



The Legionnaire

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Adjutant: Gene Niedholdt
Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Eric Isaksen
Chaplain: J. J. Willis
Sgt-at-Arms: Bob DeChamplain
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

Ken Nobles
Tim Gonyea
Brian Bell

LEGION RIDERS

Director: Keith DeLucenay
Ass't Dir: Paul Murch
Adjutant: Shane Kelly
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Paul Murch
Chaplain: Paul Murch
Sgt-at-Arms: James Kern
Road Captains:

Exec Board

Josh Goughneur
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
Sgt-at-Arms: Mike Atkinson
Historian: Dan Schmidt

Exec Board

Steve Gower
Cliff Carney
Kenneth O'Bryan

AUXILIARY

President: Nancy Bell
Vice President: Jean Lewis
Secretary: Lee Forest
Treasurer: Bonnie Kleinfelter
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers
Sgt-at-Arms: Pat Hatke
Historian: Sharon Bukowski

Exec Board

Stacey Hempfer
Norma Ryan
Linda Byrd

COMMANDER: Your next Post Meeting will be held July 11 @ 7:30 pm. Please try to attend. Remember July 4th will start our membership drive for 2018. There will be representatives from the entire Legion family to take your dues. Let's all try to get a good jump on membership for next year. Lloyd Cutright won the drawing for a free membership for 2018. Members who attend meetings have their names entered in a drawing held at the end of the year. Lloyd attended A LOT of meeting so his name was entered numerous times. We look forward to seeing everyone at the July 4th picnic. CONGRATULATIONS to Gene Niedholdt our 2017 Legionnaire of the Year!! For God and Country, Tony Moore.

Upcoming Events: Department Convention July 14-17; 4th of July picnic on Tuesday July 4.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: Currently we are at just

over 946 new & renewals for 2017. If your membership card does not have 2017 on it your membership has lapsed so make sure to renew to keep the continuous years going. You may renew your 2018 membership starting July 1st 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. Renewal online at the above website address is for Post members only.

This month we will be starting to take renewals for 2018. The Membership representatives for the Post, Auxiliary and the Son's will have a table set up for 2018 renewals at the July 4th picnic. Renew between July 1st and the Labor Day picnic to receive your Early Bird stamp and you can eat for free at the Labor Day picnic. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: Thank you to all the volunteers for the Memorial Day picnic. For God and Country, Duff Kleinfelter.

SERVICE OFFICER: In the month of May we submitted 78 claims, we talked to 158 people about VA benefits, we logged more than 256 hours, and we drove more than 637 miles. I am excited to announce that we have a third Accredited Service Officer. Congratulations Anne Starke. A volunteer has come forward to assist with our Temporary Financial Assistance program; however, we could still use a volunteer to help out. Anne Starke and I will be attending Department Service Officer school in Indianapolis July 26-30. I am extremely proud of all our volunteer service officers and the work we are doing to help others get the benefits they have earned. We have handicapped equipment here at the post if any of you know anyone who could use walker, crutches, commode seat, etc. For God and Country, Eric Isaksen.

CHAPLAIN: No input.

LEGION RIDERS: Our officers for this year has stayed the same with only one change. Paul Murch will also be the Safety Officer. We have some new members and are looking forward to having them ride with us and others to join. A small group of us made it to Rolling Thunder this year and rode in a group of about 325 American Legion Riders to the staging area. On the way we were joined by over a thousand bikes as the Fairfax Police escorted us through their streets lined with people waving and cheering us on and that was just the ride to Rolling Thunder. We have done several charity runs and have plans for several this summer. For God and Country, Keith (Cowboy) DeLucenay

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Our co-ed softball team is headed to the playoffs once again. They sit at 12-2 on the season with only one more Friday night double hitter to play. The play offs are scheduled for 7 July at Northside park. There are 6 teams in the tournament, games to start at 6:30. Come cheer your team as they go for another city championship. Our legion baseball team also sits in first place, with a record of 4-0. I will have updates on both teams next month. Look for date and time for

bowling meeting in next month's article, till then...
For God and Country, Jeff Evans

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings Fellow Legion Family Members. June 12 our newly elected officers were installed by the honorable Willie Morgan current Detachment vice commander and State Cmdr elect for the Sons. June 6th, we had our Sons pulled BBQ dinner and we sold out of 40 lbs. of BBQ by 6:45! June 16th the Sons donated to the Girl Scouts to help them reach their goal. We support our young ladies and thank them from the bottom of our hearts for all they do with the Post and their selfless devotion and help given to our vets in the Hampton Medical Center. July 13-16 Steve, Jeff and I will be at the Department convention. July 21 is the Sons dinner and we are having our famous meatball and cheese subs with fries, dill pickle and dessert. Our membership as of this input is at 83.5%. 1st Vice Cmdr Dave Samson and myself urge all to help us get our 100% goal.
For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello Ladies. Well the summer is in full swing and so is the heat. Our dinner for July 7th will be ham, potato salad, baked beans, corn bread and dessert. I hope you will come out and enjoyed the July 4th picnic. Don't forget to get your early bird stamp on your 2018 cards. Hopefully we will have them for the picnic if not soon afterwards. Don't forget the picnic is actually on that day. Please bring a food donation to help out. All our projects are still ongoing-crocheting, coupons and box tops. Let me know if there is any way you would like to help us out. For God and Country, Nancy Bell.

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?

EDITOR: The Post recently sponsored a Hero Dog who is currently in-service animal training to eventually be paired with a veteran. If you shop on amazon, please go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and select Hero Dog-5% of qualifying purchases will be donated to the Hero Dogs for Heroes program.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <i>2</i> No Breakfast | <i>3</i> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post | <i>4</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 1:00 PM -5:00 PM Independence Day Picnic </div> ALA Regular Mtg - To be Announced | <i>5</i> 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327 | <i>6</i> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post | <i>7</i> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Ham | <i>8</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open |
| <i>9</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - Girl Scouts | <i>10</i> 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post | <i>11</i> 7:00 PM Post 327 Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post 327 Reg Mtg 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post | <i>12</i> 6:30 PM ALA Social & Crafts | <i>13</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 7:00 PM Outside Volunteer Mtg </div> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Department Conv @ Hilton Dulles </div> | <i>14</i> 6:00 PM Girl Scout Dinner - Pulled Pork | <i>15</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open |
| <i>16</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Department Conv </div> | <i>17</i> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post | <i>18</i> 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post | <i>19</i> 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg | <i>20</i> 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post | <i>21</i> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Meat Ball & Cheese Subs | <i>22</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open |
| <i>23</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA | <i>24</i> 6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post | <i>25</i> 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post | <i>26</i> (Empty) | <i>27</i> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-5 PM Service Office at Post | <i>28</i> Kitchen Open | <i>29</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike 6-10 PM - Kitchen Open |
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