



# The Legionnaire

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Historian: Jody Bowers

#### Exec Board

Sharon Bukowski  
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**COMMANDER:** For those who come into the post on a regular basis, I'm sure you've noticed all the Honor Guard members in the post. These guys do an incredible job. They perform casket watches, funerals, and provide rifle details at the cemetery for veterans. You probably also noticed it's always the same few people. **THEY NEED HELP!!** They will train you, equip you and work with your schedule. If you can attend one or two events a month, that will be a huge help. The post hosted two Navy Chief Selectee events in August. These are the men and women who will be leading our enlisted force, for the next few years. We wish them great success in their new roles. For God and Country, Tony Moore

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Labor Day picnic - Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 1PM; Dart Party - Sep 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM; Blood Drive - Sep 24<sup>th</sup> @ 3PM-7PM.

**FIRST VICE COMMANDER:** Our current membership for 2019 is at 450 new and renewed members, this year's goal is 901 so we are on track with the goals that Department has set for this year at 50% to date. You may renew your 2019 membership 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. Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, you will no longer be able to renew for 2018 online you will need to come to the Post and renew in person or mail in your renewal and note it for the 2018 year to keep your consecutive years current. Renewal online at the above website address is for Post members only. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

**SECOND VICE COMMANDER:** It's time for the Labor Day Picnic Sunday September 2 from 1-5PM. We look

forward to a great time! There will be chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs and brats. There will be games for the kids and adults. We will also have cotton candy and snow cones!!! Side dishes are welcome and appreciated. We hope to have lots of delicious dishes from our post family. There are sign-up sheets for volunteers and side dishes on the board at the Post. If you can't make it to the Post to sign up, please email [cmpec33@aol.com](mailto:cmpec33@aol.com). Volunteers from all the post family, Legionnaires, SAL and Auxiliary are greatly appreciated. I hope to see you all there! Early Birds eat free, please bring your 2019 membership card with the "Early Bird" stamp. For God and Country, Milo Cross

**SERVICE OFFICER:** In the month of July we submitted 66 claims, spoke to 128 veterans, drove 479 miles and logged 229 hours. I am back from my surgery and will be working my regular schedule again. Hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10-5. Thelma attended DSO School in mid-August.

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:** After looking at the board, I see that we have lost more members last month than in any I can remember. As we mourn them, we are reminded that their lives represent decades of service to our beloved country. Who will fill their shoes? Do you have the time? We need the help, and the volunteers. For God and Country, J. J. Willis

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

**ATHLETIC OFFICER:** Greeting to all, Our pool team led by Salina is still in Las Vegas as of this writing. I will give a report on their trip next month. The Friday night co-ed softball team will open the season on August 24<sup>th</sup>. I will post a schedule on the hallway cork board. Come cheer your team on. I was able to have the scholarship award winner from the James P. Norton golf tournament at the August meeting. His name is James "Boyd" Leeman. He attended Granby High school and was a four-year starter. He is enrolled at the University of Tennessee. We wish him the best of luck. Till next month...For God and Country, Jeff Evans

**SQUADRON COMMANDER:** Hello Legion Family

Here we go! Fall will be here before we know it with kids back in school and leaf raking coming up. The year is flying by us.

**GREAT NEWS! IT IS OFFICIAL! ----> STEVE GOWER IS OUR NEW SAL SOUTHERN REGION NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER! Congratulations Steve!**

**Steve** was installed at our recent American Legion National Convention held in Minneapolis Minnesota. We have been fortunate to now have had two Sons from Squadron # 327 to be elected as SAL National Vice Commanders, **Jeff Evans** and now **Steve Gower**. When you see **Steve**, give him a congratulatory handshake and pat on his back. We are proud of you **Steve!!!!**

Also, we have the honor of having a fellow Virginian, **Mr. Clint Bolt** who will serve as the SAL National Commander in 2019, the hundredth year of the American Legion. Virginia is on the roll and seen nationally as an example of great leadership and success.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr. **Dave Samson** says we are on target for another winning year in membership renewal and recruitment. I thank all of you who help recruit new members and spread the good word about the SAL. We all know membership is the life blood of any organization and what could be better than belonging to the world's largest Veterans Service Organization?

We had a complete Sell Out on our Sons dinner night. Thank you, **Jane Evans** for your deliciously prepared shredded pork butt BBQ fare. Members raved about the dinner.

In September we will be serving a hearty Lasagna Dinner with Cesar Salad, Crispy Garlic Bread and Tasty Dessert. The date to mark on your calendar is September 21<sup>st</sup> from 6 PM until we sell out. You want to get here on time for this comfort food before it is all gone. We ask for an \$8.00 donation for our charity account.

Thank all of you that supported the Alzheimer's Research Fundraiser held August 31<sup>st</sup> and thanks goes out to **Jane Evans** for heading up this function, her *Mama Mia* Spaghetti Meat Sauce Dinner was a homerun.

Remember that the Community Outreach Group meets at the Post every second Thursday at 7:00 PM. Come out to this informal meeting and share some ideas that we can do as a Legion Family to aid our community and also spread the good news about the American Legion. We are going to the Fisher House in Portsmouth September 22<sup>nd</sup> to serve a dinner. If you want to come and volunteer an hour or two, meet at the Legion. Get in touch with me, **Jeff or Jane Evans** for a ride over. October the 6<sup>th</sup> we

are going back to the McDonald House by CHKD Hospital in Norfolk to serve a dinner.

**VA&R/VAVS:** We need volunteers to sacrifice only a few hours per month to help our Veterans at the Hampton VA Medical Center (HVAMC). There are so many different things that a volunteer can do. It's easy and self-rewarding. You can volunteer for Bingo night, be a greeter, drive the shuttle from the parking lot areas assisting patients who find it too far to walk, attend fairs, Christmas party, etc.

The next orientation for volunteer services will be held October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> with two AM sessions and one evening session. Get in touch with me or **Anne Stark** for more information. Again, we need only an hour or two per month to help our Vets and families at the HVAMC. Our night for Bingo is always the last Monday of the month. We meet at the Post and ride over together. You can reach me, **Cliff Carney** or his Dad **Chris Carney** for information.

The Sons extend our most heartfelt sympathy and condolences to those of our Legion Family who have lost someone and who have gone to Post Everlasting.

Keep all of those who are ill, house ridden or downtrodden in your prayers.

For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

**ALA PRESIDENT:** Hard to believe it's September already. We all know what that means...Labor Day Picnic. The Auxiliary will be serving tasty food at the picnic and as always, looking for volunteers to assist. Anyone that can give an hour or two please contact me or leave a comment on our Facebook page (American Legion Unit 327 Auxiliary). Covered dishes and desserts are always

appreciated. All Ladies remember to bring your 2019 membership card with that Early Bird stamp to this picnic. Anyone without an Early Bird Stamp will be charged full price for the picnic.

Our ALA dinner will be September 7th and will feature baked pork chop in gravy, mashed potatoes, veggie and dessert. Our ALA breakfast buffet will be September 23rd. Bring your friends and family out to enjoy a meal together.

Just a reminder: If you have not renewed your 2018 ALA membership please do so as soon as possible. If you do not have a current 2018 membership card, you cannot Renew for 2019 until you do.

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting on September 4th at 7pm. Come in and get involved.

Please note the Vets Fish Fry will be October 5th. We will be looking for volunteers to help with food service and help with bingo. Please remember regular and sugar free desserts are always needed for this event.

For God and Country, Collene

**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?

**HONOR GUARD CORNER:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> District Honor Guard has been on the go, however, it's bitter sweet. We have been involved in a number of casket watches and funeral firing details. However, we will be marching in the Driver Days Parade on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Come out to Driver and support us. It is a fun parade to watch or come march with us! For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<i>1</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike
<i>2</i> 1:00 PM Labor Day Picnic No Breakfast	<i>3</i> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>4</i> 7:00 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>5</i> 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	<i>6</i> 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>7</i> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Pork Chop in Gravy	<i>8</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell 2 PM - 4 PM Post 204 Picnic - Pavillion
<i>9</i> 9:00 AM -11:00AM Breakfast - Girl Scouts	<i>10</i> 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>11</i> 7:00 PM Post 327 Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post 327 Reg Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>12</i> 6:30 PM ALA Social & Crafts	<i>13</i> 7:00 PM Dart Party 7:00 PM Outside Volunteer Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>14</i> 6:00 PM Girl Scout Dinner - Pulled Pork	<i>15</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Mike
<i>16</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8	<i>17</i> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>18</i> 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>19</i> 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	<i>20</i> 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>21</i> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Lasagna	<i>22</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell
<i>23</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA	<i>24</i> 3:00 PM -7:00 PM Blood Drive 6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital	<i>25</i> 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<i>28</i> Kitchen Open Menu +	<i>29</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell
<i>30</i> No Breakfast						