



# The Legionnaire

## Tidewater Post 327

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Finance: David Seate  
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain  
Chaplain: Rickey Brown  
Sgt-at-Arms: Brendan Morrison  
Historian: TBD

#### Exec Board

Gene Niedholdt  
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### LEGION RIDERS

Director: Derrick Johnson  
Asst Dir: Shane Kelly  
Adjutant: Rob Buckhalter  
Treasurer: David Seate  
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley  
Chaplain:  
Sgt-at-Arms: Derrick Johnson  
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Al R. Gnome

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CDR: Fred Vaccarella  
1st VCDR: Dave Samson  
2nd VCDR Mike Schmidt  
Adjutant: James Doty Jr.  
Treasurer: Jeff Evans  
Chaplain: Rocky English  
1st Sgt-at-Arms: Mike Atkinson  
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Historian: Dan Schmidt

#### Exec Board

Steve Gower  
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### AUXILIARY

President: Crystal Cross  
Vice President: Yvonne Thibeault  
Secretary: Ashley Matheny  
Treasurer: Jan Dumstorff  
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers  
Sgt-at-Arms: Ashley Evans  
Historian: Jane Evans

#### Exec Board

Anne Starke  
Heather Matheny  
TBD

**COMMANDER:** Hopefully, October will bring some relief from a very hot summer. Friday night dinners are going well and the sponsors are serving some really good dinners. Unfortunately, some activities such as team darts and entertainment are still not possible. We don't see that changing this month. Halloween is coming up Sat. Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> so we will have to keep an eye out for kids that day. I know it's a little early to think about Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post, but that looks iffy at best. We should have a clearer picture by next month. We have Notary (Richard Berube) available on Mondays during the hours of Service Officers 10am to 4pm. Hope to see you at the Post soon. For God and Country, Tony Moore

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** ALA Yard Sale Oct 17 @ 9AM-2PM;  
Stress Recovery Support Group @ 7pm on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRST VICE COMMANDER:** For 2021 we currently have just

over 500 new and renewed Members for. Renew now and avoid the end of the year rush. Anyone that has an honorable discharge after Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 is able join the American Legion. Post Members are able to renew for 2021 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, 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:** No Input, For God and Country. Roger Kelly

**ADJUTANT:** Hello everyone! I would like to give a couple shoutouts for a recent event. On the 16th of September, we hosted a blood drive for the Red Cross. We got a total of 21 "Units". The amount of blood that was donated, will save up to

63 lives. I would like to thank to Red Cross for coming out. I want to thank Yvonne Thibeault, Joseph DeCasta, Bryan Knight and Vernon Savage for coming and volunteering during the blood drive. I also want to give a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that came out and donated blood. Thank you to the Red Cross for coming out! It is my hopes that we will have one more this year and 4 blood drives in 2021. More information to come! Also, the national election is coming up! Make sure you're registered to vote! If you need more information on getting registered to vote, let me know! I hope everyone is well and staying safe and healthy! For God and Country, Evan Glendinning, Post Adjutant

**SERVICE OFFICER:** In the month of August our service officers spoke with 261 veterans, spent 352 hours, and logged 967 miles. Thank you for all the hard work you do. The VBA will consider claims for veterans that died as a result of COVID-19, if it is listed as a veteran's death certificate as a principal or contributory cause of death. There are other requirements that must be met for a claim to be successfully rated. See the Service Officers for more information. Due to the slow-down of mail and package deliveries, through the USPS in some areas, Veterans are advised to request refills at least 10 days in advance of running out. Our new Notary (Richard Berube) available on Mondays during the hours of Service Officers 10am to 4pm. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

**CHAPLAIN:** The Fall Season is here again. Soon we'll see the leaves changing to their beautiful Fall colors. I pray that many of you are safe, taking care of yourself and each other. There's nothing that, JESUS, cannot handle, HE wants us to bring our concerns to HIM. Stay safe! For God and Country, Rickey Brown

**LEGION RIDERS:** Why we ride? By MotoGarage  
Riding a motorcycle gives you a sense of freedom. You are in total control of the moment, you are not just riding, you are flying and there are no set limits to stop you. You can travel to any place with complete freedom. It lets you be you without anyone's permission. Just like a kid who was always restricted to his space but as soon as he gets on his bicycle, it's the moment of freedom, he now breaks those chains and flies through the street on his bicycle with the widest smile on his face. It might sound like a cliché but it's true, when on your bike you experience the open air with the wind brushing through your face, all the colors around is vivid and vibrant. The sound of the motor and the vibration which you feel. The obscured view going on around you. It's an embracement of senses and acts as oxygen to your soul. We just love it, the sheer enjoyment of being on a motorcycle. For God and Country, "DJ" Rider Director

**ATHLETIC OFFICER:** Greetings to all, the statement to follow is my personal opinion. It is not the stance of American Legion Post 327 or the American Legion's at any level.

I will only kneel to and only for God. That aside, a good friend told me 4 years ago he served 32 years so citizens would have the right to protest. Whatever your stance, we have Direct TV showing multiple games every Sunday. If you so desire, I hope you can catch your favorite team in action. Till next month... For God and Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

**SQUADRON COMMANDER:** Greetings and Salutations Legion Family. Wow, October already, where has this pandemic year gone? 1st Vice Cmdr. **Dave Samson** transmitted off 11 more SAL membership dues to Department which puts our Squadron at 54.9% goal attainment for 2021. Please let us not stop recruiting and updating dues so that we can win the 100 % membership pennant for 2021 membership year.

Our Salmon Cake dinner went off very well and I want to thank **Jane Evans** for making the 120 handmade salmon cakes. What an effort and so time consuming. Thank all of you that support the Sons charity night dinners every third Friday of the month. October 16<sup>th</sup> we are serving Smothered Pork Chops in Gravy, with Smashed Taters, Vegetable, Roll and Dessert for only an \$8.00 donation. Bring in your family and friends and enjoy this comfort food. **WE HAVE THE CWF aprons have arrived. If you have signed up for an apron or need one contact me at 757-748-4606 and leave a text message.** The Post has help sell 50 CWF aprons and raise \$1000.00.



The Sons are raising money for Operation Comfort Warrior and we are holding a raffle. There is one grand prize. It is a **Sea Striker Beach Cart** and a **Coleman 76 can Cooler**. Tickets are \$5.00 for one chance or \$10.00 for 3 chances. We will pull the winner in November.



**ALA PRESIDENT:** Hello and welcome to Autumn! September was a busy month and October looks to be just as busy. On Sept. 12, the ALA, Post and 2<sup>nd</sup> District Honor Guard met with 2 local historians at St. Mary's Cemetery to thank the historians and stone restoration folks for bringing the history of 4 French sailors that died in 1918 at the end of WWI to our attention. The American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 36 erected a marble cross monument and 4 headstones in 1925 to honor the sailors and care for them as the Auxiliary in France does for our US servicemen who died there. The Post paid for the restoration of the cross and stones and the Honor Guard performed wonderfully at the ceremony. I would like to thank everyone that attended. Our Unit 327 will continue to care for the stones in the future and are reaching out to Dept. of Virginia to find history on the original Auxiliary that had the monument and stones erected. The Unit delivered 114 blankets to VAMC Hampton for their virtual baby shower events and I would like to thank Suzie, Ruby, Charlene, Christina, Kathy, Kay and Anne for all of their hard work in making these blankets, and to Anne for coordinating and delivering the blankets. What a wonderful way for the Unit to provide for our Veterans! The ALA is holding a Yard Sale on

**HONOR GUARDS CORNER.** Hello Legion Family. We hope everyone is safe and healthy during these trying times. Your Honor Guard is ready if needed. We can't believe we are almost through this year and what a year so far with COVID 19. We in the Guard want to remind you wear a mask and wash your hands For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

**CLUBROOM MANAGER:** Hello Everyone! Here we are at the end of summer and the pandemic is still with us. As you are all aware, we are living thru a very trying time in uncharted waters. We have separated our tables and chairs due to "social distancing" required by our governor. PLEASE DO NOT MOVE ANY FROM WHERE THEY ARE POSITIONED. If we are to remain open we MUST follow all the guidelines set forth by the Governor. We may not agree, we may not like it but if we are to stay open, if we want a place to go we must adhere to the limitations!! Thank you for your understanding and accepting how important it is. We are trying our best. Social distancing is a must, wearing a face covering is a must, wash your hands! Please wear your mask whenever moving around in the Clubroom. We have Notary (Richard Berube) available on Mondays during the hours of Service Officers 10am to 4pm. Stay safe and healthy. Sandi Wright



# October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Please make sure you are social distancing while in the social quarters and wear masks when possible.</b>				<b>1</b> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post Lunch (12 - 2PM) - Sloppy Joes \$5.00	<b>2</b> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Aunt Jane's Hearty Vegetable Beef Stew	<b>3</b> 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Kitchen Open
<b>4</b> 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	<b>5</b> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM ALA Exec Mtg 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>7</b> 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	<b>8</b> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post Lunch (12 - 2PM) - Chili \$5.00	<b>9</b> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Open Face Roast Beef Sand	<b>10</b> 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Kitchen Open
<b>11</b> 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post Lunch (12 - 2PM) - Baked Spaghetti \$5.00	<b>16</b> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Smothered Pork Chops	<b>17</b> <div>9:00 AM -2:00 PM ALA Yard Sale</div> 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Kitchen Open
<b>18</b> 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	<b>19</b> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>20</b> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	<b>22</b> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post Lunch (12 - 2PM) - Bean Soup w/cornbread \$5.00	<b>23</b> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Philly Cheese-Steak Subs	<b>24</b> 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Kitchen Open
<b>25</b> 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	<b>26</b> <div>7:00 PM Stress Recovery Support Group</div> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>27</b> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10 AM-4:00 PM Service Officer at Post Lunch (12 - 2PM) - Reubens \$5.00	<b>30</b> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Meat Loaf	<b>31</b> 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Kitchen Open