



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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

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Director: Derrick Johnson
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Treasurer: David Seate
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Chaplain: Mike Moranha
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COMMANDER: Can't believe September is upon us and summer is already drawing to a close. Although the cooler weather of fall hasn't come upon us yet, it is that time of year for kids to head back to school again. With that being said, our Auxiliary did an outstanding job collecting school supplies and distributing them to many local schools, helping make starting this school year a little easier for students in need. Also last month, Fred and the SAL Squadron put on another great job fair. Let anyone know that may be looking to further their career or start a new one as there will be a job fair here each month. As fall approaches it also means it's time for our annual Labor Day Picnic. So come on out and enjoy one of the last days of summer with your Legion Family! If you haven't already, the picnic is a perfect time to renew those memberships! But just because summer is ending the fun doesn't have to, as the Post has plenty of activities that are getting ready to kick off. Fall coed softball, along with our pool, dart, and bowling leagues are all starting soon. The

kitchen is also open with new hours and a new menu! Sunday breakfasts are also back! For God and Country! Roger Kelly

UPCOMING EVENTS: Sep 5th Labor Day Picnic, Sep 18-19 State Bowling Tournament, Sep 22nd @ 1 to 6 pm Blood Drive, Sep 25 @ 11am-4pm Art Show and Sale, Sep 29 @ 12 – 4pm Job Fair.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We are currently having 50% 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: Hey folks! On September 5th, Post 327 will be hosting this year's Labor Day picnic. Lots of great food! Stop on in save yourself some kitchen time and let us take care of that! 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 in 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. Also, we will be having a blood drive on Wednesday, September 22 from 1 PM to 6 PM. We have 37 appointment slots available for you to sign up to donate blood. You can talk to me to sign up for a time slot, call 1-800-REDCROSS or go to the Red Cross website to sign up. Also, September 29th we will also have another Job Fair. From 12 PM to 4 PM. 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 June service officer spoke with 173 veterans, spent 296 hours and logged 1353 miles. I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do. My HealtheVet, VA's online patient portal, gives you access to your VA health information so you can understand and manage your VA care. Beginning in September 2021, My HealtheVet Advanced accounts will be discontinued. If you have an Advanced account today and do not upgrade to a Premium account, your account will revert to a Basic account. If that occurs, you will lose access to the pharmacy features, including the ability to request and track your VA prescription refills. That means... it's time to upgrade to a Premium account. With a free Premium account, you can securely access your VA health information, 24/7. If you are new to My HealtheVet, create an account by visiting the My HealtheVet website, selecting Register and filling out the required fields. Make sure to check the boxes verifying that you are a VA patient and Veteran. If you are already a user, you may have a Premium account. If you do, there will be a "P" icon next to your name. Also, if you currently use secure messaging on My HealtheVet, you're all set. Patients who use secure messaging already have a Premium account. Three ways to upgrade to Premium level If you have an Advanced account, there are three ways to upgrade to Premium level: in person, online or through a video appointment. Upgrading your account is free. If you want to upgrade in person or through a video appointment, contact the My HealtheVet coordinator in your local VA facility. Ask about upgrading to a Premium account. You can locate your VA facility's contact information through VA's facility locator tool. To upgrade online, you'll need to use your DS Logon Premium or ID.me secure sign-in credentials. You can learn more about the online upgrading process on the My HealtheVet blog post. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: No input this month. For God and Country, Rickey Brown

LEGION RIDERS: The Legion Riders Chapter 327 are growing!! We have accepted several new members and supporters and looking to grow bigger! At our latest meeting, we have identified 7 Non-Profit Organizations to support! We are excited to give help where help is needed. We can't wait to post the pictures!! Some of the riders just got back from Sturgis with pictures too good to post, some riders are gearing up for the Virginia State Rally in October. Sure to be a fun time!!...For God and Country, DJ Johnson

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all, The schedule for our co-ed softball team is posted on the corkboard. We play double hitters on Friday nights. All games are at Northside Park, come and enjoy. Corn hole continues the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7. Get there early to register, it's a blast. Lastly, the winter dart league will start 16 September. There is a signup sheet on the door in the foyer. Till next month...For God @ Country, Jeff Evans A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings to All Legion members and Family. It is hard to believe it is already September and we are in a new school season and nearing Autumn. Our membership goal for 2022 will be approved shortly and I anticipate only a small increase from last year's 2021 goal.

Our Cold Plate Salad Dinner night went very well. September dinner night will either be a Steak Dinner on a Saturday in September or a Boneless Pork Loin Dinner on our regular 3rd Friday of the month. This is dependent on whether the Post hosts the State Bowling banquet. Watch for flyers or information at the September Post meeting. I want to thank all of you Sons that help on dinner nights and those that help at other Post and SAL functions. Every time you help gets you an opportunity for a free membership at the membership drawing held in June. Remember those that are encountering personal health issues. Prayers will help.

VA&R/CDCE: Great news! It looks very optimistic that we will be able to have a "drive-by" Fish Fry for our Veterans at the HVAMC in the month of October. The HVAMC needs of Volunteers. To become a Volunteer, you must have proof of COVID vaccinations and wear a face mask in addition to completing a two-hour indoctrination at the HVAMC. It seems like Bingo and other activities will be resuming shortly. If you have an hour or two per month "free time" then please consider becoming a volunteer. Remember the American Legion is the world's largest Veterans Service Organization, but it can only continue this status long as we have caring people to share their time and effort helping our Veterans and their families.

VE&E: We had our first Career Fair in August at the Post on

August 25th. The exciting news is that we had a very good response from local Employers. For example, local Fire and Police Departments, HVAMC HR Department sent representatives. We already have another Career Fair coming in September so watch for flyers. Part of VE&E is helping the homeless get established. We will be posting a "needs list" to help individuals. This list will be comprised of personal hygiene items and clothing. There is also a need for housekeeping items for their "new" living quarters. Some examples are dish washing cleaners, housekeeping cleaners, trash cans, trash can liners, pots, pans, eating utensils and anything else that one may need to set up a new apartment from scratch. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Hello everyone! September is shaping up to be a busy month for the ALA. Our ALA Fundraiser Dinner is on Sep. 3rd with Breakfast for Dinner by Denise and Jane with a menu of biscuits and gravy, egg casserole, sausage, and cinnamon apple crisp for dessert! The ALA will be at the Post on Sept. 5 to support the Post Picnic – Volunteers are needed, even if just for an hour. If the Post hosts the State Bowling tournament in September, the ALA will be serving a Shrimp Dinner on the Friday the 17th and the ALA will need volunteers for this event as we will be serving in both the club room and the hall for the bowlers. Next up on the 25th will be the Art and Crafts Fair with lots of talented artists in house with many different items, something for everyone! If you would like to have a spot at the Fair, please contact Yvonne Thibeault for further details. We are working with VAMC Hampton to HOPEFULLY have a Veteran's Drive through Fish Fry on Friday October 1st. They are unable to come into the Post, but we're working to have them drive through, provide them with a Fish Fry Dinner and goodies. More to come on this as plans are being finalized. The ALA was also busy in August with our dinner of Fried Chicken and Potato Salad quickly selling out! Thanks to Maureen White for the delicious potato salad. We're sorry we had to turn so many away, we will definitely plan for many more dinners next time we have this meal. At our August meeting we had the honor of presenting 2 local Girl Scouts with the National American Legion Auxiliary Youth Hero Award for their efforts helping a gentleman with a medical emergency while setting up to sell cookies. I would like to thank Post Commander Roger Kelly for assisting in the presentation. We also had the pleasure of presenting the Flag Certificate and an ALA Thank you coin to Mr. Adam Dibble for his flying of our American Flag in the local area while running in preparation for the Run For the Fallen.

Mr. Dibble also presented the ALA with the Flag that he carried during the 4 days of the Run for the Fallen from Fort Story to Arlington National Cemetery and one of the Run for the Fallen shirts to wear next year when we go out to support them. The ALA was busy in August supporting our Education Program and Children and Youth with School Supplies. The ALA bought \$400 in school supplies, had donations by the Legion Family members, and we had donations from Powerhouse of 120 Backpacks, 7 cases of Hand Sanitizer and tissues. Post 327 also donated \$500 worth of supplies to help up pack out 120 backpacks for the local elementary children. Thanks to Donna Walsh for contacting the schools and all of those that came out on the 28th to help organize, sort and prepare all the items. We were able to make deliveries to the schools on the 30th and they were all very appreciative of the supplies and those that helped the ALA provide this support. On the 28th, the ALA also made our quarterly trip to St. Mary's Cemetery to pay respects to the French Sailors and to check on the monument and spruce up the site. The ALA is anxiously awaiting the new 2021–2022-year program from Department and we are looking for committee members to help us support the ALA programs. Please consider helping the ALA fulfill the programs and supporting our Veterans, Active Duty and our community. For God and Country, Crystal Cross

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: Well summer is at a close and it's time to send the kids back to school, all of us in the Guard hope everyone one has a good summer. As always the Honor Guard is ready to do what I asked of us. The Guard wouldn't be if it wasn't for our Captain of the Guard Otha Newton. He works tirelessly keeping all aspects coordinated. So, when you see him let him know you appreciate him and he's efforts. For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and are now looking forward to Fall - I am. Labor Day means school will be starting so please watch out for the little ones. We are going to be offering some different entertainment this fall so hopefully there will be something for everyone. Ricky will be here the second and fourth Saturdays playing the songs you love to sing so come on out for some fun. We have two new bartenders so stop by and say hello to Angie and Tara. Look forward to seeing each of you at the Post. For God and Country Sandra Wright

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<i>1</i> 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327 Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	<i>2</i> 12 - 2 Lunch Special- Ham Slice Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	<i>3</i> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Breakfast for Dinner	<i>4</i> Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10
<i>5</i> 1:00 PM -4:00 PM Labor Day Picnic	<i>6</i> LABOR DAY	<i>7</i> 7:00 PM ALA Exec Mtg 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	<i>8</i> 7:00 PM Corn Hole Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	<i>9</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special- Baked Ziti Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	<i>10</i> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Spaghetti & Meatballs	<i>11</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Mu Beta Phi Fraternity 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10
<i>12</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 PM Breakfast by Marisa 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 2 pm til ?	<i>13</i> 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg	<i>14</i> 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	<i>15</i> 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	<i>16</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special- Pulled Chicken 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 7:30 PM Legion Darts Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	<i>17</i> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Contact Club for info	<i>18</i> Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">State Bowling</div>
<i>19</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 PM Breakfast by Marisa Kitchen Open - 2 pm til ? <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">State Bowling</div>	<i>20</i> 7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg	<i>21</i> Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	<i>22</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">1:00 PM -6:00 PM Blood Drive</div> 7:00 PM Corn Hole Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	<i>23</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special- Tortilla Bake 7:30 PM Legion Darts Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	<i>24</i> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Chicken Cordon Bleu	<i>25</i> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">11 AM - 4 PM Art Sale</div> Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10
<i>26</i> 9:00 AM -11:00 PM Breakfast by Marisa 1:00 PM Legion Bowling Kitchen Open - 2 pm til ?	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	<i>29</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">12:00 PM -4:00 PM Job Fair</div> Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10	<i>30</i> 12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special- Bean Soup 7:30 PM Legion Darts Kitchen Open - 6 pm til 10		