



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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2nd VCDR: Rick McDonald
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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
Fred Knall
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LEGION RIDERS

Director: Derrick Johnson
Asst Dir: Shane Kelly
Adjutant: Rob Buckhalter
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley
Chaplain: Mike Moranha
Sgt-at-Arms: Vacant
Road Captains: Keith Palmer

Exec Board

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SAL SQUADRON

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

Exec Board

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AUXILIARY

President: Crystal Cross
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Sgt-at-Arms: Kellee McCarty
Historian: Jane Evans

Exec Board

Karen Stull
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COMMANDER: Can't believe it's February already. I hope we are done with the ice and snow and we can start warming up a bit. I want to thank John Schenk for another great Law & Order program! It was an honor and privilege to help recognize our local first responders for the outstanding jobs they do! It was also very impressive, when Sheriff Joe Baron pointed out the fact that every award winner this year was chosen due to a life saving event. These events included: firefighters entering a burning structure to search for and save an incapacitated individual even before hose teams could be deployed, police officers responding to and not only containing the scene, but also rendering life saving aid to multiple gunshot victims until EMS could arrive, the sheriff deputy saving an inmate that was trying to commit suicide, the state trooper happened upon an citizen that was ODing and was able to administer Naloxone and save their life. On Sunday

February 13th we will be hosting the 2nd District Spring Conference at the Post. Also looking forward to a successful state bowling tournament the 18th-20th. For God and Country, Roger Kelly

UPCOMING EVENTS: Chili Cook-off and Bake Sale Feb 5th 12PM-5PM, Four Chaplain Service at Post 310 Feb 6th 1PM, "The Big Game" Party Feb 13th, District Spring Conference Feb 13th 1PM, Tom McNabb Feb 19th 7:30PM-10:30PM

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We are currently at 95% 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 7th, 1941, is able join. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: There will be free snacks available for "The Big Game" Party on February 13th. For God and Country, Rick McDonald

ADJUTANT: No input. For God and Country, Evan Glendinning, Post Adjutant

HISTORIAN: I am currently working on the end of the yearbook and the history book for Post 327. Please email or text me any photos or information you have on events that have happened this past year. Email: Mrswilliamscom@gmail.com Text: 239-266-1295 For God & Country, Alex Bascom

SERVICE OFFICER: During the Month of December service officers spoke with 92 veterans, spent 123 hours and logged 13347 miles. I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do. For God & Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: The month of February is here, thanks be to God. It's the shorties month of the year. It's also the month for showing the love ones in your life some love. I say that it should be every month of the year to show them love. We have a Heavenly Father, that loves us unconditionally. Show your love, daily.

LEGION RIDERS: The Riders will be headed up to Valentine Virginia on 5 February for the annual Valentines Day Post card delivery. Please place your cards in the box on the bar. We also have raffle tickets for the Legacy run! \$5 for 50/50 for a chance to win up to \$5k; \$10 for 4 chances to win one of 4 guns. Please see a rider for tickets. For God and Country, Derrick "DJ" Johnson, Rider Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, As of this writing we will host the Department bowling tournament February 18-20. If we have enough teams register, we will be asking for help. In partnership with Powerhouse Gaming we are sponsoring an over 40 year old established men's traveling team. This team is a 90% veteran group. To date 6 have become members. They are big on volunteering and we have discussed many ways they can help. They play in Virginia Beach at the sports plex this spring. Once I have a schedule it will get posted.

Stay safe and until next month...For God and Country, Jeff Evans A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings Legion Family It is truly a remarkable organization that we belong to whereby we can associate ourselves together for the common good. Our focus is on helping and aiding our Veterans and families that may need a little assistance. There is a myriad of Legion programs available to help. We have National Emergency Fund (NEF) that can issue emergency funds in times of dire needs caused by a storm, flood, hurricane or tornado. NEF is available to any member of the Legion Family (Legionnaire, Auxiliary or SAL). Funds are issued after a State of Emergency has been declared by the Governor of the State or by the President. These funds help Legion victims to stay above water (no pun intended). It may help to put on a new roof on a house ripped off by a storm and/or money to use for temporary shelter and food and clothing.

There is the Veteran & Children Foundation (VCF) formally the Legion Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund was first established in 1925. The name has been changed to Veteran & Children Foundation. The NEC deemed that a new moniker should be adopted to better describe what this charity program does. VCF raised over \$4.2 million dollars just from 2012 to 2016 to be issued as grants. I do not have more recent dollar amounts contributed since 2016. These grants are given to Veteran families with minor children as Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) that may be facing homelessness, hunger, loss of utilities due to financial crisis or disaster. VCF funds also are given to VA&R and are used to help train and educate our Service Officers who help Veterans process thousands of claims per year for their qualified entitlements and benefits through the Government and the Veterans Administration. I know a lot of you are familiar with the Children's Welfare Foundation (CWF). By the Way the Sons nationally have raised over \$8 million dollars for CWF.

There are a lot more ways that we members help our compatriots, neighbors and our communities.

There is Operation Comfort Warrior (OCW). We have the Fisher House where financially deprived families can stay free while their loved one is hospitalized. We donate to the Food Bank, Union Mission, local schools, etc.

All this diatribe is only meant to illustrate for you how important and how much we SAL depend on your generous donations to our SAL Charity Fund. Our SAL monthly dinners raise money and we also raise money from other fundraising activities. Dues is a very large percentage of our money raised.

Contribution is not always monetary. For example,

Legionnaire **Frank Lyna** and others faithfully collect calendars, magazines, puzzle books and interlocking puzzles for distribution to the HVAMC.

Legionnaires **Mike McCann** and **Rick McDonald** took time out of their busy schedules to deliver all the above to HVAMC in January. The SAL thanks each one of you that contributes in your way to helping those in need. SAL **Wayne Turner** says this is why he is proud to belong to the American Legion Family. Our Beef and Noodle Dinner in January lost out to Mother Nature and was cancelled due to snow. Our February dinner is the 19th. We will be serving delicious comfort food. We decided since it is cold to serve a generous portion of Homemade Beef Stew with a Grill Cheese Sandwich and Dessert. Believe me, I know these dinners will sell quickly. 50 dinners are planned so get there early. So you don't miss out.

1st Vice Commander **Dave Samson** says we are at 80 % to our goal of 196 for membership year 2022. We only need 41 more members between now and June for 100% attainment.

In closing, it is so nice to know how well the SAL in your Post is loved. The Auxiliary donated paint to coat our thirsty, sorely needed office walls. Labor was also provided by Auxiliary member **Jane Evans**. Then our Post Commander **Roger Kelly** said: "Go ahead and carpet the SAL office, they deserve it for all they do!". We Thank You for your gift to the SAL.

VA&R/CDCE: I attended the VAVS Quarterly Zoom Meeting at the HVAMC. There are still no Standdowns for employment, education, or homelessness. The Country Fair will not be held this year. The Post delivered a \$500.00 check to the General Purpose Fund at the HVAMC.

VE&E: Due to the resurgent of the COVID variants we had to cancel our January Career & Education Fair. SAL VE&E Detachment Chair **Evan Glendinning** (also your Post Adjutant) will reschedule these events as soon as possible. Please keep all of those that are medically challenged or in financial need in your prayers. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Winter is definitely here in Norfolk and the ALA is working to help keep you warm this month. First off is our fundraiser dinner on the 4th at 6pm, and this month Cathy Conte is making homemade Chicken Marsala that's sure to warm your insides and make you happy! And

speaking of warming up, our Chili Cookoff, Bake Sale and Tricky Tray Basket Raffle is on the 5th from 12-5! Be sure to join us for some great Chili, make your pick for the best, and enjoy some great fun and food!. Everyone is welcome to enter the cookoff and we look forward to trying all the wonderful entries. Please have chili and baked goods to the Post by 11am, no sign up required. We will also have some great baskets to raffle off so be sure to get your tickets and enter for the baskets you hope to win! The Eastern Zone workshop is coming up on February 13th @ 10am at Post 25 in Newport News and March 4-6 is the Spring Conference at the Renaissance in Portsmouth. These events are open to all ALA members and we encourage everyone to attend. There's always great information at these events to help us as a Unit support our ALA mission. If you have not yet renewed your dues, please do so as soon as possible. For God and Country, Crystal Cross, ALA Unit President

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: Hello from the Honor Guard well 2022 has kicked off on a good note on January we performed escorts duty at the posts annual Law and Order night it is always a wonderful event recognizing our first responders, your guard primed and ready for any what ever we are needed. For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello everyone! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are now looking forward to a wonderful new year. I have been asked to refresh memories on a couple of requirements in the Post Clubroom where drinks and alcohol are involved. As you all know we MUST follow all ABC regulations and that means no one can drink out of a bottle UNLESS you own the bottle or the owner of that bottle is in the Clubroom; only one (1) name can be on a bottle with exception of husband and wife; first and last name as well as the date you bring the bottle in MUST be on the bottle NO nicknames; you must update your bottle every ninety (90) days. Please don't argue with our bar managers when they enforce these regulations, they are only doing their job and abiding by ABC regulations so we can remain open. Also. if you bring in a quest your quest must leave when you do. They CANNOT be signed in by someone else. Please refer to the newsletter calendar for all meals and events.

For God and Country
Sandra Wright

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<i>1</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM ALA Exec Mtg 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg	<i>2</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	<i>3</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special- Open faced Turkey Sand 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>4</i> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Homemade Chicken Marsala	<i>5</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Chili Cook-off & Bake Sale</div>
<i>6</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">1:00 PM Four Chaplain Service @ Post 310</div> 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ?	<i>7</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>8</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg	<i>9</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>10</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special- Spaghetti 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>11</i> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty- Pork Chops	<i>12</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
<i>13</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">1:00 PM District Spring Conf @ Post 327</div> 1:00 PM Legion Bowling <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Big Game</div>	<i>14</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg	<i>15</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>16</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	<i>17</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special- Meatloaf 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg	<i>18</i> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Beef Stew w/ Grilled Cheese	<i>19</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">7:30 PM -10:30 PM Tom McNabb</div>
<i>20</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ?	<i>21</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg	<i>22</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>23</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>24</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special- Mexican Cornbread Casserole 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>25</i> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty- Lasagna	<i>26</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
<i>27</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ?	<i>28</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open					