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NEW OFFICERS LISTED ON PAGE 5 - CONGRATULATIONS



COMMANDER

Bruce Carl

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By the time you receive this newsletter, I will have had my first month in as your new Commander. I would like to thank the members who came out to vote, and especially those who voted for me. I am still transitioning into the position, but I am getting plenty of help, thank you all. I intend to carry on the traditions of The American Legion, bring our Legion family closer together, and make this the "friendliest post in Florida." I look forward to serving as your Commander for the next year.

You will notice some changes being made here at the post. Some of them will be subtle, and others will be more noticeable. One you may notice immediately is that we are using our kitchen help to do the fish fry on Friday nights for the summer. Rather than close the kitchen for several months like we did last year, The E-Board has approved keeping it open, but using the hired help to run it. My sincere thanks to all those who volunteered to work the fish fry during the busy season. I look forward to seeing you back in the fall, along with a few more volunteers.

On the subject of volunteers, our post would not survive if it were not for the volunteers we have. Some come out for just a couple hours a week, and some are here every day, but their dedication is greatly appreciated. There are plenty of events and programs that go on here at the post,

and I would appreciate more of our members volunteering to help out. For the most part it is the same group of individuals doing all the work, and I thank all of you. However, eventually this group will get "burned out" or when they get sick, no one seems to want to step up to the plate to help out. In order to continue to operate the post, and be able to support the veterans and community programs that we do, we need your help. Please let me know if you can help out, even if it is a few hours a week. Supporting the Post does not only mean volunteering, but coming out to our dinners, karaoke, bands, and special events. We are in our slow season, as our snowbirds have taken flight back north. For those who have remained behind, we have not shut down for the summer. There is still plenty going on around here. What a better way to beat that summer heat, than to come down to the Post and enjoy a cold one with your friends.

We have almost 1500 members at our Post if you include all the organizations. I would love to see more of you enjoying "Your Post". If you have any complaints, comments, or suggestions on how to improve the post, please let me know. You can reach me by phone, e-mail, or in person. I will always have an open mind, and look at the feasibility and over all benefit to the Post before making a decision or presenting it to the E-board.

For God and Country,
Bruce Carl

FIRST VICE COMMANDER

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This is my first newsletter as your First Vice Commander. I will do my best to serve you with as much pride and

dedication as Troy Cox did. Troy, Dan, and Dan's daughter Ginalynn will continue on the membership committee and they will be a great help to me. If there are any questions on membership, please contact one of us at the Post at 597-9995, Mon – Fri 2:30 – 4:00 PM. Any applications and dues can be left with the bartender at any time. The membership is now at 96% and we are still striving for 100%. Next year's cards will be available July 1st and we will start all over again. Please help by sending your dues in early. As before, anyone who is sick or can't afford the dues needs to contact the committee to see if we can get some assistance through the E-Board.

For God and Country,
Eric (Sox) Hunter

SECOND VICE COMMANDER
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I would like to thank each of you for your support for my election for second vice president. I will continue to do the best I can to try and continue to bring the best entertainment that I can. I will also work with everyone to make sure we have the best of everything we can receive. We will continue the fish fry during the summer. I have some big shoes to fill and I know with everyone's support and commitment, we can all do it. I thank all of you and I hope each of you will do your part.

For God and Country,
Rex A. Hinkle

POST CHAPLAIN
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Looks like we are in for a HOT summer, I am happy the post everlasting is behind us. We had a total of 65 deaths from May 2011 to May 2012. We must remember them in our prayers. As usual our Color Guard had a very tight agenda and all went off very well. Scotty's Memorial Service had a good turn out. He will be remembered for years to come. He was a 16 year member, God rest His soul.

On Memorial Day I was proud to officiate a service for Mark Downing Funeral Home, where balloon's were let go in memory of deceased Veterans and families of veterans. It is something new to be done in Hernando County, well done Mark.

I am in need of canes, games, puzzles, children's clothes, etc. As most of you know I have four Chaplain assistants in the Corps. Bruce Carl, Conrad Vachon, Chuck Teaters and Jim Hulce. Many thanks for all their hard work over the past year. When I need help they are a call away. The Color guard is always there to offer me help. I could go on and on. I'm grateful to all involved in my work. Take care and God Bless Post 186 and their families and loved ones.

Deaths
Robert Conaway
William Ester
Thomas Lusk

Sick
Ernie Fisher
Frank Santoro

For God and Country,
Charles Haig

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER
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Manny is at the Post every Thursday at 10 a.m.
Appointments for other times may be made by calling him.

VA ACKNOWLEDGES HEARING LOSS DUE TO ACCOUSTIC TRAUMA. The US Dept Of Veterans Affairs has acknowledged that service connection for hearing loss is not predicated on the service member having a significant hearing loss upon separating from the military. The VA now concedes that hearing loss, which develops long after service, may have been caused by acoustic nerve trauma experienced while performing specific duties in service. The VA requires the following information in order to consider a claim for acoustic trauma:

- 1) Documented significant hearing loss from audiologist.
- 2) Statement from veteran concerning their job in the military and how it produced acoustic trauma.
- 3) Statement from Ear, Nose, and Throat Doctor which supports claim that present hearing loss is more likely than not the result of acoustic trauma experienced in service.

If you feel that you qualify for this benefit, or have questions concerning this or any other VA benefit, please contact me at the above phone number.

For God and Country,
Manas Miller

Canteen News
Canteen Manager
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I would like to start off by congratulating all the new officers of the American Legion Family and wishes them a good year for 2012 and 2013! We will not have a casino trip for the summer to "Hard Rock"- but we do have tickets for "the American Legion Baseball Day with the Rays." The Ray's game will be July 15, 2012 at 1:40 p.m. The details are as follows: the bus, your ticket to the game (lower outfield seats) and a lite dinner when we return to Post is only \$45.00 per person for everything!

The bus will depart the Legion at 12:00 noon on Sunday July 15, 2012. And there will be refreshments to purchase on the bus. This has been a sell out the last two years, so get your tickets quick, they are on sale at Canteen.

The kitchen is open daily from 11:30 to 2:30 and we are still serving our wings on Sundays from 12- 2 p.m. with other choices available on the menu. So take some much deserved time for yourself and get out of the hot weather and come on down to your Post, where it is nice in cool, friendly and have fun visiting with your other veterans.

For God and Country,
Anna Pellegrini



COLOR GUARD COMMANDER
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Fellow Legionnaires, your Color Guard participated in the following ceremonies in May and early June:
19 May - Armed Forces Day

20 May - Post Everlasting
25 May - Health South
28 May - Memorial Day we had 4 ceremonies:
Aripeka Cemetery
Post 186
Forest Oaks
Atria Evergreen Woods

02 June - Memorial Service for Scott Kosciol at Post 186

14 June - Flag Day & US Army's Birthday

Coming events:

4th July - High Point Parade

I want to thank Lou Hernandez for his excellent leadership and the Color Guard members that attended these ceremonies. Good job, men. We also thank all the Post members who also attended. We have 1300 Legionnaires in our Post (Veterans) and these ceremonies honor you. Please remember that and try to attend them, before we lose them.

We welcome Frank Babicz to the Color Guard as our newest member. You have already shown your dedication in the past and thanks for stepping up to the plate. We wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

For God and Country,
Jimmy Schultz



ALR
Director
Steve Tyler
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Today as I write this it is May 31st. Is it just I or is this year flying by? The hot days and recent rains (8 inches at my house) are uncomfortable evidence that summer is here. There is not a great deal of news to report in this edition. Some of our Riders have headed north for the summer so our numbers are temporarily diminished. We have however, not been completely idle.

On April 14th we held our Poker Run to benefit Hospice of Hernando and the American Legion Legacy Scholarship fund. Due to many events that same weekend, we were only able to muster 33 participants, but we had a great event regardless. We had stops at Sail Inn, Neon Cowboy, Port Richey Legion Post 335, Shoal Line VFW, and back here at the post. We had a free cookout for the participants, with music, 50-50, and raffles for some very nice prizes. I want to thank the businesses that donated products and services including AutoZone, Texas Roadhouse Grill, Lowe's of Spring Hill, and others. I want to give special thanks to Bruce Carl and Cathy who

operated the stop at Post 335. My ultimate recognition is to Rex and Mary Hinkle, who worked tirelessly for months to set up the stops, line up donations, and get the word out about the run. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

May 26th was a special day. Not only was it my 33rd anniversary, but also it was our 2nd annual Donnie Holmes memorial steak roast. In the morning a group of the riders made a pilgrimage to one of Donnie's favorite stops, The Shed, in Homosassa. It was a beautiful day, a great ride, and we felt Donnie was with us in spirit. Later that night we had the steak roast. We had a great meal of rib eye steaks, freshly shucked corn on the cob, baked potatoes, and homemade strawberry shortcake. We had an excellent turnout and from all reports everyone loved the meal. I was on the grill and only had a few steaks come back for some additional charring. Johnny Lobo was great as always, and I thank all of you who attended from the bottom of my heart.

Monday May 28th the Riders rode to Aripeka Cemetery for the Memorial Day ceremonies. After a nice ride back through Aripeka with a stop at the VFW, we returned for the Post ceremony and cookout. I hope you enjoyed the sliced tomatoes from my garden. Those yellow-orange ones were Copias, and heirloom tomato. Thanks to all the post members who came out and provided the delicious side dishes.

In closing, I want to congratulate all the newly elected post officers, especially Commander Bruce Carl. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year. If you have not heard, I have volunteered for, and been approved as, the post Historian. It is my understanding that we haven't had one for quite some time. I intend to get to as many post functions as my work schedule allows, and document these activities in a scrapbook and hopefully on the Post 186 website. If anyone has any old photos or documents that we can add to the history at the post, I would greatly appreciate your input.

Have a great summer!

For God and Country,
Steve Tyler



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
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I am honored to again serve as your Auxiliary President. We have a great Unit and I look forward to working with the members that help make it great.

July is a slow month for us, as we have no General meeting, but the Executive Committee will be planning on the up coming year activities. If any member has any ideas for projects please let us know, we are always looking for new and fresh ideas. We will be collecting School Supplies again, starting in July, so please help us, to help the school children by bringing in anything you can to the Post.

August 9th will be our first General meeting of the new year, at 7:00pm. We hope you will join us.

For God and Country,
Claudia Fischer

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
Margaret Hernandez
Membership Chairman
352-688-0818

Fellow members, we will have our new 2013 Membership Cards by the end of July. I will be at the Post on Tuesdays, from 2- 5pm for renewals. Please mail or leave dues at the Canteen. You can reach me at: 352-688-0818 or 650-6037.

For God and Country,
Margaret Hernandez

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN
BETTY LOU BENNETT
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Please contact me if you know of any Auxiliary member that is ill or who has passed away.

SICK CALL:
Shirley Mancini
Mary Cracchiolo
Joyce Cox
Arline Frain

A speedy recovery to all.

DECEASED:
None: Thank you God.

Dear Lord:
Let us resolve to live each day to the fullest, and to give thanks for all Your blessings. Amen

For God and Country,
Betty Lou Bennett

BOOSTER CLUB

As of March, 31, 2012, 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.

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Post 186 Color Guard

September 2020

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May's Volunteer of the month:

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June's Volunteer of the month:

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