

The Charles E. Murray
American Legion Post 186



Newsletter

July and August 2011

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POST ELECTION RESULTS

Commander	Frank Babicz
First Vice Commander	Troy Cox
Second Vice Commander	Bruce Carl
Third Vice Commander	Steve Small
Finance Officer	Al Henderson
Chaplain	Charles Haig
Sgt-at-Arms	John Fischer
Past Commander	James Hulce
Executive Board	

Eric "Sox" Hunter
Tom Mc Garry
Gordon "Butch" Elde
Jim Schultz
Lou Hernandez
Conrad Vachon
Ray Guzman
Les Knight

Appointed:
Service Officer Manas Miller
Adjutant John Rakuwicz
Judge Advocate George Kennedy

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE COMMANDER

THE POST IS HAVING SOME MAJOR REPAIRS DONE. THE BUILDING FOUNDATION IS BEING REPAIRED. THE ROOF IS ALSO BEING REPAIRED AND WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR TWO DAYS WHEN THEY REMOVE THE A/C UNITS OFF OF THE ROOF. OUR 2ND VICE WILL SCHEDULE SEVERAL DINNERS WHEN THE DATES FOR THESE REPAIRS ARE FINALIZED. THANK YOU



COMMANDER

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My sincere thanks to all of you who took the time to exercise your right to vote in the post elections ! I am honored to be the recipient of the majority of votes for commander and I will do my best to improve on what we started last year - creating a better post for ALL Post 186 members. I trust that the team you created will come together with a common purpose - a post that honors its veterans through active participation in all the activities - be it ceremonies, dinners, programs, or just plain fun. Again, thank you !

In the next two months, you will be seeing plenty of activity at the post. There will be foundation remedial work, and extensive work being done on our roof. What does this mean to our members ? We may have to work around these projects and change some scheduled activities even though they are planned or listed in this newsletter. We apologize in advance and we hope to keep the changes at a minimum ! So, please do not blame the editor, or any post employee, as any changes will be made "for the good of the legion". If you want to be put on the email update system, and get a weekly update on the post, please send a note to americanleg186@bellsouth.net. I will add you to my contact list and you will be kept up to date on all plans. I already have over 130 members on this list and I would like to see it

continue to grow.

As I close out the previous year, I am reminded of our successes. Who can forget our first annual employee appreciation day, and the fun we had that day ? From RAK being dressed as a waiter, to Steve being garbed as a "cook", to Tom dressed as only he could to tend bar ! It was fun and we made a few dollars for the club too. How about the bus ride to the game ? Did we beat those dreaded Yankees ? Lou has never forgiven me for that trip ! And no Annie, we did not bring back any extra members to the club.

And Christmas, old Santa Claus was never happier as ALL the ladies set on his lap for pictures ! Some guys too ! The numerous bus trips to the casino, KARAOKE, dinners, and, of course, our Color Guard ceremonies. And the Tuesday bar games, with Betty as your host, have been a staple to our post. And let's not forget SOX and his team on the Saturday afternoon steak shoot. Char, and our kitchen staff, have been there every day with great deals on lunches. Annie, and our bartenders, serve up whatever libations you request at a reasonable price.

The bottom line is that there is plenty to do at the post if you so choose. And anything we earn from your donations at these functions is funneled right back into the club to defray business expenses. Thank you for your support !

For God and Country,
Frank Babicz

FIRST VICE COMMANDER
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As we begin this new year please remember to pay your dues. This is my third time as membership chairman and in the past I have always reached the 100% goal. I intend to do that this time with your help. We are starting this year with 1351 members that is considerably less than the 1614 we had in 2002 and 2003 when I was last membership

chairman. To increase our membership base I would like everyone to get at least one new member. If we could do that it would help with annual 30% loss rate caused by transfers, not renewing, and our veterans passing on. If you have any questions please call me or come in and see me at the Legion during the week at 1430 hours.

For God and Country,
Troy Cox

POST CHAPLAIN
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The election is over, may I wish the officers the very best of luck. Our Commander is Frank Babicz, I know that he likes to run a tight ship. I will give him my total support. Everyone should give their total support to our Commander; good luck Frank, you have my blessing's.

Our Color Guard also has my blessings. They have a AAA rating, they had five gigs in one day, there is NO one in Hernando County that can beat it. Well done my fellow legionnaires and thank you for my being a small part of the Color Guard. I could write all day and night about the officers and legion members, you are what makes the American Legion worth belonging to.

Many thanks to all who voted for me, I will continue to give you my best in the coming year. There is a lot of work to be done and I would like to have you volunteer to come along for a ride and meet some of the VETERANS in rehabs and nursing homes. There may come a day when you may want someone to visit you. Remember the Lord is always with you and you will be rewarded for your efforts. This is a short letter for this month, Next newsletter I am going to have more for you.

Sick Members

Robert Conaway, VA Haley

Patrick Magee
Jim Simonetti, Home

For God and Country,
Chaplain Charlie Haig

SECOND VICE COMMANDER

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Summer is definitely here and the "heat is on". As I begin my second term as your 2nd Vice Commander, I am looking forward to another great year. My first year was definitely a challenge at times, but now that I have gotten my feet wet (not at the beach), I know what the position entails, and it should make it easier this year. Last year was a learning experience, and believe me I learned a lot.

The snowbirds have left the flock, but I would like to invite everyone who has remained behind to come out and enjoy the post this summer. We will still have Karaoke on Wed. and Fri. nights, but make sure you check out the calendar for upcoming entertainment on select Sat. nights also.

I hope to see more of our members coming out to help support the post this year. It is always a pleasure to see new faces (as well as the regular ones). I will be bringing back many of our popular bands, as well as some new ones. There will also be some changes coming to the entertainment schedule beginning in Sept. One of the changes you may see, is entertainment during the lunch hour. There will also be some changes to the Friday and Saturday night schedules. We will continue to have a minimum of 2 dinners per month beginning in September.

Don't forget the 4th of July picnic at the post from 12-2. "The Shoe" will be providing music for your listening and dancing pleasure from 1-4. Please bring a dish to pass. July 16th is the bus trip to the Rays/Red Sox game. \$40.00 will get you a ticket, the bus ride, and a bag lunch. When you get back to the post, snacks will be available, as well as music for you to enjoy.

Over the course of the next few weeks, I will be getting together with all the organizations within our Legion family to plan the next year. We will be working on the dinners and any special events. Once that is done, I will be booking the entertainment for the next 12 months, including New Year's Eve.

I am here to serve you the post, and I am always open to suggestions you might have to improve the post and attendance. Please feel free to contact me by phone or E-mail or when you see me at the post. Let's make this another banner year together as a Legion family!

For God and Country,
Bruce Carl



COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

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Happy Father's Day to all the fathers of Charles E. Murray American Legion Post 186. The Color Guard sends our deepest condolences to everyone who has lost a loved one this past year.

It is a privilege to command the men who represent you, the membership. These men are all volunteers, many with disabilities who have gone above and beyond to present and display the flag of the United States of America throughout the community and our Post, with the dignity and honor it has earned by you and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Your Color Guard have participated in the following ceremonies:

- Memorial Ceremony for Donny Holmes at Post 186 on 05/19/2011
- Armed Forces Day, 05/21/2011
- Post Everlasting at Post 186
- Health South

Memorial Day:

- Aripeka Cemetery
- Post 186
- High Point
- Evergreen Woods
- Forest Oaks

We are always looking for anyone who wants to volunteer and join the Color Guard. We wish all of you a happy and safe summer.

For God and Country,
Jimmy Schultz

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

Manas Miller

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The post now has a new service officer to assist you with service related issues. Manas Miller was certified at the recent American Legion convention in Orlando. He had already been certified as service officer for a marine detachment (2002-2008) and the southeast division service officer since 2005. Manas is a marine corps veteran, who has already worked with over 400 veterans of all services applying for service connected compensation and/or pensions. So, as you can see, Manas has the experience and knowledge to assist you ! He will be at the POST 186 every Thursday at 10 a.m. He is also available by telephone at 352-797-9523, FAX at 352-797-9525, or by email at usmcbigm1@tampabay.rr.com. Please welcome Manas Miller to his new post – SEMPER FI !!!

Canteen News
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I would like to take the time to congratulate

all the incoming officers for the year 2011-2012. May our year be filled fun and success for Post 186.

We have put together a bus trip for American Legion Day with the Rays vs. RED SOX for Saturday, July 16, 2011 at 4:10 p.m. The bus will pick us up at Post 186 at 12:30. The cost will be \$40.00 per person, this includes bus, ticket to the game and a bag lunch for the ride down and snacks when we return to the Post that evening! There will be beer and soda on the bus for sale and we have a band booked for when we return! Tickets are available at Canteen. This is a really fun day, don't miss this event!

Char has been cooking up some really yummy food –spaghetti and meatballs, wraps, meatloaf and etc... Take a break and come on down to your Post and have lunch!

For God and Country,
Anna Pellegrini



ALR
Director
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NEW OFFICERS

Director-Steve Tyler
Asst. Director-Geoff Devine
Chaplain-Jack Frain
Sec/Treasurer-Anne Pellegrini

Well, this was to have been my last newsletter as Secretary, as I have recently been elected as the new Director of the Riders. However, there is general consensus among the members that they would like me to continue to write this, so I shall. Many of our riders have headed to cooler climates for the summer, but we have not been idle. We have taken lots of rides and have been enjoying great weather and fellowship. No too many major events in April, but that doesn't mean we weren't busy.

May was a much more eventful month. As I

reported in the last newsletter, I was the ALR Post 186 representative on the Mother's Day run to Greenville, NC to present donations to Give2thetroops. Give2thetroops is an amazing organization with 6 branches nationwide, which raises money to ship care packages to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Many companies donate millions of dollars of food, snacks, sporting equipment, greeting cards, personal care items, etc. for the troops. Give2thetroops raises money to ship the volunteer-prepared packages overseas.

I joined the riders from Post 80 in St. Cloud. We departed on Friday, May 6th and along the way picked up riders from Clermont, Lakeland, Mulberry, and Titusville. By the time we reached our overnight stop in Santee, SC, we were 14 bikes, 3 chase vehicles, and 28 souls. Despite some incredibly heavy rain outside St. Augustine, we had a good trip. We rolled in to Greenville, NC on Saturday the 7th. Over 100 bikes and riders attended the presentation ceremony. There were also riders from, VA, GA, SC, NC, and MD. When we arrived, the local branches bank account for postage was zero. The various riders groups there presented \$18,000 to keep those care packages going overseas. We had a great ride back to Florida with an overnight in Savannah. I am indebted to the Post 80 riders for taking me under their wing, and making feel truly a part of their chapter. This is a common characteristic of all riders' chapters. I feel truly blessed to have been a part of this very humbling event.

We held our first annual Donnie Holmes memorial Steak Roast on May 21st. There was an excellent turnout and the steaks, potatoes, and corn, were delish. Thanks to all who came out to support this dinner.

On Memorial Day a group of 14 bikes and 19 riders attended the ceremony at the Aripeka Cemetery. We then returned to the post for the ceremony there, and remained to partake of the most excellent cookout at the Legion.

As most of you know, we lost a dear friend and brother, Donnie Holmes, on Sunday, May

15th. Donnie's memorial service was held on May 19th. The procession to the Cemetery included over 30 bikes from the Post 186 Riders and riders from the Shoal Line VFW, as well as numerous autos with a police escort. The memorial at the post afterwards was SRO and I'm sure Donnie was hoisting a beer up above. Donnie was a Charter Member of the Riders, a great guy, and even though I only knew him for a little over a year, I feel honored to have been his fellow veteran and brother rider. And now, a few words from our outgoing director, Pat Boyle:

"I am coming to the end of my time as the Riders Director. As a charter member, I have seen the birth and growth of our chapter. I want to thank the officers for their support, and the members for their participation and friendship and all the great things they have done. We have had a great year, filled with many fun events and wonderful accomplishments. I especially want to thank the Commander, the e-board, SAL, and the Auxiliary for your support. I also want to thank each and every member of Post 186 who has attended our dinners and bingos, and have supported all of our programs with your donations and assistance. I am forever grateful."

For God and Country,
Steve Tyler
Director ALR



SAL
COMMANDER
Keith Hines

Thank you for your support for the Father's Day breakfast and basket of cheer raffle ! Now that the dog days of summer are here, I ask all the SAL members to make that extra effort to attend our membership meetings in July and August. We need your input ! Our meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM. I look forward to seeing you there.

For God and Country,
Keith Hines



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Claudia Fischer

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AUXILIARY ELECTION RESULTS

President - Claudia Fischer

1st Vice - Margaret Hernandez

2nd Vice - Judy Hulce

Secretary - Anna Pelligrine

Treasurer - Betty Corbin

Chaplin - Cheryle Le Baron

Historian - Betty Lou Bennett

Sgt. At Arms - Josephine Bender

Members at Large - Lucy Nevins, Wanda

Walters, Fran Finley,

Past President - Beth Geiger

I am very pleased and proud to be your new President for 2011-2012 year. I am looking forward to working with everyone in our Great Post to making it even better for our veterans. The main purpose of the Auxiliary is to aid The American Legion in all its activities and to help The American Legion reach its objectives. With this said, I hope all members of the Auxiliary will try to help in this purpose.

The Auxiliary has quite a few programs we work on and I would like to see more members volunteer to help us get our programs done. It is rewarding, to know that you have helped even in a small way to aid our veterans and people in need in Hernando County.

We will not be having any General Meeting in July, as per our Bylaws, but I do hope to see you at our meeting on August 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. I am planning to have at every monthly meeting something a little different, just for fun and for one lucky person a little surprise.

For God and Country,
Claudia Fischer

AUXILIARY FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

FIRST VICE & MEMBERSHIP

Margaret Hernandez

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Fellow members, July is the beginning of our 2012 year and I will have the 2012 cards in July. I will also be at the Post every Tuesday from 1 to 5 p.m. for any inquiries or receive your dues.

Otherwise, you can mail the checks (dues) Attn: Auxiliary at the Post or leave them at the canteen, thank you.

For God and Country,
Margaret Hernandez

Auxiliary Chaplain

Cheryle LeBaron

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If you know anyone who is ill, please call me. As Independence day approaches, we thank all our active military and our veterans for the sacrifices they have made so that we may live in freedom!

A Freedom Blessing:

May you always have your life in God's hands

May Liberty surround you

May your pursuit of happiness always come true

May you have health and coins in your pocket

May the sun shine in your life

May the rainbow always follow the rain

May you always know a friend is near

May God fill your heart, our Country, and the world with peace

May God bless America and place His love in your heart.

Dear Lord, We ask for your blessings for all the men and women serving in our military all over the world. Amen.

Deceased – Betty Jefferies

For God and Country,
Cheryle LeBaron

July

2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Reduced drink prices all day Sunday					2 Fish Fry 5-7 PM Karaoke Mr Lynn 7-11 PM	2 Jukebox 7 PM
Steak Shoot Every Saturday at 1PM						
July 4 th Post Picnic---bring a dish to pass						
3 Wings 12-4 PM	4 Post Picnic 12-2 Music by "The Shoe"	5 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	6 Karaoke Shoe 7-11 PM Darts 8 PM	7 Legion Meeting 7 PM	8 Fish Fry 5-7 PM Karaoke Shoe 7-11 PM	9 LiL Deuce Coupe 7 PM
10 Wings 12-4 PM	11 Pool 8 PM	12 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	13 Officer Installation 6 PM Karaoke	14 No Auxiliary Meeting	15 Fish Fry 5-7 PM Karaoke Mr Lynn 7-11 PM	16 Rays/Red Sox Bus Trip Bill "E"
17 Abate 10 AM Wings 12-4 PM	18 Pool 8 PM	19 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	20 Karaoke Shoe 7-11 PM Darts 8 PM	21 SAL Meeting 7:30 PM	22 Fish Fry 5-7 PM Karaoke Shoe 7-11 PM	23 Jukebox 7 PM
24 Wings 12-4 PM	25 Pool 8 PM	26 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	27 Karaoke Shoe 7-11 PM Darts 8 PM	28 AL Riders Meeting 7 PM	29 Fish Fry 5-7 PM Karaoke Mr Lynn 7-11 PM	30 Amateur Night 7 PM
31 Wings 12-4 PM	July 30 th -Amateur night (dance, sing, play instruments, tell jokes, etc)					

August

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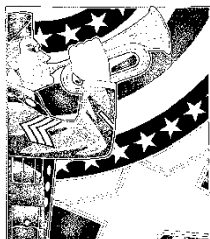
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**COMING EVENTS
JULY & AUGUST 2011**



KARAOKE EVERY WED & FRI - BANDS EVERY SAT NIGHT

**Monday July 4th Post picnic at noon to 2 PM
Music by The Shoe**

**Installation of Officers on Wednesday July 13th at 6 PM
Karaoke to follow**

Tampa Rays and Red Sox bus trip July 16

**NOTE: The Booster Club will be published in the next publication.
Also watch for bulletins on dinners coming this summer and for
construction closing the Post for a day or two during July.**