



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Rickey Brown
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Historian: Alex Bascom

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COMMANDER: With warm weather and summer in full swing, hopefully that means a fun and busy time here at the Post! This year's Post Officers have been installed, and are ready to take on this new year, after so many events and Post happenings were shut down last year due to Covid. These events get started on Sunday July 4th from 1pm to 4pm with our annual 4th of July picnic. We will have tables set up for membership so come on out, enjoy some great food, and get your early bird renewal taken care of. Last month we celebrated Flag Day with a very nice ceremony on the Post's front lawn. I hope those that attended enjoyed it. Also, the 2nd District Convention was held at Post 60. Coming up this month is the Department Convention, being held on Saturday July 10th virtually at 10 am. All Post members in good standing can attend these events. For more information, please contact either myself or the Post Adjutant, Evan Glendinning. We've also started up Karaoke again the second and fourth Saturdays during the month. Please come out and

have some fun singing your favorite songs! Also Sunday breakfast will start up again very soon! As for the club room, **please, please, please** let's watch the profanity so everyone can come relax and enjoy themselves. As you can tell there's lots going on and hopefully this will be a wonderful year here at Post 327! For God and Country! Roger Kelly

UPCOMING EVENTS: July 4th Picnic-July 4th from 1-4pm
FIRST VICE COMMANDER: . The 2022 Membership cards are in and are available for "EARLY BIRD" stamp renewal up to Labor Day. If you have renewed and your fob does not work, please let me or the bartender know, you don't need to buy another fob. Anyone that has an **honorable** discharge after Dec 7th, 1941 is able to join the American Legion. **Currently with the NEW MyLegion.org rollout on Apr 1st the system is still not fully functional, I am currently unable to see who has renewed online.** 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 is always greatly appreciated. There will be great food and fun so please come out on the 4th from 1 pm to 4 pm. Don't forget Early Bird renewals on all memberships at the July 4th picnic thru Labor Day. So, bring your family and come out and enjoy at great time with your fellow post members and celebrate the Birthday of our Country we all love. For God and Country. Rick McDonald

ADJUTANT: Hello everyone, July 11th will be our "Education Fair" from 10 AM (1000) to 2 PM (1400). As of today, we will be having about 14 schools coming. It is free to attend. The schools will be here to answer any questions you may have, especially with veteran benefits like your GI Bill. Feel free to bring your spouse and/or your children. Also, please keep track of your volunteer hours and what you did when you volunteered. If you need a volunteer log, please swing by and grab one. These volunteer hours get reported on our yearly Consolidated Post Reports. If you want to, you can regularly turn in your volunteer hours or do it in March. Whatever is more convenient for you. If you would like to get more involved with the Post, please reach out and we can see what we can do! If you have any comments, questions or concerns, feel free to reach out! I hope all is well with everyone. Stay safe! Thank you! For God and Country, Evan Glendinning, Post Adjutant

SERVICE OFFICER: During the 2020-2021 service officer year (May1-April 30) our service officers Spoke with 1760 veterans, spent 3440 hours and logged 11760 miles. I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do. Veterans who were previously denied service connection for an herbicide related presumptive condition, due to lack of in-country Vietnam service will have their claims **automatically** re-adjudicated by VA. The department began re-adjudicating claims in April for Veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War but were denied for one or more herbicide related conditions, on the basis that military service was not performed on the landmass of the Republic of Vietnam or on its inland waterways. The review also applies to eligible survivors of deceased Vietnam-era Veterans. For more info or questions contact your friendly service officers. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: Good morning to all veterans, and their families. This is the month of July, WOW! I have heard someone say: "Time waits, for no one." Our country is opening back up and it's great to hear, and to see. I ask that you continue to be safe. Isaiah 41.13 ...I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. HE's a loving Heavenly Father. love him." For God and Country, Rickey Brown

LEGION RIDERS: The weather is nicer, and your American Legion Riders are racking up the miles in support of veterans! Please visit our Facebook page to stay in the know! We held

elections, so I'd like to thank the officers (and those staying another year) for their efforts since our last election in 2019. I'd also really like to thank the numerous Riders who turned out for the meeting and elected me to stay on as Director. Please congratulate and welcome the new Post 327 ALR officer team for 2021-2022! For God and Country, "DJ" Rider Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, Our Friday night co-ed softball team has completed the spring season. It was good to get back on the after a year off. We plan to have a team in the fall league. If you are interested in playing, see Commander Roger or me. Our Legion baseball team is playing now through mid- July. I will update next month on their progress. Remember CORNHOLE happens every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Registration starts at 6:30, games start at 7. Till next month...For God @ Country, Jeff Evans A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings Legion Family from your Sons: We wish all a safe Independence Day Weekend with your Family and friends. 1st Vice Commander **Dave Samson** says "Well folks, we need 6 more members to meet our 100 % goal. Please help your Squadron attain 100 % or 193 members for the 2021 goal. Membership is the lifeblood of any organization. We are at 96.89 %." Sadly, this membership year, we have lost three Sons who have transitioned to Squadron Everlasting most recently our SAL 10-year member Kenneth Wayne Webber. We held a Squadron Everlasting for the Webber family and friends at the Post June the 11th. July starts the fiscal year for 2022 so we will kick off our 2022 membership during the 4th of July picnic. Remember to sign up early and get your "early bird" stamp on your new 2022 card. The Sons extend a huge Thank You to Legionnaire **Rick Hartman** for smoking our pork Butts on his Traeger Grill and of course we sold out. This is the same delicious BBQ that you have eaten several times at the Post picnics. I want to thank all that came and assisted in the kitchen. Our July dinner (July 16th) will be Italian Spaghetti Dinner Night. We will serve Spaghetti in Meat Sauce with a nice Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert for only an \$8.00 donation to our SAL charity fund. Congratulations to **Our Legion Riders** for their outstanding effort and their hosting of the Legacy Run benefit event. The Sons are making a \$500.00 donation to the Legacy Run. Our installation of Officers for 2022 took place at our June SAL meeting. Past National Vice Commander **Steve Gower** installed the SAL Officers for 2022.

CDCE/VSO: On June 11th Auxiliary Unit President Crystal Cross and I attended a ceremony celebrating the gifting of two I-bot Wheelchairs that were donated to the Spinal Cord Injury wing at HVAMC. Each chair averaged around \$35000.00 as equipped. This technology allows people to climb up and down stairs, elevate themselves to a "standing" position, go 4 wheeling and a myriad of other activities. It was reported that one Veteran elsewhere has used his to go fly fishing with it

actually being in the lake. This chair gives mobility and independence to those Vets suffering from severe spinal injuries.



Here is a You Tube link to see how this I-bot can perform: <https://youtu.be/O7otewMk9pc>. It really is cutting edge technology. Complete with gyroscopes for center of gravity, computerization for control and twin lighter weight lithium battery power packs. I-bots can go 6.5 mph and 17 miles! Other information is that the HVAMC is optimistically awaiting the "green light" to open its doors to volunteers. Please consider becoming a volunteer.

VE&E: This is a new section that will be dealing with the Legion's program called Veterans Employment and Education which also includes sheltering and helping our Homeless Vets. It therefore goes by the acronym VE&E. Squadron #327 and this Post are initiating a VE&E. We are the first SAL VE&E in the State of Virginia. The Post is hosting an Education Fair scheduled for July 11th from 10 am until 2 pm and a scheduled Job Fair August 25th from Noon until 4pm. Congratulate and Thank your Post Adjutant and dual member **Evan Glendinning** when you see him for his enthusiasm and perseverance in putting this all together.

Please keep all of those in duress or who may be suffering from maladies in your prayers. Remember the Buddy program and reach out to those of ours who we have not seen or heard from in a while. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello everyone. Attention ALA Members – July 4-July 11 renew for 2022 at the 2021 rates! During the week of July 4th-11th you can **renew at 2021** rates for Seniors - \$35, Juniors \$9 and Dual members \$18. After the 11th, due will increase to Seniors \$40, Juniors \$10 and Duals to \$26. The ALA will be busy helping at the July 4th Picnic and we look forward to getting back to normal! Please make plans to come out to the picnic and renew your dues, update any addresses and emails and fill out the survey so we can make the ALA better for you, our members! We have a new delivery of our popular ALA T-Shirts in various sizes so if you are interested, please see one of the Officers to get your T-shirt! Our July dinner will be Taco Salads with all the fixings! Our July meeting will be on the 6th, and we hope to see you there! July 11th @ 2pm will be the Department Convention which will be virtual this year and you should receive an email with further information on the call-in information closer to the meeting

day. On July 18th we will be holding a Unit Planning meeting at 3pm-please plan to come out and bring your ideas and what you would like to see for the 2021-2022 ALA year! June brought the end of the 2020-2021 year and Unit 327 had a successful year through the Pandemic. The Unit Officers and Members worked hard this year and were able to continue the mission of the ALA. Thank you to everyone that supported the ALA during the Pandemic! I would like to thank all our Officers for their hard work over the last year! Thanks to Vice President Yvonne for all the hard work with Membership, which was most difficult this year with the Pandemic, and with that dedication, Unit 327 exceeded our goal and made 103% membership. Thanks to Treasurer Jan for keeping the finances up to date and all the time spent running to the bank, working spreadsheets, and keeping the accounts accurate! Thanks to Chaplain Marcia for all the cards sent this year and all the support to our members. Thanks to Secretary Ashley for keeping the minutes and reports! Thanks to Historian Jane for all the help with the dinners and your tireless energy! Thanks to Sgt. At Arms Ashley for your support this year and for bringing us the Healing Field. And a special thanks to our Executive Committee Anne, Brenda, and Heather for all the help and support in fulfilling our ALA mission! And thanks to everyone that helped the ALA over the last year including all our Guest Chefs and all the volunteers that helped with all the events this year-you made the year a success! And a Big Thanks to all of our members who make it all possible! Also, a special thanks to the Post and Sons for your support! We had a great June dinner and thanks to Jane and Karen for the great ziti and dessert! Thanks to Fred, Sons Squadron Commander for including the ALA in the visit to VAMC Hampton for the Ibot Chair Demo/Donation to the Spinal Unit. Thanks to the ALA members that came out to support the Flag Day Ceremony and to all that volunteered with the events at the Post for the Riders Legacy Scholarship Run!

For God and Country, Crystal Cross

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: Hello again from the Honor Guard, it's hard to believe we already in July but we are. The Guard will be posting the colors at the 4ths picnic; however, we have a sad duty first. Jesse Walker, (Sargent Major) one of ours on has gone to Post Everlasting. We will stand casket watch at the viewing and be the firing detail. We the Guard will miss him For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello Everyone! Congratulations to all the newly elected officers for the Post, ALA, and SALs. The COVID restrictions are behind us now and we are slowly but surely getting back to normal. Our Thursday lunches are doing very well, Friday night dinners are also doing well. If you haven't come in for any these meals you are missing out. Karaoke is back the 2nd and 4th Saturdays so come on in and Ricky will play your song for you. Hope to see you at the Post!! For God and Country, Sandra Wright

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<i>1</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - BLT 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>2</i> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Taco Salad	<i>3</i> Kitchen Open - 5:30 pm til ?
<i>4</i> 1:00 PM -4:00 PM Independence Day Picnic HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY	<i>5</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>6</i> 7:00 PM ALA Exec Mtg 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>7</i> 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	<i>8</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Club Sub 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>9</i> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Pork Loin	<i>10</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Mu Beta Phi Fraternity 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still Kitchen Open - 5:30 pm til ?
<i>11</i> Kitchen Open - 4 pm til ?	<i>12</i> 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>13</i> 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>14</i> 7:00 PM Corn Hole	<i>15</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Taco Casserole 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>16</i> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Italian Spaghetti	<i>17</i> Kitchen Open - 5:30 pm til ?
<i>18</i> Kitchen Open - 4 pm til ?	<i>19</i> 7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>20</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>21</i> 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	<i>22</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Ham Salad Sliders 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>23</i> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Italian Subs	<i>24</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still Kitchen Open - 5:30 pm til ?
<i>25</i> Kitchen Open - 4 pm til ?	<i>26</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>27</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>28</i> 7:00 PM Corn Hole	<i>29</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Pasta Bowl 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>30</i> 6:00 PM Dinner - Chese Ravioli w/meat sauce	<i>31</i> Kitchen Open - 5:30 pm til ?