



The Legionnaire

Tidewater Post 327

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2nd VCDR: Rick McDonald
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Adjutant: Evan Glendinning
Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Keith Palmer
Sgt-at-Arms: Linda Blaker
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

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Director: (DJ) Derrick Johnson
Asst Dir: Keith Palmer
Adjutant: TBD
Treasurer: David Seate
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Chaplain: Mike Moranha
Sgt-at-Arms: Vacant
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Exec Board

Al R. Gnome

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1st VCDR: Dave Samson / Wayne Turner
2nd VCDR David "Benski" Vernon
Adjutant: James Doty Jr
Treasurer: Jeff Evans
Chaplain: Rocky English / Frank White
1st Sgt-at-Arms: Mike Schmidt
Historian: Evan Glendinning
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COMMANDER: Greetings Post 327! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and are now getting ready for fall events and school starting back up. We had a very needed ventilation upgrade in the club room. We have our annual Labor Day Picnic starting off the month. We are hosting the 2nd District Fall Conference on Sunday the 18th. All Legionnaires in good standing are encouraged to attend. We also have many other events planned so please watch the calendar, text messages, and Facebook so you can take part. Please continue recruiting new members for the Post and let's all become a little more active and volunteer for Post events. For God and Country, Roger Kelly

UPCOMING EVENTS: Sept 4th 1 – 4pm Labor Day Picnic, Sept 10th 12 – 4 pm Seniors Day, Sept 19 7:30 pm Monday Night darts mtg, Sept 28th 1 – 6 pm Blood Drive.

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: As some of you have noticed that the renewal notices that are being sent out by National Headquarters shows "Member since 2022" please disregard this as National has gone to a new system and is still working out some bugs.

All Legionnaires that RENEW their Membership between July 1st and Labor Day September 5th will be entered into a drawing to win a PUFL (Paid up for Life) membership.

You may also use mylegion.org to renew your Membership online. Anyone that has an **honorable** discharge after Dec 7th, 1941, is able join. For God and Country, Byron Pinalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER: Well folks last picnic of the season! Falls on September 4th, Labor Day weekend. From 1pm to 4pm. We will have done prizes as well as food and drinks. C'mon out if you're just not wanting

to cook! We will take good care of you! For God and Country, Rick McDonald

ADJUTANT: Hello Post 327 Family, For legionnaires, please renew your membership as soon as you can. September 5th is the last day you can get the "Early Bird Special". If a legionnaire RENEWS by September 5th, they will be put in a drawing for a PUFL (Paid Up For Life) membership. We are hosting a Blood Drive for the Red Cross on September 28th. The Blood Drive is from 1 PM to 6 PM. If you would like to make an appointment for the Blood Drive, please call 1-800-REDCROSS to talk to a Red Cross Representative about scheduling an appointment. You can also download their app and schedule your appointment through the app. You can also go to redcrossblood.org and schedule the appointment online and the final way is to contact me and I can add you to the schedule. We do allow walk-ins. However, someone with a scheduled appointment will be seen first. I am starting to raise money to help fight Veteran Homelessness, here in the Hampton Roads area. We are in a friendly competition with Club 60/Fleet Reserve to see which organization can raise the most money. We will be raising money until October 16th. If you would like to donate money, please see me. Also, if you would like to help raise money or have any fundraising ideas, feel free to let me know. I do hope all is well and everyone is staying safe and healthy. For God and Country, Evan Glendinning

SERVICE OFFICER: State Retirement Income Tax Latest Changes Virginia military retirees 55 years and older will be able to keep more of their retirement income thanks to language in the state budget passed this spring by the state's General Assembly.

Gov. Glenn Youngkin on June 21 signed the two-year budget, which exempts the first \$10,000 in military retirement income in the 2022 tax year. This number will jump to \$20,000 in 2023, \$30,000 in 2024, and \$40,000 in 2025 and beyond. The new law also applies to surviving spouses of military retirees. That's an estimated \$575 in tax relief per \$10,000 of exemptions. Retirees from the U.S. Public Health Service or NOAA will not be eligible for exemptions.

SPREAD The WORD Suicide Helpline. Effective 16 July 2022, "988" will serve as the new direct dial number for the National Suicide Prevention Helpline

PACT ACT

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras Adds more than 20 new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other

toxic exposures

Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care. More info at va.gov/pact. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: Heavenly Father, we thank you for keeping all the workers safe during the renovation process of the American Legion Post 327. May the new ventilation system, lighting and the new look bring us many additional years of enjoyment. Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." [Matthew 18:21-22](#)

For God and Country – Chaplain, Keith Palmer

LEGION RIDERS: Sharing a note from the Eastern Region Director: DJ (ALR 327), I wanted to thank you so much for your efforts and huge contribution to the Dept.

Commander's charity of choice "The Hope Foundation". I was honored and privileged to hand the Commander a check for \$10,410 at the convention and 1/2 of those funds came from you, your Riders & Legion Family. I look forward to riding and supporting you through the year and wish you nothing but success and safe riding! Herbie Williams, Eastern Region Director.

For God and Country, Derrick "DJ" Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greeting to all, I want to wish our traveling softball team the best later this month. They go to Las Vegas 21 Sept. A report next month, hoping to let you know they are National Champions. Our co-ed softball team season starts 9 Sept. Schedule to be posted when available. Who's ready for Monday Night Darts? There will be a quick meeting Monday Sept. 19 @ 7:30. We start early Oct. Till next month...For God @ Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greetings Legion Family and Friends. Wow already September and School is back in session. The SAL hopes everyone had a good time on Labor Day and enjoyed the picnic times with friends and families. Hopefully we were also reflecting about those troops of ours that are deployed and somewhere around the world preserving our freedom. While thinking about our military abroad I know we also remembered those that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

Speaking of school, your Sons squadron donated \$200.00 to the ALA to help buy school supplies for our community's children. Good job Auxiliary for the hard work!

Membership cards have arrived at the Post. Let me remind you Sons that you can go to "legion.org" and create your own personal account. This means you can renew online and don't have to worry about mailing your dues into the

squadron. You can print your own membership card if you wash yours or lose it. Suppose you are on a business trip and want to visit an out-of-town Post and you forgot to bring your member card. Well, all you have to do is download another one. We urge you to sign up and go "e-membership", it's the way to go!

2nd Vice Cmdr. Benski has a delicious dinner night planned for September 16th. **Benski** will be serving a Pleasing Porcine (fancy word for pork) Alfredo on a Bed of Al Dente Pasta with Crunchy Garlic Bread, Refreshingly Crisp Salad and a Delightful Dessert. Thank all of you for the support of our SAL dinner nights. Because of this support the SAL was able to donate \$16000.00 for the fiscal year that ended in June.

Congratulations to the Post for the recent, sorely needed, renovations.

VAVS/CDCE: There still is no word on when we can anticipate bingo, picnics, parties, etc. at the HVAMC. We are just waiting for the "word" when volunteers will be able to start going over to the HVAMC. Volunteers need to be orientated each year. Orientations are normally scheduled in the morning or evening for your convenience. HVAMC will give you a free flu shot and TB test. You will need your ID and show proof that you have had at least two Covid shots. Booster shots are not mandatory. We will let you know when the orientation schedule is released.

Congratulations on the enactment of the PACT Act that opens the door for veterans getting assistance from medical injuries and conditions received from burn pits. Let's see how this works for those troops suffering from Agent Orange used in the Viet Nam war.

VE&E: We held a successful Job fair in late August. When you see dual member **Evan Glendinning** congratulate him for his efforts. We are planning an education fair in October. In the meanwhile, **Evan Glendinning** is starting a food and clothing drive to help our homeless Veterans and will have more details as he co-ordinates this with the Auxiliary and Legion. A big part of Veterans Employment and Education (VE&E) is Homelessness. Show your support and get with Evan or the Auxiliary to see what you can do to help in this worthwhile project.

Please remember those who are suffering medically, financially or both in your prayers. Don't forget **American Legion National Commander Dillard's Buddy Check!** For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Goodbye Summer, hello Fall.

Congratulations dual member Bob Dechamplain on being selected Post 327 Legionnaire of the Year. Crystal and Anne attended Legion College, thank you Ladies. Our Back-to-School supplies drive was a huge success because of members, Legion Family, and Community

Partners. Powerhouse donated backpacks. We received monetary donations from The Legion and Sons. Members of the Legion family and community donated school supplies and money. The unit purchased school supplies. Volunteers helped stuff backpacks with school supplies on the 28th. On the 31th volunteers helped representatives from 7 Norfolk Public School pick up school supplies at the Post. Your donations and time are truly appreciated.

Calling all Juniors birth – 18! This group is our present and future. They participate in community service projects, and other activities all while learning about the American Legion Auxiliary. Contact Crystal Cross for more information.

Upcoming events

September

2 - Unit Dinner 6-8pm Cabbage Roll, mashed potatoes, roll, and dessert

4 - Labor Day Picnic

6 - Unit meeting 7:30pm

October

9 - 1st & 2nd District ALA meeting @327 Noon *

Open to All members

Stay tune for more information on a non-perishable food drive. That will support active-duty families.

REMINDERS

2022-23 membership drive continues. Renew or Join in person, by mail or online

American Legion Auxiliary Tidewater Unit 327

Attn: Helen Lynum

705 Lesner Ave, Norfolk, VA 23518

www.ALAforVeterans.org

Volunteers are needed for Unit's 1st Friday of the month dinner.

SCHOOL IS STARTING SOON!

Service, Not Self, For God and Country, Mary Taggart

HONOR GUARDS CORNER: Already September and back to school for the kids but the Honors Guard is still busy hope everyone had an enjoyable summer hope to see everyone at the Labor Day picnic. For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello everyone! As you know the renovations have been completed at the Post that means we are up and running in full force. Stop by to see the improvements. Our kitchen is now open seven (7) days a week, check newsletter for menus. Karaoke is back the second and fourth Saturday nights, Ricky is happy to play your favorite songs to sing. We are also working on getting other entertainment the alternate Saturday nights. Don't forget the Labor Day picnic Sunday, September 4th. Hope to see you at the Post!! For God and Country, Sandi Wright

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Chicken & Broccoli Casserole 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	6:00 PM ALA Dinner -Cabbage Rolls	6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open
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1:00 PM -4:00 PM Labor Day Picnic	1:00 PM -4:00 PM Hot Dog Special 6:00 PM til ? Kitchen Open <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">LABOR DAY</div>	6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM ALA Exec Mtg 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg	6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327	12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Ham & Cheese Sand w/ fries 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	6:00 PM Softball Team Dinner - Spaghetti w/ Meat sauce	12:00 PM -4:00 PM Seniors Day 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast Kitchen Open - 4:00 PM til ?	1:00 PM -4:00 PM Hot Dog Special 6:00 PM til ? Kitchen Open 7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">7:30 PM In House Dart League mtg</div>	6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg	12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch Special - Rubeen w/ chips 6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open	6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Smothered Chicken	6:00 PM -10:00 PM Kitchen Open 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still
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