



The Legionnaire

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COMMANDER: Summer time is upon us. Schools out, vacations are going to take some of you on the road. Please be careful, we need everyone to be safe and come back to us. The fourth of July picnic will be held WED July 4th, not on Sunday. The Post has a new Second Vice Commander, Milo Cross, please assist him in any way you can. A heart felt thank you goes out to Duff Kleinfelter for a fantastic job. He's not going anywhere, just needed a little break. Department Convention will be held at Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel in Herndon, VA. Please let me know if you plan to attend. We need to send a list of delegates for voting purposes. Remember any legion member in good standing can attend. July will be a busy month. There are a lot of activities for you to enjoy. Friday nights have good food to enjoy. Saturday is karaoke night. Come out to join in or just enjoy the crowd. Thursday night darts

are going well and everyone is having a good time. Post 327 pool league qualified for the National Finals in Las Vegas NV. They will hold a few fundraisers to help defray the cost of the trip. As usual our honor guard has been very busy. They still need more members. It's extremely frustrating when they are unable to answer a family's request, due to lack of personnel. JUST THINK ABOUT IT, If you could help. For God and Country, Tony Moore

Upcoming Events: Independence Day Picnic – July 4th @ 1 PM; Outside Volunteer Mtg – July 12 @ 7 PM; Dept. Convention July 12-15 @ Dulles Hilton, Herndon, VA; Pool Team Car Wash – July 15 @ 12 PM - ??; Honor Guard Mtg – July 16 @ 7 PM; Girl Scout Blood Drive – July 30 @ 3 PM.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: Currently we are at just at 900 new or renewed members for 2018. You may renew your 2019 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. Starting July 1st, you will no longer be able to renew for 2018 online you will need to come to the Post and renew in person or mail in your renewal and note it for the 2018 year to keep you consecutive years current. We will have the 2019 Membership cards at the July 4th picnic, renew early and get your EARLY BIRD stamp and eat at the Labor Day Picnic for free. Renewal online at the above website address is for Post members only. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: The 4th of July picnic is just a few days away on the 4th. Please join us food some good food, camaraderie and activities including horseshoes, corn hole and goodie bags for the kids. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to help make the picnic a success. Reminder: If dues are paid at the picnic, the Labor Day picnic is free. Thanks to Duff for his service and making the past picnics such a great success! For God and Country, Milo Cross

SERVICE OFFICER: In the month of MAY, 7 Service Officers reported that 3 Intents to File Claim were submitted, 31 New Claims were submitted and we spoke to 72 Veterans or active duty with advice on how to proceed with their claims. A total of 197 hours were logged and a total of 764 miles were driven. Please continue to report any problems you are having at the VAMC in Hampton. If issues are not reported, they will never be solved. If you, or someone you know, is in need, see one of our Service Officers. For God and Country, Eric Isaksen

CHAPLAIN: Are you enjoying the summer sun? It sure feels good on aching bones. Just remember: Don't overdo it. Keep yourself hydrated and protect your skin from too much exposure. Also, don't forget your four-legged friends. They can't use words to tell you they need water, so be aware of their needs too. For God and Country, J J Willis.

LEGION RIDERS: Greeting legionnaires, I hope everyone is having a great start of their summer. We have been pretty busy so far, some went to Rolling Thunder. We went to Hopewell for the Ride for the Warriors to support veterans at McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond. Paul and I went to Stafford Post 146 for their installation of officers for their

new ALR Riders group. We did the First Annual Alzheimer's Run. Paul, Pat and I had a wonderful ride. Upcoming events are The 3rd Annual MCPON Walker Legacy run, VA Instate Scholarship Fund Ride. The 11th Annual Hope for the Homeless Motorcycle Ride and Cookout. June Birthdays are Amy Kelly and Bob Perkins. July Birthday is Kay Loebel. Keep the rubber on the road. For God and Country, Keith(Cowboy) Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all. Our co-ed softball team is in 1st place heading into the playoffs. They are undefeated, and I expect they will do well. Our Jr. American Legion baseball team is currently standing at 2 wins and 1 loss. Both teams are a blast to watch. Congrats to Salina and our pool team. They are the CHAMPIONS and headed to Vegas in August. We will have upcoming fundraisers; look for flyers and postings on face book. I will update all teams next month, till then. For God and Country, Jeff Evans

SQUADRON COMMANDER:

Happy Independence Day Legion Family and Friends Wow half of 2018 will be gone when this letter is published but it is also the start of the Legion's 2018-2019 year of service to our veterans and our community. The Sons wish to thank each and every one of you for your enduring support and gracious contributions. You are the ones that make us look good and we certainly appreciate it. We will diligently carry on and promote the 4 Pillars: VA&R, National Security, Americanism and Children & Youth. We will strive to excel and keep the Post proud of us. I wish to share with you just some of the Squadron accomplishments for the 2017-2018 year:

1. We achieved our membership goal ending up with 104.83 % winning the Detachment pennant for our Squadron Colors. We recruited 35 new members.
2. We won the VA&R Detachment award from the Detachment for "largest" category.
3. We did come in second for CWF and Americanism.
4. We sponsored 1 of the 9 young men who went to Boys State from # 327.
5. Raised \$7800.00 for OCW and we were recognized on the Legion National website.
6. Sponsored and participated in the 3rd Annual OBX's Dare to Care program honoring WWII, Korean and Vietnam Veterans and the special needs people from OBX.
7. Produced the leading candidate for SAL National Vice Commander, **Mr. Steve Gower**.

1st Vice Commander **Dave Samson** thanks all for renewing their dues and welcomes the 35 new members. He says we

already have 5 new members to send off for July. Dave reminds you to sign up at the 4th of July picnic so you can get an "early bird" stamp on your member card which entitles you to a free Labor Day picnic and all you can eat barbecue dinner.

I want to remind you to encourage your fellow members, friends and neighbors who have eligible sons to urge them to meet us at the Post so we can explain the benefits to the parents, so we can recruit new members. **Membership is our lifeblood.** "Sons" is an oxymoron. There just aren't too many young Sons in our Squadron. Hey I'm 68 and closer to 69! We need to bring new younger ones aboard and groom them for the next generation of future leaders, legionnaires and sons.

Steve Gower, Jeff Evans and I will attend the 100th Department State Convention in Herndon, Virginia July 12th to 15th. And I will share information in the August newsletter. I want to congratulate **Mr. Wayne Webber and his hard-working crew** who started at 11 AM to prepare the fabulous Spaghetti dinner that was served June 15th. 75 dinners were sold. July 20th the Sons dinner will be a cool and refreshing crisp Cold Plate Salad with a delicious dessert. Come early so you don't miss out.

Mrs. Ginny Gower pulled the winner out of the "hat" for the Son who will have his dues paid by the Squadron for the 2019 calendar membership year. **Congratulations to Mr. Cliff Carney!** Remember gentlemen to qualify just come to a meeting or a sanctioned event to have your name entered for a chance to win a "free" membership for the next membership year. This is a \$25.00 value.

I look forward to seeing you all at the 4th of July picnic. Stop by the pavilion in the back of the Post and say Hi to the grillers.

VA & R/ VAVS:

The most recent Veterans Affairs news is that 'The MISSION ACT' was signed by President Trump June 6, 2018. This Act streamlines veterans' access to non-VA community care, create a new VA benefit of commercial walk-in clinics, and open the VA caregiver program, on a phased schedule, to older generations of veterans severely injured while in service.

I attended the HVAMC VSO luncheon at the Crowne Plaza-Marina Hotel in Hampton June 6th. This was a marvelous award luncheon provided by the Director of the HVAMC and the Director of Veterans Volunteer Services. I was amazed

at the dedication of the awardees of which some had 25 years of daily service and over 20,000 volunteer hours given to our veterans in the Hampton VA Hospital. I will be attending the quarterly VAVS Director's meeting and the VSO meeting later in July and will share information with you in the August newsletter. Remember to help those who are ill and/or less fortunate than us. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: The new officers and I would like to thank Anne Starke, Nancy Bell and her entire team for their hard work and assistance with a smooth transition. Thank you for your continued support. It's going to be a busy month starting with the July 4th Picnic & Membership Drive. Come out and celebrate with a bang! As we all know, Auxiliary dues will be increased to \$35 for Ladies and \$9 for Juniors but as a **One Time Special, dues will remain \$30 for Ladies and \$7 for Juniors through the end of the July 4th Picnic only.** Please come celebrate our independence, renew your membership, meet the new officers, and enjoy the day. Covered dishes are always appreciated.

The American Legion Auxiliary 97th Annual Convention will be held at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel in Herndon, VA on July 12-15. Please try to attend as a lot of good information will be shared and it's a great time to meet our fellow Auxiliary members. The next Auxiliary meeting will be held July 3rd at 7:30 pm. Hope to see everyone there. The Ladies will be serving Sloppy Joes, French Fries and Salad for dinner Friday July 6th at 6pm and buffet breakfast on July 22nd at 9am. We welcome ALL volunteers and member input as we strive, with a positive attitude, to help service members, families and our community. Please don't forget to **Like us on Facebook @ "American Legion Unit 327 Ladies Auxiliary."** This page will be getting a face lift and will be a good source of info for upcoming projects and events. For God and Country, Collene Gravitt

ONCE A MONTH SERVICE PROJECTS: Can you spend one day a month to reach out to our community and assist or better the lives of Veterans, Active Duty or Senior citizens?

From the Guards Corner: No input. For God and Country Otha & Gene

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 No Breakfast	2 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	3 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> 1:00 PM Independence Day Picnic </div>	5 7:30 PM Summer Darts Kitchen Open	6 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Sloppy Joes	7 7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike Kitchen Open	
8 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast - Girl Scouts	9 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	10 7:00 PM Post 327 Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post 327 Reg Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	11 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	12 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> 7:00 PM Outside Volunteer Mtg </div> 7:30 PM Summer Darts Kitchen Open	13 6:00 PM Girl Scout Dinner - Chicken Parmesan	14 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell Kitchen Open <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Dept. Convention Dulles DC </div>	
15 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> 12:00 PM - ?? Pool Team Car Wash </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Dept. Convention </div>	16 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> 7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg </div> 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	17 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	18 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	19 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 7:30 PM Summer Darts Kitchen Open	20 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Cold Plate Salad	21 7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike 82nd Airborne (Pavillion) Kitchen Open	
22 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA	23 6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	24 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	25	26 7:30 PM Summer Darts Kitchen Open	27 Kitchen Open Menu +	28 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell Kitchen Open	
29 No Breakfast	30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> 3:00 PM Girl Scout Blood Drive </div> 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	31 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	JULY 4th PICNIC - EARLY BIRD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE				MONDAY JULY 30th GIRL SCOUT BLOOD DRIVE