



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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Commander: Roger Kelly
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2nd VCDR: Rick McDonald
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Adjutant: Evan Glendinning
Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Keith Palmer
Sgt-at-Arms: Linda Blaker
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

Ashley Wehrle
Tim Gonyea
Michael McCann
Michael Encalade

LEGION RIDERS

Director: (DJ) Derrick Johnson
Asst Dir: Keith Palmer
Adjutant: TBD
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley
Chaplain: Mike Moranha
Sgt-at-Arms: Vacant
Road Captain: Keith McCauley

Exec Board

Al R. Gnome

SAL SQUADRON

CDR: Fred Vaccarella
1st VCDR: Dave Samson / Wayne Turner
2nd VCDR David "Benski" Vernon
Adjutant: James Doty Jr
Treasurer: Jeff Evans
Chaplain: Rocky English / Frank White
1st Sgt-at-Arms: Mike Schmidt
Historian: Evan Glendinning
Historian: Dan Schmidt

Exec Board

Steve Gower
Milo Cross
Kenneth O'Bryan

AUXILIARY

President: Mary Taggart
Vice President: Helen Lynum
Secretary: Jeanne Hartman
Treasurer: LaQuetta Joe
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers
Sgt-at-Arms: Patty Hibner
Historian: Jane Evans

Exec Board

Karen Stull
Jan Dumstorff
Crystal Cross

COMMANDER: Greetings! We welcome the summer weather and a new fiscal year for the American Legion. What a year we had last year! The Post really stepped up and made this past year great! Over 150 new members! All the charities and Veterans and Children's organizations we were able to help! No words can really show how much pride I have being able to say that I'm Commander of Post 327! What a wonderful Legion Family we have, and I can't wait to see what we can accomplish this year! Congratulations to all newly elected Post, Sons, and Auxiliary officers! I'm looking forward to us all working together and make this year even better and more productive! Let's make sure to show them our support in every way possible!

Just a reminder that we have multiple ways to keep up with the goings on here at Post 327. We have the Monthly Newsletter, our Facebook page, Instagram, and the scrolling TV board in the Club Room. There is also an iPad by the ATM where you can sign up to receive text messages about lunches, kitchen specials, and all other events happening at the Post. Keep track of all of your volunteer hours and turn them in to our Adjutant! Every little bit helps! July 13th - July 17th is the Department of Virginia Convention at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport. All members are encouraged and invited to attend. For God and Country, Roger Kelly

UPCOMING EVENTS: Independence Day Picnic July 4th 1 – 4 pm, Dept Convention in Herndon VA July 13th-17th, Blood Drive Jul 20th 1-6 pm, Tom McNabb July 30th @ 7:30 pm.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: Congratulations to all Members of Post 327 for working on recruiting new Members and all that have renewed we have exceeded the goal and are currently at 970 Members, 112% of our goal for 2022. **We were notified by Department that National is delayed in sending out the 2023 Membership cards so we may not have them yet by the July 4th picnic.** You may use MyLegion.org to renew your Membership online. Anyone that has an **honorable** discharge after Dec 7th, 1941, is able join. For God and Country, Byron Pinalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: Fourth of July picnic will be held from on Monday July 4th from 1300 to 1600. We will be serving burgers, hotdogs, BBQ chicken and beef brisket. As well as potato and mac salad, various delicious desserts. Drawings for various prizes and gifts. Looking for volunteers as well, please contact me at 757-752-6680. Thanks! For God and Country, Rick McDonald

ADJUTANT: No input. For God and Country, Evan Glendinning Post Adjutant

SERVICE OFFICER: During the Month of May service officers spoke with 167 veterans, spent 209 hours and logged 484 miles. I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: No input, For God and Country, Keith Palmer

LEGION RIDERS: Greetings!! The Riders are gearing up for the 2022 Legacy Run! This is a 3 day ride and headed West this year!

We have also raised the most funds in Virginia (so far) for the American Legion Hope Pony Express. All active Riders have earned their Pony Express pins!! Congratulations to our new Officers!! "Ditch" (Keith McCauley) is now our new Road Captain and "Klutch" (Keith Palmer) is the new Assistant Director! We currently have a vacancy for Secretary.

For God and Country, Derrick "DJ" Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, We had the opportunity once again to host the year end celebration for the OV Challenger baseball teams. Trophies, hamburgers and hot dogs made for some big smiles. It really warms your heart to see so much excitement. Shout out and Thanks to Flip Flop, Bob, Mark, Commander Roger, Jane and Debbie. Our traveling softball team wants to thank those that came out for dinner last month. They are supporting us in appreciation of our support. Have a safe and enjoyable summer. Till next month...For God & Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greeting to our Legion Family and Friends. Here's wishing all a happy 4th of July. Wow June was a busy month for the Sons! First, we want to thank Legionnaire and Vietnam veteran **Rick Hartman** for smoking 30 lbs. of BBQ pork butts on his Traeger. **Rick**, we owe you a bag of pellets and express our gratitude for your time and labor.

We had the honor of serving the Post Legion Bowlers these butts along with chicken and a nice array of sides and desserts at their banquet. After that Chef **Benski** (Yes, our new SAL 2nd Vice Commander) served up his Southern Style Meatloaf dinner on our Friday night dinner. Then this dinner was sweetened because of **Maureen White's** Gooey Decadent Double Chocolate Brownies for dessert. A personal special thanks to Frank White for washing all the dishes, pots and pans. Always we appreciate the help from our ALA members, particularly **Jane Evans** and **Debbie Norton** who again served and packaged up take outs.

The next day, Saturday the SAL grilled under the pavilion for our Challenger baseball team's awards cookout. Once Commander **Roger Kelly** taught me how to turn on the grill the burgers and dogs started flipping and rolling. We had Legionnaires **Bob DeChamplain** and **Mark Dumstorff** separating plastic from cheese for the cheeseburgers.

1st Vice Commanders **Dave Samson** and **Wayne Turner** want your help. They state that we need 11 more renewals to hit our 2022 goal. **Dave** and **Wayne** remind you 2022 card holders that our 2023 member cards will be available at our membership drive kickoff

for 2023 at the 4th of July picnic.

Here is a side note for those who may not know. Yes, membership cards are by calendar date, January through December, but our fiscal year like other organizations starts in July and ends the following June. That is why we have early bird renewals. To me it's easier to pay dues in July than to pay dues right after Christmas and that expense. Also, **Dave** and **Wayne** say to ask how to process your renewals yourself online at legion.org.

2nd Vice Commander **Benski** invites you to his SAL dinner night July 15th. **Benski** will be serving Boneless Loin Pork Chops, Roasted Potatoes O'Brien (no relation to SAL Exec. Officer **Kenny O'Bryan**), Green Beans Almondine with a roll and Dessert. I guarantee your tummy will thank you for this lip-smackin' dinner. Where else can you get a better tasting home style cooked dinner than from **Benski's** kitchen?

I want to brag about and congratulate **Evan Glendinning**. Your Post adjutant and Squadron Historian has accepted his appointment as Detachment (State) Chair for VE&E that he has been asked to chair by our incoming Detachment (State) Commander **Dave Boggs**. This will be **Evan's** second year chairing VE&E at state level.

VAVS/CDCE: Hampton VA Medical Center still needs hygiene, personal care items, socks, underwear, t-shirts, etc. The ALA has a needs list posted in their marquee at the Post entrance.

There is no news about future stand downs or activities. The Post, when possible, will be providing Tides baseball tickets to the VA for patients who may want to attend a few games.

VE&E: HVAMC has been supplying VE&E, headed up at squadron level by **Evan**, with quality employment leads catering to Veterans with Veteran friendly businesses in the Tidewater area. There is no future date set for either Job fairs or education fairs at this time at our Post.

Please keep all our ill and shut-in relatives, members, neighbors and friends in your prayers. Remember to employ the "Buddy Check" ideal initiated by National Commander **Dillard**. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello July! As the new President of Unit 327, I would like to thank all the outgoing officers and executive board members for the excellent job that they have done this past year. Congratulations to all the incoming officers and executive board members. I'm looking forward to a very successful year. Thank you to all the Legion Family volunteers that have supported the Auxiliary past and will support us in the future.

Just a few announcements this month.

July's dinner on the 1st will be chips, salsa, and white sauce, 2 tacos, Mexican rice, Mexican corn and fried ice cream. Come out and join us for a delicious pre-4th dinner. **Dues are due for the 2023 year starting July 1st. The unit will be having an Early Bird special of \$35.00 during the 4th of July picnic only this year.** The Unit sent 5 care packages to our deployed Legion Family members on the USS Kearsarge. They have been received and they are truly appreciated. Thank you to all of you that made these care package possible. Unit 327 hosted a very successful 1st and 2nd District meeting on June 4th. Unit members Crystal Cross, District President and Teresa Clay, District Chaplain were reelected. Congratulations Ladies. Please think about attending our monthly meeting on the 5th at 7:30pm. For God and Country, Mary Taggart

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: Can't believe it's already July even so the Honor Guard is looking forward to seeing everyone at the 4th of July picnic. Remember it's summer so stay hydrated. For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello everyone! Well, summer is officially here and that means a lot of outside activities so please watch for children playing or riding bikes, also watch out for people on their motorcycle. Our kitchen is open every day of the week now so take time to stop by and see what is being offered. Please refer to the newsletter calendar for all dinners, lunches and upcoming entertainment and events. Hope you are enjoying your summer. Stay safe. Hope to see you at the Post. For God and Country, Sandi Wright

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<i>1</i> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Taco Dinner	<i>2</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open
<i>3</i> Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">NO BREAKFAST</div>	<i>4</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1:00 PM -4:00 PM INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC</div>	<i>5</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM ALA Exec Mtg 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg	<i>6</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	<i>7</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Fish Sandwich 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>8</i> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Meatloaf	<i>9</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
<i>10</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ?	<i>11</i> 1:00 PM -4:00 PM Hot Dog Special 6:00 PM til ? Kitchen Open 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg	<i>12</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg	<i>13</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>14</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Meatball Sub 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	<i>15</i> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Boneless Loin Pork Chops	<i>16</i> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
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