



The Legionnaire

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1st VCDR: Byron Pianalto
2nd VCDR: Eugene Kleinfelter
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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
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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: Elections were held in May for the Entire Legion family. Congratulations to the incoming officers for 2018-2019. With summer coming on and clean-up projects, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities available. Either around the Post or assisting the elderly in our neighborhood. Summer darts started May 10th. We usually need substitute players during the summer, members on vacation etc. Remember anyone can play. Start time is 7:15 pm on Thursdays. I would also like to thank Jeff Evans and Fred Vaccarella for their commitment to continue as athletic and VA Reps. **NOTE:** The Post will hold the Installation of New Officers on June 26th @7:00 pm. Everyone is both welcome and encouraged to attend. For God and Country, Tony Moore

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: Currently we are at just over 885 new or renewed members for 2018. You may

renew your 2018 membership 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. Starting July 1st, you will no longer be able to renew for 2018 online. Any renewals online after July 1st will be for 2019. We will have the 2019 Membership cards at the July 4th picnic, renew early and get your EARLY BIRD stamp and eat at the Labor Day Picnic for free. Renewal online at the above website address is for Post members only. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

Upcoming Events: Legion Bowling League Banquet – June 2nd @ 6 PM; 2nd District Convention @ Post 327 @ 1 PM; Outside Volunteer Mtg June 14th @7 PM; Stress Recovery Support Group June 25th @ 7 PM; Installation of Officers June 26th @ 7 PM.

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: The picnic was a great success. I want to send out a special thank you to Nancy Bell and my wife and all the lady auxiliaries for all their support and let me not forget the sons for their grilling abilities for the last 5 years your tireless support will never be forgotten and for every one that has helped me over the years to many names to put out. THANK YOU. For God and country, Eugene 'Duff' Kleinfelter

SERVICE OFFICER: In the month of April, 7 Service Officers reported that 3 Intents to File Claim were submitted, 49 New Claims were submitted and spoke to 195 Veterans or active duty with advice on how to proceed with their claims. A total of 325 hours was logged and a total of 1,012 miles were driven. Rickey Brown and Anne Starke attended a seminar and training session for the United Way/ Mission United – UNITEUS. We have completed a license agreement with them to participate in a program to bring many organizations together to assist our Veterans. We will be able to communicate with the other organizations through a website created by Mission United/United Way. This will bring us many opportunities to aid Veterans without duplicating the services already completed by another organization. We will also be able to send information for those Veterans we cannot assist. Assistance may consist of housing, food assistance, legal aid, rent and utilities, child assist, etc. We expect that this will be a very valuable tool as we promote our "Service Not Self" agenda. Please continue to report any problems you are having at the VAMC in Hampton. If issues are not reported, they will never be solved. If you, or someone you know, is in need, see one of our Service Officers. For God and Country, Eric Isaksen

CHAPLAIN: It's hard to believe - the year is almost half over. Ask yourself, what have I done for my fellow Legionnaires this year? We are all in this together. Look around you. There is surely someone who needs help - they may not ask, due to pride, or another reason, but if you can help, do so, even if it has to be anonymous. God will see it. For God and Country, J J Willis.

LEGION RIDERS: Greeting Legionnaires, The riders have been active this past month. We participated on various Rides including Honor Guard, escorting WWII veterans from Virginia Beach to Washington D.C. to tour Washington D.C. Riding for Cancer Poker run benefitting Cancer patients. We rode

with the VFW Riders of Virginia Four Seasons Poker Run benefiting local veterans. A few are heading up to Washington D.C for Rolling Thunder showing support for the POW/MIA service members still missing from past wars and conflicts. The weather has been getting better, keep the rubber on the road. God Bless. For God and Country, Keith (Cowboy) Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, Our James P. Norton memorial golf tournament was very successful. Two senior varsity baseball players from Norfolk's public high schools will receive a scholarship in his name. This year's outing would not have been as successful without Jenn York and our sponsors. Jenn was our organizer and had the lead for this large event. I want to thank Jet Services [owned by Tony and Judy Watkins] for being our major sponsor. Also, a shout out to Post 327 for their contribution. The group sold 18 hole sponsors as well. I did not scratch the surface thanking volunteers but know all that helped were greatly appreciated. Our Friday night softball team is steady as always, with a record of 7 wins 0 losses and 1 tie. American Legion baseball starts on 5 June and goes through July. I will have updates next month, till then... For God and Country, Jeff Evans Post A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Warm wishes to the Legion Family and Friends. Summer 2018 is upon us! The Summer Solstice is June 21st which is the first day of summer. The Sons election of officers for 2018-2019 was held May 14th and here are the results:
Cmdr. - Fred Vaccarella
1st V/Cmdr. - Dave Samson
2nd V/Cmdr. - Mike Schmidt
Adjutant - James Doty
Finance Officer - Jeff Evans
1st Sgt.-at- Arms - Mike Atkinson
2nd Sgt.-at- Arms - Wayne Turner
Historian - Dan Schmidt
Chaplain- Rocky English
The following are the appointed Executive Officers: Cliff Carney, Kenny O'Bryan, Steve Gower.
We had a very good turnout for our election night meeting. Thanks to all who attended. The Sons also wish to congratulate the elected officers for the Legion, Auxiliary and Riders. The Sons remain committed and will continue to fully support our Post and Legion Family. We endeavor to bring honor and pride to our Veterans and to

our community by our involvement in the Legion programs. An example of the Sons community support was May 19th, Armed Forces Day, when a group of us Sons travelled to Nags Head. We were invited to the 3rd Annual OBX Shred Fest Event which is held to honor our WWII, Korean and Viet Nam Veterans. The Squadron donated \$500.00 and is now one of the official sponsors for this annual event. You will also be proud to hear that a check for \$7800.00 was presented by Mr. Steve Gower on the American Legion National stage in Indianapolis for Operation Comfort Warrior (OCW). Squadron # 327 has been officially recognized on the American Legion National website hereby bringing honor to our Post. We applaud 1st Cmdr. Dave Samson. Dave steadfastly led the membership drive and the Sons attained 101 % of our membership goal. Thank all of you for supporting Uncle Jeff's Steak & Cheese Sub dinner night in May. **WE SOLD OUT!!**

Now get this!!!Our member Mr. Wayne Webber volunteered to completely chef the Sons' dinner which will be June 15th. Wayne is making homemade meat sauce for spaghetti along with a fresh garden salad with choice of dressing with bread and a delightful dessert to please the palate. Wayne anticipates a crowd of around 50 diners, so I'd make sure I was here early to get a seat. I did research and learned that Wayne is highly lauded for his culinary talent.

VANR/VSO HVAMC: Anne Stark, Dave Seate, Cliff Carney and I attended the Hampton VA Medical Center's Country Fair held May 10th and manned our booth. It was a delightful day and the patient Vets enjoyed their day out on the campus while they played games and won prizes at the various booths. The food was delicious, and a gorgeous day enjoyed by both patient Vets and us volunteers. In closing I just want to mention the fact that the Sons are on Face Book so check us out at "**Sons of the American Legion Squadron #327 Tidewater Norfolk Virginia**" and "**like**" us. The Sons also have their own email address: salsq327@gmail.com .So feel free to contact us or to share this address.

Keep those of us who are ill or having troubling times in our prayers. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello Ladies. Well everyone this will be my last newsletter input. I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed serving you as your Auxiliary President all these years. All of you have a special place in my heart. For all of you that have worked with me supported everything we have done and tried to do a **GREAT BIG GIANT THANK YOU!** I have loved what I have done and loved everyone of you. I am not going anywhere, I will still be around but as of July 1st a new group of elected officers will be in place. Congratulations to your new President Collene Gravitt; Vice President Cheryl Loyko; Secretary Rebecca Smith; Treasurer Kayla Slomsky; Chaplain Marcia Brothers; Historian Jody Bowens; Exec Board – Sherry Jandle Jeannie Ryan and Sharon Bukowski. To all my officers and those that volunteered to help with all our meals and projects thank you. I could not have done it without you and to Bull Franklin and Duff Kleinfelter who helped us with our Breakfasts thank you. Thank you to the Post and Sons & Riders Thank you so much. Thank you to Sandy Wright for always listening to me with all my crazy ideas and supporting all of them. If I have forgotten anyone I am sorry this is a hard letter to write. Most importantly I want to thank my husband Brian for always being there for me, never questioning me on a (job). I love you so much and always being by my side for everything. Back to business our last dinner for my group will be on June 1st @ 6:00 pm DeDees homemade Spaghetti sauce and all the fixings. We are still striving to reach 100% membership, keep sending them in. One last thank you is to all my crocheters Thank you. This project will still be going on so I will be available for yarn and projects to be turned in.
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?

From the Guards Corner: No input. For God and Country Otha & Gene

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2019 Membership cards will be available at the 4th of July Picnic. Renew early and get your EARLY BIRD stamp and avoid the rush.</p>					<p>1</p> <p>6:00 PM Auxiliary Dinner - DeDees Home made Spaghetti</p>	<p>2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">6:00 PM Bowling Banquet</div> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell Kitchen Open</p>
<p>3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">1:00 PM 2nd District Convention @ Post 327</div> <p>No Breakfast</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30 PM Summer Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen Open</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 PM Girl Scout Dinner - Pork Tenderloin Sandwich</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike Kitchen Open</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast - Girl Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 PM Post 327 Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post 327 Reg Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 PM ALA Social & Crafts</p>	<p>14</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">7:00 PM Outside Volunteer Mtg</div> <p>7:30 PM Summer Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen Open</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00 PM SALs Dinner - Wayne Weber's Spaghetti</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell Kitchen Open</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg</div> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 7:30 PM Summer Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen Open</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Kitchen Open Menu +</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell Kitchen Open</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">7:00 PM Stress Recovery Support Group</div> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>26</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">7:00 PM Installation of Officers</div> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:30 PM Summer Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen Open</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Dinner @ 6 Show @ 7:30 PM Power House Party</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell Kitchen Open</p>