



# The Legionnaire

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Chaplain: Frank White  
Sgt-at-Arms: Bob DeChamplain  
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**COMMANDER:** Your next Post Meeting will be held March 14<sup>th</sup>. Remember start time now 7:30 pm. Department Spring Conference will be held in Virginia Beach March 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 12<sup>th</sup>. Conference is open to all Members of the Legion Family. We are still waiting for Virginia Natural Gas to change the gas meter and Dominion Power to switch out the meter boxes. Hopefully that will be accomplished shortly. There are a lot of functions going on in the Post. Volunteers are providing breakfast and dinners most weekends. Please come out and support them. The state bowling tournament went well. Many thanks to Otha and Tim for driving the van shuttle for all the bowlers. Post 364 in Woodbridge did an outstanding job hosting the events all weekend.

**SECOND NOTICE:** We will be holding Post elections in May for 2017-2018. There is time to consider if you want

to run for an office. We will post a sign-up sheet on the meeting hall door. For God and Country, Tony Moore.

**Upcoming Events.** Department Spring Conference, March 10-12 @ Virginia Beach. St. Patrick's Day Parade March 18. 50's Sock Hop March 31, 8 – 11 PM. Check out the flyers in the club room. Proceeds go to Boy's State.

**FIRST VICE COMMANDER:** Currently we are at just over 890 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 2017 membership online at [www.legion.org/renew](http://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. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

**SECOND VICE COMMANDER:** Next event is the Memorial Day Picnic.

**SERVICE OFFICER:** We filed 36 claims, spoke with 142 vets, volunteered 254 hours and drove 776 miles. We have other locations for assistance: at ODU, the senior center on Granby Street and TCC in Virginia Beach. We have handicap equipment for loan and a new phone system-listen to the prompt for the service officer.

**TWO IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 1. We need volunteer to take over the Temporary Financial Assistance Program. 2. If you submitted a claim with Alonzo and you think we may have any records at the Post, come in and get them as soon as possible. We are in the process of trying to contact people but the records not picked up will be destroyed. We have received a mandate from National that we cannot keep any records at the Post. For God and Country, Eric Isaksen.

**CHAPLAIN:** Post Everlasting for James P. Norton, 40 years; and John A. Vorhees, 7 years will be held at our March meeting. If anyone needs to contact me my number is 588-7827. Bless you. For God and Country, Frank White.

**LEGION RIDERS:** We made our annual Valentine Run. We attended the Post Everlasting for Gary Loebel and provided the escort to Albert G. Horton cemetery. We will be attending the St. Patrick's Day parade and we will be attending Rolling thunder in Washington D.C. Memorial Day weekend. For God and Country, Keith (Cowboy) DeLucenay

**ATHLETIC OFFICER:** It is with a very heavy heart that I write my first newsletter article since taking over for my friend Jim Norton. The American Legion has lost one of its finest members. Jimmy Norton (Jim's son) will be assuming the duty of the assistant athletic officer, thanks Jimmy. The state bowling tournament results we not available as of this writing-details next month. "URGENT REQUEST" to those interested in playing Friday night co-ed softball. A sign-up sheet is posted on the meeting room door. We need able bodied men and women over 18 years old. It's only two games a week and a lot of fun. More information about other programs next month. Till then. . . For God and Country, Jeff Evans.

**SQUADRON COMMANDER** Thanks to all who

attended and supported our meatball sub dinner February 17<sup>th</sup>. It was another sellout dinner for the Sons. Currently our membership is at 67% and we should be at 85% to be on target for hitting our 100% goal. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of February Steve Gower, Jeff Evans and I attended the Mid-Winter So's meeting in Spotsylvania hosted by our Detachment Commander Johnny Baker's Post 320. This is a nice looking Post in a scenic country locale. I played their pull tab machine and he Spring Conference will be March 10-12 in Virginia Beach. I recommend that you should try and attend. It's a great opportunity to gain knowledge and share information between Posts and Squadrons. Usually there are several hospitality rooms with free food and beverages. It will be at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference at 2800 Shore Drive. The cost is only \$6. This is the Second Notice that elections are right around the corner in May. We need individuals to step up and run for an office or serve on a committee. We need new ideas and volunteers to help serve our Veterans and our Veteran's families. Our next Son's dinner will be March 17<sup>th</sup> and we decided to do fish and chips with cole slaw, hush puppies and dessert for an 8\$ donation to our Son's charity fund. Thank you in advance for your continued support. And I might add if you wish to walk this dinner off then march with our Legion members the next day at the St. Patrick's Day parade. God and Country, Fred Vaccarella.

**ALA PRESIDENT:** Hello Ladies. Spring is almost here-can you believe it? Our dinner on Friday March 3 will be country fried steak, potato, vegetable, roll and dessert. We had a great turn out for the Chili cook off and bake sale. Congrats to Boozer for winning and thanks to all who participants and donations for the bake sale. We raised \$525 for Girls State. We are still collecting coupons and box tops and our crocheting projects are still ongoing. We are still looking for yarn donations so if you come across some please bring it in to us. Elections will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of May. If anyone is interested in an office please contact me @ 535-8603. Please help us. For God and Country, Nancy Bell.

**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** and select Hero Dog-5% of qualifying purchases will be donated to the Hero Dogs for Heroes program.

# March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>POST ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN MAY 2017. TIME TO THINK ABOUT ANY POSITION YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR.</b></p>			<p><i>1</i></p> <p>7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327</p> <p>6-10 PM Kitchen Open</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Legion Darts</p> <p>10AM-5PM Service Office at Post</p> <p>6-10 PM Kitchen Open</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>6:00 PM Auxiliary Dinner - Country Fried Steak</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene</p> <p>6-10 PM - Kitchen Open</p>
<p><b>BE SURE TO LOOK FOR NASCAR SPECIALS ON SUNDAYS.</b></p>						
<p><i>5</i></p> <p>1:00 PM Legion Bowling</p> <p>4 - 8 PM Kitchen Open</p> <p>No Breakfast</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting</p> <p>10AM-5PM Service Office at Post</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg</p> <p>10AM-5PM Service Office at Post</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>6:30 PM ALA Social &amp; Crafts</p> <p>6-10 PM Kitchen Open</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Legion Darts</p> <p>10AM-5PM Service Office at Post</p> <p>6-10 PM Kitchen Open</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>6:00 PM Girl Scout Dinner - Chicken Parmesan</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell</p> <p>6-10 PM - Kitchen Open</p>
<p><i>12</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>2:00 AM DSTime starts</p> </div> <p>9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - Girl Scouts</p> <p>1:00 PM Legion Bowling</p> <p>4 - 8 PM Kitchen Open</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Dept Spring</p> </div>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg</p> <p>7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg</p> <p>10AM-5PM Service Office at Post</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Post 327 Executive Mtg</p> <p>7:30 PM Post 327 Reg Mtg</p> <p>10AM-5PM Service Office at Post</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg</p> <p>6-10 PM Kitchen Open</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg</p> <p>7:30 PM Legion Darts</p> <p>10AM-5PM Service Office at Post</p> <p>6-10 PM Kitchen Open</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>6:00 PM SAL's Dinner - Fish &amp; Chips</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>10:00 AM St Patrick's Day Parade</p> </div> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene</p> <p>6-10 PM - Kitchen Open</p>
<p><i>19</i></p> <p>9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8</p> <p>1:00 PM Legion Bowling</p> <p>4 - 8 PM Kitchen Open</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting</p> <p>10AM-5PM Service Office at Post</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>10AM-5PM Service Office at Post</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>6-10 PM Kitchen Open</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>10AM-5PM Service Office at Post</p> <p>6-10 PM Kitchen Open</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>NO DINNER - Kitchen open</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell</p> <p>6-10 PM - Kitchen Open</p>
<p><i>26</i></p> <p>9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA</p> <p>1:00 PM Legion Bowling</p> <p>4 - 8 PM Kitchen Open</p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital</p> <p>10AM-5PM Service Office at Post</p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>10AM-5PM Service Office at Post</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>6-10 PM Kitchen Open</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Legion Darts</p> <p>10AM-5PM Service Office at Post</p> <p>6-10 PM Kitchen Open</p>	<p><i>31</i></p> <p>6:00 PM Dinner - Call Club for Menu</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>8:00 PM -11:00 PM Sock Hop</p> </div>	