



The Legionnaire

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Chaplain: Rickey Brown
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Historian: TBD

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COMMANDER: February is here and that means the "Big Game" is almost upon us. The club room will be putting out some food for your enjoyment. The menu hasn't been confirmed yet but will be delicious. It's also Free. The Five Families of Ocean View are holding their Mid-Winter Olympics here Feb. 8th. Come out and cheer for your favorite teams. February will also see the State Bowling Tournament in Norfolk this year. Post 327 is hosting the event and will be putting on several events for the bowlers. Everyone is encouraged to attend all the activities. The Post is still looking for an organization that may want to do a breakfast to raise money for their charity. For God and Country, Tony Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS: Feb 1st Chili cook-off & bake sale at noon; Feb 2nd Four Chaplain Service @ Post 310 at 1 PM; Feb 8th Mid-winter Olympics @ Post 327 at 11 AM; Feb 16th 2nd District Spring Conf @ Post 5 at 1 PM; Feb

22nd & 23rd State Bowling Tournament; Feb 24th Stress Recovery Support Group; Feb 28th & 29th Department Spring Conf. @ Renaissance-Portsmouth VA

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: Anyone that has an honorable discharge after Dec 7th, 1941 can join the American Legion. So, if you know of someone that fell through the cracks due to not serving during a time of conflict please let them know that they may now be eligible to join the American Legion. For 2020, we have over 780 new and renewed Members. I would like to thank everyone that renewed to date and hope that the rest will renew shortly. Post Members are able to renew for 2020 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. If you do not have a 2020 Membership card you may lose your continuous years if you don't renew soon. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: I hope everyone's year is off to a good start. The New Year's party last month was a great time and seemed to have been enjoyed by all. This month we'll start things off with a party for the "Big Game"! Feb 2 starting at 6 with a free buffet. Kickoff is at 630. Come on out and enjoy the game or even just the commercials! For God and Country. Roger Kelly

SERVICE OFFICER: In the month of December we submitted 31 claims, spoke to 113 veterans, drove 884 miles and logged 255 hours. Thank you to all our volunteers that spend so much of their time doing good for our veterans and family. **Military Widows Tax Elimination Act of 2019** Spouse SBP annuitants subject to the DIC offset won't see the first change in their payments until the Feb. 1, 2021, payment. You do not need to notify your pay agency that your SBP payment is affected by this change in the law. The pay agencies know who you are — they are docking your SBP now. Make sure your SBP account information is up to date and includes your correct mailing address so pay agencies can contact you. Establish a DFAS "myPay" or a USCG "Direct-Access (DA) Self-Service" account now and add your email address if you aren't already on DFAS or the USCG online programs (learn more at DFAS.mil for DoD or <https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/> for Coast Guard). Pay agencies cannot provide individual estimates of spouse SBP annuity payments at this time. Please do not call their Customer Service Centers to request an individual estimate. Survivors will not have to pay back any premium refunds if you previously received a refund of SBP premiums due to the SBP-DIC offset. The "Repeal of Authority for Optional Annuity for Dependent Children" and "Restoration of Eligibility for Previously Eligible Spouses" in the law only affects those spouses and children of servicemembers who died on active duty when the surviving spouse previously elected to transfer the SBP annuity to a child or children. They do not affect previous or future SBP elections by retirees or SBP annuities for a retiree's beneficiaries. The law is not retroactive, so there will not be any back payments for past offset amounts. The law starts as of the law's passage and going forward. Post Service Officer Claims **Hours of Operation.** The Service officers are available at the post Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00AM to 4:00 PM to file claims or other assistance you may

need. Wednesday hours are canceled until further notice. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: The month of January is over. MAN! Time waits on no one. Life is a gift from God, I thank Him, for this gift of life each morning. Start living and enjoying life. For God and Country, Rickey Brown

LEGION RIDERS: The Legion Riders have been busy planning this year's volunteer, charity and riding events. Follow us on Facebook and check out our website. The American Legion Riders will be taking Valentine Cards to the Post Office in VALENTINE VIRGINIA on Saturday 1 February 2020. Your card will be post marked with their special Valentine Seal and Stamp. Cards must be turned in by 7 PM Friday 31 January. Please be sure to address your Valentine Cards. ****"DO NOT PUT A STAMP ON IT" ** Drop your Cards in the BOX located on the Lounge Bar. For God and Country, Derrick "DJ" Johnson

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, LAST REMINDER: Volunteers needed to assist with dinners and raffles during the state bowling tournament to be hosted by 327 the weekend of 21-23 Feb. Ask for details. I want to belatedly congratulate a squadron member for his selection as the Abe Goldblatt 2019 Tidewater football player of the year. His name of course is Malik Newton. This marks the second year in a row Malik has won this prestigious award. According to 24/7 sports Malik has 16 offers from colleges to date. He helped Lake Taylor win the state championship this past year. I know, Lord willing, I will be able to say one day I knew him when. Congratulations Malik! Till next month... For God and Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings and Salutations Well February is a busy month. The Sons are hosting the SAL Detachment Mid-Winter meeting February 15th at Post #327. Please try to attend so that you can get an idea of what the SAL in Virginia are doing and accomplishing. It's also a good time if you have the desire to run for a State position. The Spring Conference is in Portsmouth this year and the SAL meeting day is February 29th. I will be running my 2nd Conference meeting as your Detachment Cmdr. The National SAL Vice Cmdr. for the South, Mr. Blair Miles, will be attending. It would really be nice for Squadron #327 to show up in good numbers to greet NVC Miles. We will also be laying a wreath at the Soldier's monument in Portsmouth. There will be hospitality rooms for the incoming candidates running for State offices for 2020 and they each will have good food and beverages for

FREE. Go to the SAL Detachment website and download registration paperwork. Registration is \$8.00 and the Squadron will reimburse your cost with a receipt.

As SAL Detachment Commander I attended "The Day on the Hill" in Richmond on January 15th. The JLC presented several proposed House Bills and Senate Bills to the Virginia legislature. All bills are designed to better the lives of Veterans in Virginia. The Legion and other VSOs successfully won support for various enactments to help Veterans and their families and we expect all to be passed. Our Aunt Ginny's Chicken and Dumplings' was a smash hit in January and another sell out due to your support of our SAL charity fund. Our dinner in February is the weekend of the Legion State Bowling Tournament hosted by Post 327. **The Sons dinner night is Saturday February 22nd** instead of the 3rd Friday of the month.

The Sons will be cooking Steak that Saturday Night. SAL Ben Ski is the Chef and he knows how to cook! For only \$12.00 you get a Juicy Steak, Big Baked Potato, Salad, Roll and Dessert. Last year we cooked 90 steaks, and all were eaten, and everybody's appetite was sated. Jane Evans asked me to remind you again that the chili cook off is February 1st. 1st Vice Cmdr. Dave Samson wanted me to convey his appreciation for your membership renewals and recruitment. Our February goal is 75%.

VAVS/VSO: I attended the VAVS quarterly meeting January 8th at the HVAMC. There I learned of all the exciting developments of facility undergoing at Hampton's VA Medical Center as well as on the Southside. The HVAMC is expanding the Dialysis section with a completion date of April 2020. SCI has been expanded and the DOM is adding on 2000 sq. ft. A new MRI section will open in March 2020. The CBOC in Chesapeake has been doubled in size from 10000 sq. ft. to 20000 sq. ft. while the CBOC in Virginia Beach has been increased in square footage by 60 %. Down the pike the GSA has approved a future 155000 sq. ft. Health Care Center #1 centrally located between Va. Beach, Chesapeake and Portsmouth. This will greatly facilitate Veteran's care on the Southside and help alleviate the overburden to Hampton VA Medical Center. Target date for completion is August 2024. The GSA has also approved a 210000 sq. ft. Health Care Center#2 to service the Suffolk-Portsmouth area. The completion date is sometime in 2026.

I was able to present a \$500.00 quarterly check from the Post to Volunteer services that went to 5 different funding accounts. Distribution was \$100.00 per account. These are the accounts: Social Work, VAVS Committee, Drug

Abuse, Country Fair and Recreation Therapy.

I thank all for the donated calendars. I took the calendars over to the HVAMC January 15th after coming back from Richmond's "The Day on the Hill". If you still have extra calendars bring them in because I was told they can use more.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS THAT CAN HELP OUR VETERANS. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TO GIVE UP A FEW HOURS PER MONTH.3 TO 4 HOURS PER MONTH. PLEASE CONSIDER.

Remember those our members, friends and family that need prayer and/or help. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello Everyone. Here we are into February already. We will have breakfast Sun Feb 2nd and dinner on Friday Feb 7th. Our dinner will be ham, potatoes, veggie, roll and dessert.

The chili cook-off will be Feb 1st. I hope everyone has a great time.

Don't forget to renew your membership if you haven't already. The Spring Conference will be in Portsmouth the end of February. Ask for details.

If anyone has an idea for a speaker for Children & Youth month for our meeting in April, I will take suggestions. For God and Country, Nancy Bell

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: Happy New Year from the Honor Guard. We have already been busy this last month. February will start with the annual 4 Chaplin's service. It's a moving experience and well worth attending so come out and be part of it. It will be at post 310 in Churchland at 13:00 February 2nd, oh, and yes, we will be home in time for the Super Bowl. For God & Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello Everyone! Just a quick note to remind everyone if you have not paid your locker fee you are definitely in danger of losing your locker. Also, please remember only two (2) bottles per member are allowed to be left behind the bar. Bottle MUST be updated every ninety (90) days BY THE MEMBER. Your first and last name as well as the date you brought the bottle in must be on the bottle label. NO nicknames and bottles left over the allowed time will be disposed of. Please try to support meals served at the Post. These breakfasts and dinners are a means of raising money for all our charities and the people preparing the meals work hard and give up many hours of their time. Happy Valentine's Day and I hope your team wins in the Superbowl game. For God and Country, Sandra Wright, Clubroom Manager

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SPECIAL EVENT: The Post will be hosting a "Big Game" event Sunday Feb 2nd. Game will be on all TVs and light hors d'oeuvres. Food is free, come out and enjoy.						<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">1</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">12:00 PM-4:00 PM Chili Cook-off & Bake sale</div> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still</p> <p>Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM</p>
<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">2</p> <p>9:00 AM-11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">1:00 PM Four Chaplain Service @ Post 310</div> <p>1:00 PM Legion Bowling</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">3</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">4</p> <p>7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">5</p> <p>7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327</p> <p>Kitchen open 5 til -</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">6</p> <p>7:30 PM Legion Darts</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p> <p>Kitchen open 5 til -</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">7</p> <p>6:00 PM Auxiliary Dinner - Ham</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">8</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">11:00 AM Mid-Winter Olympics</div> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell</p> <p>Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM</p>
<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">9</p> <p>4:00 PM -6:00 PM Kitchen open</p> <p>1:00 PM Legion Bowling</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">10</p> <p>7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg</p> <p>7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">11</p> <p>7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg</p> <p>7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">12</p> <p>Kitchen open 5 til -</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">13</p> <p>7:30 PM Legion Darts</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p> <p>Kitchen open 5 til -</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">14</p> <p>6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Pork Chops</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">15</p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still</p> <p>Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM</p>
<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">16</p> <p>9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">1:00 PM 2nd District Spring Conf @ Post 5</div> <p>4:00 PM -6:00 PM Kitchen open</p> <p>1:00 PM Legion Bowling</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">17</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">18</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">6:30 PM Corn Hole Tournament</div> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">19</p> <p>6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg</p> <p>Kitchen open 5 til -</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">20</p> <p>6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg</p> <p>7:30 PM Legion Darts</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p> <p>Kitchen open 5 til -</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">21</p> <p>6:00 PM Dinner - Steamed Shrimp</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">22</p> <p>6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Grilled Steaks</p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell</p> <p>Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">State Bowling Tournament</div>
<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">23</p> <p>4:00 PM -6:00 PM Kitchen open</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">State Bowling Tournament</div>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">24</p> <p>6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">7:00 PM Stress Recovery Support Group</div> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">25</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">26</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">6:30 PM Corn Hole Tournament</div> <p>Kitchen open 5 til -</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">27</p> <p>7:30 PM Legion Darts</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p> <p>Kitchen open 5 til -</p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">28</p> <p>6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Smothered Coverd Chicken</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px; width: 100%;">Department Spring Conf.</div>	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">29</p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Walt Degraaf</p> <p>Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM</p>