



The Légionnaire

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COMMANDER: Greetings! We welcome the summer weather and a new fiscal year for the American Legion. What a year we had last year! The Post really stepped up and made this past year great! Again, we have over 150 new members this year! All the charities, Veterans and Children's organizations we were able to help! No words can really show how much pride I have being able to say that I'm Commander of Post 327! What a wonderful Legion Family we have, and I can't wait to see what we can accomplish this year! Congratulations to all newly elected Post, Sons, Riders, and Auxiliary officers! I'm looking forward to us all working together and making this year even better and more productive! Let's make sure to show them our support in every way possible! Just a reminder that we have multiple ways to keep up with the goings on here at Post 327. We have the Monthly Newsletter, our Facebook page, Instagram, and the scrolling TV board in the Club Room. There is also a tablet by the ATM where you can sign up to receive text messages about lunches, kitchen specials, and all other events happening at the Post. Keep track of all of your volunteer hours and turn them into our Adjutant! Every little bit helps! July 13th - July 16th is the Department of Virginia Convention at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport. Also, I would like to remind you all that the 104th National Legion Convention is in Charlotte North

Carolina August 25 - 31 and you must register by 11 July! All members are encouraged and invited to attend. For God and Country, Roger Kelly

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We have the new Membership Cards on hand and ready to start renewing for 2024. If you renew at the July 4th picnic you will get a \$5.00 discount on Membership dues and only pay \$35.00. Remember anytime you are at the Post you are required to have your card in your possession. Post, Auxiliary and SAL Members can also use legion.org/renew to renew your Membership online, there are links for the Auxiliary and Sons on this website. For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER Happy Summertime!!

Upcoming events:

- 1 July 7:30 Ricky Still is here for Karaoke
- 4th of July Picnic!!
- 7 July 6:00 ALA Dinner - Baked Ziti
- 8 July 7:30 Ricky Still is here for Karaoke
- 14 July 6:00 Dinner Lemon Butter Baked Cod
- 21 July 6:00 SAL dinner BBQ Chicken Quarters
- 21 July 7:00 Football themed Paint Night
- 22 July 7:30 Ricky Still is here for Karaoke

- 26 July 1 – 6 PM BLOODRIVE!!
- 28 July 6:00 Softball Team Dinner Cold Plate
- 28 July 7:00 Patriotic Trivia in the Clubroom
- 29 July 8:00 50's Prom Night with DJ!!

For God and Country, Linda P. Blaker

THIRD VICE COMMANDER: The Club Room does not have staff to clean up and bus tables. Please be mindful and clean up after yourselves.

The gaming machine floors are NOT ashtrays. Ash trays are provided for your use. If you cannot keep the gaming area clear of cigarette ashes on the floor and games, smoking privileges at the machines will be removed.

For God and Country, Derrick (DJ) Johnson

ADJUTANT: Hello everyone! July 1st is the start of the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. So, make sure you are keeping track of all of your volunteer work and turn in any and all hours. We will start renewing membership for 2024 July 1st. You can get your early bird stamp if you renew between July 1st and Labor Day. For ONLY ON JULY 4TH PICNIC AND FOR LEGIONNAIRES, if you come to the July 4th picnic and renew during the picnic, you will save \$5 on your membership dues. Also, for legionnaires, if you renew between July 1st 2023 to Labor Day, you will be put in a drawing to get a PUFL (paid up for life) membership. There are multiple ways to renew your membership. You can go to legion.org and then click on the button renew and then follow the prompts. You can also come to the Post and Renew. The final way is to mail your dues to the Post. Our mailing address is 705 Lesner Ave. Norfolk, VA 23518. Renewing your membership is very important for the post and for the American Legion as a whole. Membership dues help financially support programs that help veterans, disabled veterans, children and other important categories. So, please renew your membership. Also, July 26th will be our next blood drive. It will be from 1 PM to 6 PM. Walk-ins are allowed up to 4:30 PM. If you would like to make an appointment, there are multiple ways to do so. You can call 1-800-REDCROSS, download their app, go to redcrossblood.org or talk directly to me, to make an appointment. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out! For God and Country, Evan Glendinning

SERVICE OFFICER: During the Month of May service officers spoke with 233 veterans, spent 382 hours, and logged 763 miles. I want to thank all the service officers for the hard work they do. PACT Act for Survivors. The Pact Act added more presumptive conditions based on toxic exposures. Some veterans were denied service-connection (S/C) for these conditions many years ago. Surviving spouses of veterans who were previously denied S/C for a presumptive condition may be eligible to apply for Dependents Indemnity Compensation (DIC). For example, a Marine with service in the Republic of Vietnam applied for service connection of hypertension and was denied in 1980. In 2015 he passed away and the cause of death was a deadly stroke caused by hypertension. The Surviving Spouse may be granted DIC, because the Hypertension should have been S/C. If you have Questions talk to one of the Service Officers.

For God & Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: When your plans don't work out the way you want, you may need to momentarily eat some humble pie. Then a little bit down the road, it really starts to workout, not as one plans it, but better. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, Proverbs 3: 5, for God and Country, Keith Palmer, Chaplain. For God and Country, Keith Palmer, Chaplain.

LEGION RIDERS: As the Riders Director newly elected, thank you to all the American Legion Riders in Chapter 327, for having the confidence in me to fill the large shoes of our past Riders Director DJ, and congratulations to all newly elected officers. Our focus and goals will be to continue not only to support but work together with all, the American Legion Post 327, Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion, Armed Forces Veterans, 2nd District Honor Guard, the Riders Eastern District Leadership and within the community.

As we conducted our motorcycle inspections in preparation for the riding season. We were off to Chincoteague Island. We participated in The Virginia Legacy Run 22-24 June 2023 with over 360 bikes registered. We set a goal to raise \$100,000.00 dollars and not only did we meet it. The Virginia American Legion Riders exceeded it. The riders Chapter 327 will plan a lunch ride every third Saturday or Sunday, whichever works best for full participation. The Support Team is welcome to join us.

The Bus Gamming and Movie Night hosted by the riders are coming soon to Post 327.

The Past Riders Director, DJ posted on Post 327 Facebook. "The inaugural American Legion Department of Virginia Rider of the Year 2023 Award goes to American Legion Post 327's Keith "Klutch" Palmer Chapter 327 Norfolk! Award submitted by DJ Director American Legion Riders Chapter 327." This award was a total surprise, Especially, after DJ stated we were not going to submit anybody this year, little did I know, thank you DJ and for leaving the riders in such great shape for success. For God and Country, Keith "Klutch" Palmer, Riders Director.

ATHLETIC OFFICER: Greetings to all. On June 10th our traveling softball team held their annual family day with food, bounce house and cornhole. DJ the DJ also entertained. On June 17th Commander Roger, Mark Dormstorf, and head grill master Commander Fred hosted our little league teams from OV. Trophies, food and fun were everywhere. Our Jr. division legion baseball team's season has started. Home games will at Norview high school. The dates are Saturday July 8th @1&3. Wednesday July 12th @6 pm. Tuesday July 18th @6 pm. Wednesday July 26th @ 6 pm. Thursday July 27th @ 6 pm. Till next month... For God and Country, Jeff Evans, A. O.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: Greeting and salutations American Legion family and friends.

July is going to be a fast and busy month.

Starting off with the 4th of July picnic and membership renewal, 1st Vice Commanders **Dave Samson** and **Wayne Turner** wish for me to convey their gratitude for helping us attain 100 % of our membership goal for 2023. Our goal was 203 members and we smashed it.

Dave and **Wayne** also wanted to remind you that the fiscal year ended in June and now the fiscal year for 2024 has started. When you attend the 4th of July picnic, we will be accepting early bird renewals in the meeting hall for 2024 membership year. Drop by and renew. Do NOT FORGET that you may also renew online and download a 2024 membership card by signing into your "**mylegion.org**" account at "**legion.org**." Download your temporary card, bring it into the Post and show it to **Dave, Wayne, Jeff, or I**, and we'll know you have renewed and will be able to give you your permanent 2024 card. E-renewal is so convenient and the contemporary way to do it. Why wait until after Christmas and its expense to renew then?

While you are surfing visit our Detachment website "vasons.org. The website is under construction and revamping. Enough of the site has been completed for you to surf and get all kinds of insight and information. For example, you can download the upcoming State Convention registration form and the agenda. Our SAL Convention meeting will be the July 15th, Saturday. Opening session is 8:30 am if you care to attend. Our SAL meeting starts at 12:30 pm and goes on until maybe 4 pm. Registration is only \$15.00, and your squadron will pay you back if you attend. Conventions are very exciting and informative. Where is it? The convention is in the Hilton Washington Dulles. If you want a room, follow the instructions on the registration form. I know it is early but not really. This will give you time to plan and see if you can attend these events. August is Legion College, our day August 5th and then August 25th through the 27th is the National Convention in Charlotte North Carolina. You need to go to Legion College, if you can, because you will learn a lot about the Legion and the Sons and our programs.

PNVC **Steve Gower** and I will be attending both the State and National Conventions and we will share highlights of each with you later.

I'm going to tell you what, you are an amazing group! You intrepid souls dared Mother Nature. Fought through gale force winds, sideways rain, and hail to support our Hawaiian Shish Kebob dinner night.

Chef **Benski**, also our 2nd Vice Commander, feeling humbled, thanks you so much for another successful SAL dinner night. You can also thank ALA member **Karen Crowley** for her variety of delicious, sumptuous desserts that she made with her own hands and donated.

So, Chef **Benski** is serving BBQ Chicken Quarters with Veggies, Rolls and Dessert for our July dinner night July 21st.

Special Thanks to Commander **Roger Kelly**, PNVC **Jeff Evans** and Legionnaire member **Mark Dumstorff** for their time and effort in manning the grills for the annual Challenger ball team's player awards picnic held June 24th.

The Sons are donating \$100.00 to the Juniors to help supplement their programs.

Please keep all in prayers that are in need or suffering from medical conditions or facing future medical procedures. Don't forget to employ the "Buddy Check" system to stay in touch with a member or friend that you haven't heard from in a while. Keep Wayne Turner in your prayers. Wayne's surgery was rescheduled from June until July.



VAVS/CDCE: I will be attending a Zoom conference quarterly meeting in July at HAMVAMC.

It is Summertime and the needs list is still in need. Remember underwear and white t-shirts for male and female, shower shoes, deodorant, toothpaste, non-alcohol mouthwash, etc.

VE&E: Our VE&E Chair, **Evan Glendinning** will be hosting a Career fair and Education fairs. Watch for his bulletins and posters. Ask

Evan how you can maybe help him out.

Finally, GOD BLESS AMERICA! For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

ALA PRESIDENT: Happy Summer Legion family. It's been a long time getting here. With that being said please be mindful of the children playing in the neighborhoods they can dart out at a moment's notice. Also check twice in your mirrors for that biker before changing lanes. I would like to thank all previous officers for their hard work and dedication.

There will not be an Auxiliary meeting in July due to our meeting day landing on the fourth of July. We will be kicking off our back-to-school donation drive on July 1st and ending on the 18th of August. There will be a donation box in the social quarters. We are starting the donation drive earlier this year due to Norfolk Public Schools returning to school prior to Labor Day. We will be stuffing the backpacks on August 19th. I would like to thank Powerhouse Gaming for donating 80 backpacks.

Just a reminder that during the Fourth of July Picnic we will also be starting our membership drive. For one day only the price of dues will be \$35. After the picnic the dues will be \$40 so come on down to the Post for the picnic and some great food and camaraderie as well as a discount on your dues.

We will need volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up for the picnic. We welcome side dishes and desserts as well.

Our Friday night dinner in July will be baked ziti, garlic bread, Caesar salad and dessert all for the low price of \$9.00.

The Department of Virginia Convention will be July 13-16 at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel if anyone is interested in attending. Unfortunately, the deadline to get the reduced rate for the hotel has passed.

We can always use volunteers for our many projects if you have some free time and would like to volunteer show up for our dinners, come to a meeting and see how you can help or reach out to any of the officers or executive committee. For God and Country, Kathy Morrison

HONOR GUARDS CORNER. The Honor Guard continues to be involved in both the community and Legion Family. Several members were recognized at Suburban Park Elementary's volunteer celebration. Also time spent educating students on flag etiquette and celebrating the Military Child. We participated in the American Legion 2nd District meeting on June 4th. The Honor Guard supported the Post at its annual Flag Day ceremony and Army birthday celebration. School is out for the summer, so be more aware of the kids in your neighborhood. Should you need our services, please contact Otha Newton.

For God and Country, Mary Taggart

CLUBROOM MANAGER: Hello everyone! Please if you do not have a handicap placard or license plate do not park in any of the parking spaces reserved for our handicap members. If you have not added your cell number in the text tablet, please do so then you will always get any updates or special messages via texting; a sure way not to miss out on an event. Be sure to refer to our newsletter calendar for events and dinners. Hope to see you at the July 4th picnic this Tuesday. Stay safe and enjoy your summer. For God and Country, Sandra Wright

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Kitchen open Mon thru Thur and Sat 6 PM to ? Be sure to ask about our "Lunch Box"</p>						<p><i>1</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still</p>
<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>1:00 PM Independence Day Picnic</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>7:00 PM 40/8 Promenade @ Post 327</p>	<i>6</i>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>6:00 PM ALA Dinner - Baked Ziti</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still</p>
<i>9</i>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Son's Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Son's Regular Mtg</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Post Executive Mtg 7:30 PM Post Reg Mtg</p>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>6:00 PM Dinner - Lemon Butter Baked Cod</p> <p>Dept Convention @ Herndon VA</p>	<i>15</i>
<p><i>16</i></p> <p>Dept Convention</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Honor Guard Mtg</p>	<i>18</i>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>6:30 PM VVA Chapter 48 Reg Board Mtg</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Legion Riders Mtg</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>6:00 PM SAL Dinner - BBQ Chicken Quarters</p> <p>7:00 PM Paint Nite - Football Theme</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Karaoke - Ricky Still</p>
<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>1:00 PM -6:00 PM Blood Drive</p>	<i>27</i>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>6:00 PM Softball Team Dinner - Cold Plate</p> <p>7:00 PM Patriotic Trivia Night</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>8:00 PM 'DJ' the DJ - 50's Prom Night</p>
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