



# The Legionnaire

## Tidewater Post 327

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### POST OFFICERS

Commander: Tony Moore  
1<sup>st</sup> VCDR: Byron Pianalto  
2<sup>nd</sup> VCDR: Eugene Kleinfelter  
3<sup>rd</sup> VCDR: Jim Dunning  
Adjutant: Victoria Bell  
Finance: David Seate  
Service Officer: Eric Isaksen  
Chaplain: Frank White  
Sgt-at-Arms: Bob DeChamplain  
Historian: TBD

#### Exec Board

Mary Lee Lupejkis  
Michael Bolton  
Paul Murch

### LEGION RIDERS

Director: Keith DeLucenay  
Ass't Dir: Paul Murch  
Adjutant: Shane Kelly  
Treasurer: David Seate  
Safety Officer: Ted VanHorn  
Chaplain: Paul Murch  
Sgt-at-Arms: James Kern  
Road Captains:

#### Exec Board

Josh Goughneur  
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  
Sgt-at-Arms: Mike Atkinson  
Historian: Dan Schmidt

#### Exec Board

Steve Gower  
Cliff Carney  
Kenneth O'Bryan

### AUXILIARY

President: Nancy Bell  
Vice President: Jean Lewis  
Secretary: Dorothy Price  
Treasurer: Anne Starke  
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers  
Sgt-at-Arms: Salina Kiel  
Historian: Sharon Bukowski

#### Exec Board

Linda Byrd  
Cheryl Loyko  
Cathy Rook

**COMMANDER:** Your next Post Meeting will be held April 11@ 7:30 pm. Please try to attend. The Winter Dart league finished the last week of March. Tentative start date for summer darts is May 4<sup>th</sup>. We will still shoot Thursdays starting at 7:30 PM. Cost is \$2 per person and they do not need to be mixed teams. Anyone over 18 can play. Look for sign-up sheet on the hall door. Since April has 5 Saturdays, the last Saturday -29 April will be Jukebox Saturday Nite instead of karaoke.

**THIRD NOTICE:** We will be holding Post elections May 9 at the regular meeting at 7:30 PM. Please indicate if you intend to run for an office NLT 7 May. This will allow time to prepare ballots. There is time to consider if you want to run for an office. For God and Country, Tony Moore.

**Upcoming Events:** Ident-A-Kid, Apr 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – Noon.

**FIRST VICE COMMANDER:** Currently we are at just over 900 new & renewals for 2017. If your membership card does not have 2017 on it your membership has lapsed so make sure to renew to keep the continuous years going. You may renew your 2017 membership online at [www.legion.org/renew](http://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:** Next event is the Memorial Day Picnic.

**SERVICE OFFICER:** We filed 51 claims, spoke with 106 vets, volunteered 270 hours and drove 544 miles, and processed 1 TFA.. We have other locations for assistance: at TCC Portsmouth, the senior center on Granby Street and TCC in Virginia Beach. We have

handicap equipment for loan and a new phone system-listen to the prompt for the service officer.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:** . We need volunteer to take over the Temporary Financial Assistance Program. For God and Country, Eric Isaksen.

**CHAPLAIN:** No input.

**LEGION RIDERS:** We provided 1 funeral escort and we will participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

For God and Country, Keith (Cowboy) DeLucenay

**ATHLETIC OFFICER:** Greetings to all. The Department bowling tournament held in Woodbridge was won by Danville Post 1097. Congratulations to them, but fun was had by all from 327. It's time for baseball/softball. Post 327 will again sponsor a team from Little Creek National Pony League. We will also sponsor the Challenger Division {3 teams} from Ocean View Little League. Thanks to our SAL for sponsoring one of the Challenger teams. We have signed up our softball team for the spring season. We will be playing in a tougher division, I will update their progress next month. Till then...

For God and Country, Jeff Evans.

**SQUADRON:** Greetings Legion Family: It's hard to believe that Easter is April 16<sup>th</sup> and April showers are going to bring May flowers. The first quarter of the year has already passed us by. Jeff Evans, Steve Gower, Mike Schmidt, Dan Schmidt, Mike Atkinson, Cliff Carney and myself attended the Spring Conference in Virginia Beach March 10-12. You can be proud of your Sons. We donated \$7600 to our Charities and outshone the rest of the squadrons in the state. Do You know why? Because all of you and your supportive roles helping the Sons raise money for our Veterans. We had in attendance the Sons National Vice Commander Southern Region William Kelly, Jr, up from Florida. He is a very impressive and inspirational person and has been serving the Legion for many years. We were honored to have him visit. We want to thank all of you that support our Friday night dinners. Our fish and chips dinner was a sell out! And we appreciate all the nice compliments we received. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Dave Samson ways we are advanced at about 84% in our membership goal between renewals and new members. Thanks to all who have renewed and please try to find those who may be on the fence about joining or renewing. I'd be glad to speak to these individuals. Remember we are a charitable organization that does a myriad of good work in our community. We are also helping our veterans and their loved ones. You would be surprised to see how many people don't even

know that we exist and more importantly what we accomplish. If each of us try to recruit just 1 person our growth would be exponential. And most importantly Steve Gower is the Son's State Chair for Membership and we sure can't let him down. Step up and put you name on the election roster. Run for an office for the year 2017-2018. We need new blood and talent with new ideas to fill our rosters. See Cliff Carney or Steve Gower who are the election committee. This is the third announcement. Our dinner night in April will be on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be serving Uncle Jeff's Famous Steak and Cheese subs with fries, dill pickle and dessert. Come early because these subs sell out very quickly. We are asking for only an \$8 donation. So come out and support our charity fund. Happy Easter to all and good luck to the little ones who will be Easter egg hunting. God and Country, Fred Vaccarella.

**ALA PRESIDENT:** Hello Ladies. I hope everyone is doing well. By the time you read this spring should be in full bloom and the cold weather gone. Our fish fry for the vets is scheduled for Friday 6 April. We need volunteers and desserts., sugar free if possible. Also anyone can come and eat on the club side-please come out and support us. Elections are in May. Anyone interested let Cathy Rook know @ 1-352-425-4034. We are so close to 100% membership. Help us beat out the post. If you know of anyone or have not renewed please do so. Don't forget our craft nights or our on-going projects-crocheting, coupons, box tops or soup labels. Please help us. For God and Country, Nancy Bell.

**ONCE A MONTH SERVICE PROJECTS:** Would you like to participate in an active, once a month service project outside of our Post home? We are looking for members of our entire Legion family (Post, Unit SAL, Riders) to meet Thursday April 14 T 7 PM. Come with ideas-everyone is the chairman of the group. Examples could be.... Foodbank packaging food, USO preparing a lunch or cleaning the center, aging veterans who need occasional yardwork or house cleaning, Americanism education with schools and community centers. Any and every idea is worth listening to. The community needs to know WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO AND WHY WE MATTER! We are a service organization.

**EDITOR:** The Post recently sponsored a Hero Dog who is currently in service animal training to eventually be paired with a veteran. 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.

# April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; width: 60%;"> <b>POST ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN MAY 2017. TIME TO THINK ABOUT ANY POSITION YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR.</b> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; width: 30%; margin-left: 20px;"> <b>Be sure to look for NASCAR Specials on Sundays.</b> </div>						<i>1</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open
<i>2</i> 1:00 PM Legion Bowling No Breakfast	<i>3</i> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<i>4</i> 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<i>5</i> 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<i>6</i> 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<i>7</i> 6:00 PM AUX Dinner - Vets Fish Fry	<i>8</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open
<i>9</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - Girl Scouts 9:00 AM Post 204 Meeting 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	<i>10</i> 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<i>11</i> 7:00 PM Post 327 Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post 327 Reg Mtg 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<i>12</i> 6:30 PM ALA Social & Crafts 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <i>13</i>            7:00 PM Outside Volunteer Mtg         </div> 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<i>14</i> 6:00 PM Girl Scout Dinner - Fried Chicken	<i>15</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open
<i>16</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <b>HAPPY EASTER</b> </div>	<i>17</i> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<i>18</i> 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<i>19</i> 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<i>20</i> 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<i>21</i> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Uncle Jeff's Steak & Cheese Subs	<i>22</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open
<i>23</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	<i>24</i> 6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<i>25</i> 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<i>26</i> 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<i>27</i> 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<i>28</i> 6:00 PM Kitchen Open	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <i>29</i>            10 AM - 12 PM Ident-A-Kid         </div> 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open Juke Box Nite
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