



# The Legionnaire

## Tidewater Post 327

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### JULY 2020

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Commander: Tony Moore  
1st VCDR: Byron Pianalto  
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Adjutant: Evan Glendinning  
Finance: David Seate  
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain  
Chaplain: Rickey Brown  
Sgt-at-Arms: Jesse Walker  
Historian: TBD

#### Exec Board

Gene Niedholdt  
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#### LEGION RIDERS

Director: Derrick Johnson  
Asst Dir: Shane Kelly  
Adjutant: Rob Buckhalter  
Treasurer: David Seate  
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley  
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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  
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#### AUXILIARY

President: Crystal Cross  
Vice President: Yvonne Thibeault  
Secretary: Ashley Matheny  
Treasurer: Jan Dumstorff  
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers  
Sgt-at-Arms: Ashley Evans  
Historian: Jane Evans

#### Exec Board

Anne Starke  
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**COMMANDER:** We have plans to kick off our Membership Drive, Sat. July 4<sup>th</sup> with a Post Picnic. We hope everyone will be able to come out, enjoy the picnic AND get your Early Bird Stamp. The Post has several ways to keep members aware of the of changes. The best is to use the tablet in the club room with your phone number. Anyone can enter their cell phone number in the tablet, but only four members can send messages. You Won't Be Slammed with Junk. For God and Country, Tony Moore

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** July 4<sup>th</sup>-Picnic; Stress Recovery Support Group @ 7pm on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRST VICE COMMANDER:** . For 2020, we have over 875 new and renewed Members. We will be renewing membership for 2021 at the picnic on July 4<sup>th</sup> and receive your Early Bird Stamp. Anyone that has an honorable discharge after Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 is able join the American Legion. So, if you know of

someone that fell through the cracks due to not serving during a time of conflict please let them know that they may now be eligible to join the American Legion. Post Members are able to renew for 2021 online starting on July 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.legion.org/renew](http://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. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

**SECOND VICE COMMANDER:** I hope this finds the entire Legion family still doing well, staying healthy, and still just hanging in there. This truly has been a very trying time for us all, as we have had to change our daily routines and, in many cases, turn our lives upside down. But good news is here! Since the state will be moving into phase three on the 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be able to celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> with our annual picnic

here at the Post. We will still have to follow all rules and best practices to keep everyone safe, but this will be a wonderful time to come out and visit with Legion friends and family that you may not have seen in quite a while! And do not forget about getting your Early Bird Memberships at the picnic! Watch for flyers, texts, and Facebook posts for more details. For God and Country. Roger Kelly

**ADJUTANT:** Hello everyone! My name is Evan Glendinning and I am the Post Adjutant. Our next picnic will be on July 4<sup>th</sup>!!!! I cannot wait! During the Picnic, there will be a silent auction! The silent auction will be raising money for 10 different nonprofits. The 10 nonprofits are Crossroads Elementary, The foodbank on Tidewater Drive, Salvation Army Men Homeless Shelter, The local Red Cross Chapter, Hampton Roads Haven, Eggleston, CHKD (The local children's hospital), Nauticus Museum, Operation Smile and the Fisher House. We do have a lot of different items up for auction. We have a lot of locally made artwork, skydiving (Retail value \$249), multiple gift cards to various local businesses, poker set, rounds of golf at a local golf course, etc. There will be an opportunity for you to donate money to one of the specific organizations or to have your donation evenly split up between all the organizations. If you have an item that you would like to donate to be auctioned off, please contact me. You can e-mail me at [amlq327@yahoo.com](mailto:amlq327@yahoo.com) or you can call/text me at 623-256-3583. I also have a couple projects in the pipeline, if you are interested in getting involved, let me know! I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy!! For God and Country, Evan Glendinning

**SERVICE OFFICER:** In the month of May our service officers spoke with 104 veterans, spent 188 hours, and logged 369 miles. Thank you for all the hard work during you do. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

**CHAPLAIN:** God's strength to all readers. It has been troubling times in our great country, these last few days. However, the Word of God reads, "...He will never leave us..." That is good news, no, that is great news. I have had past co-workers/friends to reach out to me about all that is/has been going on. I thank God for them checking on me. I ask that we all continue to check on family members and friends. Love all of you. For God and Country, Rickey Brown

**LEGION RIDERS:** The American Legion Riders would like to welcome our newest member Keith Palmer! Welcome aboard Keith and we look forward to riding with you! We had our first meeting since the pandemic, and it was very nice to see everyone. We are currently attempting to locate local rides and will ensure the word gets out. The Riders are currently looking for a charity to support. If you have any ideas, please

let us know. We can be reached on Facebook and at [alr327.org](http://alr327.org). For God and Country, "DJ" Rider Director

**ATHLETIC OFFICER:** Greetings to all, I want to follow up with more information regarding Malik Newton. The rising senior at Lake Taylor high school has accepted an invitation to attend the University of Pittsburg on a football scholarship. There could be another Tony Dorset in the making. Being the Redskin's fan am it is not easy writing about a Dallas great. We plan on resuming corn hole night at the post later this month. Keep looking for text or a post on Facebook. Till next month.... For God and Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

**SQUADRON COMMANDER:** Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I hope this finds all well as we shake the old drums of COVID19.

1st Vice Cmdr. **Dave Samson** and I thank all of you SALs and Duals for helping us meet our membership goal for 2020. This being said our new business year is starting in July and we have your 2021 cards available. National has increased the dues so our new rate is only \$5.00 more. Dues for 2021 and hereafter will go up from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per year. This \$5.00 bump will not even be felt. It has been years since we have had an increase anyway. I have been a member for 14 years starting the 2021 membership year and have paid \$25.00 for the last 13 years.

We had our installation of Officers June 8<sup>th</sup>. SAL PNVC **Gower** administered the oaths of office.

The Post will have the "4<sup>th</sup> of July" picnic on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. HOORAY. Traditionally this is our kickoff for membership drive and the opportunity for you to get an "early bird" stamp on your membership card for a free Labor Day feast at the Post.

We have sold all 50 of our CWF aprons but National will inform me in July when a new shipment of 300 aprons are delivered. These are great looking aprons and each \$20.00 goes straight to Children Welfare Fund. Remember unlike a lot of other groups the American Legion charities has no administration fees coming out of donations. This handsome \$20.00 apron puts \$20.00 into CWF. I am going to put up a sign-up list in the Post so that I know how many to order. Hopefully we will be able order 20 more or so and I will distribute them to you when they come in. You can reach me at 757-748-4606 or [fvaccare@yahoo.com](mailto:fvaccare@yahoo.com) to pre-order an apron. My information is also on the 2 info tv monitors in the social quarters at the Post.



**The Sons dinner night will be July 17<sup>th</sup>.** We will be bringing a bit of Italy to you. We will be serving spaghetti in a rich meat sauce along with garlic bread, salad and dessert. Please support the Sons by buying a dinner. Dinners are our main charity fund raiser and we have lost several months of dinners due to the pandemic.

I know that quite a few of you heard about my brother David's passing. I want to inform you that he was given top shelf care at the Hampton VA Medical Center. Despite what you may have heard in the past the VA is doing a lot better in handling our patient Veterans than they have in the past.

I personally want to thank all of you that extended their sympathy, prayers and condolences to me and my family. My brother David was a Vietnam veteran and your comfort honors him and my Father who was in WWII. I thank you again.

The Outreach group will be back in the McDonald House and Fisher House as soon as bans are lifted.

**VAVs/VSO:** I hope that the restrictions will be lifted shortly so that volunteers can get back to helping our Veterans at Hampton VA Medical Center. If you would like to bring in socks, white t-shirts, underwear for men and women I will get them over to the HVAMC. Please remember those that need our prayers. Please help those that are in need.

For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

**ALA PRESIDENT:** Hello everyone. I hope everyone is doing great. We are slowly getting back to "normal" hopefully it will continue. As many know I stepped down this year. I am not going anywhere but it is time for some young blood. I hope everyone supports your new officers. Do not forget membership renewals. I cannot thank everyone enough for all the support you have given all of us, it has been a very fulfilling opportunity and as we all know our Vets and Kids are of utmost importance. To

all the new officers I just want you to know I am proud of all of you for stepping up to the plate. It is not the easiest job in the world, but it is the most fulfilling one you will do. Again, thank you to all my officers. I could not have done it without you. We are not friends only; we are family. I know we all will be there to help the new officer's transition into a great year. For God and Country, Nancy Bell

**INCOMING ALA PRESIDENT:** Hello Unit 327 Auxiliary Members! Welcome to the 2020-2021 Unit 327 Auxiliary year! My Officers and I would like to extend a big "Thank You" to Nancy Bell and all her Officers for all the assistance during the transition. My entire team and I look forward to a great year fostering the mission of serving our Veterans, Military, and their families. We are ready to kick off our membership renewals for the 2021 year at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic. Come out and get your Early Bird Stamp. We will also be available after the 4<sup>th</sup> on Tuesdays and Fridays 5-7 and Saturdays and Sundays 1-4 throughout July to assist with your membership renewal. Our first dinner will be on Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are excited to have Rob, whom many of you will remember from the awesome Girl Scout Dinners, bring his "Awesome" pulled pork and help serve. Menu consists of a Pulled Pork Sandwich with Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, and to top it all off, for dessert Jane is making her "Famous Carrot Cake"! Come out to the Post and say hello and enjoy this wonderful dinner. Our next regular meeting is Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Prior to the meeting, from 6:30-7:00pm, ALA Officers will be available, and we would love to meet you, say hello, and answer questions. We are planning an exciting year with some great events! For God and Country, Crystal Cross

**HONOR GUARDS CORNER.** The Post is open great, and the Guard has already proved funeral honors for our fallen veteran. We all need to thank Col of the Guard Otha Newton for the amazing job he does there would not be an honor guard without his tier less ever. Stay safe Post family.

For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

**CLUBROOM MANAGER:** Hello Everyone! As we move forward into Phase Three (starting July 1st) we will be able to be a little more "normal" with activities ~ starting with the 4th of July picnic!! As you know we have made improvements to our clubroom including new barstools. Our old barstools will be going up for sale. If you are interested in purchasing one or more please let Tony, Byron or myself know. Prices vary depending on age and condition of each barstool. I hope everyone is able to enjoy this summer weather we have been having. Please remember we have resumed our Friday night dinners. Try to come out and support them. Stay safe and remember to wear a face covering when in a public building. For God and Country, Sandra Wright

# July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<i>1</i> 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	<i>2</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>3</i> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Rob's BBQ	<i>4</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">1:00 PM Independence Day Picnic</div>
<i>5</i> No Breakfast	<i>6</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>7</i> 7:00 PM ALA Exec Mtg 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>10</i> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Chicken	<i>11</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
<i>12</i> No Breakfast	<i>13</i> 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>14</i> 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg w/ Post Everlasting 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>15</i> 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	<i>16</i> 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>17</i> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Spaghetti	<i>18</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
<i>19</i> No Breakfast	<i>20</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>21</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>24</i> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Beef Tips	<i>25</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke
<i>26</i> No Breakfast	<i>27</i> 6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">7:00 PM Stress Recovery Support Group</div> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>28</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>31</i> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Pork Chops	