



# The Legionnaire

## Tidewater Post 327

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Adjutant: Gene Niedholdt  
Finance: David Seate  
Service Officer: Eric Isaksen  
Chaplain: J. J. Willis  
Sgt-at-Arms: Bob DeChamplain  
Historian: TBD

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Adjutant: Shane Kelly  
Treasurer: David Seate  
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Chaplain: Paul Murch  
Sgt-at-Arms: James Kern  
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#### Exec Board

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CDR: Fred Vaccarella  
1<sup>st</sup> VCDR: Dave Samson  
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Adjutant: James Doty, Jr.  
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Historian: Dan Schmidt

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### AUXILIARY

President: Nancy Bell  
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Treasurer: Bonnie Kleinfelter  
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers  
Sgt-at-Arms: Pat Hatke  
Historian: Sharon Bukowski

#### Exec Board

Stacey Hempfer  
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**COMMANDER:** Your next Post Meeting will be November 14<sup>th</sup> at @ 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there. Thanksgiving Dinner will be Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> starting approx. 2 PM. Turkey and ham donations are welcomed and needed. Please try to have donated items to the Post between Nov 15<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup>. Desserts are always needed and could be brought in on the 21<sup>st</sup>. This will allow us to plan what we still need. Our Post budget was passed during October meeting. There are a lot of Post programs going on. Check them out to see which ones you may be interested in. The Post Christmas Party will be Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 to 8 PM For God and Country, Tony Moore.

**Upcoming Events:** Veterans Day Parade 9:30 AM Virginia Beach.

**FIRST VICE COMMANDER:** Currently we are at just over 600 new or renewed members for 2018. You may renew your 2018 membership online at [www.legion.org/renew](http://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. Be sure to renew before the Holiday shopping starts to make sure you don't run short of funds to renew before the end of the year. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

**SECOND VICE COMMANDER:** Our next event will be New Year's Eve celebrations. Tentative date will be Sunday Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see you there. For God Country, Duff Kleinfelter

**SERVICE OFFICER:** In the month of October we submitted 47 claims, we talked with a total of 118 people, we processed 2 TFA's, we worked 246 hours and drove 941 miles.

New benefit available at VA Hospital! If you or anyone you know is having a mental health crisis, you can receive treatment at any VA healthcare facility, even if you do not qualify for VA healthcare. They will treat you for up to 90 days, then find a place on the outside to take you if you still need it. They will also help you with a character upgrade if that is an issue.

There are new changes to the claims process that the VA is touting. If you want more information, see any Service Officer during regular claims hours.

**INSIDE DOPE!** There will be 42 federal jobs in financial management in the Tidewater area posted around December. Keep an eye on the Federal Jobs Postings. We have a rack with pertinent information for veterans. This rack will be in the claims area during claims hours and in the lobby at all other times. Take a moment to check it out, you might just find some useful information. And the information will change regularly, so be sure to check it out frequently. For God and Country, Eric Isaksen.

**CHAPLAIN:** Greetings fellow legionnaires. Once again, we have lost a long-time member of the Legion. Charles A Atkinson was an Army veteran of World War II, and am member of the American Legion for 45 years. He has served our country well, and we will miss him, and keep him in our prayers. For God and Country, J. J. Willis

**LEGION RIDERS:** We escorted the Honor Flight and this trip included not only WW II Veterans but Korea and Viet Nam Veterans. We supported several Poker Runs including Post 79's Toys for Tots Ride.

Mike & Barb Uehling were involved in an accident while their son was riding just behind them. She was released from the hospital that night but Mike had 10 broken ribs and a few other issues so they kept him for a while. He is now home and they are both recovering. We are preparing for the Veterans Day Parade and our Christmas toy run.

Our meeting is the third Thursday of the month at 1830 please feel free to visit anytime.

For God and Country, Asst Dir Paul Murch.

**ATHLETIC OFFICER:** Greetings to all. Our softball teams season is coming to a close. They are in second

place, standing at 10 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie. The playoffs were slated for near the end of October. I will update their results next month. If you shoot darts but do not want to commit to every week, stop by on Thursday night around 7, some team may need a sub that night. Our post has a lot to offer, give us a try. Have a great Thanksgiving, one and all. For God and Country, Jeff Evans, A.O. 327

**SQUADRON COMMANDER:** Greetings Legion Family: Tempus Fugit, Time Flies!

Wow!! It's already November and we might as well say that 2017 is gone.

The Welcome Home Initiative November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> was a success. The Sons and Auxiliary served a Lasagna Luncheon for about 75 people on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November.

Thank all of you Ladies and all others for your selfless effort and time. I want to also thank our 2<sup>nd</sup> District Honor Guard and the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus for posting Colors at the closing ceremony November 5<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank the Legion for the generous donation. The Sons and ladies received a lot of attention and hopefully this will lead to the recruitment of new members.

Membership is the lifeline of any organization. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr Dave Samson says that we are at 33% attainment of our goal. Pleased come in and renew before the end of the year preferably no later than November. We have to transmit our membership to the Department in Richmond and they then have to forward it to National. That's why it is important to try and have all membership ready in November so that we can hit this year's goal of 145. We are at 48 as of October 19<sup>th</sup>.

I want to thank Jane Evans, Ginny Gower and all others that helped make the Son's Boneless Pork Loin Dinner a success. I thank all of you that supported the Sons Dinner Night.

Unfortunately, Steve Gower, Jeff Evans and I were not able to join you for the dinner because we were at the Fall Conference in Virginia Beach.

I attended several educational and informative sessions. As always, we were able to meet with our fellow Squadrons and share ideas. We were also able to meet and greet Leading Candidates for the upcoming year. I feel that our Legion Family will have a fruitful upcoming year.

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual PBR Fishing Classic Tournament at the Avon Fishing Pier in Avon NC. Last year we raised \$4930.00 for Operation Comfort Warrior

We are proud and honored to announce that past

National Legion Cmdr Dan Dellinger will be with us. Also attending will be the National OCW Chair Bruce Drake. This year we are hoping to double the amount raised. Feel free to come down and support this important fundraising event.

I attended two meetings at the VA Hampton Medical Facility in October. I went to the quarterly VAVS meeting as the newly appointed SAL VAVS Committee Representative October 11<sup>th</sup> and was then invited to the VSO Meeting the following week on October 18<sup>th</sup> held in the Director's Office. I have an appointment on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October for my VA Volunteer re-certification including my TB test and Flu shot. Lots of good things are happening at Hampton VA and for our Vets at large that I will share with you at a later time.

Our Sons Dinner night is the week before Thanksgiving which will be Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>. We have been asked to serve our tasty Meatball Sub Dinner. So for your eating enjoyment we will have our 5 Meatball and Cheese Sub with fries, Dill Pickle Spear and Dessert. All for an \$8 donation to our Son's Charity account. Hey if you are running late call ahead for a "**take out**" before we **Sell Out!**

The Sons wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving especially with your families, loved ones and friends. Remember to keep in mind all others of us that are less fortunate.

For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

**ALA PRESIDENT:** Hello Ladies, Wow can you believe that the Holidays are almost here. Our dinner the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November is 'Pot Roast' and all the fixins.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers that came out to the Vets Fish fry. As always it was a great success. It is so good to see the smiles on the Vets faces.

Keep an eye out for the Angel Tree going up the Friday after Thanksgiving, more info to follow.

If anyone has any or comes across any yarn we need donations for our ongoing projects for the Homeless Vets and babies. We could really use it.

For God and Country, Nancy Bell.

**ONCE A MONTH SERVICE PROJECTS:** Can you spend one day a month to reach out to our community and assist or better the lives of Veterans, Active Duty or Senior citizens?

The Post recently sponsored a Hero Dog who will be graduating from his training on November 5. 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.

# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<i>1</i> 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	<i>2</i> 7:30 PM Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>3</i> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Pot Roast	<i>4</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene
<i>5</i> 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Breakfast - By Patti	<i>6</i> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>7</i> 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>8</i> 6:30 PM ALA Social & Crafts	<i>9</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">7:00 PM Outside Volunteer Mtg</div> 7:30 PM Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>10</i> 6:00 PM Girl Scout Dinner-Hamburger Steak w/gravy	<i>11</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">9:30 AM Veterans Day Parade in VA Beach</div> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell
<i>12</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - Girl Scouts 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	<i>13</i> 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>14</i> 7:00 PM Post 327 Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post 327 Reg Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>15</i> 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	<i>16</i> 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 7:30 PM Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>17</i> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Meat Ball Subs	<i>18</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene
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<i>26</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA	<i>27</i> 6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>28</i> 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post		