



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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Adjutant: Evan Glendinning
Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Rickey Brown
Sgt-at-Arms: Jesse Walker
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

Gene Niedholdt
Tim Gonyea
Victor Howard

LEGION RIDERS

Director: Derrick Johnson
Asst Dir: Shane Kelly
Adjutant: Rob Buckhalter
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley
Chaplain: Paul Murch
Sgt-at-Arms: Derrick Johnson
Road Captains:

Exec Board

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
1st Sgt-at-Arms: Mike Atkinson
2nd Sgt-at-Arms: Wayne Turner
Historian: Dan Schmidt

Exec Board

Steve Gower
Milo Cross
Kenneth O'Bryan

AUXILIARY

President: Nancy Bell
Vice President: Delia French
Secretary: Leona Forest
Treasurer: Bonnie Kleinfelter
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers
Sgt-at-Arms: Donna McClelland
Historian: Crystal Cross

Exec Board

Yvonne Thibeault
Sue Weber
Sherry Jandle

COMMANDER: Hope this finds everyone okay. I think most of us are looking forward to opening again, sooner rather than later. I don't know what the "New Norm" will look like, but most people will act in a responsible manner. The Post will notify everyone thru various social media when we can open and provide service to our members. Believe me, the Post misses all of you as much as you miss coming in. In the meantime, we are working very hard to make sure your return is as safe "as possible". Ultimately it is up to each person to decide what is best for them and not do damage to others. Elections have been completed for the Post, SAL and Auxiliary. Results have been posted on-line and other media outlets. Congrats to all incoming officers. Our next Post Meeting would be June 9th @ 7:30 PM. I would like to go ahead with that meeting. Post Ever Lasting is also due. We are planning to go ahead with the

ceremony. Slight adjustments will be needed but will not deduct from the ceremony. Installation of officers will be conducted June 30th @ 7:00pm. For God and Country, Tony Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS: Bowling Banquet June 20th @ 6pm; Stress Recovery Support Group June 29th @ 7 pm; Installation of Post Officers June 30th @ 7 pm.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: . For 2020, we have over 860 new and renewed Members. I would like to thank everyone that renewed to date and hope that the rest will renew shortly. Even though the Social Quarters is closed, membership is and will be processed as usual. Anyone that has an **honorable** discharge after Dec 7th, 1941 can join the American Legion. So, if you know of someone that fell through the cracks due to not serving during a

time of conflict please let them know that they may now be eligible to join the American Legion. Post Members are 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. If you do not have a 2020 Membership card you may lose your continuous years if you do not renew soon. For God and Country, Byron Pinalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: No input. For God and Country. Roger Kelly

SERVICE OFFICER: Post Service Officer Claims Hours of Operation. The Post Service officers have resumed normal hours at the Post every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Veterans and family can still call 757-227-5296 for information. In the month of April our service officers Spoke with 243 veterans, spent 141 hours, and logged 316 miles. Thank you for all the hard work during the Corona Panic. Mortgage and housing assistance during the corona virus national emergency If you're concerned about how to pay your mortgage or rent due to the corona virus national emergency, read the information on what to do now, and what your options are for mortgage and rent payment relief at <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/#options>. If you know a veteran living overseas who needs assistance with a claim please contact me, we have a list of Overseas Military Services Coordinators several areas in Europe and Asia. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: Hello to all. With the changes that we have seen over the last few months, can be challenging, but God. We have to know, He is with us, and He is. I am learning to talk with Him, during the day, it has been GREAT. Stay safe, check on family members and friends. Love you. For God and Country, Rickey Brown

LEGION RIDERS: I hope this message finds you all in good health. We hope to have a meeting in June even if we are outside and spread apart practicing social distancing. We do not know when this will all be over, but we intend to gradually get back into the swing of things. Remember to check out our Facebook page for

updates and to stay in the know. The Legion Riders enjoyed a nice ride down the backroads of North Carolina and the scenery was absolutely gorgeous. When we are not able to ride, and you are maintaining your distance from everyone, use that stimulus money and purchase a mod and install it on your bike! We are still actively recruiting and would love to increase our membership. So, if you know someone, who wants to be a part of something bigger than themselves...send them our way!! For God and Country, Derrick "DJ" Johnson

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, This month's sports report is courtesy of Malik Newton. He is the star football player from Lake Taylor and the grandson of Otha Newton. Although it is some time away Malik has been selected to play in the Hawaii Tiki Bowl on Dec. 30- Jan.4, 2021. This is quite an honor. He has turned into a very fine and humble young man. He will do well in whatever and wherever life takes him. Best of luck. Till next month.... For God and Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings Legion Family and Friends I do not know about you all (southern colloquialism) but I sure do miss you all. I am optimistically hopeful that we will return to normalcy shortly. As you are aware all Veteran's Service Organizations are shut down throughout Virginia. Despite shutdowns the SAL in Virginia is currently running a fundraiser for **Children Welfare Foundation (CWF)**. The SAL Nationally as well as our squadron donates a great percentage from our charity fund to CWF. We have sold 50 beautifully adorned aprons throughout the State. For a \$20 donation you also can receive this handsome apron. This apron is "MADE IN THE USA". It is high quality. It has extralong ties to accommodate any rotund girth. It features two deep pockets. It is colorfully emblazoned with the Legion CWF logo and the SAL logo. Squadron 327 has a limited amount available for you to receive with a donation of only \$20 to CWF. Nationally the SAL has raised over \$8,000,000 for CWF. Since we have not been able to have dinner nights to feed you and to feed our charity account please consider buying and proudly wearing one of these aprons that shows what the CWF program is about. If you want an apron text me @ 757-748-4606 and I will meet with you.



Our membership is at 91.80% and this is remarkable due to the shutdown. I want you to know that you can still on most days go to the Post early in the morning and find either Cmdr. **Tony Moore** or 1st Vice Cmdr. **Byron Pianalto** and they will gladly accept your dues and give you your 2020 card. We need only 15 more members either by renewal or "new" to hit our 100%. 1st Vice Cmdr. **Dave Samson** thanks all of you for your membership support. We SAL held our election May 11th under the pavilion. All incumbent officers were re-elected. There were two offices contested but by very narrow margins the incumbents prevailed. We will have our installation of officers at our June 8th meeting. Weather permitting (rain, temperature) we will have it outside under the pavilion.

VSO/VAVS: There is really no report because volunteers are prohibited at this time at HVAMC because of COVID. But I have been taking my brother over for treatments two times per week and have gone through the screening process each time. It is encouraging to see the completeness of the screening and security. This means if you must go to the VA not to worry because they are doing an excellent job. It is unfortunate that we have lost several Legionnaires in May so please keep their families

and all others in your prayers. Practice the Buddy Program outlined by Legion National Cmdr. Oxford and SAL National Cmdr. Bolt and check up on our members to make sure they are ok and not needing an errand or assistance. Remember Everyone Deployed every Friday by wearing red. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello Everyone; I hope this finds everyone healthy, happy and safe. We had our elections Tuesday the 19th and I would like to congratulate everyone that was elected. President: Crystal Cross, Vice President: Yvonne Thibeault, Secretary: Ashley Matheny, Treasurer: Jan Dumstorff, Chaplain: Marsha Brothers, Historian: Jane Evans, Sgt At Arms: Ashley Evans, Exec. Board: Sammi Marsalia, Anne Starke, Heather Matheny. I sincerely hope that they have a great year and that they are supported by everyone. We are still in limbo as to when everything is opening so we will keep going as we have been. Please keep membership in mind and get any renewals in. Hopefully, we will be back to normal soon. Until then stay safe. For God and Country, Nancy Bell

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: Hello from the Honor Guard hope all our Legion family are being safe and social distancing. The Guard is ready to go once we are clear to doing what we do stay safe. For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello Everyone, I hope everyone is surviving these trying times. I also hope that by the time you read this our Clubroom will be open - or at least we will have an idea of when it will happen. We will still need to practice social distancing and frequently wash our hands but at least we can see our family and friends. We have been busy at the Post and lots of changes have been made. Let us know what you think. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers and directors to the Post, SALs, and ALA. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Post when it is safe. For God and Country, Sandra Wright

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	2 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	3 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327 Kitchen open 5 til -	4 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen open 5 til -	5	6 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
7 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA	8 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	9 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	10 Kitchen open 5 til -	11 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen open 5 til -	12	13 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
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