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COMMANDER: As the newly elected Commander of American Legion Post Number 327, I am writing to extend my heartfelt greetings and to express my eagerness to be your Commander! First and foremost, I wish to convey my appreciation for the dedication and service that Post 327 consistently demonstrates to our veterans and community. Your efforts serve as a shining example within our Legion family.

Looking ahead, I am keen to foster a strong partnership in our post, promoting camaraderie and joint initiatives that benefit our veterans and their families. I believe that together, we can achieve even greater success in fulfilling the mission of the American Legion.

Please let me know of any upcoming meetings or events where we can discuss collaborative opportunities. I am eager to contribute and support in any way possible.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to the American Legion. I look forward to our future collaborations and to meeting you and our members in person if I haven't already! For God and Country, Derrick "DJ" Johnson

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: With new and renewed Members for we have exceeded our goal of 1042 Members with 1055 for

2024, We still have many Members who have not renewed. You are now able to renew **online** for 3 years, if you renew **before** 1 July you can renew at the current rate of \$40 before the dues go up to \$50.00 on 1 July 2024 for the 2025 Membership year. If you don't want to do the 3 year renewal online you may come into the Post Office and pay for the 3 years I will do the renewal for you. Remember this needs to be done **before** July 1st. This is for Post Members only. **Remember anytime you are at the Post you are required to have your Membership card in your possession.** Post, Auxiliary and SAL Members can also use legion.org/renew to renew your Membership online, there are links for the Auxiliary and Sons on this website. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: Hello everybody, summer is here! Fourth of July is just a few short days away. There will be many opportunities for people to volunteer on Wednesday 3 July at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, we will assemble all the preppers. That's for those who wish to chop vegetables and get everything ready for our picnic on the Fourth of July Wednesday July 3 at 6 o'clock. We will assemble the decorators at that time. We will decorate the hall and get it as ready as we can for the next days

festivities! The morning of the Fourth of July at 9:30 the cooking crew will assemble and begin to cook our feast. At 12:30 We would like to have all donations to be brought to the hall so that they can be marked for whatever allergens they may contain and placed on the appropriate tables. Picnic is from 1 to 4 o'clock and at 3:45 the cleanup crew will descend into the hall to make sure all the food that could be given away is given away and begin to put the hall to rights. For God and Country, Linda P. Blaker

THIRD VICE COMMANDER: A quick update on the sign, the sign is in production with an expected delivery date of early August. Currently we are working with the landscaper to meet the requirements brought from the city. For God and Country Bryan Blaker

ADJUTANT: G'Day. As your incoming adjutant, I Endeavor to promote the legion family as much as possible, you can always reach me on my cell 757 342 0098 I also use What app or my email address adjutant327@gmail.com. If you send me photos, remember to send me a landscape preferred. And of course, as we go into the summer remember to stay hydrated and check on your friends and family to make sure they're safe in this heat.



For God and Country Gary Flaskegaard

SERVICE OFFICER: During May service officers spoke with 194 veterans, spent 221 hours, and logged 398 miles. I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do. Post Service Officers are available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 1000-1500. Closed holidays For God & Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: My name is Evan Glendinning and I am the Post Chaplain for 327. I was the Adjutant for the past couple of years. I ran for Chaplain to help myself learn more about the legion and to help our members and Our community in new ways. If you include all the members from the Auxiliary, Sons and from the Post, we have roughly about 1,500 members. I can say with fair certainty that everyone doesn't practice the same religion, some may be more spiritual than religious, and some may not be religious at all. If you want to, I would love to sit down and talk to you to learn about your religious beliefs and talk about your faith journey. For all official functions, events and such I will strive to have a non-sectarian service, prayers, etc. Also, if you're sick, you know you're about to go to the hospital, or that you're already in the hospital or you know of someone that is in the hospital, please let us know. We can't make hospital visits and send cards if we don't know if the person is sick or injured. You can always call or text me at 623-256-3583. I do prefer texts, because I may be at work or in a meeting. You can also email me

at chaplain327@gmail.com. Also on Saturday July 27th from 12 PM to 4 PM, we will be doing a all hands buddy check. We will be making phone calls to all of the members of the Post 327 family. We invited people to come and help make buddy checks. This is an open invitation to the Sons, Auxiliary, 40 and 8 and the riders to come and help out. More people that we have to make phone calls, quicker we can finish. Everyone that comes will get talking points and I will be there if issues or questions arise. I am still going to be actively involved in a lot of areas in the Legion Family and I'm looking forward to help out our community and local veterans and in new and better ways! If you have any comments, questions, suggestions or concerns, feel free to reach out and we will do our very best to help you out! I do hope all is well. Stay safe and stay cool. Live Long and Prosper! May peace be upon you and your family! Many blessings, For God and Country Evan Glendinning Post Chaplain

LEGION RIDERS: Please welcome John Weiss Chapter 327 newest American Legion Rider and the Riders Supporters Helen Lynum, Phillisa Mable, Carla Sherrill and Meesha Billings all joined May 18, 2024, during our monthly meeting.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the new Officers of Chapter 327 American Legion Riders: Director: Keith "Klutch" Palmer, Asst Director: Derrick "DJ" Johnson, Secretary: "Open" Treasurer: David Seate, Sgt at Arms: "Open", Chaplin: Mike "Sailboat" Moranha

Thank all Chapter 327, 280 and 190 riders who participated in the Jake Hardison Challenger Jamboree opening ceremony for over 400 special needs baseball players held at Azalea Ocean League and for allowing the players to take pictures with your motorcycles.

Thank you for your support of Chapter 280, 2nd Annual Poker Run on Saturday, 11 May 2024.

Thank all the Chapter 327, 280 and 190 riders who participated in the Memorial Day Parade, on Monday, Portsmouth Virginia
Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, 1 June 2024 (Rain Day June 22, 2024) the American Legion Riders Chapter 75, 1st Annual Poker Run. Riders - \$20/passenger \$10 dollars, Registration 09:30am (Free coffee/Breakfast on a Biscuit for each participant!) @ 5849 American Legion Way, Gloucester Virginia 23061.

Chapter 327 ALR Kick Stands Up (KSU) @ 08:50 pm departing Post 327.

- 13 through 15 June 2024 the Virginia Legacy Run for the American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation 2024.

Thursday June 13th doors open at 3:00 PM to pick up packets, the group Safety Briefing will be at 6:00 PM and Post will have dinner. Friday June 14th line ups will begin at 7:00 am with a briefing at 7:45 and KSU at 8:00 AM. The Post will have a pay as you go breakfast for all to enjoy Friday morning so make sure you take advantage of that. 8:00 am we will take off with Police Escort through town heading up to the Jamestown Ferry via the Colonial Parkway thru historic Williamsburg and the First Settlers Park.

- 22 June, 2024 Poker Run Two Rivers Chapter ALR Post 146, 217 E. City Point Rd., Hopewell, VA, Riders - \$20/passenger \$5

dollars, Registration 09:00am, to benefit the American Legion Legacy Fund. (Buffet breakfast \$10). Chapter 327 American Legion Riders are always looking for new riders to join. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Keep both wheels on the ground and be safe, For God and Country. Keith Palmer, Riders Director.

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, I want thank Past Commander Roger for appointing me to serve as post athletic officer these past 3 years. Our challenger baseball team's season has ended. On 22 June they held their end of year trophy celebration at the post. Chef and squadron Commander Benski and 2nd vice David fed some 40+ hungry attendees. Also, there was Commander Roger and Adjutant Gary. Our Legion baseball team has 3 home games left in July. The dates are the 1st, 8th and 17th. All games are at Green Run high school and begin at 7 PM. Our travel softball team held a family day with activities including a bounce house for the little ones on 29 June. Hoping to see all at the 4th of July picnic. Till next month, God and country, Jeff Evans, A. O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings to the American Legion Family & Friends. As I start my first month, in my first year, as the Squadron Commander, I would like to thank Fred Vaccarella for the years of service to Squadron 327. I only hope to be able to do the service that Fred did for Squadron 327 half as well as he did, but I plan to do the absolute best that I can. I am excited for this opportunity and there is a buzz in the air about exciting events in the coming year that the whole 327 Family are working to coordinate. 2025 Membership Starts on the 4th of July Picnic. Let us start this year off right, with a bunch of renewals at the picnic. Did somebody say Picnic? First, I want to thank all the volunteers from the Memorial Day picnic that helped cook, run food, prep, decorate, and clean up. Also, a reminder that our 4th of July picnic is on the actual Thursday the 4th of July 2024! We are always looking for Volunteers to help cook, since the son's traditionally do the cooking, and if cooking isn't up your alley you can volunteer to help set up, decorate, clean up, along with many other ways to volunteer if interested see Myself or our new Second Vice of the squadron, David Twitty. The Dinner for June was a remarkable success, we thank everyone who came out and supported the Hamburger Seak dinner. For next month on July 19th will be doing Baja Fish Soft Tacos, Black Beans and Rice, Chips and Queso, and Churros for dessert prepared by myself and Second Vice David Twitty. It is sure to be a wonderful summer meal.

Lastly, please remember those that are ill or going through rough times. Recently quite a few of our members have been going through tough times. Please keep them in your thoughts. In these

times also remember our troops deployed and their families. Once again, I look forward to this next year and hope we can continue to grow our Legion Family to new heights. As we strive to come closer together in support of one another through camaraderie and consideration.

For God and Country, David "Benski" Vernon
VAVS/CDCE: Support the Hampton VA Needs List. See Evan Glendinning to review the list.
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ALA PRESIDENT: Hello everyone. As I start this journey along with many new officers, I embrace the position I have been entrusted with honor and respect. This is new to many of us and the wisdom and guidance of those who have graciously served before us will be much appreciated. We have a lot of work to do and need the entire family to assist with this work. We will start off with the July 4th picnic. We need volunteers to provide sides, desserts, assist with serving the food or in any other capacity you can help. We will start our early bird membership drive. Any unit member who wishes to save \$5 on their 2025 membership dues can renew from July 4th through July 7th. Also, on July 4th, we will kick-off our back-to-school drive. We will have a donation box available to drop school supplies in. The drive will continue throughout the remainder of July and end on August 4th. The Department Convention is being held in Herndon, VA on July 11 – 14, 2024. I encourage all who can attend. I look forward to working with everyone in our Legion family. For God and Country, Philissa Marable

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: Hello summer! Hope everyone is taking time to enjoy it with family and friends. The Honor Guard continues to receive requests for our services from far and near. During June we had the honor of assisting with two ceremonies to celebrate Flag Day. Wish the United State Army Happy Birthday! We participated in 327's Post Everlasting ceremony and the 2nd District meeting. Along with participating in a Juneteenth program. . A big thank you goes out to all our supporters. We look forward to seeing you at the July 4th picnic. Please contact Otha Newton with any questions or requests for services. For God and Country, Mary Taggart

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello everyone. I would like to congratulate all the newly elected incoming officers and board members of the Legion Family/ Also, please keep the handicap parking spaces in mind and try to leave the spaces out front for our members who need assistance with walkers and/or wheelchairs to get in the building. This is simply a courtesy request. For God and Country, Sandra Wright, Clubroom Manager

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 7:00 PM ALA Regular Mtg	<i>3</i> 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	<i>4</i> 1:00 PM -4:00 PM INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC	<i>5</i> 2:00 PM Yoga Class 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Baked Ziti	<i>6</i> 8:30 PM DJ Night with Comander DJ
<i>7</i> 9:00 AM Breakfast	<i>8</i> 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg	<i>9</i> 6:30 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 2:00 PM Yoga Class No Dinner - Kitchen Open order from Menu	<i>13</i> 7:30 PM karaoke with AJ
<i>14</i> 9:00 AM Breakfast	<i>15</i> 7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	<i>18</i> 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg	<i>19</i> 2:00 PM Yoga Class 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Baja Fish Soft Tacos 8:00 PM Trivia Night	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> 9:00 AM Breakfast	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 1:00 PM -6:00 PM Blood Drive	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 2:00 PM Yoga Class 6:00 PM Dinner - Meatloaf	<i>27</i> 12:00 PM -4:00 PM Buddy Check Calls 7:30 PM karaoke with AJ
<i>28</i> 9:00 AM Breakfast 12:00 PM American Flag Disposal 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Fun Time Karaoke	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	 <p>TO VIEW OUR CALANDAR ON LINE SCAN QR CODE WITH PHONE CAMERA</p> <p>OR GO TO TIDEWATERPOST327.ORG</p>		