



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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2nd VCDR: Linda Blaker
3rd VCDR: (DJ) Derrick Johnson
Adjutant: Evan Glendinning
Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Keith Palmer
Sgt-at-Arms: Linda Blaker
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

Ashley Wehrle
Tim Gonyea
Michael McCann
Michael Encalade

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
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Exec Board

Steve Gower
Milo Cross
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AUXILIARY

President: Mary Taggart
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Secretary: Jeanne Hartman
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Sgt-at-Arms: Patty Hibner
Historian: Jane Evans

Exec Board

Karen Stull
Jan Dumstorff
Crystal Cross

COMMANDER: Greetings Legionnaires and Post Family, I hope this finds everyone doing well. I can't believe it's February already. We had our 54th annual Law and Order Night. It was an honor to be able to recognize some of our community's finest First Responders. Thank you to Past Commander John Schenk for another great ceremony. Saturday February 4th we are hosting the 2nd District's Membership Revitalization. We will be doing "buddy checks" and calling for renewals. If you'd like to volunteer, please come out and help make some phone calls. We also have the 4 Chaplains Ceremony on the 5th, and 2nd District Conference on the 12th. And Department Spring Conference upcoming March 4th - 6th. As a reminder all American Legion members are invited to attend. Not just Post Officers. Also continue the great job of recruiting

new members and those that need to please renew your 2023 membership. For God and Country, Roger Kelly
FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We are currently at 86% goal so please keep these renewals coming in. Starting Jan 1st everyone will be required to show their 2023 Membership card, remember anytime you are at the Post you are required to have your card in your possession. Legion Post members can also use mylegion.org/renew 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 What an excellent start to 2023! New Year's Eve Party went so well, 77 of us toasted in the New Year with DJ Rick. There was singing, dancing, karaoke, food and FUN! Elvis was in the House on the 7th of January!! Not really

Elvis but Harold Withan did an excellent tribute to the King! We were so packed we needed to bring in chairs from the Hall!!

On the 21st of January we had a Disco night!! Our very own DJ - DJ rocked the house with his Style and Sense of fun! Otha took many photos and mostly everyone got to do the Hustle & Bump.

Upcoming events are:

8 Feb @ 7 PM in the Hall, Paint Night with Heather Donis. The painting is Lovebirds!

12 Feb @ 9 AM Sweetheart Breakfast!! Mimosas & Carnations with a fantastic breakfast

12 Feb @ 6 PM Big Football Party!! Eagles versus Chiefs. Food & Football

24 Feb @ 7 PM in the Hall, Paint Night with Emma Bozeman. We will be creating a Leprechaun or Gnome painters' choice!

For God and Country, Linda P. Blaker

ADJUTANT: Greetings Post 327 family!

Our first blood drive of the year went well. Our surpassed our collection goal by 3 units. The goal was 17 and we collected 20 units of blood. Thank you to those who volunteered and donated blood. Because of the volunteers and the donors, you guys helped save multiple lives. March 25th from 12 PM to 3 PM will be our "Veterans helping Veterans" event. We will be hosting multiple nonprofits that help service members and veterans in various ways. If you know of anyone that may need help, let them know of the event. Also, we still have a significant amount of people that haven't renewed yet. Please make sure you have your 2023 membership card. Your membership dues help fund programs that help service members, veterans, children, and other groups. Thank you for renewing. I hope all is well. Stay safe. Stay warm. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to reach out!

For God & Country, Evan R. Glendinning

SERVICE OFFICER: During the Month of December service officers spoke with 165 veterans, spent 188 hours, and logged 575 miles. I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do.

Veterans Of Camp Lejeune

All veterans That have spent time in Camp Lejeune and are eligible for benefits are urged to speak to a Veterans Service Officer before signing up with one of the Law Firms advertising the class action lawsuit. Know what you may be giving away! For God & Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: My Brother's and sister's,
BE THE ONE, To Ask, To Listen, To Reach Out
Veteran Crisis Hotline dial 988 then press #1 or text 738255. For God and Country. Keith Palmer

LEGION RIDERS: Please don't forget about the Valentines Run! Your Valentines card to your sweetheart will be mailed from Valentine Virginia. The box is located on the bar in the Clubroom. We will be riding in the Ocean View St Paddy's Day Parade this year! Come out and cheer us on! Ride safe!! For God and Country, "DJ" Derrick Johnson, Riders Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, Our travel men's softball team is off to Florida for their first tournament of the year. They will be cooking the third Friday nights meal. Please come out and support. The planned Department bowling tournament has sadly been canceled due to a lack of teams. Our Monday night dart league is finishing. I will announce the championship team next month. Till then... For God &Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings and Salutations Legion Family and Friends!
We hope all had a happy Healthy New Year celebration. Our membership numbers should be at 100 % but they aren't. If you have a fellow Son who needs to renew come in and see 1st Vice Cmdrs. **Dave Sampson** or **Wayne Turner** or any SAL Officer. You can also see Post 1st Vice Cmdr. **Byron Pinalto** or Post Adjutant and Son **Evan Glendinning**. You can also sign up to mylegion.org and you will be able to renew online. Part of our preamble is "*mutual helpfulness*". I am going to share some examples of how our Legion family works to accomplish this. Each week we carry meals to Legionnaires that can't cook or get out , Auxiliary members taxi members to doctor appointments, recently **Jane Evans** unexpectedly went on the injured reserve list and 2nd Vice Cmdr. **Benski** unquestionably jumped in and prepared the SAL dinner in January. We act together to honor the lives of loved ones who have passed and provide comfort and prayers for their families. This is "*mutual helpfulness*" within our Post. Collectively we do a lot for our communities as well. Our Honor Guard stands fast on short for wakes and funerals, our Riders jump in and provide escorts and attend events like the annual ride to Valentine Virginia for Valentine's Day, Our Post donates thousands of dollars

to causes like the Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, VA Hospital in Hampton Virginia. The Sons raise money and donates to Veterans Children Foundation, Operation Comfort Warrior, CWF, just to name a few.

We are forfeiting our regular 3rd Friday night dinner and letting the Smoking Aces Ball Team have this evening as their dinner night, February 17th.

I want to commend Past Cmdr. **John Schenk** for emceeding Law and Order night January 24th. I think John has been emceeding this event for over a half century, back when he was in the wooden ship navy. It was also good seeing the Department Officers and the SAL Detachment Commander who attended.

We will be having (ah yeah, Spring) our State Spring Conference in March from the 3rd to the 5th at the Renaissance in Portsmouth and the SAL will gladly refund any Squadron member's registration fee with a receipt. Our SAL meeting day will be Saturday, March 4th. We would like to have a good showing for the SAL, particularly our squadron. Our National SAL Commander Chris Carlton attended our Post 75th celebration.

Commander Carlton will be at our Spring conference.

VAVS/CDCE: We had our quarterly VSO meeting by zoom January 18th. I was unable to attend due to sickness. I mailed a check for \$500.00 from Post 327 to HVAMC earmarking the funds to the General Fund account. HVAMC still is in need of personal hygiene items ,tube socks, men and women undergarments and t shirts.

VE&E: No new news. This being said there is still a big month for Job and Education fairs at our Post in March. Remember our new crisis hotline 988 #1 for our Veterans contemplating suicide. BE THE ONE to recognize the needs of some Veteran that may need counseling and help



Please keep all our deployed military and their families in your prayers. Please keep all our sickly in your prayers. Pray for our members who have had loved ones pass to Post everlasting.

For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello February. The Unit closed out 2022 with a children's New Year's Eve Party. It was

attended by 15 children and their parents or grandparents. Commander Kelly joined us and helped us ring in 2023 with our own countdown. January 7th, we as a Legion Family took down the Christmas decorations. Shout out to Jennifer K and Kathy M. for decorating for the Post 3rd Vice. Ladies it looked great! Followed by our 1st Junior meeting of 2023. February will be a busy month for the Unit.

Up Coming Events

February

2 Deadline to reserve room for Spring Conference at group rate.

3 Unit Dinner 6-8pm or until it runs out.

Chicken Marsala, mashed potatoes, salad, and dessert

4 Chili Cook Off and Bake Sale 12-5pm

Volunteers are needed.

Donations of bake goods are needed.

Chili and Baked goods must be at the Post by 11am on the 4th

Please contact Jane Evans with any questions

7 Unit Meeting 7pm

18 Junior Meeting 1pm

March

3-5 Spring Conference Portsmouth , VA

18 St. Patrick's Day Parade

19 Junior Meeting 1pm

For God & Country, Service, Not Self, Mary Taggart
Unit, President

HONOR GUARDS CORNER. The Honor Guard has eased into 2023, members presented colors the Moose Convention on the 20th. We participated in Law-and-Order Night at Post 190 and 327. Every Year American Legion Post sets aside one night to recognize the local 1st responder for their hard work keeping the community safe and thank them for their service. Monthly Honor Guard meetings are the third Monday of the month at 7pm, the next meeting is February 20th. Please contact Colonel of the Honor Guard Otha Newton with any questions or request.

For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUBROOM MANAGER: What a great start to the New Year! Thank you for your continued support of the Friday night dinners and all our functions. Have a Happy Valentine's Day. For God and Country, Sandi Wright

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Kitchen open Mon thru Thur and Sat 6 PM to 10 PM Kitchen open Sundays 4 PM to ? Hot Dog Special Mondays 1 PM to 4 PM			1 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	2 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Taco Quesadilla	3 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Chicken Marsala	4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 12:00 PM -5:00 PM Chili Cook Off & Bake Sale </div> 8:00 PM 'DJ' the DJ tonight
5 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 1:00 PM Four Chaplain Service @ Post 310 </div> 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	6	7 6:30 PM ALA Exec Mtg 7:00 PM ALA Regular Mtg	8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 7:00 PM -9:00 PM Paint Night </div>	9 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Tuna Melt or Tuna Salad Sandwich	10 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Lasagna	11 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
12 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 1:00 PM 2nd District Spring Conference @ Bold Mariner, OV </div> 1:00 PM Legion Bowling <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 6:00 PM Big Game - Party </div>	13 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg	14 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg	15 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	16 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Chicken Slider w/ Mac-n-Cheese 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg	17 6:00 PM Softball Team Dinner - Baked or BBQ Chicken	18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 1:00 PM Juniors Mtg </div> 7:30 PM Music of Tom McNabb
19 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	20 7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg	21	22	23 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Meatball Sub	24 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Meatloaf <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 7:00 PM -9:00 PM Paint Night </div>	25 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
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