



The Légionnaire

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Adjutant: Gary Flaskegaard
Finance: David Seate
Service Officer: Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain: Desh Nendze
Sgt-at-Arms: Sean McDonnell
Historian: Paulmichael Youngmills

Exec Board

Tim Gonyea
Janet Sullinger
Brian Blaker

LEGION RIDERS

Director: Keith Palmer
Asst Dir: (DJ) Derrick Johnson
Secretary: Philissa Marable
Treasurer: David Seate
Safety Officer: Keith McCauley
Chaplain: Mike Moranha
Sgt-at-Arms: Kenneth Parker
Road Captain: TBD

Exec Board

Al R. Gnome

SAL SQUADRON

CDR: David Vernon (Benski)
1st VCDR: Evan Glendinning
2nd VCDR David Twitty
Adjutant: James Doty Jr
Treasurer: Jeff Evans
Chaplain: Rocky English / Frank White
1st Sgt-at-Arms: Gary Stull
Historian: TBD

Exec Board

Steve Gower
Milo Cross
Kenneth O'Bryan

AUXILIARY

President: Philissa Marable
Vice President: Carla Sherrill
Secretary: Charlotte Cole
Treasurer: Martha Martin
Chaplain: Marcia Brothers
Sgt-at-Arms: Sally Newman
Historian: Suzanne Fields

Exec Board

Crystal Cross
Helen Lynum
Jeanne Hartman

COMMANDER: I want to start this month's article by thanking you for the trust you have given me to be the Commander of our Post for another year. I do not take this responsibility lightly. It's an honor to serve alongside such a dedicated group of veterans and supporters.

I will be having more productive conversations with the elected leadership of our family—the Commander of the Sons of The American Legion, and the President of the American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion Rider Director, as well as the Executive and House Committees. Together, we will develop several ideas and initiatives that you'll begin to see unfold in the months ahead. I truly believe this collaborative approach will strengthen our Post and increase our impact in the community. June is always a special month in our Legion calendar. We look forward to Flag Day on June 14th, a time to reflect on the symbol that unites all Americans and reminds us of the sacrifices made for our freedoms. Please join us as we honor our flag with the

dignity and respect it deserves. Last month, we hosted Comedian Bobby Henline and a team of comedians and we held our Memorial Day Picnic, and I'm proud to share that we served over 275 people! What a fantastic turnout and a great show of community and patriotism. Thank you to each and every volunteer who helped make the day a success—from the cooks to the setup and cleanup crews, and everyone in between. You made a real difference and showcased the heart of Post 327.

We also will hold our Installation of Officers for the new Legion year on June 10th. Congratulations to all our newly elected and appointed leaders. Your willingness to serve ensures our continued growth and effectiveness in supporting veterans, their families, and our community.

A friendly reminder to check your membership cards—if your expiration date is approaching, consider renewing early! Early renewals will be entered into a drawing to win a cool prize, so don't delay.

Thank you again for your support and commitment to Post 327. I'm excited for the year ahead, and I look forward to working together to continue our mission of service to veterans, their families, and our community. For God and Country, DJ Derrick Johnson Commander, American Legion Post 327

FIRST VICE COMMANDER: We still have over 200 Members that have not renewed for 2025. The Post has added a new method of paying your dues, if you have Zelle thru your bank or the app on your phone, you can also come to the office and pay, or you may go to our website: legion327.com and select **PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES**. Once I receive notification of your payment I will mail your Membership card to the address on file. You can also renew online at legion.org/renew for 1 year or 3 years with a credit card. **Remember anytime you are at the Post you are required to have your Membership card in your possession or a digital image of your Membership card on your phone.** For God and Country, Byron Pianalto

SECOND VICE COMMANDER:

6th Jenga Tourney 7:30 pm
7th Triad Band LIVE! 7:30 pm
7th Corn hole tourney @ 6:00 PM - hall
13th Queen of Hearts 5:15-7:30pm
13th Fri 13th Trivia 7:30pm
14th Flag Day Ceremony with Army 250 Birthday 6 pm
14th Cactus Creek LIVE 7:30pm
20th Magnetic Chess Tourney 7:30 pm
21st Suspect & Friends LIVE! 7:30pm
22nd Karaoke Academy 1:00pm in hall
22nd Flag Disposal 1:00pm in Hall
23rd Bar Bingo 7:30pm
27th Ike Car Show 2-6p
Food 4 Sale Pavilion
27th Family Game Night 7:30pm
28th Cornhole Tourney 6:00 pm in hall
28th Karaoke w/AJ the KJ 7:30pmw/DJ the DJ
For God and Country, Linda P. Blaker

THIRD VICE COMMANDER: Greetings Post 327 members! May has been another busy month with upgrades, events, and unexpected incidents. The glass up front that was vandalized has been replaced and looks great! The electrical, lights and fans have been replaced in the pavilion and garages. The new fans were definitely appreciated at the Memorial Day picnic. I want

to shout another big THANK YOU, to all the volunteers that showed up and helped out with the prep work of the hall, the comedy event, and for the Memorial Day picnic. We had an excellent turn out. We also had a SOLD-OUT comic show that was a fantastic event. Thank you to our 2nd Vice Linda Blaker for doing such an excellent job. Queen of Hearts will be held on June 13th. Ticket sales run from 5:15pm till 7:15pm and the drawing at 7:30. We have put in an amendment to hold this event weekly. Once approved, this will happen every Friday at the same time. There will be a post clean up on June 28th, 2025 from 9:00am till noon. Volunteers are much appreciated. For God and Country, Rob Sullinger 3rd Vice Commander

ADJUTANT: **Be the One ...** Be pro-active and checkup on Vets your friends and neighbors you have not heard from. The following is the results of the election:
Commander - Derrick Johnson
1st Vice Commander – Byron Pianalto
2nd Vice Commander – Linda Blaker Planning and coordinating events
3rd Vice Commander Rob Sullinger - Liaison to the Social Club
Adjutant- Gary Flaskegaard
Service Officer - Bob DeChamplain
Chaplain- Desh Nendze
Sergeant of Arms, Mike Encalade
Executive Board – Sean McDonnell, Brian Blaker, Keith Palmer
For God and Country Gary Flaskegaard.

SERVICE OFFICER: **Post Service Officers are available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 1000-1500. Closed holidays.** For God and Country, Bob DeChamplain

CHAPLAIN: **Be the One...** "We are Here for Each Other" As we are halfway through the year, I wanted to remind everyone about their Buddy Checks. Please remember to reach out to those you haven't heard from in a while, it's as simple as a phone call or text. We consider it our most sacred responsibility to look out for each other and our fellow veterans. I look forward to bringing "Be the One" events to the post to help with this effort. I am still trying to gauge where the needs are and how I can help the most. If you have any recommendations for me on any military mental health initiatives, programs, classes, events you would like to see, how I can help with anything, or just need to talk, please feel free to contact

me chaplain327@gmail.com.
For God and Country, Desh Nendze

LEGION RIDERS: It is my magnificent pleasure to serve as your Rider Director. Let us congratulate the newly elected American Legion Riders Chapter 327 Officers: Director: Keith "Klutch" Palmer; Asst Director: Derrick "DJ" Johnson; Treasurer: David Seate; Adjutant/Secretary: Phillisa Marable; Sgt at Arms: Kenneth Parker; Chaplain: Mike "Sailboat" Moranha. Chapter 327 Riders'

Thank you for your continued support.

***Welcome our two new Riders Supporters Mary "Trish" Hochhalter and Steve Lindquist joined the riders during our monthly May 2025 riders meeting. A huge thank you, American Legion Rider for volunteering your time to participate, and support in Chapter 280, 3rd Annual Poker Run, the Memorial Day Picnic (riders served food, cooked, and parked vehicles) and the Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade. **American Legion Rider's chapter 327 cornhole board raffle for \$1 a ticket just in time for the summer backyard fun, the drawing is on the 4th of July 2025, see a rider for a ticket. Upcoming Events: - 14 June 2025 Charter Chapter 110, Virginia Beach, VA - 19-21 June 2025, VA Legacy Run, 15 Appledore Ln, Natural Bridge, VA.

**26-28 September, VA ALR 15th Annual State Rally Post 53, 22 West 8th Street Front Royal, VA 22630. The award for High Mileage/Safety Award and the Department of Virginia, Rider of the Year Award.

NOTE: June 19, 2025, the meeting is cancelled due to the Virginia Legacy Run 19-21 June 2025. Our next meeting will be July 17, 2025, also the installation will take place during the meeting. Keep both wheels on the ground and be safe, For God and Country. Keith "Klutch" Palmer, Riders Director

ATHLETIC OFFICER: No input. For God and country, Jeff Evans, A. O

SQUADRON COMMANDER: **Third Notice: Elections are fast approaching. The elections will be held in June** Greetings to the American Legion Family & Friends. The month of May has passed; the Memorial Day picnic was a blast! I thank all the sons who came out to volunteer. I also thank all the other parts of this great organization and all the Volunteers for making this year's Memorial Day a successful event. Don't forget June 9th is the Meeting for the Sons we will have elections on that day. So

please attend so we can have a Quorum.

As always, please remember those that are ill or going through rough times. Please keep them in your thoughts. In these times we also remember our troops deployed and their families. I hope we can continue to grow our Legion Family to new heights. As we strive to come closer together in support of one another through camaraderie and consideration.

For God and Country, Squadron Commander David "Benski" Vernon

ALA PRESIDENT: No input

HONOR GUARDS CORNER:

Congratulations to the 327 officers of the Legion Family for 2025-2026! The Honor Guard participated in the Post picnic and Memorial Day Parade. We provided burial honors several times in May. June dates to remember: On June 2nd, it's Legion Baseball Lou Gehrig Day. This day is meant to raise awareness about ALS, a disease that affects many people. A special resolution was made by The American Legion, asking every Legion Baseball team to have a moment of silence before their games on June 2nd. This is in memory of Lou Gehrig, a famous baseball player, and all veterans who have ALS. On June 12th, we celebrate the 77th anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948. It granted women a permanent place in the U.S. military. June 14th is special too because it's Flag Day and the 250th birthday of the United States Army! Please remember to "Be the One." If you have any questions or requests, please reach out to Otha Newton.

For God and Country, Mary Taggart

CLUBROOM: Hello everyone!! Thank you for sharing the Memorial Day picnic with post 327 in remembrance of our military and their families. I enjoyed seeing all you here. The weather was perfect. You couldn't ask for a better day!! We have some fun activities coming this month with some talented musicians with great entertainment. We will also have Queen of Hearts with the third vice Rob Sullinger. You will also be amazed of the exciting summer that has been created by the second vice Linda Blaker. We have a fun summer in store for everyone. Keep an eye on the newsletter and come share the summer with friends and family here at post 327. Look forward to seeing everyone during these events. God and Country, Clubroom manager, Angie Hernandez

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American Legion Tidewater Post 327, 2nd District events, Holidays in United States

Jun 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am - BreakFast @	2 7:30pm - Post 5 Legion	3 7pm - ALA Regular Mtg @		4 7pm - 40/8 Promenade @	5 2pm - YOGA Donation @ 5:30pm - KITCHEN 7:30pm - JENGA	6 9am - NORTHSIDE Park 7pm - CORN HOLE 7:30pm - TRIAD BAND
8 9am - BreakFast @	9 7:30pm - SONS REGULAR	10 6:30pm - EXECUTIVE 327 7:30pm - POST REGULAR		11 6:30pm - CROSSROAD	12 12pm - FRENCH NAVY 5:15pm - Queen of Hearts 5:30pm - KITCHEN 7:30pm - FRIDAY THE	13 Flag Day USARMY BIRTHDAY's 11:30am - Charter 12:30pm - SOFTBALL 6pm - Flag Day Ceremony 7:30pm - CACTUS CREEK
15 Father's Day 9am - BreakFast @	16 7pm - Honor Guard	17	6:30pm - VVA CHAPTER	18 June 14th 6:30pm - LEGION RIDERS	19 2pm - YOGA Donation @ 5:30pm - KITCHEN 7:30pm - MAGNETIC	20 11:15am - USSVI MTG @ 12pm - OV Little League 7:30pm - SUSPECT &
22 9am - BreakFast @ 1pm - Flag Disposal w/ 2pm - UNIT 5 @ HALL	23 6pm - RASON RADIO 7:30pm - BAR BINGO @	24		25	26 2pm - CAR SHOW @ 2pm - YOGA Donation @ 5:30pm - KITCHEN	27 9am - POST CLEAN-UP 7pm - CORN HOLE 7:30pm - AJ/KJ @
29 9am - BreakFast @	30	1				5 



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