



# Charles E. Murray

## American Legion Post 186

# Newsletter

November & December 2012

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**COMMANDER**

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It's hard to believe, but the holidays are just around the corner. That means it is time to start the shopping and putting away the gifts. If you get tired and need a break, come on down to the Post and relax with your friends. We certainly have enough events going on during the next two months. I will touch on those later in my newsletter. My article is fairly long this time as our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander is still recuperating from his surgery, so I will be including all the entertainment news in my article.

We have some interesting things planned for the next 2 months, so make sure you check out the calendar at the back of the newsletter for the dates and times. Everything is also posted on the bulletin boards at the Post. If you have not been coming down to the Post, please try us out again. You will see a noticeable change in the atmosphere, as we are bringing the fun back. It has been a pretty rough summer, as business was really down, but we are back to the busy season. To all of our snowbirds, welcome back, and I hope to see you all enjoying everything we have to offer here at the Post.

I would like to thank all those who helped make our Mortgage burning party a huge success. This includes everyone that helped with planning, the food (thanks Annie and staff), those who donated monies towards the party, and everyone who turned out to celebrate.

As always, we are always looking for volunteers to help out with various projects and events. Without you, we would not be able to do all the things we are. On the subject of volunteering, we are looking for volunteers for the Oyster Fest in Feb. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Bob Talbot at 352-464-4698. Thank you in advance to everyone who has already volunteered or will be. I am also looking at expanding our outside area, so if you are interested in being on the committee to help with the planning or the development, please let me know.

Many of our members have been asking for a new bowling machine, so we spared no effort to strike one up, as we did not want to leave you in the gutter. It seems to be a big hit! I understand there is talk of getting a league started, so make sure you come down and practice.

Just a friendly reminder, that to qualify for the early bird dinner, you must pay your 2013 dues no later than Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, which is Veteran's Day. We will have a Veteran's Day ceremony here at the Post at 11:30 a.m. with the picnic to follow from 12-2. Everyone is requested to bring a dish to pass. Since it is the last day to qualify for the dinner, why not pay your dues the same day!

On the days we have special ceremonies taking place at the Post, all persons inside the Post will be asked to attend the ceremony with the exception of the bartender. The canteen closes 10 minutes prior to the ceremony, and if you can sit at the bar, you can come outside for the ceremony. This type of behavior shows a total lack of respect for those doing the ceremony, as well as for whom the ceremony is for. I understand, there are members and guests with disabilities, or that take medications that do not allow them to be in the sun, but you can still come to the back room by the exit door.

If you look at the calendar and the Special Events Section, you will see there is a lot going on here at the Post over the next two months. You will see quite a few dinners scheduled, as well as the Christmas Buffet, and the Children's Christmas party. Everyone is welcome to attend, and if you are coming to a dinner, make sure to get your tickets before the cut-off date. Tickets for the dinners go on sale about 3 weeks prior to the dinner date, so you have plenty of time to get them. The kitchen needs to order the food, and the order is based on the amount of tickets sold. The cut-off date for the Saturday dinners will be on Wednesday. The tickets will be regular price until that day, but they will go up \$2.00 each after the cut-off (and that is if there are any available). Please do not show up the day of the dinner and expect to get tickets.

The ALR is collecting donations for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. A list of items needed can be found on the bulletin boards at the Post. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please donate what you can to the Riders, so they may help to brighten the holidays for those who are less fortunate in our area. As an added bonus for you bingo players, bring in your items on bingo night, and you will receive an extra bingo sheet to play.

The newest basket of cheer is now up at the canteen, courtesy of the ALR, and this is not your normal basket. They have called it the "basket of fun". If you would like romantic getaway to St. Augustine, make sure to buy your tickets. The tickets are \$5.00 ea or 3/\$10.00. Your getaway starts with the basket, which will have some wine it (to get you in the mood). It is then off to St. Augustine, which includes a 3 day/2night stay at the Days Inn in historic downtown. You will also receive (2) 3 day trolley passes, so you can see all the historic areas, and not have to drive.

You will also see the best entertainment on the weekends, including some of most popular acts like: The Dukes, Bill Castner, Elvis, The Twist, The Bendy's, The Keynotes, and The Belairs. The Post will be hosting a buffet on Christmas Eve Day from 12-4 and will be closing after the buffet. It will also be closed on Christmas Day.

Tickets have gone on sale for the New Years Eve party. Many of the seats have already been sold. Tickets and seat assignments can be done at the canteen. Payment is due at the time you reserve your seats. The cost is \$35.00 per person or \$60.00 per couple. The cost includes a prime rib dinner at 7 p.m, snacks from 9-midnight, champagne toast at midnight, and a continental breakfast at 1 a.m. Of course you will also get party favors. The entertainment will be the "Belairs" from 9-1. The Post will be closing at 4:30 PM on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, and reopening at 6PM for ticket holders only.

My weekly newsletter is very informative, and will keep you up to date on any changes that might occur after the regular newsletter has been sent out. I also can inform you if help is needed for anything around the Post. If you are not receiving my weekly E-mail and would like to, please send a short E-mail to the Post mailbox, and I will get you added to the list. You can also just give me your E-mail address when you see me at the Post.

In closing, I would like to remind you that I am always open to any questions, criticism, concerns, or suggestions you may have. Please feel free to call or E-mail me. You can also catch me here at the Post on weekdays in the early evening, and usually on a Friday and Saturday night. . If you have any complaints regarding the canteen or kitchen area, please refer them to our canteen manager, Annie Pellegrini. Any other complaints concerning the Post can be directed to me.

On behalf of myself and all the Post officers, I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season.

For God and Country,  
Bruce Carl

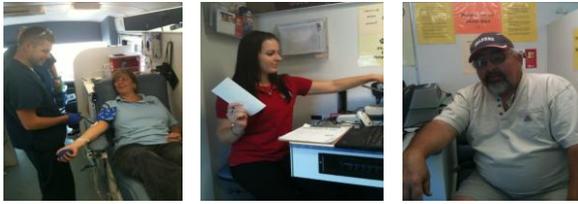
**Blood Donor Chairman**  
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*Another Successful Blood Drive  
at Charles E. Murray Post 186  
Our best day for contributions since November  
2009...*

This year's Charles E. Murray Post 186 annual blood drive, held on Sat. Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, started out strong, and wound-up with near record-breaking results. It was our best our showing since November of 2009.

There were early indications that we were on a record-breaking pace this year, quite the opposite of the way last year's drive began. We started out with almost a full slate of pledged donors. There are twenty-five time slots on the LifeSouth sign-up sheet. We had twenty-three slots filled with names and phone numbers well before D-Day.

Only one of the twenty-three preregistered volunteer donors failed to appear. We did have a few walk-ups, however, thanks in part to some of the faithful Steak-Shoot patrons. By 5:00 P.M. we ended up collecting 21 pints of blood on the bus from a total of twenty-five volunteer candidates. We also got credit for two additional pints



from volunteers who donated in behalf of the Post a few weeks earlier. So, the total number for this drive is twenty-three (23). Not our all-time best, but a good day nonetheless!

*The following is a break-down of the donations for the drive.*

- Total Donor Volunteers: 25*
- Donors Volunteers deemed Ineligible: 4*
- Actual Donations Collected Day of Drive: 21*
- Off site Donations: 2*
- Total Donations Credited Post 186: 23*

*The LifeSouth staff working the bus that day were extremely pleased with the turnout.*

Here is your Post 186 Honor Roll of Donors for 9/22/12.

- Janet Bowman ●Dale Madrishin ●Kim Madrishin
- Michael Cullen ●George Kennedy ●Charles Kern
- Betty Corbin ●Mary Cracchiolo ●Mike Lewis ●John Keller
- Eric Hunter ●Mark Downing ●Marty Downing
- Chuck Smith ●Cindie Johnson ●Adona Pearson
- Vicky Michel ●Al Henderson ●Jack Perz
- Pat Sharpe ●Patty Reed. (21)

Others members and friends who donated in the name of Post 186 at *LifeSouth* blood center just prior to 9/22/12 drive:

- Bethann Geiger ●Butch Elder (2)

John Rakucewicz, Donor Coordinator

**FIRST VICE COMMANDER**

**Eric ( Sox ) Hunter**

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"Wow" here it is October already, time is going by so fast. All of our snowbirds will be back very soon. I would like to thank everyone for renewing their memberships early, we are at 67% now. Remember the cutoff date for the early bird dinner is November 11th, so come in and see me soon. Troy and I are at the Post Monday thru Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 to serve you. I am also there every Saturday for Steak Shoot and willing to help you with your membership from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

I would like to welcome our new members and transfers. If you have any friends who would like to join our family at

Post 186, please bring them by, show off your post and be proud. Should you come by any other time than the times I mentioned, our willing bartenders will take applications, transfers and renewals. Our entire membership staff would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

**For God and Country,  
Eric ( Sox ) Hunter**

**POST CHAPLAIN**

**Charles Haig**

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Sir Fitz Hudock, Past Commander sends his best to all his friends, if you are out in Arizona stop by , he is looking for twin beds, so he can have guests. He is doing very well. Color Guard Commander Jimmy Schultz and the Post Color Guard once again has shown professionalism at the Memorial service at Merritt Funeral Home on Friday 5th October for Roland Durham, may his soul rest in peace. Amen.

It has been very busy with sick Members, and deaths, if you want to enquire about a member sick or otherwise call our Commander or myself at the Post 597-9995 or (Chaplain ) 597-1210. Chuck Teaters and I made visits to Evergreen woods to visit with Frank Santoro, who is coming along nicely. John Fischer is coming along if anyone wants information contact his wife. If anyone knows of a bagpiper member of Post 186 please have him contact me 597-1210.

Sick members

Frank Santoro

Rex Hinkle

John Fischer

Ernie Fischer

Deaths

Roland Durham

If anyone has been missed please notify the Commander or myself. In closing I leave you with this. I know, Lord that I'm only entitled to justice, But I'm suddenly aware: I must have mercy if I'm to be (SAVED.) Amen  
**GOD LOVES EVERYONE**

A special prayer for George & Mary Kennedy's Granddaughter, Jasmine Kennedy who was one of the 58 victims shot in the Aurora, CO movie theater on July 20th. She will have her third operation on the 6th of November.

**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. We are sending this article to you again as we have had a great deal of interest, and we want to insure that all are aware of this benefit.

What is Agent Orange? Named for the orange-striped barrel in which it was shipped, Agent Orange is a herbicide that the U.S. military used during the Vietnam War to destroy enemy food crops and kill jungle vegetation that concealed North Vietnamese forces. In 1991, Congress passed the Agent Orange Act, which lists more than a dozen cancers and other illnesses for which the VA must compensate veterans. But veterans groups say the VA takes years to process their claims, and many vets die before they see any money. Of the nearly 500,000 Vietnam veterans who died from 2000 to 2007, 58 percent were younger than 60. Please see Manny if you served in Country or around Vietnam (adjacent water, Laos or Cambodia) and have Diabetes, Cancer or heart disease. If you are currently receiving VA benefits, it is also a good idea to let Manny review your case as benefits can also be increased.

**For God and Country,  
Manas Miller**



**COLOR GUARD COMMANDER**

**Jimmy Schultz**  
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Fellow Legionnaires and members of Post 186, your Color Guard presented the Colors at the following ceremonies:

- 5 Sep 2012, 8:30 a.m. Opening day ceremony for the W.H.A.C.S. Senior Softball League at Veteran's Memorial Park.
- 11 Sep 2012, 11:30 a.m. Presented the Colors at Post 186 in memory the 9-11 attack on our country. Thank you to everyone who attended it. Please note that whenever there is a ceremony at the Post, everyone (with one exception) the bartender, must leave the Post building.
- 11 Sep 2012, 12:30 a.m. we presented the Colors at Atria Evergreen Woods. Commander Bruce Carl spoke to the residents and their families about the history of events on 9-11. There was a full house at the Atria Ceremony and many of the disabled veterans struggled to stand from their wheel chairs and salute the American Flag as our National Anthem was played. Yet, the Ceremony at the Post was only attended by the same loyal forty Post Members when we have over 1500 members. There were even members who didn't want to leave the canteen. What happened to remembering our wounded and fallen brothers and sisters in arms, God Bless America and for God and Country? Thank you again to everyone who did attend our Post Ceremony.
- 15 Sep 2012, 5:00 p.m. your Color Guard participated with the Auxiliary for the POW-MIA Ceremony. Thank you Betty Lou Bennett and Betty Corbin for inviting us to be part of the Ceremony.
- 18 Sep 2012, 9:30 a.m. Opening Day Ceremony for the S.S.I.L. Senior Softball League at Veteran's Memorial Park.

On Veterans Day the Post will have a ceremony honoring all veterans in front of the Post. This will be on Sunday, November 11th at 11:30 a.m. The Post will have a picnic after the ceremony. The Commander asks that you bring a dish to pass.

We are a Color Guard, not an Honor Guard. We present the Colors at Patriotic Ceremonies. An Honor Guard is a special unit that usually goes to Bushnell Cemetery for Veteran's Burials and we are

not trained for that. However, we do Memorial Ceremonies at the Post when it is requested to the Commander and Chaplain Charlie Haig. The Commander will then set up a date for the ceremony

On Saturday, 17 Nov 2012, we will have our deep fried Turkey and Jambalaya Dinner with Mashed Potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert for \$8.00. Please check the Bulletin Board to confirm this or if there are any changes.

For God and Country,  
Jimmy Schultz



ALR  
Director  
Steve Tyler  
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The skies are cloudy and we have had another two inches of rain this week, bringing us up to about fifty inches for the year in this part of Brooksville. I begin this article as we start to gear up for all the coming holidays.

The weather has been cooling down a bit finally and we have been taking some nice rides. In September four intrepid souls (myself included) took a rainy day trip up to Post 101 in Bushnell. The trip up wasn't too bad, but while enjoying some libations the skies opened up for a good drenching. After the rain let up we made our way to River Ratz in Nobleton for a great lunch. If you haven't been there, make the trip. It's located right on the Withlacoochee River and they have excellent food.

We are starting to see the return of our snowbird members and are happy to see them. We also want to welcome two new members, Bill "Wild Bill" Stein and Bud Conaway. In addition, we welcome back former rider Russell LeBaron after a three-year absence. We look forward to many fun times with them.

The Riders have several upcoming events to which you are all invited. On October 20<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Chicken Marsala dinner and yes, I will be making my famous chowder again. Tickets are \$8.00 and available at the bar or from any Rider. In November we will once

again be giving away Thanksgiving baskets to deserving veterans and local families. Donations can be brought to the post any time and left at the bar or in the big white bucket in the back. If you play bingo and donate to the baskets you will get a free bingo sheet. We will also be doing Christmas baskets in December so any help you can give is greatly appreciated.

The Rider's Basket of Cheer is now available. We are doing something a little different this time. Instead of a basket of booze (well, there may be a few bottles) we are giving away a weekend getaway in beautiful, historic St. Augustine. The prize includes hotel accommodations and trolley passes. If you have never been, St. Augustine is a true gem and you will have a fantastic time.

As I am sure you all are, I am very excited about October 14<sup>th</sup>. That is the day of our Mortgage Burning Party at the post. I will be there as Rider's Director and Post Historian. What a wonderful reason to celebrate at our beloved Charles E. Murray Post. I hope to see you all there.

I wish you all a happy holiday season, and please watch out for motorcycles as you travel the roads of the beautiful Nature Coast.

For God and Country,  
Steve Tyler



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT  
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We have Yard Sale on Nov. 3 from 8:00 till 1:00 p.m.-- Also on Nov. 3 we have the Children & Youth Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please support our program to help the needy children have a great Christmas. On December 8th our Post will be hosting the 15th District Meeting..sign in is at 9:00 a.m. meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. We would like a lot of Auxiliary members to represent our Unit 186, so please

join us on Saturday, Dec. 8th. December 16th we will be having our annual Children's Christmas Party. Help us to make this day a great one for so many children. Wishing the American Legion Family Happy Holidays!

For God and Country,  
Claudia Fischer

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

Fellow Members, by now everyone has received your 2013 renewal notice. If you wish attend the "Early Bird" Dinner, you must be paid up by November 11, 2012. I am at the Post every Tuesday from 1 – 5 p.m. or you can mail or leave it at the Canteen.

For God and Country,  
Margaret Hernandez

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN  
BETTY LOU BENNETT  
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Sick Call

Joanne Robbs  
Judy Hulce

Deaths

None Thank You God

Prayer

May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas. May God Watch over our troops everywhere.

Bless our American Legion Family and Peace and Good will to all.

For God and Country,  
Betty Lou Bennett

CHILDREN & YOUTH  
Chairperson  
Carole Babicz

The holidays are fast approaching and as we all know Christmas is for the kids. In order to ensure that some needy children will have a merry Christmas, the Children and Youth committee of Auxiliary Unit 186 is hosting a fund raising dinner on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. For a seven dollar donation, you will get a dinner that consists of homemade meatballs over noodles and gravy with carrots and a delicious desert. In addition, entertainment will be provided by the popular REBOUND group at 7 p.m. If you purchase the dinner, it ensures you will get prime seating for the evening !

We will be decorating the post the day after Thanksgiving and we could use all the help we can get ! Frank will be looking for volunteers from the legion to help in this endeavor. Once it is up and decorated, please select a child's name off the "angel" tree !

Sunday, December 16th is a big day at the post. From 2 to 4 p.m. we will be hosting our annual Christmas party for less fortunate Hernando county children. Santa, and his friends from Unit 186, will be on hand to distribute gifts ! Everyone have a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New year.

For God and Country,  
Carole Babicz

## Color Guard's Annual Deep Fried Turkey Dinner & Lunch Saturday, November 17



On Saturday, 17 Nov 2012, we will have our deep fried Turkey and Jambalaya Dinner with Mashed Potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert for \$8.00 at 6 PM  
Music by "Bill Castner" 7 PM



Turkey Sandwich with pickle & chips \$4.00 (11 til 2 PM)

## BOOSTER CLUB

As of October 20, 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.

July 2035

Carlton & Beth Ann Terrell

July 2024

Lloyd Gross

Feb. 2022

Ed Kolbasiuk

Gloria Murray

July 2021

Jimmy Schultz

Post 186 Color Guard

Ruth Oppert

September 2020

Bob Burch

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Donna Greenwald

Steve Small

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Betty Corbin

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Don & Joan Jernstrom

Peter Paul Garbacki

Frank & Sharon Sevick

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Jerry Galoonis

Anna Pellegrini

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Anna R Bulger

Jeane Vernon

B. Douglas McClish

Conrad Vachon

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William Swann

John Krause

Richard & Eunice Nerber

Doris Webster

In Memory of Past Members

Olisse Pellegrini

Dorothy Henderson

PFC Cody Grater

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Joe Sabol

Linda Harper

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Betty Jefferies

Paul Webster

Nanette Keller

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**American Legion Post 186  
New Year's Eve Party  
Monday Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012  
Doors Open 6 PM  
Dinner & Champagne  
Entertainment 9 PM to 1 AM  
"Belairs"**



**Tickets at the Canteen. The cost is \$35.00 per person or \$60.00 per couple. The cost includes a prime rib dinner at 7 PM, snacks from 9-midnight, champagne toast at midnight, and a continental breakfast at 1 AM. Reserved Seating!**

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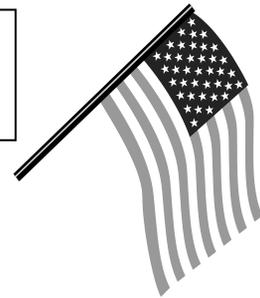
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**COMING EVENTS**  
November & December 2012



- Nov. 3rd---Auxiliary Yard sale 8 AM
- Children & Youth Meatball/Noodles Dinner \$7.00 6 PM Music by "Rebound" 7 PM
- 11th--- Veterans Day Ceremony at the Post 11:30 AM
- Post Picnic 12 –2 Please bring a dish to pass
- 17th--- Color Guard Turkey Fry \$8.00 6 PM Music by "Bill Castner" 7 PM
- Dec. 8th---Early Bird Meatloaf Dinner \$5.00 6 PM Music by "The Keynotes" 7 PM
- 16th---Children’s Christmas Party 2-4 PM
- 22nd---ALR Turkey Dinner \$8.00 6 PM Music by "The Twist" 7 PM
- 24th---Post Christmas Eve Buffet 12-4 PM
- 31st---New Years Eve Party doors open at 6 PM for ticketholders only