officer program. Too many Posts do not have a Service Officer, and many that do have one do not offer them the support they need.

The VA Country Fair has been moved this year to May 1st instead the second Wednesday of May. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Cliff Carney or myself. For God & Country, Eric Isaksen

CHAPLAIN: Greetings, fellow Legionnaires. Now that we have celebrated the birth of Sant Patrick, sprang forward into Daylight Saving Time, and are now into the season of Spring, we look ahead and see things we're not necessarily looking forward to. I'm not talking about April Fool's Day, I'm not or will not talking about Tax Day, the day we get to pay for the things the government provides for us. Have you remembered to list the value of those things you have provided that the government cannot or will not provide for its citizens? You did donate, didn't you? For God and Country, J. J. Willis

LEGION RIDERS: Greetings legionnaires. Hope all is well. We are planning on doing a motorcycle blessing and a few charity bike runs. The VFW Spring poker run is coming up. Out safety officer said to check out your bike after you took your covers off because spiders like to hide in there and check all the fluids and air in your tires. For God and Country, Keith (Cowboy) Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, Congratulations

to L.T., Roger Kelly, Collene, Byron and team for a great bowling tournament. The team consisting of Dave Gillespie, Sam Kiess, Ashleigh Terrese, Alana Stein, and Kathy Sanders from Post 327 finished in 2nd place. Great bowling. Our Jr. shooter team just completed their season and I am proud to say the team finished in 1st place. Bravo to coach Grant Lewis (a recent transfer to Post 327) and his shooters on a super job. They will compete in a regional qualification tournament to advance to the Department championship to be held in Charlottesville the 1st week of May. Roger Kelly has assembled enough players for our co-ed softball team. The season begins 26 April, look for a schedule on the corkboard. Roger is also starting a weekly Corn Hole tournament on Tuesday nights at the Post. Starting time is 7:00. Teams will be determined through a draw each night, come have fun and meet new friends. Busy, busy, till next month...For God and Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Happy Spring to the Legion Family and Friends: Well it is officially Spring. The Vernal Equinox was March 20th. Thank goodness that we were blessed with a "mild" Winter. Please forgive my redundancy. I want to thank all of you that visited me at my hospitality room at the Spring Conference held at the Renaissance Hotel in Portsmouth. I am unable to express my gratitude in words for all the volunteers who helped make my room a success. I would not have been able to do all the cooking, setting up, cleaning, serving, razing beds and reconstructing them without all of you. Thank all of you **SO MUCH** for your selfless support and precious time. I also wish to thank the Post and Post Commander **Tony Moore** for the generous monetary donation for my room. I want to thank **Sandi Wright** for the Club's donation of cups, bevnaps and swizzle sticks. I thank you **Otha Newton** for making my easel portrait. *Otha you are a master of Photoshop because you sure didn't have much to work with in my opinion.* **I want to congratulate the Sons of Squadron # 327.** 1st. Vice Commander **Dave Samson** sent in our 158th membership. **We are at 100 %.** Great Job **Dave**. Now we have 3 more months to beat last year's record. Last year we ended up at 106.21%. Don't forget if you sign up 3 or more new members you are eligible for a 14kt pin awarded by our SAL National Commander **Greg "Doc" Gibbs**. I think it is important to tell you how proficient and professional that our **2nd District Color Guard** is. They were absolutely fantastic looking at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ocean View. They are not mentioned enough

for all they do to represent the Legion to the community and of course to our Veterans and their families.

I would also be unacceptable of me not to applaud how well the **American Legion Riders** looked in the St. Patrick Day Parade and also for all that they do. Sadly, too many times the **ALR** are not recognized and often overlooked for the time they give and how well they represent our community and Veterans.

The Outreach group went to the McDonald House and served dinner March 9th. We will be going back April 13th to make and serve dinner again. We are also going to drop of items for the Fisher House in Portsmouth that is wanted to fulfill their "needs" list.

Well **Ginny Gower** cooked up her Shepherd's pie and knocked it out of the ball park. I heard not one negative remark except those saying they had to have a "to go" box because they couldn't eat it all. **Sandi Wright** in the spirit of St. Paddy's day donated the pretty shamrock green and delicious Watergate fruity salad. Thank you, Sandi. Yes, we did sell out and thank all of you who continue to support the Sons' charity fund.

We are doing a meat free dinner April 19th. Some people can't eat meat on Friday during Lent. Some people can't have shellfish type seafood. So, we are serving a "Crabbie" cake (non-shellfish) Dinner with Fries, Slaw, Hushpuppies, Cocktail Sauce and Dessert. I know you will enjoy it but you better get to the Post early because we will definitely sell out quickly! Okay this is the 2nd

Notice for those who wish to run for a SAL officer position for 2019-2020. Please see **Steve Gower, Milo Cross** or **Kenny O'Bryan** if you desire to run for an office with this award-winning SAL Squadron. This squadron has/had National and State Officers, State and National Award Winner(s) and too many Squadron awards to list. Come get involved. It's not that much time to donate in honor to our fathers and forefathers of which some have paid the ultimate sacrifice for us to be free. One more notice will be given before elections are held in June.

VAVS/VSO: The HVAMC is still in need of volunteers. We need greeters to help direct incoming visitors and patients entering the hospital. We could use volunteer workers for Bingo. We need shuttle bus drivers from the satellite parking lot area to distant buildings on the VA campus. Get with me or Anne Stark if you would like to see what it takes to volunteer an hour or so per month. Also remember that the VA fish fry is in April so please come and support the VA patients when they arrive April

5th. The patient's County Fair will be in May and I will give you more information next month concerning the date and time. Please keep all our sick, hurting and needful Legion family members and our friends and neighbors in our thoughts and prayers. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Well Spring is in full swing and there is much to share. I hope everyone enjoyed the St. Paddy's Day Parade. The American Legion Family had a great turnout. Thanks to all who took part. A special thanks to new members, Chaz & Crystal Scoggins, for making the great signs and driving. You both did a great job. Don't forget to post those pictures to Facebook using #ALA99. Visit and comment on Facebook @American Legion Unit 327 Ladies Auxiliary. This will serve as 2nd notice of ALA Elections on May 7th at 7PM. If you are interested in running for office please notify the Nomination Committee of Jane Evans, Yvonne Thilbault or Ashley Vaccarella. Please remember ALA initiation will be held at the April 2nd meeting. If you have not been initiated and received your pin, please come join us for the ceremony at 7PM. The VA Fish Fry is Friday April 5th. Volunteers are always needed. If you can help, please speak to DeDe French or Nancy Bell. Also needed are desserts, both regular and sugar free. Come out, enjoy a fish dinner and thank our VA Veterans for their service and sacrifice. The Auxiliary will host the breakfast buffet on April 28 at 9AM. Remember we try at least 1 new dish each month. Come out and see what's new. On a final note; Our Unit is LESS than 15 members away from 100% membership for the year. Let's get those renewals in and remember to invite new members. For God and Country, Collene Gravitt

Honor Guards Corner: The Honor Guard is still standing tall. We participated in the St. Patrick's Parade it was fun for all. Don't forget to get your American Legion Caps from behind the bar. Please help us get to National this year in Indianapolis, Indiana.

We are also sponsoring a dance on April 13th. \$15 for singles, \$25 for couples, see any Guard member for tickets.

We meet every third Monday at the Post at 8 PM.

Thank you for all your help, to help us do what we do. For God & Country, Otha Newton Colonel of the Guard

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	2 7:00 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	3 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327 Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	4 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	5 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - VA Fish Fry	6 7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
7 Kitchen Open 3:30 to 7:30 PM No Breakfast	8 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	9 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	10 6:30 PM ALA Social & Crafts Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7:00 PM Outside Volunteer Mtg</div> 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	12 6:00 PM Girl Scout Dinner - Chop Steak <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7:00 PM Dancing Bear Show</div>	13 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">8:00 PM Honor Guard Dance</div> Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
14 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - Girl Scouts Kitchen Open 3:30 to 7:30 PM	15 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 8:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	16 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	17 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	18 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	19 SAL Dinner - "Crabbie" cake non-shellfish	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7:00 PM Dart Banquet</div> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
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