



The Legionnaire

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Chaplain: Frank White
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Historian: TBD
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Adjutant: Shane Kelly
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COMMANDER: Your next Post Meeting will be held May 9@ 7:30 pm. Please try to attend. Remember May is the month for election of Post Officers. Tentative start date for summer darts is May 4th. We will still shoot Thursdays starting at 7:30 PM. Cost is \$2 per person and they do not need to be mixed teams. Anyone over 18 can play. Look for sign-up sheet on the hall door. For God and Country, Tony Moore.

Upcoming Events: Red Cross/Girl Scout Blood Drive May 19th. Memorial Day picnic May 28 and Memorial Day Parade in Portsmouth May 29.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: Currently we are at just over 925 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 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: We need volunteers for the Memorial Day Picnic. For God and Country, Duff Kleinfelter.
SERVICE OFFICER: This month's report is a little different due to health issues that I have been dealing with, including four days in the hospital I have not been able to put together the numbers for the month of March; however, I can tell you that we continue to be very busy. We have six service officers working out of the Post and three other locations on a regular basis. We are helping a large number of veterans and their families.

We still have a serious need for a volunteer to help with financial assistance claims. PLEASE contact me if you or someone you know would be interested in helping with this very important function of the Post.
We still have a variety of medical equipment that is available for use, just let any Post member know if you have a need. For God and Country, Eric Isaksen.

CHAPLAIN: Post Everlasting will be held at our May 9th meeting for Betty (BJ) Miller/Nobles and James Martin.

LEGION RIDERS: No input.

For God and Country, Keith (Cowboy) DeLucenay

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, On 21 April our co-ed softball team started a new season. They were dominate in their double hitter, winning both games. The team would love the support of members attending to watch the action. All games are held on Friday nights at Northside Park, not a far travel. I look forward to seeing you there as we root for the home team. I will post a schedule on the cork board in the hallway and on our web page. Updates to follow next month, till then...For God and Country, Jeff Evans

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Hello Legion Family, let me start off by thanking all of you who attended Uncle Jeff's Steak & Cheese Sub dinner April 21st. We sold out and as you know with your continued support we are able to use the cash proceeds for our various veteran charity donations. And if you liked last month's dinner then you certainly will not want to miss May 19th because that is Aunt Jane's Savory Spaghetti Dinner Night with Cesar Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert and you need to be on time because the Sons usually sell out of this dinner also.

Congratulations and Thanks to the Girl Scouts # 327, Ladies Auxiliary, the Sons and the Post members that helped to put on an unforgettable fish fry for the Veterans from the VA Hampton Medical Center.

Sons and Post members, we entreat you to help obtain members for the Sons. If you are a Post member and have a son or grandson we can join them up. Current Son members you all have friends and I know some of your friends may be eligible to join. We need your help getting new members. Along with the recruitment of new Sons we need renewals. Dave Samson our 1st Vice Cmdr says we are at 75 % of our goal. Please take the time to renew if you haven't or urge a fellow member to renew if he hasn't. Membership is the life blood of our organization. Last year we went over 100%. Let us do this again!

Congratulations to John Sims & John Smith our newest Sons Members! We look forward to your participation and ideas. Give John & John a hearty greeting and friendly handshake when you meet him.

Very Important! Our elections are next month May 8th and you still have the opportunity to run for an Officer's position. We like new people and invite your ideas.

The Sons are travelling to Nags Head May 20th, Armed Forces Day, to attend the second annual OBX Dare2care Shred Fest from 1:30 to 8:30. The focus of Shred Fest is to bring awareness to Veterans and Special needs individuals. The Shred Fest features athletes from the world of pro skateboarding, BMX riders, Roller Derby Women and Special

Olympics athletes. This event is a Veteran charity fundraiser. We, The Sons are attending so that we can promote Operation Comfort Warrior. We intend to promote and educate the community regarding the Sons of The American Legion, what we do and what we stand for. We also believe that this could result in recruitment. We invite anyone from the Post and Auxiliary side to also attend and help get the word out. We believe this will be a great PR event.

I attended a quarterly meeting of the VAVS at the Hampton VA Medical Center April and learned a lot about what we can do as a Veterans Service Organization (VSO) to aid and support our Veterans, their families and their needs. I have a wish list available that enumerates what supplies and personal hygiene items that are needed at the Fisher House and our local VA Facilities.

The Sons wish to extend their most sincere and heartfelt condolences to the families and friends that have lost someone in the month of April. The Sons offer their sympathy to the families and friends of Legionnaire members John Glauner, Roberts Banks, Past Cmdr. Betty J.(BJ) Miller Nobles and Jim Martin. All will be sorely missed. For God and Country Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello Ladies. I hope everyone is well and enjoying the warm weather. Our dinner on May 5th in honor of Cinco de Mayo will be Mexican. I'm not sure yet what it will be but I think everyone will enjoy it. Don't forget elections will be held at our meeting this month. We had a wonderful time with the vets in April: they enjoyed the dinner, bingo and friendship. We will see them again in October. We have breakfast the 4th Sunday of the month-the only way our dinners and breakfasts (no matter which organization) can be successful is your support. That way we can fulfill our obligation to our Veterans, children and the community. Please help us. For God and Country, Nancy Bell.

ONCE A MONTH SERVICE PROJECTS: Would you like to participate in an active, once a month service project outside of our Post home? We are looking for members of our entire Legion family (Post, Unit SAL, Riders) to meet Thursday May 11th @ 7 PM. Come with ideas-everyone is the chairman of the group. Examples could be.... Foodbank packaging food, USO preparing a lunch or cleaning the center, aging veterans who need occasional yardwork or house cleaning, Americanism education with schools and community centers. Any and every idea is worth listening to. The community needs to know WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO AND WHY WE MATTER! We are a service organization.

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.

