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Adjutant: Gary Flaskegaard
Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Desh Nendze
Sgt-at-Arms: Mike Encalade
Historian: Paulmichael Youngmills

Exec Board

Sean McDonnell
Keith "Klutch" Palmer
Joseph DeCosta

LEGION RIDERS

Director: Keith Palmer
Asst Dir: (DJ) Derrick Johnson
Secretary: Philissa Marable
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley
Chaplain: Mike Moranha
Sgt-at-Arms: Kenneth Parker
Road Captain: OPEN

Exec Board

ALR Gnome

SAL SQUADRON

CDR: Alan J. "AJ" Cole, Sr
1st VCDR David Vernon (Benski)
2nd VCDR David Laws
Adjutant: James Doty Jr
Treasurer: Jeff Evans
Chaplain: Rocky English
1st Sgt-at-Arms: Gary Stull
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

Steve Gower
Cliff Carney
Kenneth O'Bryan

AUXILIARY

President: Crystal Cross
Vice President: Carla Sherrill
Secretary: Charlotte Cole
Treasurer: Leslie Laws
Chaplain: Irene Mabry Moses
Sgt-at-Arms: Sally Newman
Historian: Suzanne Fields

Exec Board

Mary Taggart
Helen Lynum
Laquetta Joe

COMMANDER: Congratulations to all newly elected Post, Sons, Riders, and Auxiliary officers! We're thrilled to welcome you aboard and look forward to working together to launch Post 327 to new heights. Your dedication and leadership will make a tremendous impact in the year ahead.

A heartfelt thank you to all who served last year — your commitment and hard work have not gone unnoticed. Let's make sure to show our support and appreciation for their efforts in every way possible! Stay Connected:

We have multiple ways for you to keep up with everything happening here at Post 327: Monthly Newsletter — right in your inbox!

Facebook page — for the latest news and community updates. Scrolling TV board in the Club Room — quick announcements at a glance. Tablet by the ATM — sign up to receive text messages about lunches, kitchen specials, and all upcoming events.

Remember to track your volunteer hours and submit them to our Adjutant or put in at legion327.com. Every bit helps strengthen our Post and community!

Upcoming Events to Mark Your Calendar

Department of Virginia Convention

July 11th – 13th at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport.

American Legion 106th National Convention

August 22nd – 28th in Tampa Bay, Florida.

All members are encouraged and invited to attend!

Membership Renewal Time! Now is the PERFECT time to renew your membership and be entered into the drawing for a PUFL (Paid Up For Life) membership! Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to secure your lifelong commitment For God and Country, DJ Derrick Johnson Commander, American Legion Post 327

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We still be starting our 2026 renewal at the July 4th picnic. Members that have paid the 3yr renewal may pick up your cards at the picnic. If you can't make the picnic I will mail your 2026 Membership

cards to you. Please make sure that we have a current address. The Post has added a new method of paying your dues, if you have Zelle thru your bank or the app on your phone, you can also come to the office and pay, or you may go to our website: legion327.com and select **PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES**. Once I receive notification of your payment I will mail your Membership card to the address on file. You can also renew online at legion.org/renew for 1 year or 3 years with a credit card. **Remember anytime you are at the Post you are required to have your Membership card in your possession or a digital image of your Membership card on your phone.** For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER:

Happy Summer everyone! We have a lot going on this summer! Queen of Hearts is now every Friday night ticket sales start at 5:15 ending at 7:15. The winning ticket will be drawn at 7:30. The Friday night games and tournaments will start afterwards. Bar Bingo is on 21 July starting at 7:30. There will be a yard sale on 20 July starting at 8:00 AM. We will have James Ford playing on 5 July and Foxglove will be here on 19 July. AJ the KJ will be here 26 July and for the first time John Jessy will be here for karaoke on 12 July! Arrow will be in the clubroom giving away a brand-new Blackstone grill on 15 July from 6 - 8 PM. For more information check out the American Legion Tidewater Post 327 Facebook page! This 4th of July is going to be a wonderful event. We will be charging \$5.00 for everyone over 7 years old. Everybody will need to check in at the entrance tent where wristbands will be given out for everyone! There will be an outside stage with Cactus Creek playing from 1 to 4 PM. The Hall will be set up with The entrees will be smoked ribs, chicken quarters, drumsticks, hamburgers, hotdogs and Italian sausage with grilled peppers and onions! As usual there will be a 2 meat limit on all plates. The Hall will be open from 1 to 4 with To-Go plates being brought out at 3:45! There will be free water available in the hall and outside. There will be a bar set up outside selling beer, wine and sodas! I hope to see everybody out there! For God and Country Linda P. Blaker

THIRD VICE COMMANDER: Greeting Post 327 members. I hope everyone is staying cool on these hot summer days! Just a few reminders. Queen of Hearts is now held EVERY Friday. Ticket sales start at 5:15 PM and end promptly at 7:15 PM. Drawing is held at 7:30 PM. The July 4th picnic will be held on July 4th from 1:00 PM till 4:00 PM. Cactus Creek will be performing outside on the stage. Field day around the Post will be held on July 28th, 2025 from 9:00 AM till Noon. Thank you to all the volunteers for the month

of June. I genuinely appreciate everyone's hard work and helpfulness. For God and Country, Rob Sullinger 3rd Vice Commander

ADJUTANT: **Be the One** ... Be pro-active and checkup on Vets your friends and neighbors you have not heard from. The SUMMER HEAT is upon us. For God and Country Gary Flaskegaard.

SERVICE OFFICER: Attention Veterans assigned to Langley VA Clinic, Please be advised that due to the heightened security measures implemented at military installations, Langley Air Force Base will not allow entry for Veteran patients unless they possess one of the following forms of identification:

- Active military-issued ID
- Valid (not expired) military retiree or dependent ID
- VA state-issued Real ID

Post Service Officers are available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 1000-1500. Closed holidays. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: Be the One..."We are Here for Each Other" As we are halfway through the year, I wanted to remind everyone about their Buddy Checks. Please remember to reach out to those you haven't heard from in a while, it's as simple as a phone call or text. We consider it our most sacred responsibility to look out for each other and our fellow veterans. I look forward to bringing "Be the One" events to the post to help with this effort. I am still trying to gauge where the needs are and how I can help the most. If you have any recommendations for me on any military mental health initiatives, programs, classes, events you would like to see, how I can help with anything, or just need to talk, please feel free to contact me chaplain327@gmail.com.

For God and Country, Desh Nendze

LEGION RIDERS:

Post 327, Let's Congratulate our new Officers:

Director: Keith "Klutch" Palmer;

Asst Director: Derrick "DJ" Johnson;

Treasurer: David Seate;

Secretary: Phillisa Marable

Sgt at Arms: Kenneth Parker;

Chaplain: Michael "Sailboat" Mohoranha.

Chapter 327 Riders and Supporters, Thank you for your continued support. A huge thank you American Legion Rider for their participation and support. ** Riders attended Chapter 110, New Charter, Virginia Beach, VA. Our riders

attended the 19-21 June 2025, VA Legacy Run, on 15 Appledore Ln in Natural Bridge, VA.

We also had our first, two-gun raffle winners, one from Post 327 and one from the local community, Awesome! The gun raffle winners will be notified.

*American Legion Riders chapter 327 cornhole board raffle, \$1 per ticket just in time for the summer backyard fun, the drawing is on the 4th of July 2025.

Upcoming Events: *17 – 21 August 2025, the National American Legion Legacy Run 2025. Start South Boston and end in Tampa Bay, FL. Registration is easy:

<https://register.legion.org/riders/registration>

**26-28 September, VA ALR 15th Annual State Rally Post 53, 22 West 8th Street Fron Royal, VA 22630 (High Mileage/Safety Award and the Department of Virginia, Rider of the Year Award. 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 "Klutch" Palmer, Riders Director.

ATHLETIC OFFICER: No input. For God and country, Jeff Evans, A. O

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings to The American Legion Family & Friends, thank you to Past Commander David Vernon and to everyone else (too many to name here) who supported my bid to become the 2025–2026 SAL Squadron 327 Commander. I recognize that I have much to learn to be truly worthy of the trust you've placed in me, and I will devote my energy to fulfilling this role with honor. Alongside learning the responsibilities of this position, I've already begun working with our Members to develop a comprehensive plan to uphold the Ten Ideals of SAL and strengthen our community. For God and Country, Alan J. "AJ" Cole, Sr. Squadron 327 Commander

ALA PRESIDENT: Summer is here and the ALA is ready to get busy! Our first 2025-2026 meeting is July 1 at 7pm. This will be an informal, interactive meeting for planning our program for the year. I'd love to see as many members as possible come out with your ideas and be a part of shaping our program. Let's make it a great year in support of our ALA mission, as our ALA mission statement reads: *In the Spirit of Service, not Self the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and*

security. With our meeting being on the 1st day of the month, we have our first opportunity of the ALA year to help raise awareness for the American Legion "Be the One" initiative. If you have a shirt, pin, etc. please wear it in support of this very important initiative. I would like to introduce our Unit 327, 2025-2026, Unit Officers that were installed at our June meeting: President-Crystal Cross, Vice President-Carla Sherrill, Secretary-Charlotte Cole, Treasurer-Leslie Laws, Chaplain- Irene Mabry Moses, Sgt. At Arms-Sally Newman, Historian- Suzanne Fields and our Executive Board-Helen Lynum, Mary Taggart, and Laquetta Joe. I would also like to congratulate the Post, Son's, and Legion Riders on their elections and Officers for the coming year! The new year promises to continue to build on the Legion Family relationship and will bring great things! I want to say Thank you to the 2024-2025 Officers for all their hard work this past year. On June 13th, the ALA along with the Post and 2nd District Honor Guard, participated in our community service event, the French Sailor Remembrance Ceremony and reception at the Post. I want to give a huge shout-out to Benski for all the hard work he put in for the wonderful food for the ceremony, and on very short notice! I'd also like to thank our volunteers for the event: Suzanne, Charlotte, Kathy, visitor Judy, Martha, and AJ who all helped with set-up, and food prep, and Gary, Post Adjutant, for coordinating this event with all the guests. For God and Country, Crystal Cross, Unit 327 President

HONOR GUARDS CORNER:

Congratulations to the 327 officers of the Legion Family for 2025-2026! The Honor Guard participated in the Post picnic and Memorial Day Parade. We provided burial honors several times in May. Please remember to "Be the One." If you have any questions or requests, please reach out to Otha Newton. For God and Country, Mary Taggart





CLUBROOM: Good afternoon all you Wonderful People!!!

Can you believe July is upon us already? I hope your summer is a fun and festive one! Children are out of school, and you must keep them busy. Please keep your eyes open for them when driving. We are preparing for the July 4th Picnic and sure we can use many volunteers. Just a friendly reminder. You must always have your membership card on you when entering the clubroom. If a bartender requests to see, you must present it. Also, if you bring your bottle of choice, you must have your full name and full date on the label. When you sign in a guest, you MUST print ALL information on the log in sheet. PLEASE do not write information in Cursive. Thank You for Understanding. For God and Country, Clubroom manager, Angie Hernandez

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AMERICAN LEGION CALANDRA Holidays in United States

Jul 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>29</div> <div>TO VIEW OUR CALENDAR ON-LINE SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR CAMERA OR GO TO TIDEWATERPOST327.ORG</div> <div></div>	<div>30</div> <div></div>	<div>1</div> <div>7pm - ALA Regular Mtg @</div>	<div>2</div> <div>7pm - 40/8 Promenade @</div>	<div>3</div> <div>10am - FOURTH OF JULY</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Independence Day 1pm - Catus Creek LIVE 1pm - INDEPENDANCE 5:15pm - QUEEN OF</div>	<div>5</div> <div>11am - VETERANS 7:30pm - JAMES FORD</div>
<div>6</div> <div>9am - BreakFast @</div>	<div>7</div> <div>7:30pm - Post 5 Legion</div>	<div>8</div> <div>6:30pm - EXECUTIVE 327 7:30pm - POST REGULAR</div>	<div>9</div> <div>6:30pm - POST BUDGET</div>	<div>10</div> <div>6:30pm - CROSSROAD</div>	<div>11</div> <div>2pm - YOGA Donation @ 5:15pm - QUEEN OF 7:30pm - MAGNETIC</div>	<div>12</div> <div>8am - SOFTBALL 7:30pm - JOHN JESSIE</div>
<div>13</div> <div>9am - BreakFast @</div>	<div>14</div> <div>7:30pm - SONS REGULAR</div>	<div>15</div> <div>6pm - ARROW</div>	<div>16</div> <div>6:30pm - VVA CHAPTER</div>	<div>17</div> <div>6:30pm - LEGION RIDERS</div>	<div>18</div> <div>2pm - YOGA Donation @ 5:15pm - QUEEN OF 7:30pm - JENGA</div>	<div>19</div> <div>11:15am - USSVI MTG @ 7:30pm - CHKD FASION</div>
<div>20</div> <div>8am - YARD SALE @ 9am - BreakFast @</div>	<div>21</div> <div>7pm - Honor Guard 7:30pm - BAR BINGO @</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div> <div>2:30pm - BLOOD DRIVE @</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div> <div>2pm - YOGA Donation @ 5:15pm - QUEEN OF 5:30pm - SONS DINNER @ 7:30pm - PATRIOTIC</div>	<div>26</div> <div>7:30pm - AJ THE KJ @</div>
<div>27</div> <div>9am - BreakFast @ 11am - CHRISTINA/ BIKE</div>	<div>28</div> <div>6pm - RASON RADIO</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div> <div>TO VIEW OUR CALENDAR ON-LINE SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR CAMERA OR GO TO TIDEWATERPOST327.ORG</div> <div></div> <div></div>