



The Legionnaire

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Service Officer: Eric Isaksen
Chaplain: J. J. Willis
Sgt-at-Arms: Bob DeChamplain
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

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Chaplain: Paul Murch
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Sgt-at-Arms: Theresa Gustafson
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COMMANDER: May was a very busy month. With Memorial Day behind us, Summer is here. Lots of traffic and tourist headed our way. Another thing coming our way is the 2nd District Convention. The Convention will take place right here at Post 327 on June 2nd. All Legion members are welcome and encouraged to attend. No travel, no overnight stay. Just come to the post for a couple of hours. I'm happy to announce that one of our members has come forward and volunteered to serve as Children and Youth Chairman. Duane Yuhas will take on this important job. Should he need help, please assist him any way you can. Next meeting, Tuesday 6-11-19. Hope to see you there. For God and Country, Tony Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS: Bowling Banquet June 1st @ 6PM; Second District Convention June 2nd @ Post327 1PM; PowerHouse – Minute to Win It games June 8th @

@ 7 PM; Dustin Furlow June 21st @ 6:30PM; Stress Recovery Support Group June 24 @ 7 PM.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We have achieved our 100% goal; I would like to thank everyone for the push to make our goal. You can renew your 2019 membership until June 30th, starting on July 1st you will be able to renew for 2020 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, 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. We, (Post, SAL & Auxiliary), will also be doing Membership renewal for 2020 at the July 4th picnic. Renewal online at the above website address is for Post members only. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: Thank you to everyone that came out to the Memorial Day Picnic. It was a great time and I appreciate all the volunteers that helped. I'd like to also thank everyone for their support over the last year. We have had some great picnics and a fantastic New Year's Eve Party. I have truly enjoyed my time as 2nd Vice and working with all the wonderful volunteers that make it all possible. For God and Country, Milo Cross

ADJUTANT: The post would like to thank everyone who has volunteered for the year of 2018-2019! You are appreciated for all your hard work! Thank you everyone who helped for the Memorial Day Picnic! If you volunteered, please log your hours! Once again thank you for your assistance in supporting our veterans and their families. . For God and Country, Sammi Louis.

SERVICE OFFICER: I am stepping down as Post Service Officer after six years. I will still be a service officer, and I will still work my usual schedule, but I am taking a break from the administrative and the political aspects of the job. I thank everyone for all the support that I have received, which has enabled me to grow the Service Officer program here at Post 327 to what it is now. I look forward to continuing to help veterans and their families. I congratulate Bob DeChamplain in his new position as Post Service Officer. I am sure that you all will give him the same support that you gave me, and I am sure that he will do good things with the Service Officer Program. For God & Country, Eric Isaksen

CHAPLAIN: Greetings, fellow Legionnaires. This is my final input to the newsletter. I thank each and every one that has supported me as Chaplain and wish you and the American Legion well. For God and Country, J. J. Willis

LEGION RIDERS: No input. For God and Country, Keith (Cowboy) Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, I want to congratulate our State championship Jr. Shooting Sports team. They represent Norview High NJROTC program and are proudly sponsored by Post 327. This group just finished their first year of competition and couldn't have had a better season. Hat's off to coach Grant Lewis [327]. Our co-ed softball team is currently standing at 1 win and 3 losses. American legion baseball will start in mid-June, I'll post a schedule once it is finalized. Till next month... For God and Country, Jeff Evans, AO 327

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Salutations and Good Health to Our American Legion Family and Friends: First of all, the Sons congratulate all the newly elected officers in the Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Riders groups. We held our SAL elections on the 13th of May and all of our previous SAL officers were re-elected. We also were honored to have our current SAL National Vice Commander **Steve Gower** in attendance because he installed all of us after our elections. May was a very active month. May 3rd to 5th found NVC **Gower**, PNVC **Evans** and I in Indianapolis for the NEC Meeting and the NMI training school. Somehow, I passed NMI 1. Somebody had to have been bribed. Unfortunately, we had to leave **Jeff Evans** behind as he was put into the Methodist Hospital. Thank goodness for modern medical technology because of that and all the prayers **Jeff** is back home and recovering quickly. The **Evans** family cannot express their gratitude enough because of all the support and prayers they received during this trying time. Our dinner night went exceptionally well considering the fact that we were also competing with other events namely the Greek Festival and the Chesapeake Jubilee. Thank all of you that help support the Sons. May 18th the Sons travelled to OBX and attended the 4th Annual Dare2care Shred Fest which was happened to be Armed Forces Day weekend. The SAL go there to help this tight knit community honor their Veterans. Last year we had 4 WWII Vets and 2 Korean Vets. This year only 2 WWII Vets were able to attend. That being said there are a lot of Vietnam Vets that come to this event. We also show support for the special needs people that are also honored. We passed out specially packed OCW bags to these Vets. These bags had information regarding the American Legion emphasizing the programs that are available to veterans of all eras. We also promote Operation Comfort Warrior (OCW). May 25th the Sons joined in with an event sponsored by the City of Norfolk. We went to Elmwood Cemetery on Princess Anne Road. This cemetery was established in 1853. We placed flags on 110 Veteran's gravesites honoring them for Memorial Day. Of course the Sons grilled out for our Legion members on the 26th for the Post Memorial Day picnic. The next day the 27th Legionnaires, 2nd District Color Guard and the Sons marched in the Portsmouth City Memorial Day parade which is the oldest continuous running parade in America. We wish to thank all of the Sons for renewing and also those new members that helped us reach 107 % membership. Great job is in order for 1st Vice Cmdr. **Dave Samson** for this achievement.

Now after years of hard negotiation, haranguing and arm twisting we have talked SAL **Tommy Turner** into volunteering to prepare dinner for the Sons dinner night June 21st. **Tommy** is going to cook his Luscious Liver and Onion dinner with all the Sides. **Tommy** will also prepare his Delicious Country Fried Steak for those that want to pass on the liver. When **Tommy** does this dinner once a year it is an outstanding event. **Tommy is truly a culinary prodigy!!!!**

VAVS & VANR:

The HVAMC is pretty quiet right now as they are busy finding a new Director and also hiring new key personnel. We did attend and have a prize booth at the VA Country Fair Day. This is a great occasion to volunteer your time for a few hours just once a year to join in and help run our Post booth. We have a ring toss game and all the patients that participate win a prize. There is also fried chicken and fish dinners.

Keep all our Legion family that are ailing or suffering from issues in our prayers. That's part of why we belong to the Nation's largest Military volunteer service organization. 100 years old this year!

For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: They say, "Time flies when you're having fun." Well that has certainly been the case this past year. The Officers and I would like to thank all of you for the support and assistance we have received throughout this year. I can't say Thank You enough to all the volunteers that helped make this year a success. There are too many to name individually but please know we couldn't have done it without ALL of YOU. I do have to send a special thanks to our 2 breakfast chefs, Jon Smith and John Neault. We would have never survived breakfast without both of you. Thank you, Commander Tony Moore and Club Manager Sandy Wright for supporting our Auxiliary and not shaking your head "No"

at most of my crazy ideas. Congratulations to Nancy Bell and all of her incoming officers. We wish you all continued success. Installation of Officers will be at our June 4th meeting. Meeting begins at 7 pm. Congratulations to Kathy Morrison for being chosen as ALA Unit 327 Lady of the Year 2019. Not only has she been an immeasurable asset to the Unit, the Post, and the SALs but she has also volunteered with other veteran based organizations in the area. Well done, Kathy. My last congratulations goes out to every ALA member that renewed their dues and/or signed up a new member; Unit 327 has officially passed the 100% membership goal. Special thanks to Membership Chairperson, Cheryl Loyko, for keeping the process moving forward, to Anne Starke for mailing out all of those letters and to Byron Pinalto for all the verification work!! Convention July 11th - 14th will be in Richmond. Registration information is now available online at www.vaauxiliary.org or at our meeting on June 4th. Dinner June 7th will be country fried steak, potato, veggie, roll and dessert. Breakfast Buffett will be June 23rd 9-11 AM. One Last Time. Thank you all for a great experience and a very productive year as your ALA Unit 327 President. For God and Country, Collene Gravitt

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: Our Honor Guard fundraiser dance was a great success both for those that attended it and the Honor Guard it has helped us to be able to go to National Convention and participate in the Honor Guard competition and representation of Virginia in the national parade thank you all for your support. For God & Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUB MANAGER: Come join us for some fun and laughter as we play some challenging one-minute games ~ a night of fun hosted by Joe DeGeronimo from PwerHouse Gaming ~ Saturday, 8 June, 7PM until 9PM.

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<i>1</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">6:00 PM Bowling Banquet</div> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
<i>2</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">1:00 PM - Second District Convention @ Post 327</div> No Breakfast	<i>3</i> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>4</i> 7:00 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>5</i> 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327 Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	<i>6</i> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	<i>7</i> 6:00 PM Aux Dinner - Country Fried Steak	<i>8</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">7:00 PM PowerHouse-Minute to Win It games</div> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
<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-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>11</i> 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>12</i> 6:30 PM ALA Social & Crafts Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	<i>13</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">7:00 PM Outside Volunteer Mtg</div> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	<i>14</i> 6:00 PM Girl Scout Dinner - Fried Chicken	<i>15</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
<i>16</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8	<i>17</i> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 8:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>18</i> 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>19</i> 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	<i>20</i> 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	<i>21</i> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Tommy's Liver & Onions or Country Fried Steak <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">6:30 PM - Dustin Furlow</div>	<i>22</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
<i>23</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA	<i>24</i> 6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">7:00 PM Stress Recovery Support Group</div> 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>25</i> 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>26</i> Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	<i>27</i> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen Open 6 to 10 PM	<i>28</i> Kitchen open w/ special	<i>29</i> Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
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