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## American Legion Post 186



# NEWSLETTER



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Also, because of how well we did last year, we need to start the membership drive early!

Finally, those of you who frequent the post, know that I am around most days. When I am not, a member of my staff will fill in for me. I am open to setting up a meeting or a time if you have any problem you wish to discuss!

For God and Country  
Eric "SOX" Hunter – Post 186 Commander

**H**i, I have been asked to be the new Post Adjutant. While I think most of you know me as an Auxiliary Member, I am happy to help anywhere I'm needed. I look forward to getting to know each of you better and serve you and the post. Just one reminder. Please, if you have one, wear your uniform shirt (and hat) to installation, for officer's photos.

Eileen Burns Wilson  
Post 186 Adjutant

**G**reetings to ALL Members of the Legion family!

I'm back ..... My name is Eric "SOX" Hunter and I am your incoming Commander for Post 186! If the name sounds familiar, I have served you as Commander two previous terms so I am well versed and prepared to take on the responsibilities of this high office. To those who do not know me, come down to the post and I will explain my SOX nickname to you. I am personally inviting everyone to the installation of all officers on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

We have come through a time of radical change the last year, going from a smoking to a non-smoking facility. I understand it was a tough cross to bear and I must say we came through it in pretty good shape! We actually INCREASED our membership! Our financials are comparable to the previous year which shows the majority of the membership is in agreement we are doing the right thing. I want to thank Steve Tyler, outgoing Commander, for all his efforts this past year, and also to his family, since I know the price you pay as Commander affects your home life!

As I start my new term, I will take some time to study any leftover issues and LISTEN to the members thoughts, concerns and ideas for the coming year! To the officers who will join me on the Executive board, be aware that we as a TEAM will step up and volunteer and attend the functions at the post. I cannot succeed without your involvement and input. To the membership, please consider paying your dues early! The summer months are tough as our revenue stream is low due to the flight of the snowbirds. By renewing early, you are helping the club pay expenses and saving for the future

### FIRST VICE COMMANDER

**Bruce Carl**

I would like to start by giving all our Legion members a big THANK YOU! We reached our 100% (101.83%) goal this year as a Post and as a District. This could not have been accomplished without our members renewing, getting new members, and getting transfers from other Posts. This will be my last newsletter as your acting First Vice Commander, as Bill Storms will be taking over on July 7th after the installation of new Post Officers. I would love to see us hit 100% again next year. The new membership cards for 2019-2020 will available July 1st, after the Department Convention. This year we had 92 transfers and 58 new members come to join our Post! I look forward to serving as your District

Commander this coming year, and hope you give the incoming Vice Commander your full support. Again, thank you for a great year Post 186!

For God and Country  
Bruce Carl

**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE COMMANDER**

**Ed Snyder**  
**Gary Newell**  
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Hello All!

As 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, I hope everyone enjoyed the entertainment scheduled this past year. I wish the new Legion Officers many successes during the coming year.

For God and Country,  
Edward A. Snyder

**The Post will sponsor a PICNIC on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a covered dish to share.**

For God and Country,  
Gary Newell



**Steve Tyler**  
**ALR DIRECTOR**  
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**W**ell Legion family, another Legion year has come and gone. As I write this my wife Cheryl and I are two days away from leaving for an Alaska cruise in celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. That gives me a good excuse to keep this short.

I will once again be your Legion Riders Director for 2019-2020. As always, I am looking forward to working with the Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons to continue to make our Post a better place, and to attract new members to our organization. The Riders will continue to be an active and vital part of the Post, and will do whatever we can to help our comrades. Folks, many of you don't remember, but in the early days of our chapter there were a lot of people who didn't want us, and there was a lot of suspicion and skepticism about our little group. I certainly hope that in the ensuing years we have proven ourselves to you.

I want to thank everyone who attended the Donnie Holmes memorial steak dinner. Attendance was a tad sparse this year, but the meal was great and hopefully we can do better next year. I thank everyone who attended all of our dinners and fundraisers this past year. As a result of your support, by the time you read this, I will have presented a check for \$2000 at Department Convention for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. The Riders on a national level have adopted this fund as our major cause. The fund currently stands at 13 million dollars!

Well folks, that will do it for this edition. As always, PLEASE watch for motorcycles and drive safely as you travel the highways and byways of our beautiful Nature Coast.

For God and Country  
Steve Tyler  
Riders Director



**Aripeka Cemetery May 27, 2019**

**COMMANDER**  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**Juan Villarreal**



We hope that those who attended the Father's Day Breakfast, enjoyed it.

Monthly Meetings July 18 and August 15, come join us.

For God and Country,  
Juan Villarreal

**POST CHAPLAIN**  
**Robert H. Poulin**  
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**Recent Passings:** Phil Phillips – Peter Gale



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**A**s we move into another year of American Legion Auxiliary business, let us remember our past Auxiliary members who were dedicated to "service not self." It is those women whom I wish to emulate my actions during this next year. As the Auxiliary's newly elected President, it is my goal to rededicate our Auxiliary to

the work these amazing women began. Our new team of Officers and newly appointed Program Chairs have been working diligently to learn their new roles and to continue the work our predecessors began. Even though our Auxiliary does not formally meet during the months of June and July, we have been busy familiarizing ourselves with our respective offices and program objectives, forming committees, establishing plans for future successes. It is my intent to lead our Auxiliary in an efficient and professional manner. I urge all of our Unit 186 Auxiliary members to join us at our next General meeting which is scheduled for August 8 at 3 p.m. Our Executive Committee will meet at 2 p.m. that same day. I look forward to working with the American Legion Family during the 2019 – 2020 year.

**REMINDER: THE COLLECTION BASKETS ARE SET UP AT THE POST FOR DONATIONS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES! If you bring a donation to Bingo, you'll receive an extra sheet for the all night package. (Sorry! Not to be used for the Early Birds)**

**Upcoming Events:**

July 7: **Installation of Officers: 2:00 p.m.**  
 July 31: Unit 186 Social Luncheon, 12 noon, Press Box  
 August 8: **Executive Meeting** 2pm  
           **General Meeting** 3 pm  
 August 28: Unit 186 Social Luncheon, 12 noon, Press Box  
**Please check our Auxiliary boards at the Post for announcements and event updates.**

**2019 – 2020 Officers**

Annette E. Snyder, President  
 Eileen Wilson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
 Frances Finley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
 Lynda Anderson, Secretary  
 Claudia Fischer, Treasurer  
 Lorraine Feirman, Sergeant at Arms  
 Claudia Fischer, Assistant Sergeant at Arms  
 Kate Norris, Historian  
 Gabriella Heib, Chaplain  
 Members at Large – Executive Committee  
 Patti Motzer, Pat Howard,  
 Lois Maiolo, Doris Webster

For God and Country,  
 Annette Snyder



Auxiliary Unit 186 Chaplain  
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Greetings, Peace and all good come your way!  
 I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly elected Chaplain for the Auxiliary, my name is Gabriella Hieb, I go by Gaye. I'm married to Bob, a Vietnam veteran, mother of 3 grand-mother of 11 !! It is

an honor to represent this incredible hard-working group of women and support this wonderful post. I am a licensed Chaplain and will be available for any spiritual needs you may have, in addition to Life celebrations, End of life accompaniment, Marriages, Blessings or Veteran Internment services. I look forward to working with you in any needs that may arise.

**L**ord, inspire us with the qualities of good leadership. Give us your insight to make wise decisions, integrity to face the truth, courage to make difficult choices and compassion for the needs of others. Make us a model of justice to our community and never let us forget the veterans we serve.

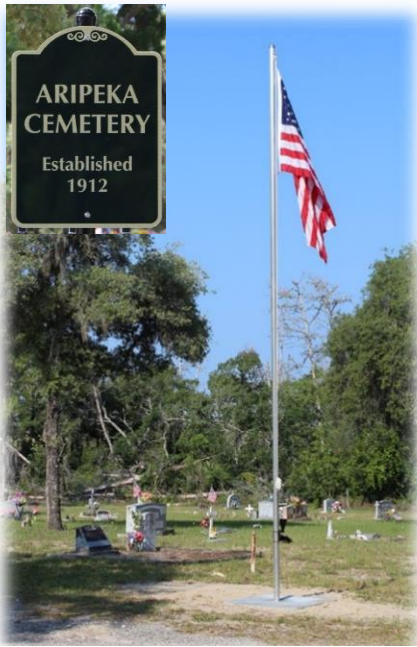
For God and Country – Gaye Hieb



**Post Everlasting - May 5, 2019**



**Aripeka Cemetery Flag Placement**



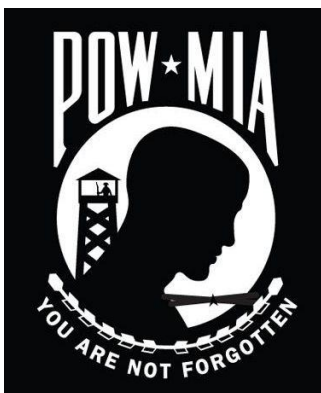
The New Flag & Sign at Aripeka Cemetery donated by Rich & Kim Ackerman of Spring Hill



American Legion Post 186 Honor Guard at Aripeka Cemetery Ceremony



Outgoing Commander Steve Tyler addressing the Memorial Day crowd.



As of July 1, 2019, 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.

2060

Carlton & Beth Ann Terrell

2042

Frank & Sharon Sevick

2032

Anna Pellegrini

2030

Lloyd Sellers

2029

Joseph & Donna Greenwald  
SONS Squadron 186

2028

Joseph Federico

2027

George Coon

2025

Glen and Beatrice Ohanesian  
WACS Softball Team Post 186  
Robert Conte

2024

Lloyd Gross  
Vincent Gigliotti  
American Legion Riders  
Marion & Frank Hauck  
Don and Joan Jernstrom  
Gary & Joy Newell  
Larry Dabb by Forest Glen Social Club

2023

Frank J. Smith

2022

Gloria Murray  
Steve Small  
R. Larry Taddei  
Joe & Marge Ruggiero

2021

Jimmy Schultz  
Post 186 Honor Guard  
Ruth Oppert  
Diana Austed  
Don St. Pierre  
Jim & Eleanor Krakowiak

2020

Bob Burch  
Bob & Linda Conte  
James Lackey  
Raymond Frattini  
Doris Webster  
William Hartill  
Paul Andrews  
Barbara G. Smith  
ANONYMOUS (2)  
Mary Cracciolo  
Anita Lanigan

2019

Donna Greenwald  
Janet Bowman  
Felip & Beverly Zielinski  
Anonymous  
John Keller  
Joe & Mildred Garza  
Robert Eudeikis  
David Salomski  
John Carvendar  
Frank & Carole Babicz  
James Millsapps  
Ronald Rehurek

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  
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