



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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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 Goughneur
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 Starting in January our Post meetings will begin at 7:30 PM. Hopefully the earlier start will allow more members to attend. We try very hard to finish within one hour. I know people can only tolerate what the body can take. After that is just becomes "how much longer is this going to go on." Our Children's Christmas party was outstanding. A big thank you to Jennifer York and all her volunteers. Our Legion Riders and the Sons of the American Legion were a tremendous asset to to the Post in 2016. I look forward to an even bigger year in 2017. The Sons are taking on more projects and programs each year. Our service officers are among the very best and are highly motivated to help veterans and their families. Post 327 is also blessed with members who care about this post and come in to support our club room, our special events and our athletic programs. Every member

of this Post is an important and vital piece of our overall mission. Wishing you a very Happy New Year. For God and Country, Tony Moore.

Upcoming events: Law & Order Night, Jan 24th: Dinner at 6:30 PM - \$10.00 per and Awards Meeting at 8 PM. Seating is limited so RSVP to John Schenk by Jan 6th. 588-7732 or email legionjohn@cox.net.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: Currently we are at just at 790 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: I would like to wish everyone a Happy New year. For God & Country. Eugene "Duff" Kleinfelter

SERVICE OFFICER: In the month of November we submitted 49 claims, spoke with over 190 people about benefits, drove over 800 miles and volunteered 262 hours. The numbers and assistance to veterans just keep on growing. The other good news is that we have added yet another service officer. We are writing more claims and helping more veterans and their families. Unfortunately, this is a tough time of the year and we have had many requests that we just could not accommodate. Please help your fellow veterans and their families in any way that you can. We still have some medical items such as wheelchairs and walkers to loan to veterans in need. For God and Country, Eric Isaksen.

CHAPLAIN: No input.

LEGION RIDERS: Happy holidays Riders and family. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. We laid wreaths at the Hampton Veterans Cemetery with other Veterans organizations on Dec. 17th. Please remember that the weather is different in Virginia and there are motorcycles out there all year round, so keep an eye out for them. Our next meeting will be Jan. 19th. Be safe and drive responsibly the rest of the year. For God and Country, Keith (Cowboy) DeLucenay

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE: Wish you a Happy New Year from my family to yours. 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 Greetings and Happy New Year to our American Legion Family. It's hard to believe that it's already 2017 and the beginning of a new year. As the Romans said Tempus Fugit (Time Flies.) The Sons wish all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017. It should be another exciting year for our Post and our Squadron. We are at 57% of our membership goal of 161. Good job to 1st Vice Commander Dave Samson and all others who are helping us renew membership and recruit new

members. The Sons were published in December on the National American Legion website in the news section for our OCW fundraising efforts on Veteran's Day weekend. The article can be read on legion.org. Steve and I went to 10 local elementary schools in December and asked each school to make handmade Christmas cards for our veterans at the Hampton VA Medical Center. On Dec. 21st, Steve Gower, Ross Gower, Ginny Gower, Jeff Evans and I attended the patients' Christmas party there and distributed over 350 cards made by the children. The looks from the patients' eyes were priceless and emotional. A lot of these people have no nearby relatives to be with them during the holiday season. Some have no relatives. The Sons contributed 9 gifts to the Angel Tree. Our Squadron voted to have my name entered as a nominee for the Eastern District State Vice Commander for 2017-2018. This is quite an honor and I thank all for their votes of confidence. I'm sorry for those who did not get here soon enough for our marvelous chicken and dumplings dinner. WE SOLD OUT! A special thank you to Jane Evans and Ginny Gower for volunteering their time and effort. Thank you to all who come out and support our Friday dinners on the 3rd Friday of the month. All monies support our Charity Fund. January 20th we will be having our delectable cabbage roll dinner with mashed potatoes, corn, roll and dessert. This will be another sell out dinner! For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella.

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello Ladies, Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Angel Tree. We were able to provide a little Christmas to 86 children as well as 17 kids at Lake Taylor City Hospital. Our dinner on Jan 6th well be a Mexican feast. Taco soup, Jane's baked burritos and all the fixings. Please come out and support us. Your membership for 2017 was due by Dec. 31st. Please pay ASAP so you won't go in arrears. We still have all our projects going on and will be back to craft night on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. 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

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR No Breakfast	2 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	3 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	4 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	5 7:30 PM Legion Darts Make up game 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	6 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Mexican Feast	7 9:00 AM District Oratorical @ Wesleyan 7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open
8 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - Girl Scouts 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	9 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	10 7:00 PM Post 327 Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post 327 Reg Mtg 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	11 6:30 PM ALA Social & Crafts 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	12 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	13 6:00 PM Girl Scout Dinner - Fried Chicken	14 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open
15 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	16 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	17 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	18 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	19 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	20 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Cabbage Rolls	21 7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open
22 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	23 6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	24 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> Law & Order 6:30 PM Dinner 8 PM Program </div>	25 6:30 PM ALA Social & Crafts 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	26 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post 6-10 PM Kitchen Open	27 6:00 PM Post Dinner - Spaghetti & Meatballs	28 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open
29 1:00 PM Legion Bowling No Breakfast	30 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	31 10AM-5PM Service Office at Post	<u>Reminder that locker dues are due!!!</u>			