



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

705 Lesner Avenue

Norfolk, VA 23518

Service Officers: (757) 227-5296 (Fax) 961-5537

Club Room Phone: (757) 587-2641 Post Office: (757) 226-8607

WEBSITE: www.legion327.org

E-Mail: amlg327@yahoo.com

July 2019

POST OFFICERS

Commander: Tony Moore
1st VCDR: Byron Pianalto
2nd VCDR: Roger Kelly
3rd VCDR: Richard McDonald
Adjutant: Sammi Louis
Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Rickey Brown
Sgt-at-Arms: Jesse Walker
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

Gene Niedholdt
Tim Gonyea
Victor Howard

LEGION RIDERS

Director: Keith DeLucenay
Asst Dir: TBD
Adjutant: Rob Buckhalter
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Kieth McCauley
Chaplain: Paul Murch
Sgt-at-Arms: Derrick Johnson
Road Captains:

Exec Board

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
1st Sgt-at-Arms: Mike Atkinson
2nd Sgt-at-Arms: Wayne Turner
Historian: Dan Schmidt

Exec Board

Steve Gower
Milo Cross
Kenneth O'Bryan

AUXILIARY

President: Nancy Bell
Vice President: Delia French
Secretary: Leona Forrest
Treasurer: Bonnie Kleinfelter
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers
Sgt-at-Arms: Donna McClelland
Historian: Crystal Cross

Exec Board

Samantha Louis
Sue Weber
Sherry Jandle

COMMANDER: We start of the month with our annual July 4th Picnic. The picnic also begins our 2020 membership drive. Officers will be on hand to collect due and pass out early bird cards. Roger Kelly and his staff of volunteers are preparing a great event. Come out, bring the kinds and enjoy a great day. Post elections and installation of officers are complete, so July will begin a very busy year for the Post. I look forward to seeing everyone around the Post. For God and Country, Tony Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS: July 4th Picnic on July 4th 1-5PM, July 12-14 Department Convention in Richmond. July 13 @ 12pm Veterans Pool Tournament, Stress Recovery Support Group July 29th @ 7 PM.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We have achieved our 100% goal for 2019. Starting on July 1st you will be able

to renew for 2020 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, if you make any changes please notify me at email address in the header of this newsletter so that I can keep my database up to date. We, (Post, SAL & Auxiliary), will also be doing Membership renewal for 2020 at the July 4th picnic. 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 fast approaching. There is a signup sheet posted for volunteers. Any help, weather helping with setting up or providing a side dish, is always greatly appreciated. There will be great food and fun so please come out on the 4th from 1pm to 5pm. Weather permitting there will be

a cornhole tournament, and also a pool tournament. Don't forget Early Bird renewals on all memberships as well. Pay your dues at the 4th picnic and the Labor Day picnic is free. So bring your family and come out and enjoy at great time with your fellow post members and celebrate the birthday of the country we all love. A big thank you to Milo Cross for his service making last year's picnics fun and a huge success! For God and Country. Roger Kelly

ADJUTANT: On the behalf of the post I would like to thank all of the outgoing officers (Post, Auxiliary and Son's) for all that they have done for 327! I hope to see all the outgoing officers actively volunteer for the new year. Volunteers you are appreciated for all your hard work! If you have volunteered, please log your hours! Once again thank you for your assistance in supporting our veterans and their families. For God and Country, Sammi Louis.

SERVICE OFFICER: I would like to thank the Commander and members for putting their trust in me to carry out the position of service officer. I look forward to serving. I want to thank Eric for everything he has done to assist me in getting to this point and all he has done and will continue to do for everyone. In the month of May we submitted 56 claims, spoke to 198 veterans, drove 1312 miles and logged 314 hours. Urgent Care – You've probably seen news about the MISSION Act, which expands same-day services in primary care and mental health, as well as expanded telehealth to Veterans in their homes. Under the MISSION Act, urgent care is now a supplemental benefit for eligible Veterans. Urgent care in VA or the community (i.e., non-VA) is for those minor injuries and illnesses that do not require emergency room care. This support for urgent care does not replace the important relationship that you have with your VA health care team. If you need to use the new urgent care benefit, it is important that you go to an urgent care location in your community that is within the newly established VA contracted network. It is also important to know the following details about the prescription component of the benefit: •If the urgent care provider gives you a prescription, you can fill a 14-day supply of that medication at the VA or in a pharmacy within the VA contracted network. •If you choose to fill an urgent care prescription at a pharmacy outside of the VA network, you will be required to pay for the prescription at the time of pick up and then file a claim for reimbursement at your

local VA medical facility. This special publication about urgent care and the MISSION Act provides all the details for you. If you arrive at an urgent care network location and have any difficulty receiving care, you can call 866-620-2071 to receive assistance. You can also call your local VA facility 24/7 for advice, or logon to My HealthVet and send a Secure Message (login required) to your health care team. Any Secure Message should get a response within 3 business days (usually fewer). For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: Thanks all Legion members, for your votes, and support for the coming year as your New Chaplain. I'm looking forward to the challenge, with the help, and guidance of God. Again thanks! For God and Country, Rickey Brown

LEGION RIDERS: Greetings legionnaires, We had a wonderful June and looking for a safe riding month in July. We are planning on riding in some rides to support veterans. Hope to see you at the picnic at the Post. Have a wonderful 4th of July. Be safe. For God and Country, Keith(Cowboy) Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, Baseballs and softballs are flying everywhere. Our co-ed softball team is at 4 wins and 6 losses. There is a downside to winning your division the previous year, you get to move up to the higher division. The American Legion baseball team is sitting at 2 wins and 3 losses. They are young but holding their own. I want thank SAL Commander Fred for cooking at the Challenger division year end cookout held under the pavilion. The weather was great, and everyone had a blast. On a personal note, I want to thank my friends for their well wishes, thoughts and prayers during my recent absence. Till next month... For God and Country, Jeff Evans, AO 327

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings Legion Family and Friends I hope everyone is having an enjoyable Independence month. Hard to believe that half of 2019 is past us. The 4th of July picnic was another good time for all that could attend, and I want to thank all the volunteers that helped. July 12th to the 14th is the State Convention and I want to focus on the 13th in particular because that is the SAL Convention and Election of Detachment Officers day. I urge all Sons that are available to try and attend on Saturday. The Convention is at the Double Tree 1021 Kroger Center Blvd, Richmond, Va.23235. The

session starts at 12:30 and is in Parlor EF. If you want to attend it is only \$10.00 for registration and if you show me your receipt the Squadron will pay back the registration fee. If all goes well and I'm not assassinated before the 13th then I will become the next Detachment of Virginia SAL Commander. Our SAL National Vice Commander **Steve Gower** will administer the oath of office to the newly elected Detachment Officers. I want to also encourage the Sons to plan on attending the Leadership College August 2nd to the 4th. Our day is the 3rd. The session starts at 8 am breaks for lunch and then the afternoon session begins and then we finish. The fee is \$75.00 which includes class materials and lunch. Graduation is Sunday morning. The Squadron will pay back your fee with a receipt. Cutoff date for registration is the 15th of July. Leadership College is also being held at the Double Tree in Richmond. Whether you go to State Convention or Leadership College the hotel room is \$109.00 plus tax per night (\$123.50) if you wish to get a room. For either event you can go to: vasons.org, then go to "**more**" on the top menu then to "**calendar and events**" and follow the directions to reserve a room for either occasion. Let **Jeff Evans**, **Steve Gower** or myself know at our SAL Squadron meeting July 8th if you wish to attend Leadership College. The Outreach Group went to the McDonald House and served Fettuccine with Chicken and Broccoli with Alfredo Sauce and Garlic Bread June 15th. We will be returning July 27th. The Sons cooked for Legion sponsored Challenger Ball team's annual award picnic June 22nd. **That SAL Terrific Tommy Turner** volunteered and cooked his once a year Liver and Onion/Country Fried Steak dinner and it was an enormously successful evening. We thank all of you that support our SAL dinners and charity fundraisers. July 19th we will be serving a filling and refreshing Cold Plate Salad with Dessert. Last year several nice members donated tomatoes from their gardens. That being said, we will not turn down tomato donations. I want to remind the Sons that July starts our membership fiscal year and if you sign up by Labor Day your 2020 membership card will be emblazoned with an "early bird" stamp which allows you to eat for free at the Post Labor Day picnic.

VAVS/VANR: June was a quiet Month at the HVAMC. We were saddened to hear of the passing of one of our Spinal Cord resident patients. I attended the annual Volunteer Services luncheon at the Embassy Suites in Hampton June 25th. This year's motif was Patriotic "Red, White and Blue". Nationally the VA Mission Act passed in

2018 and became fully enacted June 6, 2019.

And here is more GREAT NEWS!!! Both Congress and the Senate have passed the Navy-Blue Water Bill focusing on our Vietnam Vets who are suffering with medical issues from Agent Orange while serving off the coast of Vietnam, hence "Blue Water". There is an estimated amount of 900000 Vets that were exposed to Agent Orange and other defoliants. This Bill extends the coverage to 90000 more Blue Water Navy Vets, Vets that served on the Korean DMZ and children born with spina bifida to mothers in Thailand that married our Vets. I will share with you any news that I learn when I attend the July quarterly VAVS and VSO meetings in the August newsletter. I want to proudly state that Veteran Groups like the American Legion are why things are getting better for our Vets and their families. Be proud to be a member of the largest Veterans organization in the world mandated by Congress 100 years ago who is so very influential and effective when speaking to Congress and the Senate. **Please remember our members who have lost their loved ones and those members who are ailing by taking the time to say a prayer for their comfort.** For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello Ladies, I just wanted to thank everyone for all their support at the elections in May. All of your new officers are very happy to be serving you again. The new officers are President Nancy Bell, Vice-President Delia French, Secretary Leona Forest, Treasurer Bonnie Kleinfelter, Chaplain Marcia Brothers, Historian Crystal Cross, Sargent of Arms Donna McClelland, Executive Boards Sammi Louis, Sherry Jandle and Sue Weber. We are all here for anything you may need and are very grateful for all your support. I would also like to ask you all for any ideas, suggestions or anything else you may think that we can do to have a very productive year. No suggestions will be ignored. Our dinner on July 5th will be Mexican nite. Taco salads, taco soup, all the fixin's and dessert. Please come out and support us so e can fulfill all our charities we donate to. July 7th will be our breakfast 9AM-11AM. If you have not been to it, you can't beat it. July 9th is our meeting. Meeting will be at 7PM. It may change for August after it is discussed at the July meeting. Thank you again everyone for everything. For God and Country, Nancy Bell

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: No input, for God & Country, Gene Niedholdt

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	7:00 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327 Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	1:00 PM Picnic <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">INDEPENDENCE DAY</div>	6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Taco Salad	7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA 9:00 AM Post 204 Mtg	7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	6:30 PM ALA Social & Crafts Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">7:00 PM Outside Volunteer Mtg</div> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	Kitchen open w/ special <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 100%;">Department Conv. in Richmond</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">12:00 PM Veterans Pool Tournament</div> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell Kitchen Open
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
No Breakfast <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 100%;">Department Conv.</div>	8:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Cold Plate Salad	7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8	6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	Kitchen open w/ special	7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
28	29	30	31			
No Breakfast	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">7:00 PM Stress Recovery Support Group</div> 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM			