



The Légionnaire

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Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Keith Palmer
Sgt-at-Arms: Linda Blaker
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

Ashley Wehrle
Tim Gonyea
Michael McCann
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LEGION RIDERS

Director: (DJ) Derrick Johnson
Asst Dir: Keith Palmer
Adjutant: TBD
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley
Chaplain: Mike Moranha
Sgt-at-Arms: Vacant
Road Captain: Keith McCauley

Exec Board

Al R. Gnome

SAL SQUADRON

CDR: Fred Vaccarella
1st VCDR: Dave Samson / Wayne Turner
2nd VCDR David "Benski" Vernon
Adjutant: James Doty Jr
Treasurer: Jeff Evans
Chaplain: Rocky English / Frank White
1st Sgt-at-Arms: Mike Schmidt
Historian: Evan Glendinning
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Exec Board

Steve Gower
Milo Cross
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AUXILIARY

President: Mary Taggart
Vice President: Helen Lynum
Secretary: Jeanne Hartman
Treasurer: LaQuetta Joe
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers
Sgt-at-Arms: Patty Hibner
Historian: Jane Evans

Exec Board

Karen Stull
Jan Dumstorff
Crystal Cross

COMMANDER: Welcome to fall! I hope this finds everyone well. Be sure to keep up with all the events and parties that will be happening through the rest of the year and holiday season. As always please continue to volunteer and recruit new members for the Post. On a personal note, I just want to thank everyone from the Legion family that has helped me over the last year. And to everyone that reached out to me with their condolences. It really meant a lot. Thank you, Legion Family. For God and Country, Roger Kelly

UPCOMING EVENTS: Education Fair Nov 5th Noon to 3PM, Election Day Nov 8th, Veterans Day Parade in VB @ 9AM, Job Fair Nov 12th Noon to 3PM, Service Officer training Nov 19th 9AM to 10AM, File Veterans claims Nov 19th 10AM - 3PM, Blood Drive Nov 23rd 1PM - 6PM, Thanksgiving Day Dinner Nov 24th @ 2PM.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We are currently at 58% goal so please keep these renewals coming in. You may also use mylegion.org to renew your Membership online. Anyone that has an **honorable** discharge after Dec 7th, 1941, is able join. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: No input. For God and Country, Rick McDonald

ADJUTANT: No input. For God and Country, Evan Glendinning

SERVICE OFFICER: During the Month of September service officers spoke with 216 veterans, spent 200 hours and logged 478 miles. I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: It's time to bake them sweet potato casserole along with that deep fried southern cooked turkey! Thanksgiving in the South is truly something to behold. The blessed holiday brings friends and family together, embellishing our homes with stunning fall decor, and enjoy homemade foods, and a time to reflect on our blessings. Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks. "Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Psalm 107: 8-9. For God and Country Chaplain, Keith Palmer

LEGION RIDERS: It's getting cold!! The riders would like to welcome a couple new riders! We are growing. We have participated in several rides and events and pictures will be out soon on our Facebook page. If you know of a family in need for this holiday season, please get the information to one of the riders. We would like to provide a little bit of help as we know, every little bit helps. If you know of a family who needs a little bit of help with a holiday meal...shoot their circumstance and information to a rider!! We would like to help! For GOD and Country, "DJ" Riders Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, The Flying Aces travel softball team's season is coming to a close. They had a great year. The team wants to give back. They will be collecting Toys for Tots. There will be a donation box in the foyer for new toys. Thank you in advance for your generous support! Our co-ed Friday night team can still qualify for the playoffs. I will give a final report on their success next month. The Monday night dart league has finished week three and the clubroom is hopping. This makes Chief Ashley happy. Each week substitutes have been needed. If you want to shoot some but not all the time, we start at 7:30. Come on down and make friends you don't know yet. It's a great time of year, so much to be thankful for. Let's all remember those who will not be home for the upcoming holidays. Till next month...For God and Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Holiday Season Greetings to Our Legion Family. Well, It's happy Thanksgiving time already. Before we know it Christmas and then 2023. As they say in Latin tempus fugit!

1st Vice Commanders **Dave Samson** and **Wayne Turner** thank all that have renewed, and we welcome aboard our new SAL members! Your Squadron is at 38.42% as of 10/20/22. We have 11 new and 67 renewals for a total of 78 2023 members. Our goal is to have 203 members for 2023. Your squadron is #1 in the 2nd District and the 2nd District is in the #2 in the state.

Dave and **Wayne** remind you that it will be January 2023 before you know it. Since the busy Christmas shopping season is upon us why not come in and renew before the end of 2022 to avoid the rush? Anyone that wishes to renew, or join can see **Dave, Wayne** or any of the SAL officers for assistance.

Our two Past National SAL Commanders **Jeff Evans, Steve Gower** (*e comes before g Steve*) and I attended the Fall Conference at the Doubletree in Williamsburg October 21-23.

So, at the Conference your squadron donated \$3000.00 split equally between Veterans & Children's Foundation (**VCF**), National Emergency Fund (**NEF**) and the Fisher House in Portsmouth giving \$1000.00 to each.

"Himacane" Ian is a prime example of **VCF & NEF** going to the aid of our Floridian Veterans and their families.

Your squadron could not make these donations without our Legion family members' support of our SAL dinner nights and fundraisers and programs. We SAL thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts.

Speaking of dinners our Lasagna dinner night was well received. Chef and honorary "*Sonette*" **Jane Evans'** Lasagna was a smash hit! We sold out. We gave SAL Chef **Benski** the night off.

SAL Chef **Benski** will be preparing Southern Style Meatloaf with Smashed Herbal Taters, Veggie, Roll and Dessert. All of this for only \$9.00 and it sure beats fast foods and is undoubtedly healthier for you than fast food. The November dinner will be November 18th from 6-8 pm or until sold out. So, this will be two comfort "feel good" dinners back-to-back.

The SAL is giving up our dinner night December 16th for the Post 75th Anniversary Celebration being held December 17th.

VAVS/CDCE: As the Post representative for Voluntary Services, I attend Quarterly VAVS meetings. They have been Zoom meetings for the last couple of years. The most recent Quarterly was 10/19. The VA is growing in the southside area quickly. There are CBOCS in Chesapeake, Virginia Beach. Western Branch will have a Facility opening in 2023. A brand-new VA Medical Center is currently being built in Virginia Beach.

Volunteers at the HVAMC are very limited. A certification of volunteers will be held tentatively in November. To become a volunteer or to renew you must have proof of 2 Covid shots, proof of boosters is not required. Volunteers can bring proof of a recent ppt test and flu shot or Hampton VA will test you for tb and give you a flu shot for free. You will be fingerprinted and have a criminal

background check processed by the HVAMC police dept. and go through an hour orientation. The VA still requires masks, and you will wear such until the mandate is lifted by the VA. There are no stand downs or events slated at present time.

The Post made a \$500.00 donation to the General-Purpose fund account at the HVAMC.

VE&E: For new readers or members VE&E stands for Veterans Employment, Education and Homelessness. Our State SAL VE&E Chairman is Evan Glendinning. Evan runs our Post VE&E. This is the 1st VE&E in the State for SAL. Evan is hosting a Job/Tech/Education Fair in November and another sometime in January 2023. We are currently getting together a clothing drive. See Evan or Auxiliary Unit President Mary Taggart for information. The Post will be donating money to Account # 1402 for Homeless Veterans clothing fund at the Hampton VA. This money is also used for haircuts, hairstyling, transportation, etc. things that helps a Veteran confidently go out for employment interviews.

Ladies and gentlemen please keep our infirmed members, friends and relatives in your prayers. Please remember also to pray for our members who have recently lost a dear one. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: October was a busy month for the Unit. It started with our Unit meeting on the 4th at the new time. Followed on the 7th with monthly dinner. Prepared by Jane and Debbie. This month's dessert was made by Linda a Legion member. Ladies thank you. Crystal and Anne attend the Eastern Zone Workshop in Petersburg on the 8th. On Oct 9, Unit 327 hosted the 1st & 2nd ALA Fall School. Department President Pamela Elam- Lipscombe attended this meeting. District President Crystal Cross had a very successful meeting. All that attended received a wealth of information. Please think about attending the spring meeting. Thank you, Byron, for adding lights to the Unit showcase. Several members attended Fall Conference in Williamsburg, October 21-23. Thank you for attending. Our Holiday Food Drive ended on the 28th. Thank you to who donated food, money, and time. Your support will help local active-duty families have Thanksgiving dinner.

November

- 1 Unit meeting 7:00 pm NEW TIME**
- 4 Unit Dinner 6-8pm**
Fried Chicken, smashed potatoes, roll, and cake

- 6 Daylight Saving Time ends**
- 11 Healing Field Set up @ 9am**
Veterans Day Parade in VA. Beach. Starts at 9am
The parade route will start from the Virginia Beach Oceanfront on Atlantic Avenue and proceed up 17th Street, right turn onto Mediterranean Avenue, then a left turn onto 19th Street up to at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial (across from the Virginia Beach Convention Center).
- 12 Unit quarterly visit to St. Mary Cemetery**
12:30pm
3000 Church St., Norfolk, VA,
- 13 Junior Meeting 1pm SAL under 18 are welcome to attend**
- 23 Turkey Bowl & Raffle**

SAVE THE DATE

December 17th 75th Anniversary celebration

Juniors – Membership as a Junior is from birth until 18. Juniors are involved in community service projects, and other activities. Sons of the American Legion under 18 are welcome to attend meetings, participate in community service projects and activities. For more on our Junior program, contact Crystal Cross.

Membership- The 22-23 membership drive continues. You can renew or join by mail, in person or online at www.ALForVeterans.org . Ms. Helen Lynum is our membership chairperson. **Service, Not Self, For God and County, Mary Taggart, Unit 327 President**

HONOR GUARDS CORNER. No input. For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello everyone! Just a quick reminder that when you sign in a guest ALL information must be printed and legible....Our ABC Agent wants to be able to easily read all information. Also, when you bring in a bottle you must label the bottle with your 1st and last name as well as date you brought the bottle in. All locker fees are due no later than Saturday, December 31, 2022. Food is now being served at the Post 7 days a week...remember Friday night dinners are fund raisers so please support them when you can. I hope each of you will be able to spend time with your loved ones over the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!! For God and Country, Sandi Wright

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 6:30 PM ALA Exec Mtg 7:00 PM ALA Regular Mtg	2 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	3 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Soppy Joes 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	4 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Fried Chicken	5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">12:00 PM -3:00 PM Education Fair</div> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open
6 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">DST Ends - Set back clocks back 1 hr.</div>	7 1:00 PM -4:00 PM Hot Dog Special 6:00 PM til ? Kitchen Open 7:30 PM Legion Darts	8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">6:00 AM Election Day</div> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg	9 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	10 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Chicken Pot Pie 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">9:00 AM VETERANS DAY Parade VB</div> 6:00 PM Veterans Day Dinner	12 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">12:00 PM -3:00 PM Job Fair</div> 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
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