



Charles E. Murray American Legion Post 186

Newsletter

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Your new 2016-2017 Post 186 Officers are:

Commander	Eric "Sox" Hunter
1st. Vice Commander	Barbara Smith
2nd. Vice Commander	Bruce Carl
Chaplain	Charles Haig
Finance Officer	Frank Babicz
Sgt. At Arms	Tom Wilson
Historian	"OPEN"

Your eight incoming E-Board Members;

Christian Smith... Dan Henkel... Russ Anderson...
John Motzer... John Wagner... Steve Tyler...
Ken Greenlee... with one "OPEN" position on the e-board.

COMMANDER
ERIC "SOX" HUNTER
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From the Commander!

Thank you for showing me your confidence in me by allowing me to serve as your commander for a second time! In this newsletter, you will find a list of those members who have volunteered their time to serve the post as officers and board members. I ask that you support these individuals and communicate to them and myself as to how you feel the direction of the club should be directed. We will be centering our efforts to improving the interior of the building, which has been neglected in recent years!

But that does NOT mean we cannot have some fun too! We are planning the return of the baseball bus road trip in the summer, the second vice is promising some great entertainment, and our great employees stand ready to provide you with customer service that will be outstanding.

What do we need from you ? Of course, we need you to retain your membership and help recruit new members. Check out our first vice's article in this newsletter. We also need your input – give us ideas on how to improve your club! In return, I promise that we WILL listen and do our best to have a great year!

For God and Country,
Eric "Sox" Hunter

FIRST VICE COMMANDER
BARBARA SMITH
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I am proud to be your newly elected First Vice Commander and will make membership a priority throughout this coming year. By the time you read this, convention will be over and I will have available the 2017 membership cards. 2017 membership year starts on July 1st. Your 2016 membership expires on December 31st so please pay your dues early. The American Legion Department of Florida has set goals on where each post membership percentage is supposed to be each month and I ask that each and every one of you help the post to obtain that goal by paying your dues early. I am also planning a

membership fair sometime in September-October. Watch your newsletter for more information.

In order to qualify for the "FREE" early bird dinner in December you must have your 2017 dues paid by October 31st. My goal is to exceed 100% membership and with your help, feel free to bring in a new eligible member so we can achieve this together. For each of you that brings in one new member by November 30th, your name will be entered in a special drawing in the month of December.

I would love to see our membership increase, so if you know someone that is eligible to join, please bring them to a legion function to see what the legion is all about. There is always something going on at "Your" legion seven days a week.

For God and Country,
Barb Smith

SECOND VICE COMMANDER

BRUCE CARL

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The snowbirds have left for the summer and the heat is on. That is no excuse for not stopping by the Post and cooling off with a cold drink, and having some fun with your friends.

There will still be plenty of activities going on throughout the summer. You will notice quite a few changes, hopefully for the good of the Post. The first change will be to Karaoke. The hours from 7-11 down to 7-10. Seems like everyone has had their share of singing by 9:30 and heads home, so there is no point in going later than that. Starting in September, the first Friday of the month will be a theme karaoke night. Watch the newsletter to find out what crazy thing the special night will be!

The second change will be to the Saturday night entertainment schedule. No more will you see the same bands month after month. I have brought in some brand new groups, and I have also brought back some of your old favorites. I hope you will come in and enjoy the changes. Just to mention a few, True Passion, an excellent duet featuring the cousin of Rod Stewart, Lil Ms. Dynamite, Rebound, Bill Castner, Johnny B 3, and the list goes on.

Make sure to check the calendar for the dates of special events and entertainment.

There is a Rays bus trip planned for August, and don't forget the Post picnic on July 4th following the High Point parade.

Marti Carroll will be the entertainment for New Years' Eve. I am changing up the format for this year, by letting the membership decide what they would like to have. You will have a choice of a \$25 per person charge and doing a pot luck, or a \$35 per person charge with a dinner. Both options will include a champagne toast at midnight and a continental breakfast. There is a form in this newsletter to make your choice. Please fill it out and return it to the Post canteen no later than Sept. 1, so the planning can start. Whichever option receives the most votes will be the one that is used!

I will also try to send out a weekly newsletter to let you know of any changes or updates to the calendar. If you would like to receive these E-mails, please send me your E-mail address.

By the time this newsletter comes out, we will have already had our organizational meeting to plan the calendar for the next year. Please remember we are a Legion Family and we need to support each other's functions. Let's work on getting this Post back to the way it used to be, a place to go and have fun with our friends and family. I look forward to a great 2016-2017 term. As always, if you have suggestions please feel to contact me, and continue to watch for updates or changes to the calendar on the bulletin boards at the Post.

For God and Country,
Bruce Carl

POST SERVICE OFFICER

RUSS ANDERSON

I want to thank all who have struggled thru the last 7 months with me as I stumbled my way through the myriad of government forms they require to obtain your earned benefits ! It seems like an endless process of hurry up and wait !

I am about to depart for several months to work for the South Dakota Department of Fish, Game , and Parks from middle of July through early October. You should be aware that ALL forms are available online at <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/> . These can be downloaded or filled out online.

If you require additional help, contact either the county (Brooksville) or (Forest Oaks Blvd) Service Officer during my absence ! Alternatively, call the VA Regional Office in St Petersburg at 727-319-7440 for any questions or problems. I have found that office to be most helpful to me!

I will see you when I return and will once again be available for help.

Russ Anderson
Service Officer

POST CHAPLAIN

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Welcome all new Post Officers, nice to see some of the old faces again. Memorial Day Services at Aripeka and The Post were a credit to the Color Guard as always. Memorial Day reminds us of some of the special people who were prominent figures at Post 186 who have gone before us who we should remember in our prayers; Charles Murray, Luis Hernandez, Donnie Holmes & Fitz Hudock just to name a few, I am sure that you have others who you would like to take time to say a prayer for.

I would also like to remind members that I am available for Memorials, Funerals & Hospital & Nursing Home visits. Don't hesitate to ask me, I am here for you.

Deaths

Donald Fish

Thought for the day.

"You are the unseen wind that sails the ship."

For God and Country,
Charles Haig



**ALR
DIRECTOR
STEVE TYLER**

Hello all! Guess what? I'm back! Yes after a year's respite from holding any offices in the post, I am once again the Riders Director, and also an E-Board member. So you will be hearing from me in the post newsletter just like in the past.

To begin with, here are your Legion Riders officers for 2016-2017:

Steve Tyler, Director
Don "Cowboy" Smith, Assistant Director
Sudie Staten, Secretary

Anna Pellegrini, Treasurer
Bruce Carl, Chaplain
Tom Wilson, Sergeant at Arms

I just want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of who the Riders are and what we do. The Riders now number over 100,000 members in over 1000 chapters worldwide. We are not an MC; we are a group of motorcycle enthusiasts who happen to be members of the Legion family. We are comprised of all of the Legion organizations. First and foremost, we are Legionnaires, Sons, and Auxiliary FIRST, and Riders second.

We do a lot of riding, but we also do a lot for the Legion and its programs. We raise funds for the Legacy Scholarship Fund; we give two \$500 scholarships to Central High School NJROTC cadets. We raise funds for and participate in Wreaths Across America at the Bushnell cemetery. We provide 25 food baskets to those in need at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. We participate in post ceremonies. We contribute funds to Post special projects. We also participate in lots of fundraisers for such organizations as the Humane Society, Hernando County Special Olympics, and Hospice of the Nature Coast.

I am glad to be back in the Director's chair and I look forward to working with the Commander, E-Board, and the Sons and Auxiliary. There are a lot of exciting things going on at our post and the Riders will be there to help in any way we can.

For God and Country,
Steve Tyler



**COMMANDER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN
LEGION
JIM NESS**

My name is Jim Ness and I am your new commander for 2016 - 2017 ! I would like to welcome you all our future meetings and to become active in our organization. We meet every third Thursday of the month at 7 pm! We have not been getting a lot of our membership to our meetings and my goal will be to make the SAL a viable part of Post 186. The list of officers for this year:

Commander - Jim Ness

Ist Vice -Eric Hunter
2nd Vice -- Rick Loring
Finance - -Richard Kooken
Sgt at Arms - John Villarreal
Alt - Ken Elder

For God and Country,
Jim Ness

CANTEEN MANAGER
RAY ROSEN
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Greetings from the Canteen:

With another successful Memorial Day behind us, we can look forward to a New Year with the new officers of the post. We are looking into doing some bus trips and possible changing the look of the Canteen, so watch for changes in the décor of the canteen. As always, my staff and I are always looking for better ways to serve you our members. Be safe and careful on the fourth of July !

For God and Country,
Ray Rosen



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
Claudia Fischer
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I am proud to serve as your Auxiliary President again for the new 2016-2017 year. We are going to try some new and exciting things this upcoming year. We will be taking the month of July off. We will have no General Meeting. We will be collecting School Supplies every Tuesday before the bar games start, so donate a school supply and receive a free sheet to play. In August will start our regular General Meetings, please plan to join us for our first meeting of the new year.

Please Mark Your Calendars:
August 11th – General Meeting – 7:00 pm

Again, check our Auxiliary board at the Post for updates or changes to events.

For God and Country,
Claudia Fischer

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN
Betty Lou Bennett
352-835-1156

Deceased
Mary Ann Rhodes
Gerri Veczko
Arlene B. Frain
Maryann Slajchert

Sick
Chris Howard
Peggy Barco
Gail Cleaves
Barb Drezer

Praying you will find comfort
Knowing that the one you love
Is home now, free and in the
presence of God!

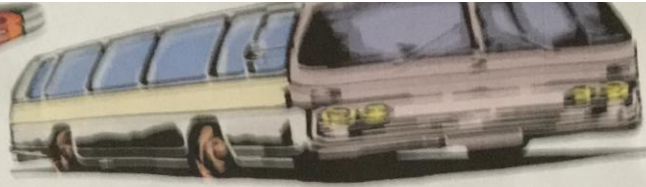
For God and Country,
Betty Lou Bennett

2016 - 2017 Auxiliary Officers

President	Claudia Fischer
1st Vice President	Anna Pellegrini
2nd Vice President	Fran Finley
Secretary	Lynda Anderson
Treasurer	Mildred (Millie) Comstock
Chaplain	Betty Lou Bennett
Historian	Christine Howard
Sgt.-at Arms	Carolyn Anderson
Asst. Sgt. at Arms	Carol Stewart

Members at Large - Executive Committee
C. J. Johnson
Norma "Jo" Terns
Wanda Walters
Doris Webster

BYOB



Charles E Murray Post 186
Presents
Tampa Bay Rays VS Twins

When: Sunday -Aug. 7, 2016
Time: be at Post 186 Post by 10:30AM
Tampa Bay Rays Game

Donation:\$45.00 per Person Bus and Lower Left
Field Seats

BYOB -SMALL COOLERS ONLY
THAT WILL FIT UNDER SEAT

Cut off for Tickets Will Be July 18th,

PIZZA AT POST AFTER GAME!

Please Sign up and Purchase Tickets at Canteen
Tampa Bay Rays Bus Trip will sell out quick!!!

BOOSTER CLUB

As of June 12, 2016, 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.

2058

Carlton & Beth Ann Terrell

2027

Frank & Sharon Sevick
Anna Pellegrini
George Coon

2024

Lloyd Gross
Vincent Gigliotti
American Legion Riders
Marion & Frank Hauck
Don and Joan Jernstrom
Lloyd Sellers

2023

Frank J. Smith

2022

Ed Kolbasiuk
Gloria Murray
Steve Small

2021

Jimmy Schultz
Post 186 Color Guard
Ruth Oppert

2020

Bob Burch
Bob & Linda Conte
Glen and Beatrice Ohanesian

2019

Donna Greenwald
Janet Bowman
Fellip & Beverly Zielinski
Anonymous
John Keller
Joe & Mildred Garza

2018

Burt and Cheryl Onder
Val Parker
Joe & Marge Ruggiero
Doris Webster
Jack Krause
Donna Aho
Larrie Douglas

2017

George M. Coon
Hugh & Helen Reynolds
Raymond Frattini
Barbara J. De Guiseppe
Keith Burgess

2016

James Meere
Betty Corbin
Frank Reilly
Robert J Eudeikis
Ken Oxendorf
Phil & Beverly Zielinski
George & Mary Kennedy

Claus & Elizabeth Sachse
Warren E & Mary L Cross

2015

Peter Paul Garbacki
Conrad Vachon
Bud Conaway

In Memory of Past Members

Olisse Pellegrini
Dorothy Henderson
PFC Cody Grater
Bern Cottington
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
Luis Hernandez
Frank J. Smith
Philip Cecere

PLEASE MAKE A CONTRIBUTION \$ _____ NAME _____

New Years' Eve voting form. Both options will include a champagne toast at midnight and a continental breakfast. Please fill out the form and return to the Post canteen by Sept.1. The results will determine which option will be used. Please mark which option you prefer:

_____ Option #1---\$25 pp with a potluck

_____ Option #2---\$35 pp with a dinner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
IMPORTANT DATES HIGH POINT PARADE 9 AM JULY 4TH POST PICNIC 12-2 PM					1 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KARAOKE/SHOE 7-10 PM	2 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM JOHNNY B 3 7-11 PM
3 WINGS 12-4 ALR BREAKFAST 9-11 AM	4 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM POST PICNIC 12-2 PM POOL 8 PM	5 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM ~ NEW GAMES NEW DOOR PRIZES ~ KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	6 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-10 PM	7 PIZZA AND HOTDOGS LEGION MEETING 7 PM	8 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KARAOKE/SHOE 7-10 PM	9 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM REBOUND 7-11 PM
10 WINGS 12-4	11 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	12 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM ~ NEW GAMES NEW DOOR PRIZES ~ KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	13 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-10 PM	14 PIZZA AND HOTDOGS NO AUXILIARY MEETING	15 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KARAOKE/SHOE 7-10 PM	16 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM POTLUCK-5:30 BRING A DISH TO SHARE MARTI CARROLL 7-11 PM
17 WINGS 12-4	18 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	19 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM ~ NEW GAMES NEW DOOR PRIZES ~ KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	20 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-10 PM	21 PIZZA AND HOTDOGS SAL MEETING 7 PM	22 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KARAOKE/SHOE 7-10 PM	23 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM LIL MISS DYNAMITE 7-11 PM
24 WINGS 12-4	25 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	26 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM ~ NEW GAMES NEW DOOR PRIZES ~ KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	27 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-10 PM	28 PIZZA AND HOTDOGS EXEC BOARD MEETING 5:30 PM RIDERS MEETING 7:30 PM	29 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KARAOKE/SHOE 7-10 PM	30 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM THE BELAIRS 7-11 PM
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August 2016						
◀ May 2016						July 2016 ▶
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7 WINGS 12-4 ALR BREAKFAST 9-11 AM RAYS BUS TRIP 10:30 AM	8 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30 -7 PM POOL 8 PM	9 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM ~ NEW GAMES NEW DOOR PRIZES ~ KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	10 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-10 PM	11 PIZZA AND HOTDOGS AUXILIARY MEETING 7 PM	12 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KARAOKE/SHOE 7-10 PM	13 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM POTLUCK-5:30 BRING A DISH TO SHARE BILL CASTNER 7-11 PM
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