



The Legionnaire

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Commander: Tony Moore
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2nd VCDR: Roger Kelly
3rd VCDR: Chuck Clark
Adjutant: Evan Glendinning
Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Rickey Brown
Sgt-at-Arms: Brendan Morrison
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

Gene Niedholdt
Tim Gonyea
Anthony Valentin

LEGION RIDERS

Director: Derrick Johnson
Asst Dir: Shane Kelly
Adjutant: Rob Buckhalter
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley
Chaplain:
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: Crystal Cross
Vice President: Yvonne Thibeault
Secretary: Ashley Matheny
Treasurer: Jan Dumstorff
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers
Sgt-at-Arms: Ashley Evans
Historian: Jane Evans

Exec Board

Anne Starke
Heather Matheny
Brenda Massarella

COMMANDER: 3RD NOTICE: Election for Post officers for 2021-2022 will be held at the May meeting.

Hello everyone! Reminder: You must submit your letter of intent by 5 pm on May 8th if you plan on running for an office of the Post. Members can vote between the hours of 9 am to 7 pm at the Post on May 11th. **YOU MUST PRESENT A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD WHEN YOU VOTE.** Additional information can be found in the email sent on Apr 14 and in the Adjutants portion of the newsletter.

I would like to thank Jan Dumstorff, David Seate, Greg Kennedy, Ken Lancaster and Marvin Lancaster for cleaning and replacing the filters in the Clubroom smoke eaters. It is very much appreciated by everyone. Second Vice-commander Roger Kelly will be having an event for Memorial Day. It will be held Sunday, May 30th from 1:PM until 4PM. Final preparations will be forthcoming. On another matter - PLEASE stop taking out frustrations over COVID-19 policies

on Clubroom employees. Health Department inspectors have been out twice in response to anonymous complaints. Some comments saying, they hope the Clubroom is shut down for 30 days have been overheard. This would not be good for our employees or for the majority of our members. The inspector told us no tables can be pulled together, no more than 4 people at a table, if you are moving thru out the Clubroom you MUST WEAR YOUR MASK. Being a private club does NOT exempt us from these regulations. Also, the restrictions for putting bar stools in place would only allow us four (4) barstools. And to do so we would have to move a table with 4 chairs and 2 tall tables with 2 stools at each therefore losing 8 seats. You can still enjoy yourself with these limitations. For God and Country, Tony Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS: ALA Elections May 4th, SAL Elections May 10 and Post Elections May 11th 9am to 7 pm. Memorial Day Events - May 30th 1-4 PM.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: . For 2021 we currently have just over 875 new and renewed Members. 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 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: I hope everyone is enjoying themselves this spring and getting ready for summer. I know we all hope that we can constantly move closer and closer to returning to a normal routine and lifestyle. With that said, watch for activities here at the Post to resume as soon as we can do so abiding by all rules and regulations set for by our state. For those of you that loved to come out and enjoy the camaraderie and competitiveness of the cornhole tournaments, those fun nights should return soon. Also planning is in the works for Memorial Day this month. For God and Country. Roger Kelly

ADJUTANT: Hello Everyone, For the Post elections the following positions are open for voting: Commander; 1st Vice Commander – Membership; 2nd Vice Commander - Planning and coordinating events; 3rd Vice Commander - Liaison to the Social Club; Adjutant; Finance Officer; Service Officer; Chaplain; Sergeant of Arms
Executive Board – (3 members).
Also, I will be working on consolidated reports and please prepare and turn in your volunteer hours for the past year. Thank you! For God and Country, Evan Glendinning, Post Adjutant

SERVICE OFFICER: In the month of March our service officers Spoke with 124 veterans, spent 285 hours, and logged 926 miles. I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: A good day to all of the readers, and how are all of you doing? I'm praying for God's greatness, to you all. I have had both of my vaccine shots. The only concern that I had was the soreness in my arm where I received the shots; I'm glad that it's behind me.

1 John, Chapter 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Stay safe! For God and Country, Rickey Brown

LEGION RIDERS: It is that time again to vote for the Post Officers. Make your voice heard and make a difference. The Riders are growing. We welcome all new members! Don't forget to sign up for the Legion Riders Sweets Bake Off!! Signup sheet is located on the bulletin board. We are still looking for Volunteers to help!! Please be mindful of grass clippings in the street. This is dangerous for bikers! For God and Country, "DJ" Rider Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greeting to all, Finally, something to report about. Ocean view little league has started their season. Once again, we are sponsoring the Challenger division teams. I have posted a schedule on the cork board in the hallway. All games are on Sunday afternoon. I am sure they would love to hear fans cheering. Till next month ... For God and Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings Legion Family and Friends: **ELECTION NIGHT for 2022 Officers is MAY 10th at our SAL regularly scheduled meeting.** If you wish to run for an office write your name on the nomination slate posted on the SAL office door.

STEP UP!! Get excited and get involved. We need new blood, new ideas. Our 1st Vice Cmdr. **Dave Samson** is ecstatic. At time of this submission the SAL is only short 12 memberships to attain our 100% goal.

On a very somber note, unfortunately, I must report that we have lost another of our own SAL and who was also a past Squadron Commander, **Dave Gillespie** has passed on to Squadron Everlasting. Squadron #327 Sons of the American Legion and myself wish to extend our most heartfelt sympathy and condolences to his wife **Beckie Gillespie**, her family and friends. You are in our prayers. **Dave Gillespie** was an active 32 year SAL member.

I don't know if the pigs are skinnier or what but we demolished several spiral cut hams, buckets of coleslaw and homemade potato salad at our April dinner night. Thank all of you for your support to the SAL charity fund. I want to thank **Maureen White** for her delicious potato salad and **Sandi Wright** for her satisfying savory Watergate salad dessert.

The month of May our dinner night is the 19th. We will be serving our Famous Obese Meatball and Cheese Sub with Fries, Dill Pickle Spear and Dessert. Guaranteed to satisfy your appetite and only \$8.00 donation to the SAL charity fund.

VAVS/VSO: I recently attended the virtual VAVS Quarterly meeting. NEWS FLASH!!! OK get this --> Nationally the Veterans Administration Voluntary Services (VAVS) is becoming CDCE. CDCE = Center for Development and Civic Engagement.

Our benevolent Post donated \$500.00 to Hampton VA Medical Center to help our Vets with their needs.

This is a quarterly budgeted donation.

Volunteers renewing or new volunteers must have proof they have received the COVID vaccine regimen. A volunteer must

be able to show proof of at least the 1st shot and have proof of the scheduled date for the 2nd shot. At this time there are very few active Volunteers. Those that are work in offices at the VA. It is anticipated that Bingo and perhaps other activities may soon resume. This is positive sounding. The VA has need of items to furnish apartments or dwellings for homeless vets that are transitioning from the Domiciliary to outside residency. There is a need for "start up" items : wastebaskets, mops, brooms, dishes, pots, brooms dish towels, bath towels, detergent, paper product or anything you can think of that one needs to set up "house".

Veterans follow this link and register for your COVID vaccine shots: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/sign-up/introduction> .You can schedule with Hampton VA by texting "VACCINE" to 53079. Hampton VA has just parlayed an agreement with Hampton University and so far the COVID treatments have been given to over 13000. The Hampton VA itself is averaging over 400 shots per day. In closing, please keep all of those that are sick or homebound in your thoughts and prayers. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello ALA Members! This newsletter brings the **3rd Notice for TALA Unit Officer Elections for the 2021-2022 year** to be held at the May regular meeting. Our nominating committee is Collene Gravitt, Martha Martin, and Patty Hibner. You can reach out to any of them to advise of your intent to run for TALA Unit 327 Officer for the 2021-2022 year. If you are unable to meet up with any of them, please send an email to talaunit327@yahoo.com and we will have one of them contact We all look forward to seeing you at the May meeting! Year End reports have been completed and sent out prior to the 4/15 deadline. Having completed my first Yearly Impact report, it's amazing to total up all the data and see the full picture of all the great things Unit 327 does, which involves those that volunteer outside of the Post home as well as in. With the information received, Unit 327 spent over 6000 hours volunteering in all these various ways and more. Unit Fundraisers, donations, materials, and monies donated by Unit members for our charities were wonderful this year, with all totaling approximately 18K in donated funds and homemade hats, scarves, blankets, baby blankets and hats, masks and shawls. We were able to donate all of these going out to out to the charities, number one of which was our VAMC Hampton, the USO, Navy Marine Corps Relief, Our Military Kids, ForKids, CASA Norfolk, The Chapel of the 4 Chaplains, Edmarc Hospice, Fisher House, Lee's Friends, Honor and Remember, HER Women's Shelter, 6 local elementary schools, churches, the NEST program (Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team) and others. The biggest change this year were masks due to COVID, our own Anne Starke made thousands of masks that went to health care workers, first responders, schools, Veterans Hospitals, and

communities around the country and to other countries. We hope to be able to capture even more of the good works that the Unit members are doing in the future. We only received information from around 50 of our 236 members so hopefully next year we can capture more of the good works done by all. The Easter Basket Drive through was a great success and we passed out 91 baskets, almost doubling the amount of goodie bags passed out at Halloween. Thanks to our Easter Bunny, Yvonne! She did a fabulous job and posed for pictures with some of the kids. And thanks to Otha Newton for taking the pictures and bringing smiles to the children. Also, thanks to all the volunteers that helped make this a success and thanks to Post 327 for donating all of the baskets and candy to be passed out. A BIG thanks to Tommy for the wonderful dinner at our April Fundraiser dinner, selling a total of 84 dinners! We were able to send out 188 pounds of socks, Chapstick, personal care items, snacks, etc. to the troops in April. This was a huge number of donated items and a card was sent with each box and they will be disbursed to the troops when received. Our May dinner is celebrating Cinco De Mayo with homemade Chicken Enchiladas and all the fixings by Bob DeChamplain. We have been contacted again by the Historians that notified us of the French Sailors at St. Mary's and we are now working with a French Admiral stationed here at NATO to have a ceremony honoring them on May 19th at the cemetery with the French sailors that will be in town on that day as it is the French National Day of the Sailor. Many of the Legion family showed up at Ocean View Park on the 29th to support the Run for the Fallen. It was great to see the support for these folks running to Arlington National Cemetery and honoring our Fallen Hero's at the mile markers. It was an awesome sight. For God and Country, Crystal Cross

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: Spring is here, and summer is on its way and the Honor Guard is getting ready although the manorial day parade is canceled, we will be attending other things. Stay safe but have some fun, from the Guard. For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello! Our dinners and lunches seem to be doing very well, please remember most everything that is done at our Post is done by volunteers. Patience is appreciated. The reasons for not putting barstools back is covered in the Commander's input. Hopefully by June we will be able to put ALL the barstools back. Until then please have patience and understand we are doing the best we can under the circumstances. Memorial Day is just around the corner, please remember the real reason for the holiday, it isn't all about backyard barbeques and picnics. Until next month please stay safe. For God and Country, Sandra Wright, Clubroom Manager

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please make sure you are social distancing while in the social quarters and wear masks when possible.						1 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Kitchen Open
2 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 4 pm til ?	3 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	4 7:00 PM ALA Exec Mtg 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg ALA Elections	5 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	6 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post Lunch Special 12 - 2 BLT Sandwich	7 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Chicken Enchiladas	8 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Kitchen Open 9AM - 11 AM Mu Beta Phi Fraternity
9 Kitchen Open - 4 pm til ?	10 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg SAL Elections	11 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg 9AM - 7 PM Post Elections	12	13 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post Lunch Special 12 - 2 Chicken Salad Cold Plate	14 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Pork Chops	15 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Kitchen Open
16 Kitchen Open - 4 pm til ?	17 7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	18 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	19 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	20 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 10AM-4:00PM Service Officer at Post Lunch Special 12 - 2 Combination Subs	21 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Meatball & Cheese Sub	22 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Kitchen Open
23 Kitchen Open - 4 pm til ?	24 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	25 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	26	27 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post Lunch Special 12 - 2 Fish & Chips	28 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - BBQ Chicken	29 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Kitchen Open
30 HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY Memorial Day Events??	31 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	Please make sure you are social distancing while in the social quarters and wear masks when possible.				