



# *The Legionnaire*

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## **POST OFFICERS**

Commander: Tony Moore  
1<sup>st</sup> VCDR: Byron Pianalto  
2<sup>nd</sup> VCDR: Roger Kelly  
3<sup>rd</sup> VCDR: Richard McDonald  
Adjutant: Gene Niedholdt  
Finance: David Seate  
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain  
Chaplain: Rickey Brown  
Sgt-at-Arms: Jesse Walker  
Historian: TBD

### **Exec Board**

Gene Niedholdt  
Tim Gonyea  
Victor Howard

## **LEGION RIDERS**

Director: Derrick Johnson  
Asst Dir: Shane Kelly  
Adjutant: Rob Buckhalter  
Treasurer: David Seate  
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley  
Chaplain: Paul Murch  
Sgt-at-Arms: Derrick Johnson  
Road Captains:

### **Exec Board**

Al R. Gnome

## **SAL SQUADRON**

CDR: Fred Vaccarella  
1<sup>st</sup> VCDR: Dave Samson  
2<sup>nd</sup> VCDR Mike Schmidt  
Adjutant: James Doty Jr.  
Treasurer: Jeff Evans  
Chaplain: Rocky English  
1<sup>st</sup> Sgt-at-Arms: Mike Atkinson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt-at-Arms: Wayne Turner  
Historian: Dan Schmidt

### **Exec Board**

Steve Gower  
Milo Cross  
Kenneth O'Bryan

## **AUXILIARY**

President: Nancy Bell  
Vice President: Delia French  
Secretary: Leona Forest  
Treasurer: Bonnie Kleinfelter  
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers  
Sgt-at-Arms: Donna McClelland  
Historian: Crystal Cross

### **Exec Board**

Yvonne Thibeault  
Sue Weber  
Sherry Jandle

## **COMMANDER: SECOND NOTICE: Election for Post officers for 2020-2021 will be held at the May meeting.**

Well, it has been a very interesting month to say the least. COVID-19 has wreaked havoc everywhere including Post 327. It has been hard on everyone. We hope to open by next month, but like everywhere else it's day by day. As soon as we know anything "FOR SURE" we will notify you through social media, text and email. Until then take care of yourself and try to maintain social distancing. For God and Country, Tony Moore.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Easter Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>,  
27<sup>th</sup> Stress Recovery Support Group

**FIRST VICE COMMANDER:** Anyone that has an **honorable** discharge after Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 can join the American Legion. So, if you know of someone that fell

through the cracks due to not serving during a time of conflict please let them know that they may now be eligible to join the American Legion. For 2020, we have over 850 new and renewed Members. I would like to thank everyone that renewed to date and hope that the rest will renew shortly. Post Members are able to renew for 2020 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, if you make any changes please notify me at email address in the header of this newsletter so that I can keep my database up to date. If you do not have a 2020 Membership card you may lose your continuous years if you don't renew soon. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

**SECOND VICE COMMANDER:** Hope everyone stays safe and healthy during this situation. For God and Country. Roger Kelly

**SERVICE OFFICER:** In the month of February we submitted 47 claims, spoke to 161 veterans, drove 850 miles and logged 322 hours. Thank you to all of our volunteers that spend so much of their time doing good for our veterans and family. Post Service Officer Claims Hours of Operation. The Service officers are available at the post Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00AM to 4:00 PM to file claims or other assistance you may need. For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

**CHAPLAIN:** Hello to all! What time we are living in today. I was told a many years ago, that nothing, I say again, NOTHING, catches God, off guard. So what is going on around the world, God is aware of it. We have turned away from Him. (Rickey, Chapter 1.1). I have read in 2 Chronicle chapter 7.14. If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. For God and Country, Rickey Brown

**LEGION RIDERS:** All meetings and rides have been suspended until further notice to practice Social distancing. Use this time to perform needed maintenance on your bikes! Thank you everyone for interacting and viewing our Facebook page! Stay tuned for more info. Big shout out to Pat and Dennis for the fine vittles at the last two meetings!! They were delish!! For God and Country, Derrick "DJ" Johnson

**ATHLETIC OFFICER:** Greetings to all. As of this writing all sports programs are in limbo. The city has not announced a possible opening day for adult softball. Our little league teams are also on hold. I am also waiting for a decision from National headquarters regarding the status of American Legion baseball. These are minor issues compared to the uncharted territory we find ourselves in. Please be safe. Till next month... For God and Country, Jeff Evans, A.O.

**SQUADRON COMMANDER:** Hello and Greetings Post Family and Friends You can already see the signs of Spring with the accumulation of buds and pollen everywhere. April 12<sup>th</sup> is Easter. We were fortunate that

we were able to experience a mild Winter. Hopefully the Coronavirus (COVID-19) will soon subside along with all the fear, anxiety and financial burden by the time of this newsletter input. Hopefully weather will be warm shortly. Warm weather is the biggest nemesis of flu viruses and other viruses like COVID-19. There are no persons that I am acquainted with that have contracted this pandemic virus. We are blessed to live in America with the best medical minds and medical technology in the world. Americans come together during a crisis. This is just another reason to be thankful that we are "One Nation Under God"! I know that several functions throughout the Nation were cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual National NAC/VAVS Conference and Meeting in San Antonio, Texas I was to attend as your VAVS Representative was cancelled. At the time of this newsletter input our SAL National Commander **Clint Bolt's** Homecoming at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel on April 18<sup>th</sup> is still scheduled. At the time of this input it has not been cancelled. The Spring NEC/NMI in Indianapolis, Indiana is still scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. ***We will let you know if either function is cancelled.*** 1<sup>st</sup> Commander **Dave Samson** reports that our membership is blooming like the Spring season. As of March 12<sup>th</sup> Squadron # 327 is at 86.27 % membership and proud to say above the Detachment membership of 82.60 %. Our April goal is 90 % and I am sure with **Dave's** tenacity and drive that we will attain the April goal of 90%. We only need 16 more new and/or renewals to hit 100 %. We are at 167 and need 183. Our April dinner is April is the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. The date will be April 24<sup>th</sup> and we will have an "Easter Sunday Dinner" on that Friday. It will be a complete Ham Dinner with Salads, Roll and Dessert for the usual \$8.00 donation to the SAL charity fund. Thank all the Legion family members for your continued support of our dinner nights. Most of our money raised for SAL Charity funds comes from our dinners. As a side note the SAL Detachment of Virginia with 15 squadrons present donated \$10595.00 at Spring Conference. Here is the breakdown of donations: CWF=\$6450.00, OCW=\$2700.00, NEF=\$950.00 and VCF=\$500.00. Squadron # 327's contribution at Spring Conference was \$5500.00 of the \$10595.00 donated. We donated the following amounts: CWF= \$2500.00, OCW= \$2500.00 and VCF= \$500.00. **Let this serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> notice that elections will be held in May.** Contact the SAL Nomination Committee who are PNVC **Steve Gower**, PNVC **Jeff Evans**, Dual **Milo Cross** or Sr. Executive Officer **Kenny**

**O'Bryan** to place your name on the election ballot.

**VAVS/VSO:** It is unfortunate that I have some dismal news from Hampton VA Medical Center. The Spring annual fish fry that we do in April for the Veterans that visit us at Post # 327 has been cancelled because of the pandemic virus. It is too risky to expose some of the patients that have compromised immunity and/or respiratory systems outside of the Hospital surrounds. This also applies to our volunteers. Volunteers services are curtailed, and we are not to volunteer our time at the Hospital until further notice.

Keep all our members, family, neighbors and friends in our prayers as we experience this unusual time in our lives. Especially pray for the sick, housebound, elderly and others in need. Remember Everyone Deployed= RED. For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

**ALA PRESIDENT** Hello Everyone. I hope this finds everyone in good health and somewhere near sane. Depending on the proposed open after the 1<sup>st</sup> of April will determine our meal schedule. We will be doing a small fish dinner on the 3<sup>rd</sup> since the Vets cannot come, and

breakfast will be on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Watch for posting. **This is the 2nd notice for elections in May.** Don't forget to renew memberships. For God and Country, Nancy Bell

**HONOR GUARDS CORNER:** It is difficult times for all of us. Safety is the number one priority for all of us. Our National Commander has asked all of us to do buddy checking so let's all do that for all the legion family. The Guard has everyone in our thoughts and prayers. Be safe stay at home if possible and wash your hands, wash your hands. For God and Country, Gene Niedholdt

**CLUBROOM MANAGER:** Hello Everyone: We are living thru a very difficult and uncharted territory now. I trust each of you are doing everything possible to protect yourself and your family from the COVID-19. I know we all miss the camaraderie and fellowship of being able to go to the Clubroom but fortunately and hopefully it is only temporary. We will email and/or text you when we are allowed to reopen. Until then please be safe. For God and Country, Sandra Wright

# April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>ALL EVENTS BASED UPON WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO REOPEN THE SOCIAL QUARTERS</b>			<b>1</b> 7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327 Kitchen open 5 til -	<b>2</b> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen open 5 til -	<b>3</b> 6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Fish Dinner	<b>4</b> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
<b>5</b> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - ALA 4:00 PM -6:00 PM Kitchen open 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	<b>6</b> 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>7</b> 7:30 PM ALA Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>8</b> Kitchen open 5 til -	<b>9</b> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen open 5 til -	<b>10</b> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Open Face Roast Beef sand	<b>11</b> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
<b>12</b> 4:00 PM -6:00 PM Kitchen open <b>HAPPY EASTER</b> No Breakfast	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg w/ Post Everlasting 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg Kitchen open 5 til -	<b>16</b> 6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen open 5 til -	<b>17</b> 6:00 PM Dinner by Patty - Chicken Parm over Tortellini	<b>18</b> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
<b>19</b> 9:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast - 40/8 4:00 PM -6:00 PM Kitchen open 1:00 PM Legion Bowling	<b>20</b> 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM Corn Hole Tournament 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>22</b> Kitchen open 5 til -	<b>23</b> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen open 5 til -	<b>24</b> 6:00 PM SAL Dinner - Ham	<b>25</b> 7:30 PM Karaoke - Laddie Harrell Kitchen Open 5:30 to 9:30 PM
<b>26</b> 4:00 PM -6:00 PM Kitchen open 1:00 PM Legion Bowling No Breakfast	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM Bingo at VA Hospital 7:00 PM Stress Recovery Support Group 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>28</b> 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM Corn Hole Tournament Kitchen open 5 til -	<b>30</b> 7:30 PM Legion Darts 10 AM-4:30 PM Service Officer at Post Kitchen open 5 til -		