



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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Adjutant: Evan Glendinning
Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Rickey Brown
Sgt-at-Arms: Ian Gorman
Historian: Alex Bascom

Exec Board

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Tim Gonyea
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LEGION RIDERS

Director: Derrick Johnson
Asst Dir: Shane Kelly
Adjutant: Rob Buckhalter
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley
Chaplain: Mike Moranha
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Exec Board

Al R. Gnome

SAL SQUADRON

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: Wayne Turner
2nd Sgt-at-Arms: Frank White
Historian: Dan Schmidt

Exec Board

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AUXILIARY

President: Crystal Cross
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Sgt-at-Arms: Kellee McCarty
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COMMANDER: Greetings Legion Family! I hope everyone in the Post is doing well! Can't believe it's already October! September was a very busy month for Post 327! A wonderful Labor Day Picnic started off the month right, but it also included Blood Drives, Job/School Fairs, and Craft Fairs! Make sure you check the calendar and Facebook pages to keep up with all the events that are happening at the Post. The Auxiliary again went above and beyond with their School Supply Drive this year! The 2nd District Honor Guard did the American Legion proud with another fine display of Americanism when they conducted a tribute and gun salute in remembrance of the attacks on September 11th. I had the honor of presenting the Norfolk Sheriff Department with our yearly donation. We were able to donate \$12,000 this year. This money is designated to help with the training and hiring of Veterans, buying of vests for the Sheriff's Deputies, and Camp Hope, which helps troubled youth in our community. Norfolk Sheriff Joe Baron and Colonel Michael O'Toole were on hand

to accept the donation. Don't forget about our Friday dinners, especially Friday Oct 1. Our Auxiliary Unit is not only hosting the Post dinner, but in lieu of our normal fish fry, they will be preparing 50+ drive thru dinners for the veterans from the VA Hospital. Speaking of food, remember that our new kitchen staff has the kitchen operating in full swing with a new menu. This includes Sunday afternoon, and we still have the NFL package. So come on out, get some great food and cheer on your favorite team. Karaoke is still going on every other Saturday night, and we are planning new live entertainment on the other Saturdays. I was also able to attend the 2nd District Fall Conference last month. From the conversations I had, to the comments and compliments on what our entire Post Family is doing (Auxiliary and Sons included), to our membership, and the work of our service officers, I could not be prouder of Post 327! Thank you to all that have already renewed their legion memberships for the 2022 year. And thank you to all that

have been recruiting and signing up friends and new members! We have met every membership goal so far this year! A personal thank you to our First Vice and Adjutant for the countless hours they spend processing those memberships. Our Service Officers also deserve a huge thank you for everything they do for our Veterans! For God and Country! Roger Kelly

UPCOMING EVENTS: October 1st- Veterans and Clubroom Fish Fry

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We are currently having 60% of our goal for 2022. Please renew as soon as possible for the upcoming year. **Currently with the NEW MyLegion.org rollout on Apr 1st the system seems to be working for our Post. If you have problems registering your account please contact us.** Anyone that has an honorable discharge after Dec 7th, 1941, is able join the American Legion. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

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

ADJUTANT: Hello everyone, Make sure you are keeping track of ALL OF YOUR VOLUNTEER WORK/COMMUNITY SERVICE. If you want to, you can turn in your volunteer hours on a regular basis or once in May. It is important to keep track of this, so I can include it in our Consolidated Post Reports.. If you have any comments, questions or concerns, feel free to reach out. I hope all is well. Stay safe and healthy. For God and Country, Evan Glendinning, Post Adjutant

SERVICE OFFICER: During the Month of August service officer spoke with 163 veterans, spent 240 hours and logged 1225 miles. I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: In my morning devotional, this was the reading, I want to share it with the readers. Luke 5:5 "And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net" God's Word was true for Simon, then, His Word is true for us today. For God and Country, Rickey Brown

LEGION RIDERS: The riders are looking for a veteran/first responder family in need of assistance this upcoming Holiday season. If you know of someone, please contact a rider and provide the information. We have selected 7 local charities that we will be supporting this year! We are fortunate to be able to help the community and those in need. Along with dealing with our own trials, tribulations, and personal issues, we stand ready to support our community. For God and Country, DJ Johnson

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all. The Thursday night dart league has started. There is room for more shooters. Come by around 6:30 and join a team. You will enjoy yourself. Our Friday co-ed softball team is currently sitting at 2 wins and 2 losses. Most games are at Northside, the others are at Tarrallton. The schedule is on the corkboard. Due to low entrants the state bowling tournament was cancelled. We will try to reschedule for February time frame. Till next month... For God @ Country, Jeff Evans A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings and Happy Autumn to the Legion Family and Friends. The Sons wish all a happy Autumn with all your friends and relatives. This is when the leaves change color, and the myriad of these leaves' colors display the magnificence of the **Maker's** beautiful earth. 1st Vice Commander **Dave Samson** thanks all of you for your renewals and for bringing in "new blood" (new members). 1st Vice Commander **Dave Samson** says that renewals are important but growth via new membership keeps an organization dynamic and flourishing. New members have new ideas and direction. New members keep the organization from becoming stale. Although we do not have an official membership report from the Legion Department, we know that we are on target for reaching our goal of SAL strong 193 members for 2022. 1st Vice Commander **Dave Samson** and Post 1st Vice Commander **Pianalto** liaise and maintain membership records that are up to date. Eventually the Department will start reporting weekly as soon as all the bugs are fixed in the new Legion Membership Computer Program. Our dinner night in September was a great success. The Boneless Pork Loin dinner produced over 50 dinners. We also had SAL member **Gary Stull** introduced to the art of scullery in the kitchen. **Gary** also prepared the mashed potatoes. **Gary** thank you for your assistance and a job well done! October we are trying a new dish! The Sons will be serving Chicken Alfredo on a bed of Pasta with a Savory Salad, fresh baked Garlic Bread and Dessert. The Sons guarantee nobody will walk away hungry. Dinner night is October 15th from 6-8 PM. We ask for a paltry donation amount of only \$8.00 to our SAL charity fund for this gastronomical delight. The Sons had another successful Career Fair in September. There is more information about this event in the VE&E section. Our Sgt at Arms **Wayne Turner gets** lonely at times and wants you to visit him more often in the Post social quarters.

***** **Coming in December!!!!** *****

SAL member and Chef, **Tommy Turner** invites you to his mouth-watering Christmas Prime Rib Dinner December 17th. Due to the cost of beef, we are pre-selling this dinner so that we have enough meat and not over buy. This Prime Rib dinner will include a generous slab of Prime Beef au jus, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Roll and Dessert. Despite the cost of meat, we will be only asking for a \$12.00 donation. This dinner sells super quickly. We can only accommodate a

certain number of dinners due to the size of our kitchen facility. Shortly there will be a sign-up sheet placed on the bulletin board just before the bathrooms. ***This will be an Epic Dinner. You DO NOT want to miss this dinner in December!!!***

VA&R/CDCE: Watch your Post emails and posted notices but with any luck we might have a “drive by” fish fry for our HVAMC Vets in October. The logistics of this event at the time of this newsletter input had not been finalized. Start thinking now about gathering personal hygiene items like toothbrushes, hand lotion, lip balm, mouthwash, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, etc. Think about clothing items like mitts, gloves, scarves, beanies, underwear, etc. for our Vets and our Homeless Vets. There is no Stand downs scheduled at this time.

VE&E: The Sons held the 2nd Career Fair at Post # 327 September 19th. The SAL VE&E Detachment Committee Chairman **Evan Glendinning**, also our Post Adjutant and a dual member, was very optimistic about the turn out. It seems to grow each time. Evan feels that we have had a good variety of local employers eagerly and professionally representing their companies. This is a great opportunity for our Military to transition into a new career after serving our country. Our Eastern Region Detachment Vice Commander **Jarrod Vass** attended and is looking forward to sharing this event throughout the Region and Detachment encouraging more VE&E involvement throughout the State. Other than Education and Employment, VE&E is for the Homeless Veterans. VE&E can provide food, shelter, clothing along with introduction to areas including medical, drug and alcohol treatment and mental and physical treatment and therapy. We can get a prospect to the barber or hairdresser, help them with resumes, transportation to appointments, etc. Please remember all those active-duty military that are overseas serving our Nation as we comfortably sit home and watch the leaves turn and await the coming of upcoming holidays in November, December, and the upcoming New Year while they are away protecting your freedom. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Welcome to October! The Fish Fry for our VA Hospital Veterans is scheduled for the 1st! Our Veterans from the hospital will be arriving at 5pm for drive-in visit as they are not allowed into the Post Home due to COVID. Members of the Legion Family will be busy frying fish for them, and the ALA will be in the kitchen preparing their “to-go” dinners and giving them a lot of goodies we’ve had to hold

onto during the pandemic. We hope that everyone will come to the Post at 5pm on the 1st to say hello and let them know we haven’t forgotten them. We will also be serving Fried Fish, hush puppies, coleslaw, and dessert in the social quarters at 6pm and hope everyone sticks around for a great dinner. With planning around 100 meals on the 1st, we definitely need volunteers! Thanks to all that have already advised they will help! October 2nd is the ALA 1st & 2nd District Fall School of Instruction at 1pm. I encourage all ALA members to attend as this year is full of changes! October 22-24th is the Department Fall Conference in Williamsburg and we are looking forward to the exciting changes and programs for the 2021-2022 year. Our ALA meeting is on the 5th @ 7:30 and we will be finalizing planning for the Children’s Halloween Event to be held on October 30th, whether it will be a drive through event or a Party in hall. We would like to give a big Thanks to Denise and Jane for the great breakfast for dinner at our September dinner fundraiser! Also, I would like to give a big Thanks to Jan, Jane, Mark, and Greg for the help with the office and clean up. The ALA really appreciates all of your efforts in donating your time in getting the cabinets moved and the office painted and help with the shed! For God and Country, Crystal Cross

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: Hello from the Honor Guard, well summer is over the kids are back in school actually in school. The Guard is looking ahead and this month we have the honor of participating in a memorial service in Hampton cemetery for a WW2 Veterans. On October 10th we will be participating in the Drivers Day parade and if you’re able come out to Drivers it’s a great little parade lots of good food, crafts and a great car show hope to see you there. For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello everyone! Well summer has turned into fall and the leaves will start falling it also means school has started so please watch out for all the school children. We are going to be trying some new entertainment at the Post. First is Tom McNabb. He will be here to sing and entertain you Saturday night October 16th starting at 7:30PM. Ricky will be here the 9th and 23rd of October to play all the songs you enjoy singing. There are some plans in the works for Friday night, October 29th so be thinking of a unique costume to wear. Our volunteers have some really delicious lunches and dinners planned for you so look for them on the newsletter calendar. Stay safe and enjoy the cooler weather. Hope to see you at the Post. For God and Country Sandra Wright

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Service Officers are available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 10AM to 4PM.					1 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Vets Fish Fry	2 Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10
3 9:00 AM-11:00 PM Breakfast by Marisa 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 2 pm til ?	4	5 7:00 PM ALA Exec Mtg 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	6 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327 Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	7 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Beef Stew 7:30 PM Legion Darts Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	8 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Stuffed Peppers	9 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Mu Beta Phi Fraternity 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10
10 9:00 AM-11:00 PM Breakfast by Marisa 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 2 pm til ?	11 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg	12 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	13 7:00 PM Corn Hole Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	14 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Chili 7:30 PM Legion Darts Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	15 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Chicken Alfredo	16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 7:30 PM Music by Tom McNabb </div> Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10
17 9:00 AM-11:00 PM Breakfast by Marisa 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 2 pm til ?	18 7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg	19 Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	20 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	21 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Broccoli & Cheese Casserole 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 7:30 PM Legion Darts Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	22 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Pulled Pork <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 10px;"> Department Conf. </div>	23 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10
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