



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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Commander: Roger Kelly
1st VCDR: Byron Pionalto
2nd VCDR: Rick McDonald
3rd VCDR: Tony Moore
Adjutant: Evan Glendinning
Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Rickey Brown
Sgt-at-Arms: Ian Gorman
Historian: Alex Bascom

Exec Board

Gene Niedholdt
Tim Gonyea
Fred Knall
John (JB) Richardson

LEGION RIDERS

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

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: Wayne Turner
2nd Sgt-at-Arms: Frank White
Historian: Dan Schmidt

Exec Board

Steve Gower
Milo Cross
Kenneth O'Bryan

AUXILIARY

President: Crystal Cross
Vice President: Yvonne Thibeault
Secretary: Salina Kiel
Treasurer: Jan Dumstorff
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers
Sgt-at-Arms: Kellee McCarty
Historian: Jane Evans

Exec Board

Karen Stull
Patty Hibner
Linda Woody

COMMANDER: 3RD NOTICE: Election for Post officers for 2022-2023 will be held at the Post meeting May 10th. Reminder: You must submit your letter of intent by May 6th, if you plan on running for an office of the Post. Members must be present at the meeting to vote. Meeting starts promptly at 730pm. **YOU MUST PRESENT A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD TO ENTER THE MEETING AND VOTE.**

Hello everyone! Summer and warmer weather seems to finally be upon us! We will be kicking off the summer with our annual Memorial Day Plcnic on Sunday May 29th.

I'm sure you've driven past and seen our float in the parking lot. Built 3 years ago it has sat unfinished due to Covid and the canceling of all events that it would be used for. But finally we will be able to use it this Memorial Day for the parade due to a very dedicated group of volunteers. I would like to thank **Rick McDonald** and **Mike McCann** for getting everything started on the project. They started by getting the trailer primed, the metal rust proofed and the non skid laid inside. **Bobby**

Hargett stepped up and replaced the wiring harness and got the brake lights working again. Then came the painting, and honestly I can't believe the time and detail that went into all the Emblems and POW/MIA flag. **Ashley Wehrle** headed up this group that included: **Hansi Raeburn, Josh Schroter, Kat Lewis, Maisey Dujmovic, Ayisha Langford, Evan Glendinning, and Michelle Turner.** Thank you to all those volunteers, the trailer looks amazing!

Speaking of volunteering, we are always looking for anyone to help during dinners, breakfast on Sundays, at the picnics, and just around the Post in general. Come on out and give an hour of your time. No matter if you volunteer at the Post or in the community, if it has to do with helping a Veteran in any way, turn your time in to the Post Adjutant or add it to the clipboard in the back hallway. For God and Country, Roger Kelly

UPCOMING EVENTS: Auxiliary Elections May 3rd @ Reg Mtg, Son's Elections May 9th @ Reg Mtg, Post Elections May 10th @ Reg Mtg, Blood Drive May 11th 1 pm- 6 pm, Arts & Crafts Show &

Sale May 21st 11 am – 4 pm, Tom McNabb May 21st @ 7:30 pm, Memorial Day Picnic May 29th @ 1 pm.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: Congratulations to all Members of Post 327 for working on recruiting new Members and all that have renewed we have exceeded the goal and are currently at 107% of our goal for 2022. 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: May 28th we will be celebrating Memorial Day with a picnic. There will be hot dogs, Burgers, kabobs and more... c'mon out and join us. There will also be games and entertainment. For God and Country. Rick McDonald

ADJUTANT: Hello everyone, May 10th will be the Post meeting at 1930 (7:30 PM) and we will be having elections during this meeting. Voting will be done during the meeting. Please bring your 2022 membership card. If you would like to run, please turn in a Letter of Intent by May 6th. You can come in and turn it into Byron Pianalto or to Evan Glendinning. You can also email it to amlg327@yahoo.com. You can also fax it to the following number 757-961-5537. The positions that are up for elections is Post Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2ND Vice Commander, 3RD Vice Commander, Adjutant, Chaplain, Finance Officer, Sergeant At Arms, Historian and the 4 spots on the executive board. If you would like to know what each position does, feel free to reach out with any questions or you can go to our website for a description. We will be having a Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 11th. It will be from 1 PM to 6 PM. If you would like to sign up for an appointment to donate, please go to redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-REDCROSS, or download their app or see me to be put on the appointment list. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns on anything, feel free to reach out and we will do our best to help you out! I hope all is well. Stay safe! For God and Country, Evan Glendinning Post Adjutant

SERVICE OFFICER: During the Month of March service officers spoke with 101 veterans, spent 200 hours and logged 309 miles. I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: No matter the news I read or view on television states, I'm thankful to God. Keeping my mind on Him, being thankful and praising Him, puts my mind to rest. We can let the news of the world control our lives or we can call out to God.

Psalms, 23, 6a. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." For God and Country, Rickey Brown

LEGION RIDERS: The Riders have been busy planning several rides and events while serving the community. We spent a day at Bayside Harley and replaced their tattered flags and returned them to the post for proper disposal. We also cooked burgers and hot dogs to spread the word about Veterans. We are attempting to plan a run for the American Legion Hope

foundation and will travel to various posts for pre-planned donations. As the riding season kicks into gear, we ask that you watch for motorcycles, and be safe. For God and Country, Derrick "DJ", Rider Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, The editor is thinking no input from me this month. I wanted to wait until our veteran softball team had their dinner. It was a great fundraiser. They served a tasty meal with assist from Patty. Thanks to everyone that came out in support. Debbie Norton and I went to the sportsplex in VB to watch the Tidewater classic tournament championship. Our team won the game and presented the post with a cool trophy shaped like home plate. Till next month, For God and Country, Jeff Evans, AO

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings, **3rd and final notice:** If you wish to run for an elected office, now is the time. We will hold elections for 2023 SAL officers at our May meeting May 9th. We can accept nominations from the floor. Installation of Officers will be at the June SAL meeting. Our Eastern Region Detachment Vice Commander **Jarrold Voss** will install the newly elected officers. Come watch the installation and meet our Eastern Region Detachment Vice Commander.

Our membership for 2022 is now over 89%. 1st Vice Cmdr. **Dave Samson** says we are approaching the final leg of our 2022 membership drive. Remember you can renew online which is a very convenient way to not only renew but to also update any personal data that may have changed like address, phone number, etc. 1st Vice Commander **Dave Samson** says we need more dual members and invites all eligible Legionnaires to join us.

The Sons retired over 100 U S Flags that waved gloriously in their time in the month of April.

PNVC **Steve Gower** and I attended the Spring NEC in Indianapolis. PNVC Gower serves on the Internal Affairs National Commission. They sent me to school. I attended NMI-2. Fortunately, I passed. Miracles!!

May 21st a group of Sons will be travelling to Nags Head to support the community with their **Dare2Care Shredfest** event. This event honors all Veterans especially WWII, Korean and Viet Nam Veterans. It also raises funds to help our wounded combat warriors. The funds are used for those suffering from PTSD, TBI, maiming and addiction problems. The highlighter of the day's event will feature "**The Resilient Band**" which is a band group comprised of wounded warriors. It has been proven that music can help those suffering from PTSD.



Here is an open invitation to anyone that would like to come down with us and participate. Let **Steve Gower** or myself know so we can get you your **VIP** pass. There is plenty of food, beverages and local artisans and vendors raising money. There

will be competition BMX riders and men and women rollerblading.

“The SAL Commander challenges the Post Commander to match our donation. The SAL is donating \$500.00 to Shredfest and challenges the Post Commander to match our donation.”

I'm gonna tell you that SAL **Chef Benski** knocked it out of the park with his Fettuccine Alfredo with shrimp. 1st Vice Commander **Byron Pinalto** says this is one of his favorite meals. We had one couple buy 4 to go after eating their 2 meals in the Clubroom. A personal Thank You to SAL member **George Donnelly** for his generous donation of the shrimp. Thanks to all that supported the dinner night. Thanks to all the volunteers that assisted.

Well, here is some fantastic news!!! ---→ SAL Chef **Benski** will be back in May with his Super Savory Beef Tips on Noodles and Gravy with a Crisp Salad and choice of Dressing and a Tea Roll. Club Manager Sandy is making her Refreshingly Scrumptious Watergate Salad for Dessert. Don't miss out. From 6-8 pm May 20th or until we sell out. All \$8.00 donations go to the SAL Charity Fund.

On a more somber note, we have two SAL members who have gone to Squadron Everlasting: **Gerald Willis** (24yrs) and **James “Jimmie” Johnson**(4yrs). Please pray for their families and friends during this time of loss.

VAVS/CDCE: As your Post VAVS representative I attended the HVAMC quarterly meeting. HVAMC will be shutting down this facility that was originally built in 1870. The newer parts in 1940. This will take a period of 5 years. In the meanwhile, construction continues not only at HVAMC but in Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Suffolk. We will not have the Country fair due to COVID restrictions. As soon as the patients are “freed” to travel we will be furnishing Tides tickets for ball games thanks to your Commander **Roger Kelly**. The Post donated \$500.00 to the General-Purpose account fund. All in all, there is a feeling of optimism at the VA that restrictions will soon cease and we will be able to resume normal activities like bingo, cook outs and baby shower parties, Christmas parties, etc.

VE&E: Some more good news, I have been able to establish a rapport with the VA. They are now sharing all local employment Career fair information held throughout the Tidewater area. I am sure that our SAL Detachment Committee Chairman and your Post Adjutant **Evan Glendinning** will be able to make great strides in the handling of future employment needs for our Military transitioning out of the military and into the civilian sector. Please keep all our family members that are in crisis in your prayers. Remember to employ National Commander Dillard's “Buddy Check” awareness program. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: 3rd Notice for TALA Unit Officer Elections for the 2022-2023 year to be held May 3rd at 7:30 at the regular meeting. The nominating committee members are Jane Evans, Martha Martin, and Salina Kiel. Please see one of them with your intention to run of Office or email the Unit at talaunit327@yahoo.com. We encourage everyone interested to run for office, all positions are open for election, President, Vice

President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Sgt. At Arms, Historian and 3 Executive Committee members. The April Fish Fry dinner was a great success, and we thank everyone that helped and came to enjoy the wonderful food. A special thanks to Joe Vaccarella, Fred Vaccarella and Dave Samson for frying the fish for us and to as always thanks to our volunteers in the kitchen, serving and cleanup. We held an Easter Party and Egg hunt for the Legion Family Children and USS Anzio children, and it was a great turn out and a lot of fun for the kids. It was great to see the kids running around the yard again and having fun. We hid over 500 eggs for them, we had 2 golden eggs and the winners each received a big easter basket! We fed them hot dogs, chips, applesauce, and juice and they each left with a goody bag and easter basket with candy. I would like to thank Helen, Mary, TJ, Jan, Angie, Mark, Pamela, Milo, and Kiersten who is a new Junior member, and she made a great Easter Bunny for us. A special thanks to Otha for the wonderful set up for the pictures and for taking them and printing them on the spot for the kids to take home with them. Also, another special thanks to Joe and Ruth Mills for donating the buns for the party! Coming up we will be out supporting the Run for the Fallen on April 28th at the mile marker across from Ocean View shopping center at approximately 10:22am to support those supporting the gold star families. Next up will be the next Juniors meeting on the 30th at 12 noon when we will be painting kindness rocks with poppies and going over the ALA patch program and have some snacks! Please bring your Juniors out as we work to kick off the Juniors program again! Our ALA May dinner on the 6th will be Taco Salads starting at 6pm until sold out, these went quick last year so be sure to get there early. One last time, please consider running for an office in the ALA for the coming year and help bring even more success to the Unit keeping us moving forward and keeping our focus on the Mission of supporting our Veterans, Active Duty and their families and our community. For God and Country, Crystal Cross, Unit 327 President

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: Looks like spring might have come and the Guard is looking forward to the Memorial Day picnic we have been busy with funerals for our fallen veterans so a picnic a nice thing to look forward to all so this months meeting is election of officers so attend and cast your vote. For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello everyone! Well warm weather is finally here so please watch for children playing and people on bikes. Please try to support our Friday night dinners, Sunday breakfasts, Thursday lunch special and all kitchen specials when the kitchen is open. All these are fund raisers and help support each organization's charity fund. I can't stress this often enough. Most are done solely by volunteers who graciously donate their time. Memorial Day is coming up and I hope each of you celebrate the holiday for the real reason....picnics and backyard parties are fun but not the solemn purpose for this holiday. It is a time to remember all men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. "Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it." For God and Country, Sandra Wright

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Breakfast 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ?	2 6:00 PM til ? Kitchen Open	3 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM ALA Exec Mtg <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> 7:30 PM ALA Reg Mtg w/ Elections </div>	4 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	5 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Ham/Turkey Hoagie 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	6 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Taco Salads	7 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open
8 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Breakfast 1:00 PM Legion Bowling <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> Happy Mother's Day </div> Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ?	9 6:00 PM til ? Kitchen Open 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> 7:30 PM Son's Reg w/ Elections </div>	10 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg w/ Elections </div>	11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> 1:00 PM -6:00 PM Blood Drive </div> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	12 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Porcupine Meatballs & Mac'n Cheese 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	13 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Italian Subs	14 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Mu Beta Phi Fraternity 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
15 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Breakfast 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ?	16 6:00 PM til ? Kitchen Open 7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg	17 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	18 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	19 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Chicken Wrap 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg	20 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Savory Beef Tips over Noodles	21 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> 11:00 AM -4:00 PM Arts & Crafts Show/Sale </div> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> 7:30 PM -10:30 PM Tom McNabb </div>
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29 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> 1 PM - Memorial Day Picnic </div>	30 6:00 PM til ? Kitchen Open <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY </div>	31 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open				