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COMMANDER: Comrades and Friends, November is National Veterans and Military Families Month, a time to honor and remember the service and sacrifices made by our nation's heroes and their loved ones. Here at American Legion Post 327, there's much going on both at the Post and throughout our community as we come together to show our appreciation and respect.

Veterans Week will be observed from November 7–11, culminating with the Veterans Day Parade—a proud tradition that unites veterans, families, and supporters from across the area. We encourage everyone to come out, participate, and help us celebrate the service and dedication of those who have worn the uniform.

Please take a moment to check the other sections of this newsletter, as well as our social media pages, for more details on upcoming events, volunteer

opportunities, and ways you can get involved. Whether it's lending a hand, attending an event, or spreading the word, your support helps keep our Post strong and visible in the community. Together, we continue to uphold the values of the American Legion—Service, Patriotism, and Community. Thank you for all that you do to make Post 327 a place where veterans and families are always welcome. For God and Country, DJ Derrick Johnson Commander, American Legion Post 327

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We have started our 2026 renewals at a good pace; we are currently just under 65% of our goal for this year. The Post has added a new method of paying your dues, if you have Zelle through your bank or the app on your phone, you can also come to the office and pay, or you can go to our website: legion327.com and

select **PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES**. Once I receive notification of your payment I will mail your Membership card to the address on file. You can also renew online at **legion.org/renew** for 1 year or 3 years with a credit card. **Remember anytime you are at the Post you are required to have your Membership card in your possession or a digital image of your Membership card on your phone.**
For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: Happy Holidays Post Family! Many exciting events are going on this month. Our last Bar Bingo provided by Arrow/Powerhouse is Thursday 20 November at 7:30. First time the American Legion will be in the Grand Illumination Parade on 22 November. We will be hosting some of the veterans from the Ballentine on Thursday November 20 at 12:30. Our Thanksgiving dinner will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday 27 November. Foxglove is coming back on Saturday 1 November! For God and country, Linda P. Blaker

THIRD VICE COMMANDER: Thank you all the volunteers this past month with the various projects we have had. There are some upcoming projects in the next month or so. We are having the parking lot repainted on Nov 12th and the parking lot will be closed from 7AM to 1PM by a contractor and will be blocking off the last parking spot. This will allow the flow of parking on the grass for events. Clubroom will open at 1PM. We are also installing a fire pit by the pavilion and will need volunteers to help spread rock and placing bricks. The start date is TBD. We will hold a field day on 8 November 2025 from 0900 to 1200. This will be all inside work. For God and Country, Rob Sullinger, Third Vice Commander

SERVICE OFFICER: Welcome to November. Thanksgiving is upon us. The Service Officers will be taking off for the holidays. Office hours will be suspended from the close of business on Thursday, November 20, and will reopen on December 1, 2025. For any emergency actions, I can be reached at 757-506-2326

I would like to thank all the service officers for their tireless efforts.
Post Service Officers are available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 1000-1500. Closed holidays. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: November Greetings Legion Family! This is a month where we pause to celebrate Veterans Day and everything we are grateful for with Thanksgiving. This also starts a time of the year when holidays may be very difficult for some. Please remember to check in on your brothers and sisters. If they need someone to talk to, please refer them to 988 or have them contact me at **chaplain327@gmail.com**. It is my goal to make our Post a resource center for mental health so those who serve and have served know they are not alone. For God and Country, Desh Nendze

LEGION RIDERS: Happy Thanksgiving from the. American Legion Riders Chapter 327. Chapter 327 Riders first on the road training took place up in Luray, Va on the Skyline drive. It was a successful event. Our two newest riders experienced training while riding the beautiful Skyline Drive in Shenandoah National Park. From Jason's and Kevin's perspective. "Today's route on Skyline Drive was an amazing day, learned a lot of new skills doing all of the switchbacks. Will definitely do this again!"

Upcoming event: Rider's will be delivering Thanksgiving baskets to less fortunate families. Chapter 327 American Legion Riders are always looking for new riders to join. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Keep both wheels on the ground and be safe, For God and Country. Keith "Klutch" Palmer, Chapter 327 Riders Director 757-652-2334

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, Outdoor sports are winding down. Our co-ed softball team is finishing the fall season. We appreciate the team coming to the post after games. Our travel softball team managed a top 15 finish in the national tournament in Vegas. They just played their last

tournament until January in Virginia Beach. They came away with the first-place trophy. Till next month...For God and country, Jeff Evans, A. O

SQUADRON COMMANDER: The October 2025 Yard Sale and Food Truck Event has been postponed to Spring 2026, with a new date forthcoming once finalized. Meanwhile, the Squadron has voted to shift monthly meetings to the third Tuesday of each month starting November 18—mark your calendars accordingly. October brought a dose of whimsical camaraderie through the Sons Family Pizza Party Dinner and Fish With A Vet. You joined the SONS to honor a Veteran in your family; November provides another opportunity to continue that spirit — Veterans Day and the Veterans Day Parade, offering a powerful chance to show up, celebrate service, and stand together in gratitude. I hope to see you there! For God and Country, Alan J. “AJ” Cole, Sr., Squadron 327 Commander

ALA PRESIDENT: We had a busy October and appreciate all of the help with the Veterans Fish Fry from the entire Legion Family. The Halloween Trunk or Treat was a great success and again, we appreciate all the participation from the entire Legion Family. Our dinner will be on the 14th with wonderful Lasagna by Angie with salad, garlic bread, and dessert for \$12.00. We will again be supporting the Angel Tree this year supporting the homeless veterans through the VAMC hospital. We will have tags up as soon as possible to meet our turn in date. More to come on turn in date for the gifts in December. For God and Country, Crystal Cross

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: The Honor Guard was busy in October. We started the month by helping the Auxiliary welcome veterans from the Hampton VA Center for the annual fish fry. We attended the 2nd District Fall Conference at Post 35 and took part in the Annual Driver Day Parade. November is a very busy month for the American Legion Family. The second week of November begins with the Marine Corps and Auxiliary birthday

on the 10th and Veterans Day on the 11th. From November 10–16, The American Legion holds a national week of Buddy Checks. Buddy Checks are when members reach out to other veterans to make sure, they are safe and getting the help they need. Looking out for one another is an important responsibility. Since May 2019, a national resolution asks Legionnaires to do Buddy Checks during the week of Veterans Day and on The American Legion’s birthday, March 15. Local posts can also do Buddy Checks at times that work best for their communities. In 2023, the Department of Veterans Affairs began its own National Buddy Check Week in October, and Legionnaires have joined that effort too. The week of Thanksgiving has been named National Family Week by The American Legion for more than 45 years. This year it runs from November 24–30. One goal of The American Legion’s Children & Youth programs is to support strong families. During National Family Week, the American Legion Family is encouraged to promote and celebrate healthy families and communities. For God and Country, Mary Taggart

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello everyone, I hope all is well with all you beautiful people. I have a few reminders to send out. Members must always have their up-to-date membership cards with you. A member must have their membership cards with them to win the Queen of Heart game also. It is in the house rules there CANNOT be any illegal substances in or on the premises at any given time. As of November 1, 2025, we will no longer be able to use the kiosk to break larger bills to smaller bills. Please see the bartender if you need to make change. Sorry for the inconvenience this may cause you. Thank you for understanding. The holidays are nearby. If you have any spare time and would like to volunteer for any of our events, please contact our Second Vice Linda Blaker. If she is unavailable, please leave your contact information with a bartender and she will reach out to you. For God and Country, Clubroom Manager, Angie Hernandez

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					2025 Department Fall Conference @ Double Tree	1
2	2025 Department Fall Daylight Saving Time 9am - BreakFast @ 1pm - Legion Bowling	7:30pm - Post 5 Legion Election Day 7pm - ALA Regular Mtg	7pm - 40/8 Promenade	6	7	8
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					2pm - YOGA Donation 5:15pm - QUEEN OF 6pm - ALA Lasagna	11:15am - USSVI MTG
16	9am - BreakFast @ 1pm - Legion Bowling	7pm - Honor Guard	6:30pm - V V A	20	21	22
				6:30pm - LEGION 7:30pm - Bar Bingo @	2pm - YOGA Donation 5:15pm - QUEEN OF	7pm - Illumination
23	9am - BreakFast @ 1pm - Legion Bowling	6pm - RASON RADIO		27	28	29
				Thanksgiving Day 2pm - Thanksgiving	Black Friday 2pm - YOGA Donation 5:15pm - QUEEN OF	7:30pm - AJ the KJ @
30	9am - BreakFast @ 1pm - Legion Bowling				5	6
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