



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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Adjutant: Evan Glendinning
Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Keith Palmer
Sgt-at-Arms: Linda Blaker
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

Ashley Wehrle
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LEGION RIDERS

Director: (DJ) Derrick Johnson
Asst Dir: Keith Palmer
Adjutant: TBD
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley
Chaplain: Mike Moranha
Sgt-at-Arms: Vacant
Road Captain: Keith McCauley

Exec Board

Al R. Gnome

SAL SQUADRON

CDR: Fred Vaccarella
1st VCDR: Dave Samson / Wayne Turner
2nd VCDR David "Benski" Vernon
Adjutant: James Doty Jr
Treasurer: Jeff Evans
Chaplain: Rocky English / Frank White
1st Sgt-at-Arms: Mike Schmidt
Historian: Evan Glendinning
Historian: Dan Schmidt

Exec Board

Steve Gower
Milo Cross
Kenneth O'Bryan

AUXILIARY

President: Mary Taggart
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Chaplain: Marcia Brothers
Sgt-at-Arms: Patty Hibner
Historian: Jane Evans

Exec Board

Karen Stull
Jan Dumstorff
Crystal Cross

COMMANDER: Hope this finds everyone well and enjoying their summer. Post 327 was very well represented at the Department Convention, and we brought home many awards. The Post itself was awarded the Dan Daniel's award for 110% Membership, and the John Wicker Jr traveling trophy for highest percentage above 110% by June 1st. Our SAL Squadron and Auxiliary also were also presented with multiple Department Level Awards. We are still looking for more members to step up and be volunteers. For God and Country, Roger Kelly

UPCOMING EVENTS: Social Quarters will be closed Aug 8th til ? (approx. 10 days), Softball Team car wash front lawn Aug 13th 8 am to noon, ALA Juniors Mtg Aug 21st @ 10 am, Preseason Bowling meeting Aug 21st at 1 pm, Tom McNabb Aug 20th @ 7:30 pm, Job Fair Aug 27th 12pm to 4 pm.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We now have the new 2023 Membership cards. As some of you have noticed that the renewal notices that are being sent out by National Headquarters shows "Member since 2022" please disregard this as National has gone to a new system and is still working out some bugs.

All Legionnaires that RENEW their Membership between July 1st and Labor Day September 5th will be entered into a drawing to win a PUFL (Paid up for Life) membership. You may also use mylegion.org to renew your Membership online. Anyone that has an honorable discharge after Dec 7th, 1941, is able join. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: United States Coast Guard birthday we will have cake and ice cream, Aug 4th at 6 pm. For God and Country, Rick McDonald

ADJUTANT: My fellow Post 327 family, we are now getting into the 2022-2023 fiscal year. 2021-2022 was definitely a strong rebuilding year where we "got back to basics". This year's theme is "Raising the bar". We are working on making a bigger difference for our veterans and for our community, bring more people to the Legion and have more social events for our members. We are pushing really hard to get 1,000+ members. It is really important for you to renew your membership as soon as possible. Also, share a warm welcome to friends and family that are eligible to join. The money we collect from membership dues does help a lot of programs that assist veterans, disabled veterans, children and our community. If you would like to get involved, please reach out and we can get you involved in areas that you feel comfortable with. Getting involved doesn't require spending everyday here. If we get more people involved, it will allow us to do more and to not burn out volunteers. We will also be having a Job Fair here in the Hall on Saturday August 27th, from 12 PM (Noon) to 4 PM (1600). If you know of anyone hiring, please let us know and we will send out. One last note, if you do any volunteer work, please log your hours and turn them in. If you do have any comments, questions or concerns, feel free to reach out and will do our best to help you out! I do hope all is well. Stay safe. Stay cool during these hot days! For God and Country, Evan Glendinning Post Adjutant

SERVICE OFFICER: During the Month of June service officers spoke with 76 veterans, spent 172 hours and logged 496 miles. I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. It is such an honor to serve and be a part of an awesome American Legion Post 327. Especially, all the efforts put forth on Independence Day, our Nation's Birthday. Just being able to witness the outpouring support from so many that helped to make the 4th of July 2022 festivities a successful event at Post 327. All who served in whatever capacity serving the veterans, families and the community, Thank you!

"Never measure your life by possessions. Measure it by the hearts you touched, the smiles you created and the love you shared." For God and Country – Chaplain, Keith Palmer

LEGION RIDERS: The ALR Chapter 327 have earned their Pony Express pins! It is a great honor to be able to help the American Legion out! Some of the riders attended the Convention and enjoyed the indoor Poker Run!! We are planning a few surprise events and currently planning a fall ride!

Please be careful and watch for motorcycles!! We have had a few close calls and a few incidents. We are still accepting members!! Get the word out!

For God and Country, Derrick "DJ" Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, SOFTBALL, SOFTBALL, SOFTBALL. We want to get a team in the fall league. This is a co-ed team which plays 2 games on Friday nights. We need to be registered by mid-month. If interested contact me @757-893-2609. Post 327 Darts will return on Mondays starting Sept.- Oct. Selina has volunteered to make this happen. Look for sign up notice at the post. Our Soft Ball team will be hosting a CAR WASH on Saturday, 13 August from 8-noon. The front yard is the place to bring your vehicle in need of cleaning. I know I'll be bringing mine. Till next month... For God and Country, Jeff Evans, AO

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Hello Legion Family and Friends. Several of us attended the State Convention in Herndon Virginia July 14th – 17th.

All members should be very proud of our Post and our Auxiliary Unit. Both the Post and Auxiliary returned with a multitude of State Awards and commendations. Now this is an absolutely awesome job well done! My personal congratulations to Post Commander **Roger Kelly**, Unit President **Crystal Cross** and all the officers for a record breaking 2021-2022 year!

Congratulations to **Jan Dumstorff** who earned the 2022 Unit #327 Auxiliary Person of the Year!

The Sons walked away with the Detachment of Virginia awards for two categories which are Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) and Veterans Education and Employment (VE&E).

Past national Commanders **Steve Gower** and **Jeff Evans** retained their detachment positions. **Steve Gower** as detachment Judge Advocate and **Jeff Evans** as Detachment Finance officer.

Evan Glendinning started the 1st SAL VE&E committee in the state of Virginia at our Post. **Evan Glendinning** coordinated job fairs and education fairs with representatives from local colleges, trade and aviation schools, shipyards, logistics companies, Veteran friendly employers and local cities first responders. **Evan** is also the Detachment Chairman for VE&E.

At Fall Conference Squadron #327 will receive the "100%" membership pennant for our squadron colors. Membership is a common goal in our Post Legion family. 1st Vice Commander

Dave Samson thanks all of you for your help in helping our squadron achieve our membership goal for 2022 year.

Our Co- Chaplain **Frank White** had the winning ticket for a free paid up 2023 membership. Well seems like we'll pay for **Frank's** 2024 membership instead since he already renewed his 2023 at our 4th of July picnic.

2nd Vice Commander **Benski** thanks **Mark Dumstorff** and the senior baseball team for their assistance in the kitchen while our usual volunteers were traveling or at State Convention. **Benski's** boneless pork chop dinner was a hit and well received.

VAVS/CDCE: I attended the VAVA quarterly zoom meeting held at HVAMC. I presented a screen shot of the Post \$500.00 check which is sent to HVAMC Volunteer Services office. Our Post contributes \$2000 annually or \$500.00 quarterly to HVAMC Volunteer Services. This donation was earmarked for the General-Purpose Fund Acct #1390. The Women's clinic now has its own operational mammography machine. When HVAMC's doors open any volunteers must show proof of Covid shots #1 and #2. Booster proof is not required. We discussed the new number for **Veteran Suicide Prevention which is 988 #1.**

There was discussion concerning the construction of the new southside medical center in Virginia Beach, expansion of C-Bocks and future construction of a central Medical Center geographically positioned to serve Suffolk, Portsmouth and Chesapeake.

VE&E: Evan Glendinning and I are continuing to receive employment leads and education program emails from HVAMC's **Atalya Horton**. There are plans for education and employment fairs hosted at our Post in early Fall hopefully starting shortly after our Post renovations are completed. Please keep all our sickly relatives, friends and neighbors in our prayers. Remember to use the "Buddy Check" to reach out to our shut-ins. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Greetings everyone! Thanks to all the volunteers, and to all those who donated desserts that made the Post 4th of July picnic a huge success. The Legion Riders donation is much appreciated. Eight Unit members attended state convention July 14-17 in Herndon, VA. Jan Dumstorff received the 2021-22 Unit Member of the Year award; a Dogwood pin was given to her at convention. Congratulations and Thank you for all you do. The Unit received a Meritorious Service citation, Best Overall National Security Program, Community Service, Children and Youth Program and Public Relations Program. Along with a certificate for reaching 108% paid membership in 2021-22. Your hard work and dedication, along with the support of the Legion Family makes this reorganization possible. Allow me, to thank you for your continued support and dedication to our programs. Please continue to log your volunteer hours monthly. Blank logs are available in the lobby. Please bring them to the Unit meeting or drop them in the Unit's mailbox.

Our annual Back to School supply drive began **July 13 and run until Aug 19, 2022.** These supplies will distribute to 7 Norfolk Public Schools located near the Post. A donation box will be set up at the main entrance of the Post under the display case.

The 2022-23 renew or join membership drive continues. Thank you to Helen and Yvonne for all their hard work at the

4th of July membership table. A total of 89 people paid membership dues on the fourth.

Who is eligible to join the Auxiliary you ask?

Female and male spouses, grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion or decreased eligible serve members. Some of us are veterans ourselves.

Upcoming events

2nd Unit meeting at 7:30 pm

5th Unit monthly Friday dinner - 6-8 PM or until food is gone. Fried Chicken, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread and dessert \$9.00

21st Juniors meeting at 10am Meet at the Post Community Service Project and water play
TBA Sort, pack and distribute school supplies

Sept. 4th Labor Day Picnic

Volunteer opportunities

Unit Dinner first Friday of each month to serve, take orders and clean up, Labor Day picnic to set up food, serve and help clean up Any Legion Family Event

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Post Newsletter

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Service, Not Self, For God and Country, Mary Taggart

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: No input. For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello everyone! Can you believe it is August already! Before we can turn around the kids will be back in school. Please remember our Auxiliary is collecting school supplies to be delivered to various schools. Donations are appreciated. A "BIG" reminder: if you bring a bottle to the Post, you must put your first and last name (NO nicknames) as well as the date on ALL bottles. Labels are available in the Clubroom lobby. Bottles must be updated every ninety (90) days. Any bottle left on Legion premises without this information and/or not updated will be disposed of. THIS IS AN ABC RULE. As you know our Post HVAC is being renovated and this means our Clubroom will need to be closed for approximately ten (10) days beginning Monday August the 8th. Hope to see you at the Post when renovations are completed. Enjoy the rest of your summer! For God and Country, Sandi Wright

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:00 PM -4:00 PM Hot Dog Special 6:00 PM til ? Kitchen Open	2 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM ALA Exec Mtg 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg	3 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	4 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Ham Salad Sandwich 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	5 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Fried Chicken	6 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open
7 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ?	8 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg	9 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg	10	11	12	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> 8:00 AM -12:00 PM Softball Team Car Wash front lawn </div>
SOCIAL QUARTERS CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS						
14	15 7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg	16 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	17 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	18 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Chicken Salad Sub 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg	19 6:00 PM Softball Team Dinner - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce	20 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> 7:30 PM -10:30 PM Tom McNabb </div>
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21 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> 10:00 AM ALA Juniors Mtg </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> 1:00 PM Bowling League Pre-season Mtg </div> Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ?	22 1:00 PM -4:00 PM Hot Dog Special 6:00 PM til ? Kitchen Open	23 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	24 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	25 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Baked Ziti 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	26 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Pork Chops	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> 12:00 PM -4:00 PM Job Fair </div> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
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