



The Legionnaire

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Historian: TBD

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COMMANDER: October was a very busy month for all Legion Family Members. The Honor Guard was very busy as usual, performing at functions through out the Second District. They also marched in the annual parade in Driver, VA. The ALA did a great job with the Vets fish fry dinner. The Vets from the VA Hospital look forward to the fish fry, **THEY LOVE IT.** The VA&R chair person for the ALA also served a special fund raiser dinner Oct 26th to raise money for Veterans. The SALs had a fabulous club sub for Friday dinner on the 19th. The Girl Scouts do an outstanding job with dinners. My reasons for talking about Friday dinners so much is very simple. These dinners don't **just happen.** These folks put in a lot time and expense to provide the best meal possible, at a **very reasonable price.** So please come out and support them. Remember, any profits from these dinners are used to **support our Veterans programs.** Let's move on

to breakfast on Sunday. We currently have breakfast on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays. That means there is an excellent opportunity for some one to jump in and raise funds for their program the 1st Sunday of each month, plus a 5th Sunday four or five times a year. **Think about it,** you raise funds and contribute to the continuity of breakfast **every Sunday.**

November being turkey and ham day we will be accepting donations of both. If you plan to donate, please call the Post and let us know. Please leave your name and phone number also. All donations should be delivered to the Post between Nov 14th and 15th. There will be a sign up sheet on the door to the hall for desserts and side dishes. The "Chef" will be contacting people to assist with preparations and serving. Please assist the "Chef" if asked. For God and Country, Tony Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS: Election Day Nov 6th, be sure to **VOTE**; Veterans Day Parade Monday Nov 12th in Virginia Beach; Stress Recovery Group Nov 26th @ Post 327.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: Our current membership for 2019 is at 550 new and renewed members, remember to renew before the Dec 31, and avoid running short for your Christmas shopping and avoiding a lapse in your continuous years. You can renew your 2019 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 Pinalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: Planning continues for the New Year's Eve Party. The plan is for finger foods starting at 9pm with a light breakfast after the Midnight Toast. There will be a DJ for music and dancing and lots of door prizes. Start making plans to attend this great party! A sign up sheet will be put up at Thanksgiving to start sign-ups so I can plan to have enough goodies for everyone! For God and Country, Milo Cross

SERVICE OFFICER: In the month of October we submitted 73 claims, spoke to 127 veterans, drove 757 miles and logged 235 hours. We continue our outreach at Tidewater Community College and at a few other locations. One veteran who we helped has donated to the Post a flag that flew over Kabul, Afghanistan on September 11, 2011. As always, I want to thank all the service officers for their great work in making Post 327 the place to come for VA claims purposes. For God and Country, Eric Isaksen

CHAPLAIN: Greetings, fellow Legionnaires. Now that the season of ghost and goblins is upon us, we need to remember that it is followed by Thanksgiving. We need to remember to be thankful for many things. First of course, the God we worship. Then, the Country that guarantees our right, and does not interfere with our worship, and last but not least, our fellow patriots, be they young or old, who protect our beloved country to insure our sacred beliefs are protected. Remember - our dedication to this great country must not end, because then what will become of it? For God and Country, J. J. Willis

LEGION RIDERS: No input. For God and Country Keith (Cowboy), Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, our co-ed softball team has gotten two wins; their hard work has paid off. It's been a long season. We will reload and return to the division we should play in next spring. We are always

looking for females for the roster. If you are interested in playing give me a call @ 757-893-2609. If you haven't stopped by the post on a Thursday lately you should. The dart league and pool team fills the club room, reminding me of years past. Information about the Department bowling tournament should be out by next month, till then... For God and Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings Legion Family, Already November and Thanksgiving is on the way. The Sons had a busy October! We had the National NEC meeting in Indianapolis Indiana. What a nice city. The War memorial is awesome. I attended Commander's school where instructors attempted to teach me how to become a State Commander next year. I guess I flunked because I get to go back again next year. LOL

SAL National Vice Commander **Steve Gower** and SAL National Children and Youth Committeeman **Jeff Evans** were there also. The three of us were delayed from flying out on Sunday. It took us an extra day to get back to Norfolk. We had an amusing driver that spoke little English and looked like Osama bin Laden who took us from the airport in Indy to a hotel and then back to the airport the next morning. It seemed like a scene from a movie and we were in it. The latter part of October the three of us were at the Fall Conference in Williamsburg. We were able to meet with fellow Squadrons and friends to exchange information, ideas and stories. Conferences are always interesting, informative and fun. If you could not make it to the Fall Conference, then plan now to attend the Spring Conference in 2019. It will be easier to attend because it will be in Portsmouth. November will be a busy month also.

November 9-11 **Steve, Jeff** and I will be in Avon at the fishing pier for the annual PBR fishing tournament. We have attended the tournament two times and have raised over \$15000 for Operation Comfort Warrior (OCW). This year we have more sponsorship and optimistically anticipate breaking records raising money for OCW. **All are welcome to come down and enter the tournament or volunteer with the Sons to help us fundraise for OCW.** The media may be there this year and it's rumored that State legislators may visit the event also.

Also, in November we will be visiting local elementary schools and asking the students to make their homemade Christmas cards so we can carry the cards over to the Veterans at HVAMC when they have their Christmas party in December.

1st Vice Cmdr. **Dave Samson** says we are on target for hitting our percentage of membership goals but wants to remind those members that have not renewed to do so as soon as possible. December will be here before we know it

and you can't get in without a 2019 membership card after December 31 2018. He also wants to ask you Sons to keep recruiting new members.

The **Milo** and **Crystal Cross** Super Duper Club Sub Dinner was a great success. Yes we sold out! I wish to thank **Crystal** and **Milo** for their enjoyable dinner and hard work.

Now next month the dinner will again be fantastic.

Somehow we were able to talk **Ginny Gower** into making her delicious Chicken and Dumplings. **Ginny's** Chicken and Dumplings are listed in the dictionary under the definition for "*Comfort Food*"! Do your tummy a favor and as Grandma says, "Come an' git it!" We will start serving promptly at 6 pm Friday November 16. Please remember our "shut ins" and sickly in your prayers.

VAVS/VSO:

I attended both quarterly meetings at HVAMC which were the VAVS and VSO meetings which were a week apart. HVAMC thanked our Post for the generous donation to Paralympics, DAP program and the Ditty bag funds: \$200 to Paralympics, \$100 to DAP and \$100 to the Ditty bag funds. October 10, I helped cook hamburgers and hot dogs for the Vets at the DOM after the Vets enjoyed bingo they came in and feasted on hamburgers, turkey burgers, beef hot dogs, chips and a variety of desserts. We probably fed 35 Vets and all were full when they left. Thanks go out to Posts #368 and #67 along with the Lady Auxiliaries from Units #368 and #67. Any member from #327 is welcome to attend these events and volunteer their time thus benefitting Veteran patients at HVAMC. Post # 327 has bingo night at HVAMC every 4th Monday of the month from about 6-8 pm. One of our regulars at the bingos and who also attended our Post fish fries has passed to Post Everlasting. His name is **Moses** and he was always a good-humored man. You probably remember him. He was on a motorized gurney and was belly side down and always had a smile on his face.

There are a couple of important dates in November at HVAMC. November 8 at 10 am: on the front lawn at HVAMC will be the annual Veterans Day ceremony November 14: Volunteers are needed for gift wrapping for the Christmas party at HVAMC which will be in December. Contact **Peggy Magahay** at mmagahay@verizon.net or **Allison Schmidt** at febus42@verizon.net for details. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

BREAKING NEWS I want to share great news about our very own Fred Vaccarella. Fred was nominated for the Charles Rigsby award this year. This award is for the VA volunteer of the year at the National level. The applications were judged and voted on at Nation convention. We have a WINNER in Fred. He received a certificate on stage during the VA@R report at convention. At our NEC meeting in

Indianapolis early October he received a new cover denoting his recognition embroidered on the side. This award is very likely the most prestigious award given by our organization. Congratulations to Fred. For God and Country, Jeff Evans, Squadron 327

ALA PRESIDENT: Ready or not, Fall is here and the holidays are right around the corner. The next couple months will be very busy for everyone.

Kudos to DeDee, Nancy, and all who helped or donated to the VA Fish Fry. It was a huge success and a good time was had by all. I saw lots of smiles, lots of pictures being taken and a wonderful group of Vets enjoying fish dinners and Bingo.

The proposed ALA Unit 327 Standing Rules are available for review in the outer hall of the Post. The vote for the Standing Rules will be held at the regular meeting Nov. 6 at 7pm

Just a reminder, the Fall School of Instruction will be held at Post 190 in Portsmouth on 11/3/18. Anyone interested in carpooling should meet in the Post 327 parking lot at 9:30am. Registration starts at 10 am and there is a \$5.00 registration fee.

Please remember when mailing membership or any other official ALA business, it should be addressed to 705 Lesner Ave. Norfolk, VA 23518. Nothing of a business nature should be mailed to the home address of any officer past or present. This will assist in all info going to the office not individuals.

The Auxiliary will hold a Yard Sale Nov. 11th 9AM- 3 PM. Table space can be "rented" for a \$10 donation. We are also accepting donated items for the ALA table. Proceeds will assist with the Angel Tree Project and the General Fund for future projects. Please see me or any officer for table info or donations.

The VA&R will be supplying snack foods on Sunday Nov 11th after 3pm in recognition of Veteran's Day. DeDee, Nancy, and the VA&R gang will be hosting a Pot Roast Dinner on Nov. 30th. Proceeds will assist with the cost associated with the VA Christmas Party. Come out for dinner and help support our VA Vets.

The ALA will be serving chicken enchiladas and Spanish rice on 11/2 at 6pm and the buffet breakfast will be 11/25 at 9am. Stop by for breakfast. There will be something new or different every month. For God and Country, Collene Gravitt

HONOR GUARD CORNER: The 2nd District Honor Guard has been on the go. We will be marching in the Veterans Day Parade on November 12th. Come out to Virginia Beach and support us. It is a fun parade to watch or come march with us! For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt.

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>ELECTION DAY: NOV 6th / VOTE ANY CANDIDATE, BUT VOTE. REMEMBER, NO VOTE = NO COMPLAINTS</p> <p>VETERANS DAY: NOV 11th</p> <p><i>NOTE: The Girls Scouts are collecting NEW socks for the VA Hospital. Bring in a pair and receive \$1.00 off for the dinner Fri Nov 9th or for breakfast Sun Nov 11th.</i></p>				<p>1</p> <p>7:30 PM Legion Darts</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Chicken Enchiladas</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike</p>
<p>4</p> <p>No Breakfast</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 PM ALA Regular Mtg</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Election Day - Be sure to VOTE today</p> </div>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327</p> <p>Fifty Cent Wings</p>	<p>8</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>7:00 PM Outside Volunteer Mtg</p> </div> <p>7:30 PM Legion Darts</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00 PM Girl Scout Dinner - Pulled Pork Sandwich - (see NOTE above)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM -11:00 AM Girl Scout Breakfast - See NOTE above.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>VETERANS DAY: Food for VETS 3 - 6 PM</p> </div>	<p>12</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>9:30 AM Veterans Day Parade in VA Bch</p> </div> <p>7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg</p> <p>7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg</p> <p>7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 PM ALA Social & Crafts</p> <p>Dollar Hot Dogs</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg</p> <p>7:30 PM Legion Darts</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Ginny Gower's Chicken & Dumplings</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg</p> <p>Fifty Cent Wings</p>	<p>22</p> <p>2:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post</p>	<p>23</p> <p>No Dinner</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>7:00 PM Stress Recovery Group</p> </div> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Dollar Hot Dogs</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30 PM Legion Darts</p> <p>10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 PM VA & R Dinner - Pot Roast</p>	