



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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2nd VCDR: Eugene Kleinfelter
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Adjutant: Victoria Bell
Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Eric Isaksen
Chaplain: Frank White
Sgt-at-Arms: Bob DeChamplain
Historian: TBD
Exec Board
Mary Lee Lupejkis
Michael Bolton
Paul Murch

LEGION RIDERS

Director: Keith DeLucenay
Ass't Dir: Paul Murch
Adjutant: Shane Kelly
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Ted VanHorn
Chaplain: Paul Murch
Sgt-at-Arms: James Kern
Road Captains:

Exec Board
Josh Goughneour
Al R. Gnome

SAL SQUADRON

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

Exec Board
Steve Gower
Cliff Carney
Kenneth O'Bryan

AUXILIARY

President: Nancy Bell
Vice President: Jean Lewis
Secretary: Dorothy Price
Treasurer: Anne Starke
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers
Sgt-at-Arms: Salina Kiel
Historian: Sharon Bukowski

Exec Board
Linda Byrd
Cheryl Loyko
Cathy Rook

COMMANDER The holidays are behind us for a while. I hope everyone enjoyed all the holiday events. Our Post meetings are now starting at 7:30 PM. January was the first early start and we were adjourned by 8:30 PM. We try to make the meetings informative and still keep them moving along without becoming boring. I would like to see even more of you at the February 14 meeting. **FIRST NOTICE:** We will be holding Post elections in May for 2017-2018. There is time to consider if you want to run for an office. We will post a sign-up sheet on the meeting hall door. Second District Oratorical was January 14th. The contestant from our Post was the district winner. The new back-up generator is in place and should be fully installed and operational by the time you read this. I sincerely hope this is a luxury we will not need for any extended time, but if we do it's here. For God and Country,

Tony Moore.
Upcoming Events. Chili cook-off & Bake Sale Feb 4th , Noon to 5 PM; Four Chaplain's Service @ Post 310 Feb 8th, 1 PM; Red Cross / Girl Scouts Blood Drive Feb 17, 3 – 7 PM; State Bowling Tournament in Woodbridge, VA Feb 25th & 26th.
FIRST VICE COMMANDER: Currently we are at just over 840 new & renewals for 2017. If your membership card does not have 2017 on it your membership has lapsed so make sure to renew to keep the continuous years going. You may renew your 2017 membership 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. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: Next event is the Memorial Day Picnic.

SERVICE OFFICER: Due to the holidays and several personal issues, I do not have numbers for this report. However, we have been just as busy helping our veterans and their families. Peg has been up to her eyeballs in financial assistance requests. We now have six service officers working a varying number of hours per week on claims. There have been some changes, so if you have not spoken with a service officer for a few years you may want to do so.

TWO IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1. If you have an appeal to the Board of Veterans Appeals which was submitted before October 2014, or if you submitted an appeal at any time and are over age 70 or have a terminal illness, let a service officer know immediately as the VA has a new program to work those claims immediately. 2. If you submitted a claim with Alonzo and you think we may have any records at the Post, come in and get them as soon as possible. We are in the process of trying to contact people but the records not picked up will be destroyed. We have received a mandate from National that we cannot keep any records at the Post. For God and Country, Eric Isaksen.

CHAPLAIN: Post Everlasting for Raymond Stewart 29 years, Merle Fleete 24 years, Gary Loebel 5 years and Joe Jiner 26 years. Carl Carney will be in DePaul rehab for a few weeks. He is in room 3202. May the Lord bless and keep you and give you peace in all that you do, Amen. For God and Country, Frank White.

LEGION RIDERS: We assisted two families with gifts and food baskets for Christmas. We participated in two memorial runs and will be making our annual Valentine run in February. For God and Country, Keith (Cowboy) DeLucenay

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE: The State Bowling Tournament dates have been set for Feb 25th & 26th in Woodbridge, VA. Be sure to get you registration in as soon as possible as the deadline is Feb 10th. For God and Country, Jim Norton

SQUADRON COMMANDER The Sons wish to thank all who attended and supported our Fantastic Stuffed Cabbage dinner January 20. It was another sell out. Thank you sous chef Dave for a superb dinner. We cannot express how much we appreciate your support.

Our dinners are every third Friday of the month and are one of our foremost fundraising events for our charity account. The month of February we are bringing back by popular demand our delicious Meatball and Cheese Sub with fries, pickle and dessert. Dinner will be Feb. 17th from 6-8 for \$8. Steve, Jeff and I will be attending the Sons Mid-Winter Meeting at Post 320 in Spotsylvania, VA, February 3 and 4. Several Sons attended the Law and Order dinner and awards banquet January 24. It was a pleasure to attend and honor our Local and State Police, Firefighters, Paramedics and other First Responders from the Tidewater area. We congratulate all of our Civil servants who selflessly sacrifice so much to the community for our safety. First Vice Commander Dave Samson thanks all for their renewal of their membership. This is the lifeblood of our organization. We are at 60% and still have a way to go to achieve 100%. Last year, we achieved 103%. Let's try to do it again. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella.

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello Ladies. I hope everyone is faring well. Our dinner February 3 will be meat loaf, potatoes, veggies, roll and dessert. February 4 is our annual chili cook-off and bake sale starting at noon. Please bring the chili and baked goods to the Post by 11 a.m. that Saturday. We need chili and baked goods desperately. Donation for chili tasting are \$4 and you can test all the chili you want and vote for the one you think is best. The name of the winner will be placed on our official "Chili Plaque." All our projects are still ongoing. If there is something you would like to do here or at home please call me at 757-535-8603. Please don't forget your membership dues are due. As of January 1 you are in arrears is you have not paid. We only need 40 renewals to reach 100%. Please help us. For God and Country, Nancy Bell.

MARSHALL E. MCSPADDEN SCHOLARSHIP:

Information has been updated and is available on the Post Website. Deadline for submission is Feb 8, 2017

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.

CLUB MANAGER: Reminder that locker dues are due. Myself and the staff at Post 327 would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthful New Year. For God & Country Sandi Wright.

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<i>1</i> 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<i>2</i> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<i>3</i> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Meatloaf	<i>4</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">12 to 5 PM Chili Cook-off & Bake Sale</div> 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open
<i>5</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">1:00 PM Four Chaplain's Service @ Post 310</div> 1:00 PM Legion Bowling No Breakfast	<i>6</i> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<i>7</i> 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<i>8</i> 6:30 PM ALA Social & Crafts 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<i>9</i> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<i>10</i> 6:00 PM Girl Scout's Dinner - Pulled Pork Sandwich	<i>11</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open
<i>12</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - Girl Scouts 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	<i>13</i> 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<i>14</i> 7:00 PM Post 327 Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post 327 Reg Mtg 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<i>15</i> 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<i>16</i> 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<i>17</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">3:00 PM -7:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive</div> 6:00 PM SAL's Dinner - Meat Ball Subs	<i>18</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open
<i>19</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	<i>20</i> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<i>21</i> 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<i>22</i> 6:30 PM ALA Social & Crafts 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<i>23</i> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	<i>24</i> No Dinner - Kitchen open 5:30 - 9:30 PM	<i>25</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">State Bowling Tournament</div>
<i>26</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">State Bowling Tournament</div>	<i>27</i> 6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<i>28</i> 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: 100%;">POST ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN MAY 2017. TIME TO THINK ABOUT ANY POSITION YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR.</div>			