



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Eric Isaksen
Chaplain: Frank White
Sgt-at-Arms: TBD
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
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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

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AUXILIARY

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

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COMMANDER: June was a very busy month for the Post. The Second District Convention was held at our post and the District Officers were elected. Flag Day was celebrated on our front lawn. The ceremony was well attended and covered by the *Virginian-Pilot*. The ceremony was followed by the Post meeting and the installation of the Post and Legion Rider Officers for the coming year. Moving forward, the year will require a lot of volunteer work. If you can assist us in any way **PLEASE** let us know. We are looking forward to seeing everyone for the July 4th picnic. Representatives for the entire Legion Family and Voiture 86 will be available for you to renew your dues. Thank you in advance for your continued support. There are paper copies available in the Post Lobby. For God and Country, Tony Moore.

UPCOMING EVENTS: July 4th, 1 – 5 PM Independence Day picnic, July 7th – 10th Department Convention in Richmond.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We are currently at 1048 new & renewed members which puts at 93% for the 2016 year. We still have over 200 members that did not renew for 2016. Come out to our Picnic on July 4th and celebrate our Nations Birthday. **Reminder that our dues have increased to \$40.00 per year.** Starting July 1st through Labor Day picnic Sep 4th renew your membership and receive the Early Bird stamp so that you can eat for free at the Labor Day picnic. As of July 1st 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. If you renew online between July 1st and July 4th you can pick up your Membership card at the picnic, if you don't make it to the picnic I will mail you your card. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SERVICE OFFICER: We continue to be open for claims assistance Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am till 5 pm, on a walk in basis. I am excited to announce that we now have two new Service Officers who are currently in training and should be up and running in the next couple of weeks. This will allow Post 327 to do even more good to help more veterans and their families. For the month of May we submitted over 85 claims and talked with over 202 veterans. We drove a total of 446 miles and volunteered 195 hours. Thanks to Peg Niedholdt for doing a terrific job with the Temporary Financial Assistance program. She's doing a GREAT job, and is a very welcome member of the Service Officer team. I also would like to thank the Legion Riders for purchasing a new computer designated for Service Officer work. THANK YOU Riders for helping us to help even more veterans. We still have other volunteer opportunities for anyone who would like to give some time to help others. It is very rewarding work.

BIG NEWS: In case you missed it last month, I provide this information again this month. A recent court case has made it possible for veterans who have received emergency treatment at a non-VA facility, and the VA refused to pay their medical bills, to resubmit and have their bills paid. See one of the Service Officers for details. For God & Country, Eric Isaksen

CHAPLAIN: Mary Lee Lupejkis recently fell with some bruising. Keep her in your thoughts. Thank you. I have been helping two veterans with light tasks and claim procedures. Have a blessed month. For God and Country, Chaplain White

LEGION RIDERS: We have done a couple of rides this past month, including an MSA ride that helps children with going to Muscular Dystrophy Summer Camp. We installed a new handrail on a Veteran's house. He is so happy he asked us to do the other side of his front porch. We have done a couple of Funeral Escorts for World War II veterans. The ALR purchased a new laptop for the service officer to assist with claims for veterans. It is riding season, so keep an eye out for motorcycles. They can hide in your blind spot. We are planning on a few rides next month so keep us in your prayers. There was an installation of officers at the Post meeting for the Post and the Riders. It was a very nice installation. Congrats to all the new Riders Officers: Paul Murch as Assistant Director and Shane Kelley as Adjutant/Secretary and webmaster. For God and Country, Keith DeLucenay.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE: Legion Baseball is under way-Post 327 has had a slow start losing two players to 280 Oscar Smith and then dropping two more to Post 35 Maury. Coach Paul said the team is getting better each and every game. The men's softball team is holding their own and will make the play-offs. The Athletic fund had the team over to the Post after their last game for some pizza and refreshments. Cdr Moore talked to these young men into joining the Post as Legionnaires. The co-ed is still fighting the rain. It looks like we will be playing into the middle of July. The Post hosted three challenger teams and we sponsored a picnic 18 June. All had a great time. At the Memorial Day picnic

I presented the jock trap of the year award to Jeff and Jane Evans for their outstanding support of Post 327 Athletics for 2015-2016. Bravo Zulu Jeff and Jane. This award was last presented in 1996. 2nd Vice Commander Duff has invited all three teams to have lunch with us at the 4th of July picnic. They will be in uniform so say hello. Thank you, Duff. Happy 4th to all of you. For God and Country, Jim Norton, Athletic Officer.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings Fellow American Legion Family. Congratulations to all our newly installed Son's Officers for the 2016-2017 year. We were privileged to have our State Vice Commander and State Chaplain present for the installation June 13th at the SAL meeting. State Commander Willie Morgan swore us in and State Chaplain Robert Wilson offered opening and closing prayers along with a blessing after our oaths were taken. Thank all of you who supported our BBQ dinner June 17th. July dinner will be a cold plate served with lettuce and various salads, crackers, vegetables and dessert. The 2016 State Convention will be held July 7-9 in Richmond at the Double Tree Hotel in Richmond. Registration is only \$7 and this is a great time for camaraderie and brainstorming. 240 years ago we celebrated our first Independence Day and now we will celebrate again by having our 4th of July picnic on Monday the 4th. The picnic is a good way to obtain your Early Bird stamp and support our family's goals for membership quotas. I want to personally on behalf of the Son's congratulate Dave Samson our 1st Vice Commander for accomplishing a 103% membership renewal quota. A salute to you Dave!!! Our next Son's meeting will be July 11th at 7:30 PM. Please plan on attending. We need your input and ideas to be successful. We wish you all a happy, safe and healthy 4th of July. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella.

ALA PRESIDENT: I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Since last month's newsletter was the last one mailed out if you know anyone who does not have a computer and would like a newsletter contact Anne Stark (855-0016) and she will make sure they receive a copy.

Our Memorial Day picnic was great. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it successful. The July 4th picnic will be the early bird membership drive. Pay your dues and get the early bird stamp for the Labor Day picnic. The most important part is to help us kick off our membership drive and reach 100%. Our projects are ongoing as usual. Crochet projects, sewing, coupons and box tops are all for our charities. We are in desperate need of yarn. If you have any or come across any we will happily accept it. We supply the materials for our projects but we could use some help with the supplies. Our craft nights are so much fun. Join us on the second Wednesday night of the month. Even if you don't feel crafty there is always something you can help with.

We will be having out installation of officers July 5th at 7:30 PM. July 4th weekend we will be distributing Certificates of Appreciation to homes and businesses flying the United States flag If you would like to participate contact Nancy (535-8603) or Anne.

Our dinner for July 1st will be pot roast, roll and dessert. For God and Country, Nancy Bell.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 3:00 PM -7:00 PM Blood Drive 6:00 PM Dinner -ALA Pot Roast	2 7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene 6 -10 PM - Kitchen Open
3 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - Clubroom 4 - ? PM - Kitchen Open	4 1 - 5 PM Independence Day Picnic Start Early Bird Renewal for 2017	5 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-5PM Service Officer at Post 6 - ? PM Kitchen Open	6 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	7 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-5PM Service Officer at Post 6 -10 PM - Kitchen Open	8 6:00 PM Dinner-Girl Scouts - Pork Tenderloin Sandwich Dept Convention	9 10:30 AM Post 118 Mtg 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell 6 -10 PM - Kitchen Open
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17 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8 4 - ? PM - Kitchen Open	18 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10 AM-5PM Service Officer at Post	19 6:00 PM Post 37 Exec & Reg Mtg 7:00 PM Post 37 Reg Mtg 10 AM-5PM Service Officer at Post 6 - ? PM Kitchen Open	20 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	21 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-5PM Service Officer at Post 6 -10 PM - Kitchen Open	22 6:00 PM Dinner-Post Call Club for Menu	23 7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene 6 -10 PM - Kitchen Open
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