



The Legionnaire

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Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Rickey Brown
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Historian: Alex Bascom

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Treasurer: David Seate
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Chaplain: Mike Moranha
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COMMANDER: FIRST NOTICE: Election for Post officers for 2022-2023 will be held at the May meeting. If you are interested in running for a position here at the Post 327 please submit a "letter of intent" stating what post position you are interested in running for. You can submit these letters to the Post, via email, fax or submitting them directly to the Post Adjutant. Our 2nd Vice Rick McDonald and crew put out an awesome spread again for everyone to enjoy during the Super Bowl. Post 327 played host to a couple events this past month. We started off with the 2nd District Spring Conference on February 13th. The meeting went very well and was topped off by our "Chef Benski" and the incredible lunch he served after the meeting. He went above and beyond what is normally done, and everyone was very impressed and really enjoyed it. Thank you for proudly representing 327 with your hard work in front of the entire district! The following weekend we also hosted this year's Virginia State Bowling tournament. Post 327 brought home the trophy for the team event again! The winning teammates were: Bob Davenport, Kari Reed, Ashleigh Terrase,

Ashley Edgar, and Alex Raasio. Congratulations! Although a bit smaller than previous years it was still a very fun event and a great time was had by all! Adding to the Bowling Tournament weekend were the Auxiliary with an outstanding Shrimp Dinner Friday night and the SAL's not to be out done put on a wonderful Steak Dinner Saturday night! Thank you to all that volunteered in the kitchen and served the dinners! Looking forward to seeing everyone out to march in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade March 12th. If you can not march we will have a float done so you can ride in it, or in the towing vehicle. For God and Country, Roger Kelly

UPCOMING EVENTS: Department Conference in Portsmouth VA Mar 4th thru 6th, St Patrick's day parade Mar 12 @ 9AM, Tom McNabb Mar 19th 7:30 - 10:30 pm, Blood Drive Mar 30th 1 - 6 pm

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We are currently at 99% of our goal for 2022. We are very close to our 100% goal only 7 more new or renewals. You may use MyLegion.org to renew your

Membership online, and by using MyLegion.org you will need to have an email connected to your account, if you have no email registered or an old email in your account please contact us and we will update your information so that you may complete your registration or if you have any other problems with your account please contact us. Anyone that has an **honorable** discharge after Dec 7th, 1941, is able join. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: No input. For God and Country. Rick McDonald

ADJUTANT: No input. For God and Country, Evan Glendinning, Post Adjutant

HISTORIAN: Photos, photos, photos. Send me any and all you have from this past years events please and thank you. Email: Mrswilliamscom@gmail.com Text: 239-266-1295 For God & Country, Alex Bascom

SERVICE OFFICER: During the Month of January service officers spoke with 108 veterans, spent 200 hours and logged 386 miles. I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do. GI Bill Housing Stipend: Starting this month, all students receiving Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits must verify their school enrollment each month or risk forfeiting their housing allowance. "If you fail to verify enrollment for two consecutive months, your [housing] payments will be placed on hold." Some students could be seeing the verification messages for the first time or potentially ignoring them as unwanted spam. VA plans to send the messages out on the last day of each month, and give students several days to respond before deactivating the links. For God & Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: Good day to all of the readers. I want to say that I had stopped living since 2020, Covid 19, till now. When I realized that I had stopped living during that time, time that I could not get back - WOW! Hebrews 11:6. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Enjoy our lives. For God and Country, Rickey Brown

LEGION RIDERS: Happy Spring!! The Riders are gearing up for a busy month! We have had a great start to 2022 riding season. We are preparing for the Conference and the 2022 Ocean View St Paddy's Day Parade. Be sure to come out and show out!! If you are aware of an event that Post 327 Riders could participate in as a group, please do not hesitate to reach out to me anytime. Be safe out there!! God and Country, Derrick "DJ" Johnson, Rider Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, Winter is almost over, and sports are springing into action. The state bowling tournament was held and sponsored by Post 327. The CHAMPIONS were from Post 327, team Hot Mess Express. Congratulations to Ashleigh Terrase, Kari Reed, Bob Davenport, Alex Raasio and Ashley Edgar. You may have noticed some new

helpers during dinners Friday and Saturday nights. These gentlemen are part of the Smokin Aces softball team. This is the team we are helping sponsor. The team just returned from Tampa, where they played in an invitational tournament. They represented better than good as they captured third place in their division. There will be tournaments in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach later this month. Once I get the dates I will put them on the cork board. I think it sounds a good time for a short road trip. We need softball players for our Friday night softball team. The games start in April. Those interested get with Commander Roger or myself. Next month baseball will be up, till then... For God and Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: FIRST NOTICE: Election for Squadron officers for 2022-2023 will be held at the May meeting. Greeting to the American Legion Family and Friends Good News! March 13th begins EDT. Lent begins March 2nd and Spring officially starts March 20th. I want to thank all that made the Legion State Bowling tournament a success. There were two great dinner nights. First the Auxiliary on Friday the 18th with their stupendous 1 lb. Steamed Shrimp dinner and a wide array of desserts. The SAL followed up on Saturday the 19th with delicious succulent T-bone steaks. I doff my hat to Chefs **Benski** and **Ian Gorman** for their fabulous cooked to perfection steaks. It was quite an ordeal and an arduous task for these two Gentlemen who had to battle the temperature and cold winds and dilapidated grill while cooking 100 steaks. I want to applaud all the volunteers that helped us put this dinner together. We are truly a family. The **ALA** and **Legionnaires** helped the Sons. We sold all the 100 steak dinners! I want to thank SALs **Gary Stull**, **David Buckwalter**, dual member **Frank White**, PNVCs **Steve Gower**, **Jeff Evans** and Dual member and Post Adjutant **Evan Glendinning** for their help. Legionnaire and Honor Guard **Tim Gonyea** transported our guests to the Post and from the Post in our new Legion Van. He also delivered complimentary dinners to some of our shut-in Legionnaire families. Job well done. I would be remiss in not mentioning and thanking ALA members **Ginny Gower**, **Debbie Norton**, **Jane Evans**, **Patty Gallerani** and a host of others that helped at our steak dinner event. A special thank You to the **Smokin' Aces** Softball team gentlemen that bussed tables and washed all the dirty dishes. They deserve a medal for their demanding work. Thanks to all you members that came and welcomed our Bowling guests and made them feel at home. Our SAL and Mixologist **Wayne Turner** said his steak was so big that he got three meals from it. Spring Conference will be March 4th to the 6th. Registration is only \$8.00. Our big day is Saturday the 5th when we hold our Detachment meeting. Our National SAL Commander **Michael Fox** will be attending and I would sure like to have the Squadron members support this event by welcoming Commander **Fox** to Virginia. After the meeting make sure to visit the hospitality rooms that will be hosted by the incoming officers for the Legion and ALA. More importantly make sure to visit the SAL incoming Detachment Officer **David Boggs'** hospitality room. I will be manning his hospitality room and if you want to help then contact me. Your Squadron will be donating thousands of dollars to our different

charity funds like CWF, OCW, VCF, Fisher House, etc. at the Spring Conference. The Conference will be held in Portsmouth at the Renaissance Hotel 425 Water Street. The Squadron will reimburse your registration fee if you attend. Just show us your receipt.

1st Vice Commander **Dave Samson** states that membership numbers vary between Department and National due to the transitioning of membership reports from paper transmittal to E-membership transmittal. The lag time should be more accurate as more Squadrons get online and report by E-membership. SAL members can now renew their membership online. Go to "**legion.org**" and sign into your account. **Dave** says that we are, by our records, at 85%. Our next dinner night is March 18th from 6-8 PM. Chef **Benski** will be serving some good ole' comfort food. We will have Beef Stew and a Grill Cheese Sandwich with dessert. YUMMY for the TUMMY. Yes, all this for only an \$8.00 donation to the SAL charity fund. On a Side note, we lost a Son. **Michael "Mick" Dudek** transferred to Squadron Everlasting. We offer our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolences to his Family and Friends. He will be sorely missed.

VAVS/CDCE: Unfortunately, due Federal Covid mandates the HVAMC is quiet. However, we can still collect and deliver clothing and personal hygiene items. Monetary donations can be mailed to:

HVAMC, Bldg. #52, 100 Emancipation Drive, Hampton, VA 23667. Attn: Volunteer Services.

We are hoping that we will be able to have our Spring fish fry for the Vets. We will have to wait and see if restrictions will be relaxed.

VE&E: Here again the old Covid pest caused us to cancel our Post hosting of Career and Education fairs at the Post. We are optimistically hoping to have a re-scheduling perhaps in April. There are several Virtual Career Fairs available on the Veterans Affairs website. Please keep all the medically infirmed and handicapped in your prayers. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: 1st Notice for TALA Unit Officer Elections for the 2022-2023 year to be held at the May regular meeting.

We will have our nominating committee ready at the March meeting on the 1st. We encourage everyone interested to run for office, All officers are open for election, President, Vice President/Membership Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Sgt. At Arms, Historian and 3 Executive Committee members. We have had a lot of wonderful volunteers this year and we hope to have a great participation in the elections this year and continue to grow our ALA Unit with new faces and ideas to continue growing the momentum in the Unit. February was a busy month that started our fundraiser dinner of Chicken Marsala by Cathy Conte, which was delicious and enjoyed by all. Next day the ALA held our Annual Chili Cook-off, Bake sale and Tricky Tray event. Congratulations to Sid Grizzard who is this year's winner of the cook-off with his tasty chili. Sid now has bragging

rights for the year and his name will be added to the Chili-Cook-off plaque. Thanks to all who brought their yummy chili's in as they were all delicious as always and always a great time to try out all the varieties. Special thanks to Jackie Miller for bringing the Tricky Tray to the Unit this year and all the hard work she put in to make it a success! Next, Jan Dumstorff coordinated volunteers to sort the school supplies donated and lined up members to deliver the supplies to our 7 local elementary schools. And then the following Friday the ALA served a Shrimp Dinner for the Bowling Tournament that was also a great success! Unit 327 attended the Eastern Zone Spring Workshop on the 13th and received additional information on our year end reports and shared ideas across the Eastern Zone, more to come on that at our meeting on the 1st and in our unit newsletter. Our March fundraiser dinner will be on the 4th with Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked beans, roll and dessert. March 4=6 is the Department Spring Conference in Portsmouth at the Renaissance. Registration is only \$8.00 and open to all members. This is a great chance for our members to join the ALA members from across the state here in our own backyard. March 19th @ 4pm, we will be having a planning meeting to get our year end reporting kicked off. We need your hours to report so that when it's compiled at the National level, all we do is captured to present to Congress. Have you helped a neighbor in the community, assisted a Veteran, helped a child? All of this counts, so please turn in all of your volunteer activities to be included in the reports. We will also be making our quarterly trip to St. Mary's cemetery on the 19th @ 10am^t. The Unit reached their membership goal on February 18th and the transmittal has been mailed to Department. I'd like to thank Yvonne for all her hard work and outreach to our members, and all of the Unit members and Post Family that helped bring in new members to the Unit. We have had so many volunteers this month with all of our events and the Unit appreciates each and every one of you! YOU - Our members are what makes the Unit a success with our fundraisers, crocheting and helping others which allows us to support our Veterans, our Active Duty and their families and our community. For God and Country, Crystal Cross.

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: No Input. For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello everyone!! I hope you are all staying safe and well. A reminder we are now serving breakfast every Sunday for only \$6, lunch special every Thursday for the low price of \$5, and dinners every Friday for just \$8. Thank you all for supporting these meals since they are all done to raise monies for each organization's charity fund. Please watch your words when you are in the Clubroom, profanity is not allowed, you may be asked to leave. Please refer to the newsletter calendar for scheduled events and entertainment. For God and Country Sandi Wright.

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