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American Legion Post 186



Newsletter

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The New Year is upon us !! It seems like only yesterday we were planning for the holidays. I trust everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that you are ready to participate in the Post activities for the coming year. It may be time for you to reacquaint yourself with lounge games, steak shoot, karaoke, lunches, dinners, and the various types of entertainment we provide for you. In return, all we ask is for nominal donations, the spirit of volunteerism when needed, and your presence at the Post. We really need to get back to the spirit of camaraderie for which the American Legion has based its foundation. It is not, and never has been, important that any one unit in the Post be held above another. As Madam President of the Auxiliary has stated – “We are family”. So if a dinner or basket of cheer or just a party, is being run by the SAL, or the RIDERS, or the AUXILIARY, or the Color Guard or the Legion – it should be treated as a Post function, and ALL of us should throw our support behind the sponsoring unit! And if someone makes a donation to any of the units, you can be sure that the POST will benefit from your generosity and I thank you in the name of the entire POST !

As you browse through this newsletter, you will see that we have planned many events for the next two months. But, at times, and NOT the fault of the EDITOR, we have to change dates, times, and events for various reasons. I ask you to please refer to our bulletin boards for the most recent news on Post activities. The booster club is another way you can help your post. For a \$10 a year donation, you assist in the effort of defraying the cost of publishing and mailing the newsletter. Finally, I am always looking

for volunteers for all our functions. If you want to assist us in any way, please see me or any officer of ANY unit! We need you!

For God and Country,
Frank Babicz

FIRST VICE COMMANDER

Troy Cox

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Currently the Department of FL has us at 78% membership and our computer agrees with that give or take 5 people. We have 1,324 members on the books with 1,042 paid for 2012. If you don't have your 2012 card you have until December 31st to pay your dues. The Sergeant at Arms said he will be checking membership cards after January 1st at the door. If you have paid for your card and have not received it yet, please contact me at the Post during the week at 2:30 p.m. and on Friday at 1 p.m.. Our SAL Squadron has shrunk in membership over the last 4 years and if your Father or Grandfather served in the specified times you can become a dual member. Membership for dual members is only \$7.00 and their meeting is on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

For God and Country,
Troy Cox

SECOND VICE COMMANDER

Bruce Carl

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BRRRR!!!!!! It's the beginning of a new year already. I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday season. I

would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who turned out for the Elvis benefit. It was a huge success and everyone had a great time. I also want to thank everyone who made a donation to this worthwhile cause. The total raised was \$1400, and David and Loretta were overwhelmed by the support. Thank you also to all those that helped out at the event.

So onward to the next couple of months. The winter months are here and that means colder weather. Come on down to the post and warm yourself with some good drinks, music, and fun. Jan. and Feb. will be showcasing some of our popular bands, including Johnny Lobo, Belairs, Dukes, Twist, Elvis, and the Keynotes. Make sure you check the bulletin board and the newsletter for the dates. Please keep in mind the entertainment and Karaoke fluctuate between Fri. and Sat. nights. Also, the Commander's E-mail is another good way to keep up with Post events, including any changes that might be made. There are 3 dinners planned for each month including the Girls' State dinner, ALR lasagna, SAL chicken BBQ, and the Aux. Valentines dinner/dance. Also, don't forget the Steak Shoot on Saturday. and Bingo on Tuesday.

Back by popular demand will be the amateur talent show on Sunday Feb 19th at 2:00 p.m. The show we had in July was a huge success. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board at the Post for you. We are looking for singers, dancers, musicians, or whatever your particular talent is. Come and join us for a good time and some great laughs, even if you do not want to participate, spectators are welcome to enjoy the camaraderie.

As always I am here to serve you the members. If you have any concerns, complaints, or suggestions, feel free to call or E-mail me. You can also catch me at the Post (if you are good at catching chickens running around with their heads cut off).

For God and Country,
Bruce Carl



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As most of us know the Four Chaplain's Service is on Feb 5th, 2 p.m. at St. Theresa's Church, 1107 Commercial Way, U.S 19 South. Our guest speaker will be Major General Monroe T. Smith (Ret) U.S. Air Force. You can read his Biographies on the U.S Air Force Web site. There will be other speaker's as well. Also there will be new information on the sinking of the (Dorchester) and the German U - Boat. which sunk the USAT Dorchester . On

December 7th the Post had a service for the many lives lost on that tragic day at Pearl Harbor. It is fitting that we remember them and all those who served in WWII. The Thanksgiving dinner that the Color Guard cooked was the best cooked turkey I have ever ate.

Deaths

Ernie Fischer
Charles Schreiber
Joseph Sedlock
Maurice Mystian
Howard Snell Jr
Fergus Travers
Joseph Orrio
Joseph Botto
Stephen Duplka
Donald Nestle
Donald Smith

They will be remembered at Post Everlasting in May 2012. In closing, have a very happy and healthy New Year, and may the Lord bless each one of you and your loved ones in 2012.

For God and Country,
Charles Haig, Post & 15th District Chaplain

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FOR THOSE IMPORTANT CLAIMS FOR DISABILITIES

SENSORINEURAL HEARING LOSS & TINNITUS FROM TANKS, GUNS, SHIPS, PLANES, CANNONS, RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.

LUNG DISEASE FROM EXPOSURE TO FUMES, FUELS, LEAD PAINTS, ASBESTOS, ACIDS.

COLD INJURY FROM EXPOSURE TO EXTREME SUB-ZERO TEMPERATURES, COLD WEATHER, HYPOTHERMIA.

DIABETES FROM EXPOSURE TO HERBICIDES IN VIETNAM WITH RESIDUALS AFFECTING HEART AND NEUROPATHY TO EXTREMITIES, BLURRY VISION, HYPERTENSION, CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE AND VASCULAR DEFICIENCIES.

COMBAT-RELATED STRESS ANXIETY DISORDERS (PTSD), GENERAL ANXIETY DISORDER OR CHRONIC ADJUSTMENT SYNDROME DUE TO MILITARY EVENTS IN COMBAT OR OTHERWISE.

SKELETAL INJURIES, CERVICAL, THORACIC OR LUMBAR DUE TO TRAMA, PARACHUTE JUMPING HEAD GEAR, LOADING AND LIFTING, VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, EXPLOSIONS.

IONIZING RADIATION EXPOSURE FROM DEPLETED URANIUM, NUCLEAR WASTE SITES, ATOMIC TESTING, NIKE AND HERCULES MISSILES, MICROWAVE FIELDS, RADAR.

GASTRO-INTESTINAL COMPLAINTS TO INCLUDE ULCERS, GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX, GASTROENTERITIS.



COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

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Fellow members, your Color Guard represented the Charles E. Murray Post 186 at the following ceremonies on Veterans Day (11/Nov/11): (1) High Point at 9:30am (2) The Atria at Evergreen Woods at 10:30am (3) Charles E. Murray post 186 at 11:30am (4) Brooksville Health Care Center at 1:30pm (5) Heartland of Brooksville at 2:15pm (6) Sterling House 3:00pm (7) Forest Oaks at 3:45pm as you can see we took part in 7 ceremonies instead of 6, adding Forest Oaks at the last minute. We gave all veterans a thank you for serving card, provided by the Post and a crayon drawing thanking veterans for their service from elementary school children by Carol Babicz. We want to thank our Commander Frank Babicz for taking part in all of the ceremonies. Commander Babicz spoke about the history of Veterans Day and thanked them for their service. The veterans really appreciated our visit and gifts. It's an honor to command a group of men who to the man volunteered to take part in every ceremony, ignoring their own disabilities. At one ceremony I watched a disabled veteran struggle almost the entire time the National Anthem played to stand and salute from his wheelchair. If this doesn't hit home nothing will. Let us not forget what these men and women did for our country, remember, all gave some and some gave all.

Deep Fried Turkey Dinner was on 19/Nov/11 and we want to thank everyone who attended and hope you all enjoyed it. The Color Guard spent many days putting this dinner together I want to thank one of our Post members who told me of some things that could be changed. If nothing is said

to us , we won't know some changes in the menu is needed. Contact me, I'm not hard to find.

We want to thank all the managers from Winn Dixie, Wal-Mart, and Sweetbay for their generous donations for the dinner. On Pearl Harbor day, 7/Dec/11, 11:30am at Charles E. Murray Post 186, I want to thank Chuck Teaters (Commander of our mike team) for playing the National Anthem and Taps without missing a note. Thank you Chuck.

Your Color Guard will once again present the Union and Confederate flags to both armies at the Brooksville Raid Re-enactment on Jan. 21st and 22nd at the Sand Hill Scout Reservation at 9:30am. No one is allowed on the battle field unless they are dressed in civil war attire. Thanks to Phil Phillips not only was our Color Guard given the honor to be part of this historic re-enactment but so was the Auxiliary Unit 186 Color Guard. They took part in the flag presentation many times as well as all our other ceremonies. Thanks Phil. The Auxiliary Unit Color Guard was commanded by Nancy Sina with Maryann Slajchert who was second in command until she injured her shoulder. She was then replaced by Carol Thibert. This unit went from two left feet to becoming an outstanding addition to our Post. They assisted us with dinners, went to nursing homes, and represented post 186 throughout the community in many ways. They also escorted the National Madam President from her limousine to the podium at the convention in 2005/6. There is a picture of them in the display case when you first enter the Post. They were: Nancy Sina, Maryann Slajchert, Carol Thibert, Maria Pink, Terry Dewey, Betty Corbin, and Annie Pellegrini. It would be great if the Auxiliary can get a Color Guard again and the SAL and Legion Riders having a Color Guard would be awesome. We also thank Unit 186 Madame President Claudia Fischer, Margaret Hernandez, Judy Hulce, and all the members of the Auxiliary who have helped our Color Guard throughout the year. We wish you all a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

For God and Country,
Jimmy Schultz

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Now that the holidays are behind us and the staff of Post 186 hopes that your holidays were grand! We are now into the winter months and we have plenty of activities to do here at Post 186. Please watch the coming events board and calendars and join in the fun!

We will schedule a Casino Trip for January, please contact me or look at upcoming events board! In the kitchen we are starting to have a Luncheon once a month. The cost is \$5.00 and it will be at noon. For the month of January-the date is Jan. 19, 2012 and for February-the date is Feb. 16, 2012. Tickets are available at the Canteen.

For God and Country,
Anna Pellegrini



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Happy Holidays to all! It seems I always pick the coolest mornings to do this letter. Thirty-nine degrees in Brooksville this morning. Time to break out the long johns? Well this is certainly a busy time of year, Thanksgiving just past, and Christmas coming soon. The riders have been ramping up our activities. Our snowbirds are returning and the riding weather is perfect. We had a very successful chicken Marsala dinner, and once again I want to thank all who attended.

One of the highlights of November was our distribution of Thanksgiving baskets to local families and vets in need. On Friday, November 18th we gave out 25 well-stocked baskets (actually boxes) and turkeys, including nine to families of the Blackhawk detachment of the National Guard in Brooksville. Thanks to our riders Tom, Gary, Steve S., Annie, Rex, Mary, and Jack L. for your help in assembling the baskets and loading them up. We give our biggest thanks to all of you who donated gifts of food and cash to make this all possible. We will be doing this again for Christmas, so I will ask once more, if you are able, that you help us with a donation of either cash or food. The big white bucket is available at the Post and you can make a monetary donation at the bar or to any Legion Rider.

On November 26th a group of us participated in the Cody Grater memorial poker run. Cody was a SP4 with the 82nd Airborne killed in Baghdad in 2007. He was an avid skateboarder, and this year's run was to raise money for Stewey's Skate Park, a skateboarding park named after a local teen killed in a scooter accident. The run started at the VFW on Shoal Line and proceeded to the Sail Inn, Sleepy Hollow, High Octane (in Homosassa) and ending at B.B. Magee's in Spring Hill. There were over one hundred bikes in the run and we raised money for a good cause.

We have several upcoming events. We are purchasing ten wreaths as part of "Wreaths across America". These are live Christmas wreaths that are handmade and placed on the graves of fallen service members. Ours will be placed

at the Bushnell cemetery to honor local vets. This event takes place Saturday, December 10th at 11:00 a.m. in Bushnell.

(See wreathscrossamerica.org)

We hope to have a group of riders join the Patriot Guard Riders to make the trip. Also, we have our Christmas Baskets and our Basket of Cheer is now available for ticket purchases.

We had a very nice Bingo night. It was my first time working one of these and it was a lot of fun. Thanks to all who came out, and special thanks to the ladies who offered me the delicious piece of homemade cheesecake. I also want to give great big kudos to the Color Guard for the fried turkey dinner. The food was fantastic and the entertainment by Lil Miss Dynamite was superb. I visited in the Hog Pen while the turkeys were being cooked and I know the hard work that went into making this a success.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our Legion family who have contributed their gifts of time, money, and material donations in support of all of our ALR events and activities. We could not do this without you, and we are forever grateful. I also want you to know that all our Legion brothers and sisters can count on us as well.

We wish you all a terrific holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year. May you be blessed always with good health and loving family and friends.

For God and Country,
Steve Tyler



SAL
COMMANDER
Keith Hines

Have you noticed the new 43 inch TV above the service station in the canteen ? It was purchased by the SAL as a gift to the post. Enjoy ! Get ready for a SUPER time at the post on Super Bowl Sunday. Plans are in development by the SAL to host the party on SUPER SUNDAY in February. Watch the bulletin board for more details as the event nears. Plan on attending our SAL meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM.

For God and Country,
Keith Hines



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Claudia Fischer

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! The Auxiliary wishes all members a joyous and prosperous 2012, and hopes everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Thanksgiving. On January 7th our Girls State program will be having a dinner at 6:00 p.m., please come and join us to support this worthwhile program. Also, in January, on the 18th at 6:00 p.m. we will have our Wednesday night dinner.

On February 11th at 6:00 pm. Our Americanism program will have its annual Valentine's Dinner, so please join us for this worthwhile program, also. Every Friday night at Fish Fry, the Auxiliary has its famous "Dessert" Table, which we all know by now, it really is a dessert table, our members do a terrific job making these desserts and selling them on Friday night. So come on in on Friday night and purchase these wonderful cakes, pies, cookies and puddings.

Our Auxiliary meeting in February, on the 9th will be at 3:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm. This is a one time change for now, as we are trying to see if more members will attend an afternoon meeting.

Save the Dates: Auxiliary meetings-Jan. 12th-7:00 pm and Feb. 9th - 3:00 p.m.

Girls State Dinner-Jan. 7th-6:00 p.m.

Americanism Valentine's Dinner – 6:00 p.m.

For God and Country,
Claudia Fischer

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

Cheryle LeBaron

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Lord, as we begin a new year, let us resolve to keep a promise, seek out a forgotten friend, listen, laugh, brighten the heart of a child, encourage the young, appreciate our elders, express our gratitude, take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of life, and speak your love to others.

Dear Lord, guide us in the new year to grow closer together in our families, in our Units, in our world. Let us live each day to the fullest. For all the blessings of the year, we give you thanks, O Lord. Amen

ILLNESS:

Joyce Cox
Norma Durling
Gloria Murray
Rolande Sinkhorn
Mary Straits

For God and Country,
Cheryle LeBaron

VA & R

Joanne Holobinka, Chairperson.

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Happy New Year! It's hard to believe it's January already. The Committee would like to thank all the members who attended and/or supported our fundraising efforts this fall. Between the white elephant sale, chinese auction, and raffle tickets for the Buc tickets we were able to raise over \$1,000 to benefit infirm veterans. We have not heard from Ruby Tuesdays yet on the community give back program but should hear shortly how much we earned that day. I personally want to thank the Committee for all their hard work and especially to Fran Finley who went the extra mile. Again thank you all so much for your support.

Fundraising for the year is complete and the remainder of the year we will be visiting veterans. The coffee mugs that we will be giving infirm veterans and WW II veterans have arrived. If you would like to assist with this effort please let me know, we would love to have your assistance.

For God and Country,
Joanne Holobinka

FIRST VICE AUX PRESIDENT

Margaret Hernandez
Membership Chairman

Fellow members, here's wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year. As of now, your 2011 card has expired. If you wish to attend Post activities, you must have the 2012 Membership Card. I will be at the Post on Tuesdays (1:00 – 5:00 p.m.) or leave your dues at the canteen.

Thank you.

For God and Country,
Margaret Hernandez

BOOSTER CLUB

As of December 6, 2011, the following are proud members of the American Legion Post 186 Booster Club. You, too, can be a member. Just \$10.00 per year and your name will be published on our Bulletin Board and in our Post Newsletter. This donation will help the ever-rising cost of printing and mailing. Your generosity is appreciated.

July 2029

Carlton & Beth Ann Terrell

July 2024

Lloyd Gross

July 2021

Jimmy Schultz
Post 186 Color Guard

September 2020

Bob Burch

July 2019

Donna Greenwald
Steve Small
Janet Bowman

July 2016

James Meere
Betty Corbin

July 2015

Don & Joan Jernstrom
Peter Paul Garbacki

July 2014

Al Henderson
Ernie & Patricia Tor
Raymond & Carole Frattini
Robert Hartman
Jerry Galoonis
Anna Pellegrini
George & Mary Kennedy
Don & Jackie Harvey

July 2013

Hugh & Helen Reynolds
Richard Shope

July 2012

Troy & Joyce Cox
Frank M Kuraitys
William Swann
John Krause
Conrad Vachon
Frank & Sharon Sevick
Richard & Eunice Nerber
Doris Webster

July 2011

Byrness E. Haworth
Mick Little

July 2011

George S. Boileau
Rocky Rocks
Philip & Diane Cecere
Val M. Parker
William E. Mackubin
Ken Osendorf
Severio La Cava
Claus & Elizabeth Sachse
Joe & Marge Ruggiero
John & Nanette Keller

In Memory of Past Members

Olisse Pellegrini
Dorothy Henderson
PFC Cody Grater
Bern Cottington
Joe Sabol
Linda Harper
Donnie Holmes
Betty Jefferies
Paul Webster

BOOSTER SUPPORT FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

NAME _____ CONTRIBUTION \$ _____

Congratulations To:

October's Member of the month: Troy Cox
October's Volunteer of the month: Rex Hinkle

November's Member of the month: Kathy Bannas
November's Volunteer of the month: Rich Kookan

ACTIVITIES

AMERICAN LEGION POST 186

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Wings 12-4 PM	2 Pool 8 PM	3 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	4 Karaoke Shoe 7-11 PM Darts 8 PM	5 Legion Meeting 7 PM	6 Fish Fry 5-7 PM Karaoke Shoe 7- 11 PM	7 Aux. Girls State Dinner 6 PM Bill E 7 PM
8 Wings 12-4 PM	9 Pool 8 PM	10 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	11 Karaoke Shoe 7-11 PM Darts 8 PM	12 Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	13 Fish Fry 5-7 PM Johnny Lobo 7 PM	14 WAC 10 AM Karaoke Mr Lynn 7-11 PM
15 Abate 10 AM Wings 12-4 PM	16 Pool 8 PM	17 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	18 Karaoke Shoe 7-11 PM Darts 8 PM	19 Special Lunch \$5.00 SAL Meeting 7 PM	20 Fish Fry 5-7 PM Karaoke Shoe 7-11 PM	21 ALR Lasagna Dinner 6 PM The Belairs 7 PM
22 Wings 12-4 PM	23 Pool 8 PM	24 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	25 Karaoke Shoe 7-11 PM Darts 8 PM	26 ALR Meeting 7 PM	27 Fish Fry 5-7PM Marty & the Nice Guys 7 PM	28 Karaoke Mr Lynn 7-11 PM
29 Wings 12-4 PM	30 Pool 8 PM	31 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	Reduced Drink STEAK	Prices all day SHOOT	Sunday & all EVERY SAT	NFL Games 1 PM

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Karaoke Shoe 7-11 PM Darts 8 PM	2 Legion Meeting 7 PM	3 Fish Fry 5-7PM The Dukes 7 PM	4 Karaoke Mr Lynn 7 -11 PM
5 4 Chap Ceremony St Theresa 2 PM SAL Chicken BBQ 2 PM*6 PM Super Bowl Party	6 Pool 8 PM	7 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	8 Karaoke Shoe 7-11 PM Darts 8 PM	9 <u>Auxiliary</u> <u>Meeting 3 PM</u>	10 Fish Fry 5-7 PM Karaoke Shoe 7-11PM	11 WAC 10AM Aux Valentines Dinner/Dance 6PM The Twist 7PM
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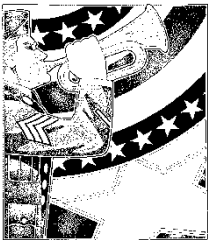
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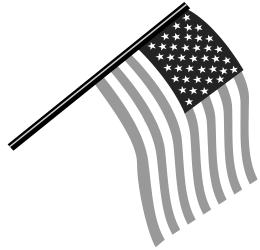
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COMING EVENTS
January & February 2012



Jan.7---Girls State Dinner 6 PM—Music by Bill “E” 7 PM

Jan. 18---Auxiliary Dinner 6 PM---Karaoke 7 PM

Jan. 21 ALR Lasagna Dinner \$8 6 PM---Music by “The Belairs” 7 PM

Feb. 5----Four Chaplain's Ceremony 2 PM St Theresa's Catholic Church

Feb. 5--- SAL Chicken BBQ dinner 2 PM * Super Bowl Party 6 PM**

Feb. 11---Aux Valentine Dinner \$8 6 pm---Music by “The Twist” 7 PM

Feb. 19---Amateur Revue 2 PM

Feb. 25---Legion Baked Ziti Dinner \$6.00 6 PM---Music by “The Keynotes” 7 PM