



The Legionnaire

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Sgt-at-Arms: Jesse Walker
Historian: TBD

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COMMANDER: September was an eventful month, summer darts ended and winter darts started. Bowling is in full swing. There is still room for someone to sub, time and place: Sundays 12:30 pm, Little Creek Base bowling center. The Clubroom now has the NFL Package. Come out and enjoy your favorite game.

The ALA Vets Fish Fry will be October 4th. Come out and welcome the Vets and enjoy a great fish dinner. Be sure to check your calendar for other Friday night dinners. They are all very good and well worth the price.

There are a lot of activities going on both inside and outside, please come out and enjoy with friends. For God and Country, Tony Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS: Vets Fish Fry Oct 4th @ 6 PM; Community Yard sale Oct 12th 7 am – 1 pm; ALA District Mtg Oct 19th @ 10 am; Dept Fall Conference in Williamsburg Oct 25th – 27th; Stress Recovery Support Group Oct 28th @ 7 pm; Trunk or Treat, front lawn at Post Oct 31st, 6 to 8 PM.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: I would like to inform everyone that the Legion Act has been passed, this means that

anyone that has an honorable discharge after Dec 7th, 1941 is able to join the American Legion. So, if you know of someone that fell through the cracks due to not serving during a time of conflict please let them know that they may now be eligible to join the American Legion. We are off to a good start with the renewals for 2020, so far over 550 new and renewed Members. I would like to thank everyone that renewed to date and hope that the rest will renew shortly. Post Members are able to renew for 2020 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, if you make any changes please notify me at email address in the header of this newsletter so that I can keep my database up to date. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: The Labor Day Picnic was another great time had by all at Post 327. Thank you to all that came out and volunteered their time, making it a huge success! Can't believe that this year is going by so fast that we are already looking ahead to the New Year's Eve Party! There will be updates in the near future for the party. This year we are looking to do something a little different for Veteran's Day. We are asking that you send in a picture of yourself and/or your loved ones in uniform. We will take these pictures and create a slideshow for the Post's website to honor all our Vets! So find a picture you may have already posted on social media, scan an actual picture, or even just use your smart phone to take a picture of a picture and email them to amlg327@yahoo.com. If you need any help taking an actual photo and changing it to a digital form, please get contact me through the Post and I will help you. Cut off for sending in pictures will be Nov 6th, so we can have time to create the slideshow and get it posted for the Veteran's Day weekend. Remember to check the monthly calendar for Cornhole Tournaments and come watch your favorite teams on Sunday with the NFL Sunday Ticket, Monday and Thursday with food specials. Come out and have a fun time! For God and Country. Roger Kelly

ADJUTANT: Thank you for everyone who helped for the Labor Day picnic! If you volunteered, please log your hours! Once again thank you for your assistance in supporting our veterans and their families. For God and Country, Sammi Louis.

SERVICE OFFICER: In the month of June we submitted 18 claims, spoke to 120 veterans, drove 1102 miles and logged 349 hours. Thank you to all of our volunteers that spend so much of their time doing good for our veterans and family.

Agent Orange Update

Navy veterans who served in the waters off Vietnam may have won courtroom and legislative victories over the past several months, but they continue to wait for their earned benefits thanks to VA's stay on claims until Jan. 1, 2020. If you are a Vietnam Veteran that has disabilities or problems presumed to be caused by exposure to AO and need to file a claim, please contact one of the post servicers for assistance with your claim. Claims filed now will not be adjudicated until after 01/01/2020. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: The beginning of the Fall season, and I'm thanking God, for letting me see another Fall season. This year is moving fast, to me. We will be enjoying a Thanksgiving meal with family and friends, soon. Looking back, I can see His, goodness in my life, this country and the world. I love Him, for a chance to look back over the past seasons, and grateful for the future. He's a Heavenly Father, that answer prayers and give us more that we can pray believe. Heavenly Father

continue to bless your children. Amen. For God and Country, Rickey Brown

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

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, if you are superstitious you can stop. We just held the James P. Norton memorial scholarship golf tournament on Friday September 13th. We were blessed with great weather, mild temperatures, and happy golfers before the day was over. We were able to raise enough funds to ensure a student athlete will be receiving a scholarship for years to come. This event would not have happened without the volunteers that helped with the planning and day of activities. There are too many and I don't want to forget anyone, please accept a HUGE Thank You from Debbie Norton and myself. Next year's tournament will be on Saturday October 3rd. Our co-ed softball team was finally able to get on the field. They currently stand at 2-2. Till next month... For God and Country, Jeff Evans, AO 327

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings Legion Family: Membership is doing well but we need to keep moving on because we have an aggressive number to reach for the 2020 membership year. Our 2020 goal is 183 members and we are at 31.15 %. Please urge friends to join the SAL. Tell them what good things we do for our Veterans and Community. Did you know that the SAL Nationally has raised over \$8,000,000.00 for Children's Welfare? Did you know that the Detachment of Virginia raised over \$17,000.00 for Operation Comfort Warrior (OCW) and that Squadron # 327 raised \$10,000.00 of that money? Did you know if you are a Legionnaire that you may also be eligible to join the SAL? **PNVC Jeff Evans, PNVC Steve Gower** and I will be in Indy for the Fall NEC October 11th to October 13th and then we will be in Williamsburg for the Fall Conference October 25th to October 27th. I want to remind you that the 6th Annual PBR Fishing Tournament in Avon NC at the Avon Fishing Pier will be November 8th to the 10th (Veteran's Day Weekend). This will be our fourth-year fundraising in Avon for OCW. Last year we raised a total of \$10,000.00 for Operation Comfort Warrior (OCW) during this three-day event. This year will be bigger and better because the Tournament is including whitefish as well as red drum and bluefish. This reminder will give you time to plan for a weekend away and allow you to reserve lodging. Our Genuine New York Style Lasagna dinner night was a **SMASH** hit!! We sold out quicker than was anticipated. **SAL Joe Neist** was our Sous Chef for this event and I'm sure he will be called upon again because of his culinary expertise and talent. Thanks to **Joe** and all others that helped make this a truly successful dinner night. The SAL thanks all that support our dinner fundraisers. All the money goes to helping Veterans and their families through the various Legion Charity programs. Our next dinner

night is October 18th. I'm telling you right now **YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS DINNER!** Senora Jane Evans is serving her Especial Baked Burrito Dinner with Chips, Salsa, White Dip, Spanish Rice and Fried Ice Cream for Dessert.

VAVS/VSO: I was invited to the Induction Ceremony for the New Director, Mr. David Collins, on September 16th. Mr. Collins took the oath of Office at the HVAMC and formally installed. Several representatives from State and Community political offices were present as well as key Executive Chiefs and Managers at HVAMC. There is a lot of progress being made as far as expansion, If you visit the campus you will notice construction in several areas. Mrs. Judith Curtis, Chief of VAVS asked me to help recruit volunteers to help our vets at the HVAMC. October 9th is the quarterly VAVS meeting and the meeting used for certification of current and new volunteers. The meeting is at 10 A.M. at Building # 83. I want to remind you that since it is October it is time for the VA resident patients to visit Post # 327 for their fish fry dinner. Please come out and support our Vets who are infirmed. The date is October 4th. Remember to keep our ailing Legion Family members and their relatives and friends in our prayers. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello Ladies. Happy Fall ya'll. This is going to be a very busy month. Friday Oct. 4th is our Fish Fry dinner for the Vets from Hampton VA. We need help for both sides as well as desserts for the Vets side, some sugar free also. If you can come help call me at 757-535-8603. Oct. 12th (Sat) is our Yard Sale. Tables are available for \$10 each. We will be setting up at 7AM and sale will go to 1PM. If you have anything you would like to donate call me. Oct. 19th (Sat) is

our District meeting for the ALA. It will be at our post at 10AM. Registration is from 9-10AM. Lunch will be served for \$5 each. If you have never been to one before you can learn a lot about the ALA and our many programs. The last thing is Membership. I know a lot of you that have already paid your dues have received renewal notices in the mail. Please disregard and throw them away. We have no control over Dept. sending them out. If you have not paid yet, you have until Dec 31st to pay. If not, you will be in arrears. The dues are \$35.00. Thanks. For God and Country, Nancy Bell

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: September has come and gone summer is over the Guard's rest was over as of September we presented and posted colors at 4 events and stood casket watch for Post 37 member. We are looking forward to the Drivers Day's parade coming up this month. If you want to be part of the Honor Guard our meeting is 3rd Monday of every month. For God & Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUB ROOM: Just a reminder to all our members smoking is not allowed in our restrooms. If anyone is caught smoking in the restroom it could mean your Clubroom privileges could be suspended. There are **NO SMOKING** signs on the doors. Please respect this rule. If you would like to receive text messages on events that come up unexpectedly or reminders of scheduled events or special offers at the Post enter your phone # in the mini tablet at the end of the bar. You will receive a welcome text and an option to input your name and DOB. You also have the option to opt out at any time. For God & Country, Sandi Wright, Clubroom Manager

