



The Legionnaire

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

Exec Board

Ken Nobles
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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
Sgt-at-Arms: James Kern
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Exec Board

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SAL SQUADRON

CDR: Fred Vaccarella
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2nd VCDR Mike Schmidt
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AUXILIARY

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

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Stacey Hempfer
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COMMANDER: Your next Post Meeting will be August 8th at @ 7:30 pm. Please try to attend The Department Convention was held July 14-17 and the new Second District Commander is our own Larry Turner. There are a lot of things happening in the District and in the American Legion. Lots of changes being proposed-some good and some not so good. Larry will need all of us to support the post and the district in the coming months. The emergency generator is up and running and has passed all operational checks and is completely automated. For God and Country, Tony Moore.

Upcoming Events: 2nd District Planning meeting Aug 6th @ 1 PM, American Legion bowling league pre-season meeting Aug 13 @ 1 PM,

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We finished the 2017 year with 947 members, this is the first time in several years

that we have been below 1000 members. If you have not renewed your 2017 membership and go online to renew online after July 1st you will be renewing for 2018 and your continuous years will start over at 1 yr. Currently we are at just over 425 members that have renewed for 2018. We had a very slow start of renewals at our July 4th picnic, the Post renewed only 41 members. You may renew your 2018 membership starting July 1st 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. Renew between July 1st and the Labor Day picnic to receive your Early Bird stamp and you can eat for free at the Labor Day picnic. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: The July 4th picnic went well. Our next event will be the Labor Day picnic on Sunday September 3rd. Remember if your 2018 dues are paid the picnic is free. For God Country, Duff Kleinfelter

SERVICE OFFICER: In the month of June we submitted 63 claims, we talked to 181 people about VA benefits, we logged more than 270 hours, and we drove more than 745 miles. Please welcome Ricky Brown who has come forward to assist with our TFA program. Anne Starke and I will be attending Department Service Officer school in Indianapolis July 26-30. On June 11, I attended a meeting of the Beach Community Partnership which is a group of people involved with working with the homeless. I learned some useful information, and would be happy to share it with anyone who finds themselves in that situation or knows someone who is.

If anyone lives in the Williamsburg area, the Puller Law Center hosts an information session on select Mondays to discuss Veterans benefits, separation planning and discharge upgrades. For more information, go to: <http://law.wm.edu/veterans/starbucks>

We have handicapped equipment here at the post if any of you know anyone who could use walker, crutches, commode seat, etc. For God and Country, Eric Isaksen.

CHAPLAIN: Greetings fellow Legionnaires. I thank you for permitting me to act as your Chaplain for the upcoming year. I can be reached at 757-593-6174, or gmdss@aol.com. It is with regret that I note the passing of Legionnaire Bob Perkins. We will miss him. For God & Country, J. J. Willis

LEGION RIDERS: Bob Perkins has transferred to Post Everlasting. There will be an empty slot on every ride we take from now on.

We finished our fund raiser with a BANG! We held the drawing at Colonial Shooting Academy at noon on July 4th live on facebook. We have the Virginia ALR state rally coming up and several poker runs. We rode with several other ALR groups as part of the Patriot Guard Riders escort of the SEAL monument from Patrick Henry Mall to 38th Street at the Virginia Beach ocean front. For God and Country, Paul Murch Assistant Director.

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all. Our co-ed softball team wrapped up their season. They went 14 wins to 3 losses winning the division. They advanced to the championship game in the playoffs, only to fall short.

Congratulations to coach Jimmy Norton and scorekeeper Jane Evans for a fun season. Our American Legion baseball team is currently 9 and 3. The playoffs start July 25. If they win, it's off to the state in early August. I will update next month For God and Country, Jeff Evans

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings to the Legion Family: Well here it is already August and before we know it kids will be back in school and we'll start retiring our short sleeves and replacing them with jackets. The year is flying by and let me share with you what the Sons did at the State Convention in Herndon. Squadron 327 earned the State award and plaque for VA&R (large category). We also walked away with the 2016-2017 pennant for our Squadron flag for achieving 100% in Child Welfare Foundation. Three of our Sons have been elected and installed as Virginia Detachment Officers. Steve Gower is Detachment JAG, Jeff Evans is Detachment Finance Officer and I am Detachment Vice Commander Eastern Region. Both Steve and Jeff were named as National delegates and will be attending the 99th National Convention in Reno, Nevada August 17-23. Department Leadership College will be August 11-13 at the DoubleTree Hotel Richmond Midlothian. Jeff Evans will be the instructor for the Sons. Mike Atkinson our Sgt-at-Arms and I will also be attending. The Sons congratulate Larry Turner who was sworn in as the 2nd District Commander. Thank you all for supporting our meatball sub dinner. We sold out because of your participation. Remember each dollar raised goes to help out a less fortunate Veteran and their family. In August we will be trying something new for dinner. August 18th we will be serving a richly lavished BLT sandwich with sides of cold salads, dill pickle and dessert. **(I am talking about a lot of bacon on the sandwich!!)** ***By the way if any of you would like to donate tomatoes from your garden for the BLTs please let us know. Home grown are always better*** 1st Vice Cdr Dave Samson thanks all for the renewals at the July 4th picnic and asks all Sons to solicit for new members. **This next June we will be giving a free membership to a lucky Son along with a \$50 cash card for participation in SAL endorsed events. Each time you come to a meeting or volunteer for a sanctioned Son event your name will be dropped in a hat. If your name is drawn next June then we will pay your membership for 2018-2019 and you win a \$50 cash card. That's a \$75 value.** Please keep all our sick members and their families in your prayers. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello Ladies. I can't believe the summer is almost over. Our dinner is Aug 4th. We will be doing Mexican. I'm not sure what yet but I hope you will come out and enjoy. Our next meeting is Aug 1st @ 7:30 PM. We finally got our membership cards so those that paid already should be getting them soon. 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?

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<i>1</i> 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post	<i>4</i> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Mexican fare	<i>5</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene
<i>6</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">2nd District Planning Mtg @ Post 327</div> No Breakfast	<i>7</i> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post	<i>8</i> 7:00 PM Post 327 Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post 327 Reg Mtg 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post	<i>9</i> 6:30 PM ALA Social & Crafts	<i>10</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">7:00 PM Outside Volunteer Mtg</div> 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post	<i>11</i> 6:00 PM Girl Scout Dinner - Pork Tenderloin Sandwich	<i>12</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell
<i>13</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - Girl Scouts <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">1:00 PM Bowling League Mtg</div>	<i>14</i> 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post	<i>15</i> 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post	<i>16</i> 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	<i>17</i> 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post	<i>18</i> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - BLT with cold plate	<i>19</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene
<i>20</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8	<i>21</i> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post	<i>22</i> 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">7:00 PM Summer Dart Party</div> 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post	<i>25</i> Kitchen Open	<i>26</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell
<i>27</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA	<i>28</i> 6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post	<i>29</i> 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post		