



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Eric Isaksen
Chaplain: J. J. Willis
Sgt-at-Arms: Bob DeChamplain
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

Ken Nobles
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LEGION RIDERS

Director: Keith DeLucenay
Ass't Dir: Paul Murch
Adjutant: Shane Kelly
Treasurer: David Seate
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Chaplain: Paul Murch
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Exec Board

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CDR: Fred Vaccarella
1st VCDR: Dave Samson
2nd VCDR Mike Schmidt
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Sgt-at-Arms: Mike Atkinson
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Exec Board

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Vice President: Jean Lewis
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Sgt-at-Arms: Pat Hatke
Historian: Sharon Bukowski

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COMMANDER: Your next Post Meeting will be September 12th at @ 7:30 pm. The Post now has Post 327 challenge coins for sale. Each coin is \$10.00. They are really nice coins, see the bartender. Labor Day picnic is Sept. 3rd (Sunday) pay your 2018 dues and eat for free. Winter darts start Thur. Sep 14th at 7:30 PM. Sign-up sheet is on the door to the meeting hall. I don't usually talk about Karaoke in this column, but it's really good time. Come check it out every Sat. night @ 7:30 PM. For God and Country, Tony Moore.

Upcoming Events: Labor Day Picnic Sept 3rd @ 1 PM; Blood Drive Sept 15th, 3 – 7 PM.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: Currently we are at just over 500 members that have renewed for 2018. You may renew your 2018 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. Renew between July 1st and the Labor Day picnic to receive your Early Bird stamp and you can eat for free at the Labor Day picnic. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: The Labor Day picnic on Sunday September 3rd. Any assistance is greatly appreciated along with covered dishes and desserts. For God Country, Duff Kleinfelter

SERVICE OFFICER: In the month of July we filed 36 claims, we spoke with 126 veterans, we processed five claims for financial assistance, we logged 2164 miles and

worked 460 hours. This includes Anne and I going to DSO school in Indianapolis July 26th to the 30th, which explains the increase in miles and hours, and the decrease in claims filed and people helped. I continue to see veterans at Tidewater Community College in Virginia Beach, and Chris is at TCC in Portsmouth. In addition, I have received requests from three other people who are interested in becoming Service Officers. For God and Country, Eric Isaksen.

CHAPLAIN: Greetings fellow legionnaires. As our membership ages, it seems we lose more and more friends to Post Everlasting. It is with regret that I note the passing of legionnaire C L Harrel. Our comrade was a legionnaire for 54 years. We will miss him, and keep him in our prayers. For God and Country, J. J. Willis

LEGION RIDERS: No input

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greeting to all, Our American legion Jr. baseball team completed a great season. The team won the regular season championship and was victorious in the District tournament. They advanced to the state tournament, finishing in 4th place. The team was awarded the sportsman ship award trophy, something we can be very proud of. I look forward to working with Maury High school again next year, what a great program. Our softball team has just begun play again for the fall season. I will post a schedule on the cork board, come watch some games. Till next month, take care. For God & Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Hello American Legion Family: Well the children are back in school and hopefully everyone had a nice Labor Day and enjoyed the Post picnic. Fall is right around the corner and before we know it Thanksgiving and Christmas will be upon us. It's time for us to think about what we can do to help those less fortunate than us. This includes our Community and our Veterans and families that need assistance.

I am the VA& R chair for the Detachment and VA&R Rep for our Post. I will get the Post Commander's permission to post a Patient needs list for all to see. Please think about donating patient comfort items.

These items can be distributed to the VA Hampton Medical Center and to the Portsmouth Fisher House. Our Outreach group that we have formed is another way to assist people.

As you probably have heard July 22nd we cooked a spaghetti dinner for the McDonald house. We skipped August because of all the activity with people at Leadership College, National Convention in Reno and members on vacation. We will be visiting the McDonald house again September 23rd and we will be providing fried chicken dinner and sides. Please come to our meetings which are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm. We need more input and ideas. This helps get the American Legion's name out to the public in a positive manner. Hopefully this will help us attract new members to our Family.

Speaking of membership 1st Vice Cmdr Dave Samson says that our goal for 100 % membership is 145 members for 2018. Our projected September goal is 10 % but we are at 16.55 % which puts us up 6.5%. If you do the math 14 members = 10 %. We have 24 thus 16.55 %. Membership is so very important. Legionnaires and new Legionnaires sign your boys and girls up. The Auxiliary and the Sons need help. The hall before the restroom area has a whole rack of great informative brochures all located on the lowest tier. It explains all the various programs and benefits provided for our youth.

This next June we will be giving a free membership to a lucky Son along with a \$50.00 cash card for participation in SAL endorsed events. Each time you come to a meeting or volunteer for a sanctioned Son event your name will be dropped into a "hat". If your name is drawn next June then we will pay your membership for 2018-2019 year and you will also win a \$50.00 cash card. That's a \$75.00 value!!!

The Sons are donating \$100.00 to Crossroads School to help the school buy supplies to aid less fortunate students. This is our neighborhood school and the Civic league is big there also. We felt this is a good way to get our name out and a way to maybe attract new members. Our BLT night was another "Sold Out" Son Dinner Night. I want to thank the gentleman who brought in a whole tray of his homegrown tomatoes. The tomato makes the sandwich!

Next month September 15th we will have a Lasagna dinner with salad, garlic bread and dessert. You don't want to miss this one! Please keep our sick in your Prayers. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello Ladies, Summer is almost over and fall is on the way yeah!

Our dinner on Sept 1st (Fri.) is going to be country fried steak, mashed taters, veggie, roll and dessert.

Also that night after dinner @ 7 PM we are going to be offering **FREE** line dance lessons. If you are interested just show up. One of the ALA Ladies has graciously offered to teach it and if it goes over well we will try more. I hope you come out.

We delivered school supplies to 6 elementary schools. Also, a whole bunch of baby hats and blankets were delivered to a couple of hospitals.

The Vets from the VA Hampton Hospital will be here in Oct 6th. Thank you for all your help and support.

Don't forget to renew your membership for the new year. For God and Country, Nancy Bell.

ONCE A MONTH SERVICE PROJECTS: Can you spend one day a month to reach out to our community and assist or better the lives of Veterans, Active Duty or Senior citizens?

EDITOR: The Post recently sponsored a Hero Dog who is currently in-service animal training to eventually be paired with a veteran. If you shop on amazon, please go to **smile.amazon.com** and select Hero Dog-5% of qualifying purchases will be donated to the Hero Dogs for Heroes program.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Winter Darts start Sept 14th 7:30 PM. Sign up sheet on door to meeting hall. </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Service Office hours are now Mon., Tues. and Thurs. 10 AM - 4:30 PM. </div>					1 6:00 PM ALA Dinner- Country Fried Steak	2 7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene
3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> 1:00 PM -5:00 PM Labor Day Picnic </div> No Breakfast	4 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Labor Day </div>	5 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Office at Post	6 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	7 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Office at Post	8 6:00 PM Girl Scout Dinner - Chicken Parmesan	9 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell
10 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - Girl Scouts 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	11 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Office at Post	12 7:00 PM Post 327 Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post 327 Reg Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Office at Post	13	14 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> 7:00 PM Outside Volunteer Mtg </div> 7:30 PM Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Office at Post	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> 3:00 PM -7:00 PM Blood Drive </div> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner- Lasagna	16 7:30 PM Karaoke - Eugene
17 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	18 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Office at Post	19 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Office at Post	20 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	21 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 7:30 PM Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Office at Post	22 Kitchen Open	23 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell
24 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	25 6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Office at Post	26 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Office at Post	27	28 7:30 PM Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Office at Post	29 6:00 PM Oktober Fest - (Pork Chops in Saurkraut)	30 7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike