



The Legionnaire

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Chaplain: Rickey Brown
Sgt-at-Arms: Brendan Morrison
Historian: TBD

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President: Crystal Cross
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COMMANDER: FIRST NOTICE: Election for Post officers for 2021-2022 will be held at the May meeting.

Hope Valentine's Day was as good for you as it was for me. The groundhog said, early spring, that's good news. Our Law-and-Order program at the Post in January this year would be 52 consecutive years. Thanks to the determination and perseverance of our Program Chairman, Mr. John Schenk, the 52nd year was completed. He was able to visit each Department and present their well-earned awards. He even secured the Presence of the Dept. Commander. Well done John. Alcohol sales have been extended, starting Mar 1st last call will move to 11:30 pm and closing at midnight Monday thru Saturday. Last call will be 9:30 pm closing at 10 pm on Sunday. We must still wear our masks and social distancing. Definitely a move in the right direction.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Red Cross Blood Drive – Mar 24th, 2 to 6 pm.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER:

. For 2021 we currently have just over 800 new and renewed Members. If you have not renewed yet and have a key fob, it will not work after midnight the 31st. If have renewed and your fob does not work please let me know, you don't need to buy another fob. Anyone that has an honorable discharge after Dec 7th, 1941 is able join the American Legion. Post Members are able to renew for 2021 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. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: Stay safe and healthy. For God and Country. Roger Kelly

ADJUTANT: Hello everyone! I will be starting to work on the consolidated reports soon. So, it will be greatly appreciated if everyone will start turning in their reports, logs and volunteer hours to me! If you have any questions on what you were supposed to turn into me, do not hesitate to reach out. Also, there will be a blood drive at the Post. If you would like to volunteer for the blood drive, please reach out to me. The blood drive will be on March 24th. From 2 pm to 6 pm. You can go to redcrossblood.org to sign up to donate blood for the blood drive. If you go to the website, please type "Post327" in the search bar on the top right-hand corner that says "Find a blood drive" You can also download the app and sign up to give blood through the app. You can also call 1-800-Red Cross and talk to a Red Cross Representative. If you go to the post and see me (Evan), I can also sign you up for the blood drive. If you have any comments, questions or concerns on the blood drive, feel free to reach out. Also, elections will be coming up for the Post in a couple months. Signups will be going up soon. So, please think about if you would like to run for a position or not. If you have any questions on any of the elected positions, feel free to reach out and I am more than willing to give you the description of the position that you are interested in and answer any questions that you may have. You do have to be a current Post member to be able to run, nominate someone and to be able to vote. So, if you haven't renewed your dues yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any comments, questions or concerns, feel free to reach out. I do hope all is well. Stay safe and healthy! For God and Country, Evan Glendinning, Post Adjutant

SERVICE OFFICER: In the month of January our service officers spoke with 105 veterans, spent 239 hours and logged 878 miles. Thank you for all the hard work you do. On January 1, 2021, H.R. 6395--the FY 2021 NDA, containing the Tester/Harder Amendment—was passed into law. At long last, Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange who have been diagnosed with Parkinsonism, Bladder cancer, and/or Hypothyroidism will be deemed service-connected and be eligible for healthcare and compensation. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: March, the third month of the year - WOW! I'm living in a world that I never thought that I would ever see in my lifetime. Yes, I heard and read about "Smallpox", other sicknesses, and diseases in this country. The number of lives that were affected because of them. Now, COVID 19. I don't have the words (pleasant words) to speak on the matter. Psalms 71: 1 "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust." KJV For God and Country, Rickey Brown

LEGION RIDERS: Greetings! The riders delivered about 30 Valentine's Day cards to be mailed from Valentines,

Virginia! Thank you for your support. We have posted pictures on Facebook!! We plan to do it again next year, so if you missed out...watch for the box next December / January! We are sad to announce the Norfolk St. Paddy's Day Parade is cancelled due to COVID concerns. We are accepting new members! Membership is \$12/yr.! We have many new members and looking forward to the upcoming riding season. You don't have to ride a motorcycle to support and be a member!! We are planning some sweet rides this coming year!! Follow us on Facebook!! For God and Country, "DJ" Rider Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, At the district level we are finalizing schedules. These include the baseball team traveling to the 3rd district and Williamsburg. With our new President and our covid-19 numbers coming down, it is hopeful our Governor will open things up. I can't wait to hear the umpire say PLAY BALL! Till next month...For God and Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings to The Legion Family and Friends: 1st Vice Commander **Dave Samson** reports that the SAL is at 87.56 %. We have 21 New SAL members and 148 SAL renewals. Our new membership is 14.2 % of the current total as of the writing of this newsletter. Gentlemen we only need 24 more members to achieve our 2021 goal of 193. **1st Notice: Elections for SAL Officers for the 2021-2022 year will be held in May 2021.** I encourage any SAL to step up and throw their name into the hat and run for an office. Anybody with the intent to run contact our Nomination Committee comprised of **PNVC Steve Gower** and **SAL Executive Officers Kenny O'Brian** or **Milo Cross**. Please consider running for an office. We need new blood and ideas. Our dinner night in February was fantastic. We went through 40 lbs. of pork loin, all the mashed potatoes and American Legion green beans not to mention the bread. Now hold onto your hats because we will be serving Shepherd's Pie with Cornbread. We are cooking an additional tray this year because **Ginny Gower's** Shepherd's Pie sold out and people were bemoaning not being at the Post on time to get some. Now if you eat all your dinner then **SAL Frank White** and his **wife Maureen** will serve Ghiradelli Double Chocolate Brownies for your dessert. You will have to bring your own milk. The date for this comfort food that makes your tongue slap your mouth is March 19th. We ask for only an \$8.00 contribution for the SAL Charity fund. Now let me tell you this. Because of all your help in supporting the SAL dinners and other contributions, our little Squadron will be able to Donate **\$6500.00** to **Operation Comfort Warrior (OCW)** and **Children's Welfare Fund (CWF)** at the Spring Conference. This does not count other donations that we have been able to give to the **Hampton VA Hospital** and to community groups like **H.E.R.** in our Portsmouth community.

H.E.R. is an organization that shelters battered women until they can get back on their feet again and hopefully begin a new peaceful meaningful life.

VAVS/VSO: A reminder that Hampton VA Hospital has COVID shots available for Volunteers. This is great news! This means that hopefully we will be back helping our Veterans at the VA. Our volunteers help with bingo, Country fairs and Standdowns for our Homeless Veterans. We also assist in helping Veterans better their education through Colleges or Vo Techs. We assist in disseminating information regarding the G.I. Bill and other benefits. Please remember to call a Buddy to see how they are doing if you have not had contact with them for some time. Buddy Checks are important. Keep all those in your prayers that are sickly or perhaps just having a tough time financially during this period. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello ALA Members! It is hard to believe that March is here already, and this newsletter brings the **1st Notice for TALA Unit Officer Elections for the 2021-2022 year** to be held at the May regular meeting. Hopefully, the worst of the pandemic is over, and this coming year will allow us to get out in more ways to serve our veterans, so the 2021-2022 year brings lots of promise and I hope you will consider a run for the TALA Unit 327 officers. We encourage any member to run and hope to have a great turn out.

Involvement in the Unit is encouraged for all members and there are so many ways to help. It is a wonderful opportunity to serve our Veterans, the families and community. If you have not renewed your dues for 2021 or know of someone who would like to join, please do so as soon as possible. Every membership helps the Auxiliary at local, department and national levels to be able to support the programs that our Veterans need. Yvonne has been reaching out for renewals and her efforts have really paid off as we are awfully close to reaching the goal set for our Unit of 230 members. The Annual Chili cookoff was a great success with 14 entries and all were delicious and were top notch! After the votes were counted, the winner was new Post Member Ian Gorman! Congratulations to Ian and to all entrants as all of the entries were enjoyed by everyone! And speaking of our Chili Cookoff winner, Ian, he is our guest Chef for the ALA Dinner on March 5th. Ian will be preparing a wonderful Pot Roast dinner with vegetables, roll and dessert! Also, at our dinner on the 5th will be the last chance to get raffle tickets for the Pool Stick Case which was donated by Jennifer Jobses to support the ALA charities. The drawing will be on the 5th at 7pm so be sure to get your tickets! Sunday March 7th is the Department Spring

Conference via zoom, and I hope you can attend. Emails are sent out to the members by Department with the zoom call information. I will also send out to our members on the email list as soon as it is received. The conference is a great way to learn what is happening in the department and what we can do at the Unit level in support of The ALA. On March 20th at 9:30am, the Unit will be making our quarterly visit to St. Mary's Cemetery to care for the stones and pay our respects to the French Sailors who died here at the end of WWI during the last pandemic. Our Unit attended the District Meeting on February 21st and was able to present to the District our Unit's support of VA&R (Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation) efforts during the pandemic. We are still welcoming donations for care packages to send to our soldiers monthly and the bin is set up in the vestibule at the Post. Some of the items requested are socks, Vaseline, individual drink mixes (Crystal light, Gatorade, etc.), nuts, crackers, snacks, Chapstick, Visine, beef jerky, candy (no chocolate-it will melt), puzzle books, other small items that will help them pass the time overseas and let them know that The ALA is there to support them. Upcoming in April.....the Easter Bunny will be here for a Drive-Thru Easter Basket event for the Children on the 3rd from 1-3! Be sure to get the word out to those with children to come by and get some treats from the Easter Bunny!

For God and Country, Crystal Cross

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: Let's hope that 2021 is much better for all of us from the Honor Guard happy New Year stay safe and as all ways the Guard is here and ready For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello! Hope everyone is staying safe. Our governor has finally lessened some of his restrictions. We can now stay open little later, last call Monday thru Saturday will now be 11:30 PM closing at midnight. Sunday last call will remain at 9:30PM closing at 10:PM. I want to thank each of you for doing your best to follow the rules and for wearing your masks whenever moving about in the Clubroom. Our employees are trying hard to keep everything sanitized. Dinners are going well, please support when you can since this is one of the ways money is raised for the charities supported by the Legion, ALA, and SALs. Yvonne is still volunteering to come in and prepare lunches every Thursday. She has some really good food lunches planned. Michelle is continuing to volunteer her time to come to the Post after bowling to open the kitchen on Sunday. Hope to see you at the Post. For God and Country, Sandra Wright

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>2</i> 7:00 PM ALA Exec Mtg 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>3</i> 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	<i>4</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post Lunch Special 12-2 Chicken Tenders & Fries	<i>5</i> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Pot Roast	<i>6</i> 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Kitchen Open
<i>7</i> 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 4 pm til ?	<i>8</i> 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>9</i> 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post Lunch Special 12-2 Philly Cheesesteak Stromboli	<i>12</i> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Tortellini w/ Italian Sausage	<i>13</i> 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Kitchen Open 9AM - 11 AM Mu Beta Phi Fraternity
<i>14</i> 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 4 pm til ? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">Start Daylight Savings Time - Set clocks ahead 1 hr.</div>	<i>15</i> 8:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>16</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>17</i> 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	<i>18</i> 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post Lunch Special 12-2 Pulled Pork & Coleslaw	<i>19</i> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Shepherd's Pie	<i>20</i> 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Kitchen Open
<i>21</i> 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 4 pm til ?	<i>22</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>23</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>24</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">2:00 PM -6:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive</div>	<i>25</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post Lunch Special 12-2 Fish Sandwich & Fries	<i>26</i> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Open faced Roast Beef	<i>27</i> 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Kitchen Open
<i>28</i> 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 4 pm til ?	<i>29</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>30</i> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>31</i>	Please make sure you are social distancing while in the social quarters and wear masks when possible.		