



# The Legionnaire

## Tidewater Post 327

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Commander: Roger Kelly  
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Adjutant: Evan Glendinning  
Finance: David Seate  
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain  
Chaplain: Rickey Brown  
Sgt-at-Arms: Ian Gorman  
Historian: Alex Bascom

#### Exec Board

Gene Niedholdt  
Tim Gonyea  
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### LEGION RIDERS

Director: Derrick Johnson  
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Adjutant: Rob Buckhalter  
Treasurer: David Seate  
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley  
Chaplain: Mike Moranha  
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Road Captains: Keith Palmer

#### Exec Board

Al R. Gnome

### SAL SQUADRON

CDR: Fred Vaccarella  
1<sup>st</sup> VCDR: Dave Samson  
2<sup>nd</sup> VCDR Mike Schmidt  
Adjutant: James Doty Jr.  
Treasurer: Jeff Evans  
Chaplain: Rocky English  
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Historian: Dan Schmidt

#### Exec Board

Steve Gower  
Milo Cross  
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### AUXILIARY

President: Crystal Cross  
Vice President: Yvonne Thibeault  
Secretary: Salina Kiel  
Treasurer: Jan Dumstorff  
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers  
Sgt-at-Arms: Kellee McCarty  
Historian: Jane Evans

#### Exec Board

Karen Stull  
Patty Hibner  
Linda Woody

**COMMANDER: SECOND NOTICE: Election for Post officers for 2022-2023 will be held at the May meeting. If you are interested in running for a position here at the Post 327 please submit a "letter of intent" stating what post position you are interested in running for. You can submit these letters to the Post, via email, fax or submitting them directly to the Post Adjutant. All Legion members are encouraged to come out and vote! This year seems to be flying by as it's already April and the weather is starting to warm up! It was a huge disappointment that for a 3rd year the St. Patrick's Day Parade was cancelled. Just a reminder that the Post is always looking for volunteers for dinners, breakfast, or just to help out around the grounds. For God and Country Roger Kelly**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Blood Drive Apr 13<sup>th</sup> 1 – 6 pm, Tom McNabb Apr 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm.

**FIRST VICE COMMANDER:** Congratulations to all Members of Post 327 for working on recruiting new Members and all that have renewed we have exceeded the goal and are currently at 104% of our goal for 2022. You may use MyLegion.org to renew your Membership online, and by using MyLegion.org you will need to have an email connected to your account, if you have no email registered or an old email in your account please contact us and we will update your information so that you may complete your registration or if you have any other problems with your account please contact us. Anyone that has an honorable discharge after Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, is able join. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

**SECOND VICE COMMANDER:** No input. For God and Country. Rick McDonald

**ADJUTANT:** Hello everyone! It is getting close to end of the fiscal year for the American Legion. Which means, I am working on the Consolidated Post Reports (CPR). Please turn in any and all volunteer hours to me as soon as possible. Please provide brief descriptions of what you did, and miles driven (which includes to and from volunteering). Also, elections are coming up. If you would like to run for a position, submit a letter of intent. You can email it to the post and the email is [amlg327@yahoo.com](mailto:amlg327@yahoo.com), fax it to the post and the fax number is 757-961-5537, mail it to the post and the mailing address is 705 Lesner Ave Norfolk, VA 23518, or you can bring it to the post. Letters of intent are due by May 6TH. For the positions that you can run for are Post Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Service Officer, Chaplain, Sergeant At Arms, Historian and the Executive Board (4 members). If you would like the description of each position, please go to our website, [legion327.com](http://legion327.com) and click on constitution/by laws. Also, feel free to reach out if you have any questions. We also have a Blood Drive on April 13th From 1 PM to 6 PM. You can call the Red Cross at 1-800-REDCROSS, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), download their app or see me to schedule an appointment. If you would like to volunteer to help out at the blood drive, please let me know. Also, if you have any comments, questions or concerns, feel free to reach out and we will do our very best to help out! I wish you all the best. I hope all is well. Stay safe and healthy. For God and Country, Evan Glendinning, Post Adjutant

**HISTORIAN:** Photos, photos, photos. Send me any and all you have from this past year's events please and thank you. Email: [Mrswilliamscom@gmail.com](mailto:Mrswilliamscom@gmail.com) Text: 239-266-1295 For God & Country, Alex Bascom

**SERVICE OFFICER:** During the Month of February service officers spoke with 148 veterans, spent 204 hours and logged 462 miles. I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do. For God & Country, Bob DeChamplain

**CHAPLAIN:** The fourth month of the year. WOW! Spring is here and the days are beautiful. For many people, this time of the year is hard because of the pollen in the air.

Covid 19, has kept us(the world) in a lockdown, for the past two years. There are parts(states/cities) of our country where they have stopped the wearing of masks, and some businesses are opening back up to the public. That's good news to hear. My two-cent, PLEASE, continue to be safe. Proverbs 11; 27a "He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour;" For God and Country, Rickey Brown

**LEGION RIDERS:** Happy Spring!! Riding season is kicking in gear!! The riders have a busy month ahead. We will

have our Pony Express Run for Hope! We are helping the American Legion out by riding to receive donations. If you or you know of a company that would like to donate please contact us! We still have some gun raffles and 50/50 tickets left for the Legacy Run. Don't be left out!! Try your luck at winning and it goes to a great cause! We welcomed several new Members last month and are still looking for new Members and supporters!!

"Make it happen, make a difference, and give a damn" - Frank Hilyard (Department Commander at the Spring Conference) For GOD and Country..."DJ" ...ride safe! ALR Chapter 327 Director

**ATHLETIC OFFICER:** Greetings to all, This will be the last call for Softball players interested in playing on Friday nights. The team is co-ed and plays double headers from mid-March until May- June depending on the weather. If you are interested let Commander Roger, Jane/Jeff Evans know. Our traveling softball team has requested doing a dinner one month. Please support this as it off sets the cost of registering for tournaments. I am not having much success finding a coach that can put together a baseball team than will travel to get the required number of games to constitute a season. I will keep trying. Till next month... For God and Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

**SQUADRON COMMANDER:** Welcome to Spring 2022 American Legion Family and Friends. Yep, flowers and weeds are popping up everywhere. Here comes the greenish yellow pollen.

Easter Sunday is April 17th.

The Sons of the American Legion were able to donate \$12529.00 to Charities and Community organizations. I will only mention a few: OCW, VCF, \*COTA, McDonald House, Fisher House, the Food Bank of Tidewater, Community Challenger Baseball, and neighborhood schools. All but \$250.00 of the was donated at the SAL Spring Conference in Portsmouth. Our SAL National Commander Michael Fox witnessed Squadron #327's donation given at Spring Conference. Out of the \$14000 + total donated by the Detachment, \$12279.00 was your Squadron's portion. Pretty Strong!

***The only way possible for the SAL at your Post to be able to do this is by your generous support of our dinner nights and other fundraising events. We thank each of you for your continued support.***

*\*Children's Organ Transplant Association*

1st Vice Commander **Dave Samson** declares: "We are now officially submitting membership transmittals online through MyLegion.org".

Fellow SAL members can renew their membership online by setting up a personal account at "mylegion.org". Members are also able to edit their information if needed.

For example, if you have a change of address. If you lose your membership card in the washing machine you will be able to print up another current membership card. Being able to renew your membership online is so easy and doesn't take but a moment to renew. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander **Dave Samson** says we are at 85%.

On April 15<sup>th</sup> SAL Chef **Ben Ski** will be preparing his Savory Shrimp and Pasta with his very special homemade Alfredo Sauce served with a Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert. **Ben Ski** is a culinary artist so treat your tummies to some excellent food on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 or until we sell out. Bring a friend and maybe we can show them how to be a member of the Post, Auxiliary or SAL.

You've already had the pleasure of eating **Ben Ski's** dinners if you had March's SAL Beef Stew and Grill cheese sandwich dinner. Well, we cooked up a 27 lbs. hunk of beef and we went through the whole thing. We sold out!! Our dinners are always a generous amount and only for an \$8.00 donation to our charity fund.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Notice: This is the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Notice if you wish to run for an elected position in your Squadron. Please see one of the Nomination committeemen if you wish to throw your name in the hat to run for an officer position. See: PNVC Steve Gower or Executive Officers Kenny O'Bryan or dual Member Milo Cross.**

**VAVS/CDCE:** I really do not have much to report since everything is still shut down to the Volunteers for HVAMC. We still can collect items on the "Needs List". Some examples are Personal Hygiene items like shampoo, shaving cream, alcohol-free mouthwash, toothpaste, lotion, white socks. Clothing items like Men's and ladies' underwear, t-shirts, socks, sunglasses, pocket sewing kits, hairbrushes, combs, panty hose, baseball caps, ladies' feminine products, etc.

**VE&E:** No activity is scheduled for Career or Education Fairs at this time due to Covid wariness. Keep all in your prayers that are infirmed and recovering from personal medical issues. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

**ALA PRESIDENT: 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice for TALA Unit Officer Elections for the 2022-2023 year** to be held at the May regular meeting. The nominating committee members are Jane Evans, Martha Martin and Salina Kiel. Please see one of them with your intention to run of Office or email the Unit at [talaunit327@yahoo.com](mailto:talaunit327@yahoo.com). We encourage everyone interested to run for office, all positions are open for election, President, Vice President/Membership Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Sgt. At Arms, Historian and 3 Executive Committee members. March was another busy month for the ALA starting with our fundraiser dinner. I'd like to thank our volunteers, especially Kathy Morrison for the wonderful homemade potato salad and Karen, Jane,

Deb and all the others that helped with the dinner and cleanup. I apologize for those I missed by name. We need your volunteer hours and information NLT April 1<sup>st</sup> please. We need to complete the Year End reports to send to Department. This information is rolled up and sent to National which is presented to Congress. Let's show them all the great things we do at Unit 327!. April promises to be a great month of activities starting with the ALA Dinner on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be having our Fish Fry dinner.

Unfortunately, we will not be having our veterans again, but our proceeds from this dinner will be donated to support our Veterans at the VA Hospital in Hampton. We hope you come out for some great Fried Fish and all the fixings. April 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Children's Easter Party and Easter Egg Hunt. This is for the children and grandchildren of all of our Legion Family Members, and we are also hosting the children of the USS Anzio at the party as well. There is a sign-up sheet on the meeting hall door, and we need a count by April 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to make it to the clubroom, please send an email with the child's first name, age and Legion Family Member for the child to [talaunit327@yahoo.com](mailto:talaunit327@yahoo.com) to sign up. April 28<sup>th</sup> is the Honor and Remember Run for the Fallen and we encourage you to come out and support this great event. We are getting the map and expected times....look for more information on Facebook and in the ALA email on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Attention ALA Juniors:** Our next meeting will be on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon! At our March meeting, it was suggested to have a craft to paint rocks, so that is what we will be doing at this next meeting. We will be painting rocks with poppies and going over the ALA patch program and learning about the ALA and our mission. We hope to see you there! For God and Country, Crystal Cross, Unit 327 President **HONOR GUARDS CORNER:** The Honor Guard hopes that everyone that attended our dance enjoyed themselves and we are glad for your support. Know that the money our fundraisers generates keeps the Guard in uniforms, blanks for the rifle detail that honor the veterans for their burial service keeping us able to do what we do.

For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

**CLUBROOM MANAGER:** Hello everyone! Well, spring has finally come, hopefully, the weather will catch up. There are some really good lunches and dinners planned for you in April, please refer to newsletter for entrees. Remember these meals are all fund raisers for the organization doing the meal and need your support! Ricky will be here to the 9th and 23rd of April so you can be the entertainment. Tom will be here the 30th to entertain you! Please refer to the calendar for all upcoming events, meetings, etc. Wishing you and your families a Happy Easter. For God and Country Sandi Wright.

# April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<i>1</i> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Fish Fry	<i>2</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open
<i>3</i> 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Breakfast 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ?	<i>4</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>5</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM ALA Exec Mtg 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg	<i>6</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	<i>7</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Slider Sandwiches 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>8</i> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Pork Chops	<i>9</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Mu Beta Phi Fraternity 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
<i>10</i> 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Breakfast 9:00 AM Post 204 Mtg 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ?	<i>11</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg	<i>12</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg	<i>13</i> 1:00 PM -6:00 PM Blood Drive 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>14</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Cold Plate 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>15</i> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Savory Shrimp & Pasta	<i>16</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open
<i>17</i> 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Breakfast <b>HAPPY EASTER</b> Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ?	<i>18</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg	<i>19</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>20</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	<i>21</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Tuna Noodle Casserole 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg	<i>22</i> 6:00 PM Softball Team Dinner - Spaghetti	<i>23</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
<i>24</i> 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Breakfast 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ?	<i>25</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>26</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>27</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>28</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Sloppy Joes 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>29</i> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Chicken Cordon Bleu	<i>30</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:30 PM -10:30 PM Tom McNabb