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American Legion Post 186



# Newsletter

January and February 2015

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Greetings to all Members:

I trust everyone had a great holiday season ! It is now 2015 and we need to get the new year off with a bang ! In recent years, we have a drop off in membership year to year. Locally, other service clubs have also noticed a large drop in members. We have had the Elks club move to a smaller facility ! The local DAV moved across the street to a smaller place ! There is even an American Legion post from another county considering a merger with another post. We are at a point where we need to stop the bleeding and do our best to equal or exceed our numbers from last year. We can't do it alone. We need your help – please continue to support your Post ! We are lucky to be in pretty good shape financially,

On a lighter note, there is plenty to do here at Post 186. Take a look at our calendar of events that are planned for the next two months. Along with bar games, steak shoot, and weekly raffles, I see another Elvis sighting, karaoke, bands, dinners, a day at the races, and even a couple of surprises. I see lasagna and pork loin dinners in your future. And don't forget your Valentine! Post 186 is the place to be – come and enjoy the low drink prices, specials, and camaraderie !

For God and Country,  
Frank Babicz

Membership ! Membership! Membership ! We need new members and renewals as soon as possible ! If you want to participate in all the activities at the post, you MUST have an active (that means 2015) membership. As of this writing we are at 73%, so we have a long way to go to achieve our goal of 100% ! We didn't get any takers on our free beer for signing up a new member promotion, so I decided to double the ante. Now, you AND the new member will get a free beer or well drink for signing up ! Thank you for all the members who have already paid their dues. We will be checking cards randomly at the canteen and the door starting January 1.

For God and Country,  
Eric "Sox" Hunter

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Welcome 2015 and what an awesome New Year's night we had to ring it in! 2014 was very successful for all our dinners and the band schedule was full. We plan on continuing this effort through the New Year and even add some more excitement after football season with "Turtle Races".

Watch for more details posted on the bulletin boards soon. Some upcoming events to plan for are the Super bowl party, Valentine's dinner, and the Riders have some dinners on the calendar so get your tickets early. We even have a monthly breakfast starting up in January so keep your calendars up on the fridge to remind you to come join us at Post 186! We appreciate all the support of our members; you make us the success we are!

For God and Country,  
Randy Eoute

**POST CHAPLAIN**

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As we are entering a New Year I would like to remind you of some of the duties that I can do for you as your Chaplain.

Funeral Services  
Memorial Services  
Visitations to Hospital, Re-Habs and Nursing Homes  
As an Eucharistic Minister I can give Communion to Catholics who are unable to attend Church  
Perform a Post Everlasting Ceremony for all deceased Members who died in the last 12 months.  
Provide Medical Equipment when available.

Do not be afraid to ask me if you need assistance at any time. All enquiries are confidential. I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. "Character is how you treat those who cannot do anything for you"

Deaths  
Kenneth Ettenbeger

Sick Call  
Luis Hernandez  
Mary Kennedy

For God and Country,  
Charles Haig  
15th. District & Post 186 Chaplain

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Now that the Holidays are behind us! And the weather is a bit chilly! What a better time to visit your Post - We have

football on all the TV'S on Sundays and a Lunch Menu with Wings also from 11:30 to 4 p.m.! We still have our special reduced prices in the canteen on Wednesday and Sunday! And also Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. our Special \$1.25 well drinks and Regular Beer!

Stop in and check out Your Post that has Daily Lunches, Great Drinks with awesome Prices and A wonderful Staff ready to serve you! And talking about staff- I would like to thank all of the Staff for all of their hard work in 2014!

For God and Country,  
Anna Pellegrini



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In addition to the 4 ceremonies we performed on Veteran's day, we also did flag raisings at the local Home Depot and the newly refurbished one room schoolhouse in downtown Brooksville! It would be worth the trip for you to check out the schoolhouse -it's located at 66 Russell St. The turkey roast in November was a huge success - thank you for coming and partaking in the feast. We look for you to be at the post here for St. Patrick's day !

For God and Country,  
Jimmy Schultz



ALR  
Director  
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Legion Riders newsletter for Jan/Feb 2015  
Well hello to one and all! Welcome back to all of our "snowbirds" (you know who you are). It's nice to see so many familiar faces back in the post.

It has been a very nice fall with great weather and some very nice rides, including trips to Biketoberfest in Daytona, a rally for Veterans in Brooksville, Special Olympics, and a fundraising Chili cook-off in Leesburg.

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner basket giveaways were once again a huge success. I would like to personally thank all who donated food and/or money for our drives. I want to thank the Legion, SAL, Auxiliary, and Color Guard for their kind donations as well as several individuals who wish to remain anonymous. Lastly, thanks to our Bingo players who brought donations of food in exchange for a free Bingo sheet. I hope they were all winners!

In January we have our famous ALR Lasagna dinner on the 10<sup>th</sup>, with music by Elvis. On February 28<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting another dinner, with the menu and entertainment to be announced. We want to try something that's never been done before, and right now I am racking my brain for a unique and scrumptious offering to tempt your taste buds. Suggestions are welcomed. Stay tuned for announcements on this dinner.

On January 24<sup>th</sup> our post will be a stop for an all-organization escorted ride to raise funds and donations for local food banks. Riders from the Moose, Legion, Eagles, Elks, and other groups will participate. The ride begins at the Land O'Lakes Moose Lodge and concludes at the new Elks facility on County Line Road. There will be bands and food trucks and a police escort. Final details are being worked out and when they are we will post flyers at the Legion. Our own post member Dennis Craven is organizing this ride with the assistance of Rex Hinkle whose band will be performing.

In closing let me wish you all a very merry Christmas, happy Hanukah, and a most prosperous and healthy New Year.

For God and Country,  
Steve Tyler



COMMANDER  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
CRAIG GALLAGHER

Hello again SAL Members ! Here it is a brand new year. I must admit I failed to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season. So here goes – I hope everybody had a very hapy Christmas and will enjoy a happy and healthy New Year !

I just received a letter from the American Legion Department of Florida that the statewide dates for a blood donor drive are January 30 and 31st. Please do some hard thinking as to why you should consider donating blood. Help a veteran !

Once again, I ask if you haven't paid your dues, please hustle to the post and take care of business ! Consider joining the SAL on a day at the races in February ! See the ad in the newsletter for more information.

And as always,  
For God and Country,  
Craig Gallagher, SAL Squadron 186 Commander



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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT  
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Happy New Year everyone. We had a big success with our tricky trays, on Veterans day, thank you for your support. In January, we will be starting our breakfast on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 a.m. and Feb 22, please join us, more details to follow. Girls state dinner will be January 31. We will be having our Valentines dinner on Feb 14 by 2nd Vice Ann Dickerson. Get your tickets for these events as they near to date. Thank you all who participated with the angel tree, and all the donations to us for a successful Christmas to many children. God Bless All.

For God and Country  
Sudie Staten

#### AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

Beth Geiger  
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Get Well Wishes to:  
Betty Lou Bennett  
Terry Dewey  
Claudia Fischer  
Mary Cracchiolo  
Cherry Fleuscher

Sympathy to:  
Margaret Eoute

Deceased:  
Madaline Gleek  
Angie Barth  
Edna Hubbard

Stop and say a prayer while waiting - In line at Publix, At a red light, At the doctor's office, At a school bus stop.

God Bless America,  
Beth Geiger

## BOOSTER CLUB

As of December 15, 2014, 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. The Memorial Section of the Booster Club is supported by the generosity of our members. Thank you.

<p><u>2050</u> Carlton &amp; Beth Ann Terrell</p>	<p><u>2018</u> Glen and Beatrice Ohanesian Burt and Cheryl Onder</p>	<p>Raymond &amp; Carole Frattini Robert Hartman Jerry Galoonis Don &amp; Jackie Harvey Val M. Parker Mosa Brown Joe &amp; Marge Ruggiero John &amp; Claudia Fischer Bob &amp; Ruth Reese Michael &amp; Anita Cockill Robert Scholz Frank Kaczowski Dennis Hernandez</p>
<p><u>2024</u> Lloyd Gross Vincent Gigliotti American Legion Riders Marion &amp; Frank Hauck Don and Joan Jernstrom to 2024</p>	<p><u>2017</u> George M. Coon Hugh &amp; Helen Reynolds</p>	<p><u>In Memory of Past Members</u> Olisse Pellegrini Dorothy Henderson PFC Cody Grater Bern Cottingham Joe Sabol Linda Harper Donnie Holmes Betty Jefferies Paul Webster Nanette Keller Marie Meglic Charlie Fox George "Fitz" Hudock Russell L. LaBaron Jr. Leon Girard</p>
<p><u>2022</u> Ed Kolbasiuk Gloria Murray Steve Small and Anna Pellegrini Frank &amp; Sharon Sevick</p>	<p><u>2016</u> James Meere Betty Corbin Frank Reilly Robert J Eudeikis Ken Oxendorf Phil &amp; Beverly Zielinski George &amp; Mary Kennedy Claude &amp; Elizabeth Sachise</p>	
<p><u>2021</u> Jimmy Schultz Post 186 Color Guard Ruth Oppert</p>	<p><u>2015</u> Don &amp; Joan Jernstrom Peter Paul Garbacki Donald &amp; Jacqueline Harvey Conrad Vachon Doris Webster Jack Krouse Bud Conaway Donna Aho</p>	
<p><u>2020</u> Bob Burch</p>	<p><u>2014</u> Al Henderson Ernie &amp; Patricia Tor</p>	
<p><u>2019</u> Donna Greenwald Janet Bowman Lloyd Sellers Fellip &amp; Beverly Zielinski Anonymous</p>		

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The Post is having four dinners in January and February. Get your tickets at the Canteen. Jan 10<sup>th</sup> ALR Lasagna dinner with "Elvis." AUX Girls State Dinner on Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. The AUX is also having a dinner on Valentine's Day the 14<sup>th</sup> of Feb. The ALR is also having Pork Loin Dinner on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Two Sundays, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> and Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> the AUX is having a Sunday Breakfast from 9-11 a.m.

**(SAL) SONS OF THE  
AMERICAN LEGION POST #186 PRESENTS  
A DAY AT THE RACES  
TAMPA BAY DOWNS**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015**

**BUS DEPARTS AT 10:00 A.M. SHARP**

**LOCATION: 12091 CORTEZ BLVD.**

**BROOKSVILLE, FL 34613**

**COST \$42.00 PER PERSON ONLY 44 SEATS**

**AVAILABLE**

**(CUT OFF DATE JAN. 15, 2015)**



***RACING EXCITEMENT NEVER FELT SO GOOD***

❖ **GROUP CLUB HOUSE SEATING**

❖ **CLUBHOUSE TURN LUNCH**

Fresh Fruit Salad, Caesar Salad, Chef's Vegetable Selections  
Home-style Mac 'n Cheese, Country-Style Stuffing, Chef-Carved Roast Beef  
& Turkey Breast, Éclairs & Cookies, Freshly Brewed Coffee or Iced Tea

❖ **COMPLIMENTARY RACING PROGRAM**

❖ **RACE IN HONOR OF OUR GROUP**

❖ **PRIVATE CHARTERED BUS**

**NO REFUNDS UNLESS TRIP IS CANCELLED**

**FOR INFORMATION AND TICKETS CONTACT BUTCH  
(352)666-1719**

# January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WINGS 12-4	POOL 8 PM	Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen Open 4-6	Wednesday Shirt w/ Legion Logo	NEW YEARS DAY <sup>1</sup>	Fish Fry 5-7 KARAOKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM <sup>2</sup>	Steak Shoot Every Saturday 1 PM KC & VOCAL CHORDS <sup>3</sup>
WINGS 12-4 <sup>4</sup>	POOL 8 PM <sup>5</sup>	Lounge Games <sup>6</sup> 6PM Kitchen Open 4-6	LEGION MEETING <sup>7</sup> 7PM  KARAOKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	AUX Meeting 7 PM <sup>8</sup>	Fish Fry 5-7 Karaoke w/ Mr Lynn 7-11 PM <sup>9</sup>	ALR Lasagna Dinner 6 PM Kenny "Elvis" Grube 7-11 PM <sup>10</sup>
WINGS 12-4 <sup>11</sup>	POOL 8 PM <sup>12</sup>	Lounge Games <sup>13</sup> 6PM Kitchen Open 4-6	KARAOKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM <sup>14</sup>	SAL Meeting 7 PM <sup>15</sup>	Fish Fry 5-7 Karaoke w/ Mr Lynn 7-11 PM <sup>16</sup>	Steak Shoot Every Saturday 1 PM Uptown Pickers 7-11 PM <sup>17</sup>
WINGS 12-4 <sup>18</sup>	POOL 8 PM <sup>19</sup>	Lounge Games <sup>20</sup> 6PM Kitchen Open 4-6	KARAOKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM <sup>21</sup>	Riders Meeting <sup>22</sup> 7:30 PM	Fish Fry 5-7 <sup>23</sup>  Belairs 7-11 PM	Steak Shoot Every Saturday 1 PM Kamikaze Karaoke 7-11 PM <sup>24</sup>
AUX Breakfast 9- 11 <sup>25</sup>  WINGS 12-4	POOL 8 PM <sup>26</sup>	Lounge Games <sup>27</sup> 6PM Kitchen Open 4-6	KARAOKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM <sup>28</sup>	EBoard Meeting <sup>29</sup> 5:30 PM	Fish Fry 5-7 KARAOKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM <sup>30</sup>	Girls State benefit Dinner 6 PM An evening w/ BAT 7-11 PM <sup>31</sup>



# February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Super Bowl Party Kick-off WINGS 12-4	2 POOL 8 PM	3 Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen Open 4-6	4 KARAOKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	5 Legion Meeting 7 PM	6 Fish Fry 5-7 KARAOKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	7 Steak Shoot Every Saturday 1 PM  Belairs 7-11
8 WINGS 12-4	9 POOL 8 PM	10 Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen Open 4-6	11 KARAOKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	12 AUX Meeting 7 PM	13 Fish Fry 5-7 Karaoke w/ Mr Lynn 7-11 PM	14 AUX Valentines Day Dinner. 6 PM UpTown Pickers 7-11 PM
15 WINGS 12-4	16 POOL 8 PM	17 Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen Open 4-6	18 KARAOKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	19 SAL Meeting 7pm	20 Kamikaze Karaoke 7-11 PM	21 Twist 7-11 PM
22 AUX Breakfast 9-11  WINGS 12-4	23 POOL 8 PM	24 Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen Open 4-6	25 KARAOKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	26 EBoard Meeting 5:30 PM Riders Meeting 7:30 PM	27 Fish Fry 5-7 Karaoke w/ Mr Lynn 7-11 PM	28 Riders Pork Loin Dinner 6 PM KC & Vocal Chords 7-11 PM
Reduced Drink Prices Sunday, Thursday- Times Posted in Canteen	POOL 8 PM	Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen Open 4-6	Wednesday Shirt w/ Legion Logo	Reduced Drink Prices Sunday, Thursday- Times Posted in Canteen	Every Friday Fish Fry 5-7 PM	Steak Shoot Every Saturday 1 PM

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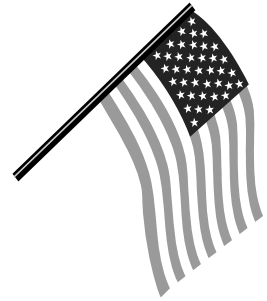
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**COMING EVENTS  
January & February 2015**

**Karaoke with Shoe every Wed 7 PM  
Fish Fry every Friday 5-7 PM  
Steak Shoot every Saturday 1 PM  
Band or Karaoke every Friday and  
Saturday**



**January**

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> ALR Lasagna Dinner 6 PM \*\* Kenny "Elvis" Grube 7 to 11 PM**

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> AUX Breakfast 9 – 11 AM**

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Girls State benefit Dinner 6 PM \*\* An Evening with BAT 7 to 11 PM**

**February**

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> AUX Valentine's Day Dinner 6 PM \*\* Up Town Pickers 7 to 11 PM**

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> AUX Breakfast 9 – 11 AM**

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> ALR Pork Loin Dinner 6 PM \*\* KC & Vocal Chords 7 to 11 PM**

**BANDS START AT 7 PM Unless Noted**

**January**

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> KC & Vocal Chords**

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Kenny "Elvis" Grube**

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Up Town Pickers**

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Belairs**

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Kamikaze Karaoke**

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> An Evening with Bat**

**February**

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Belairs**

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Up Town Pickers**

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Twist**

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> KC Vocal Chords**