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# Newsletter

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Here we go into another new year ! I hope that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and I hope the new year is a healthy one. I also want to welcome our snow birds back. I am seeing a lot of new faces at the post and would like to welcome them to our post family. We have several "regular" weekly activities that you may want to come and enjoy. On Mondays, we have food specials along with a special card game raffle that you have to see to believe ! We also have bar games on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. and the steak shoot every Saturday at 1 p.m. What's a steak shoot? You need to come down and talk to Butch and the crew. They are in attendance every Saturday and you have a chance to win steaks , chicken or pork chops, and in the bonus, a couple of slabs of ribs. The SAL is planning a day at the races in February-look for the poster and the SAL article in this newsletter. The Super Bowl is Feb. 2 and we are planning a party at the Post. Watch for further details ! Remember, my door is always open if you have any problems or wish to suggest new ideas for the Post!

For God and Country,  
Eric "Sox" Hunter

**FIRST VICE COMMANDER**  
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Our Post is at 949 membership renewals or 74% of our 100% goal. Third round of dues notices will be coming out shortly. Take a minute to make sure you have not already sent in dues and received a 2014 membership card. Anyone not receiving Post newsletter or Legion Magazine let me know. If you have moved, also, let us know so you don't miss any of the Post functions. Always carry a blank membership application and recruit a new member.

For God and Country,  
Don Malin

**SECOND VICE COMMANDER**  
STEVE TYLER

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Well here we are in a New Year already! Geeze Louise where did 2013 go! I hope you all had a fantastic Holiday season, filled with love, joy, hope, family, and lots of good eats. By the time you read this the New Year's Eve dinner will have passed. I hope those of you who came enjoyed it. I am finding it hard to top myself with the menus!

Coming in January and February we have lot's to do here at 186. The NFL playoffs and the Pro Bowl lay head for you sports fanatics, culminating with the Super Bowl on February second. Of course we will be having a party here at the Post.

SAL has a dinner on January 4<sup>th</sup>, with Rebound; the Riders have their world famous lasagna on the 25<sup>th</sup> with the return of K.C. and the Vocal Chords. The Auxiliary

has their Girl's State Dinner on the 15<sup>th</sup> and of course the usual fun and games we always have here at the Post.

February features the Legion dinner on the 1<sup>st</sup> with the fabulous Belairs and Valentine's Dinner on the 15<sup>th</sup> with Miss Dynamite. Yours truly has been asked to cook the Valentine's dinner, and I probably will give in with a little arm-twisting and a few Jack and Cokes.

Don't forget our reduced prices on Thursday and Sunday, our awesome wings every Sunday, and of course, the best Steak Shoot on the Nature Coast every Saturday at 1 P.M. Folks, in closing, I have to admit this has been a challenging assignment as your Second Vice. I have tried to bring in the acts you all told me you wanted. Even though I started booking last July, many, Like Billy "Elvis" Lindsey are very hard to get. I am trying new acts, and eliminating others based on your feedback. Whoever said "you can't please all of the people all of the time" must have served as Second Vice somewhere. I will continue to accept your recommendations and try to bring in different acts. There will be times when I have to change what you see in the newsletter calendars, so please watch the sign out front, and check your e-mail for last minute changes.

My phone is 813-857-3671 and my e-mail is [tylersf@hotmail.com](mailto:tylersf@hotmail.com) if you can't reach me at the post.

For God and Country,  
Steve Tyler



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Director  
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Greetings one and all! I want to wish you a very Happy New Year and hope you all had wonderful holidays in November and December with your families and friends. First, I want to explain why I am writing the Riders' newsletter again. My predecessor, Rex Hinkle, decided to step down from the Director position for important personal reasons. As Assistant Director I am again assuming the Director position for the remainder of Rex's term. While I am sorry to lose his leadership I acknowledge his reasons and thank him sincerely for his service. I will not be running for the Director position again in the spring as I have plans to run for another office in the Legion.

I want to express my deep appreciation to everyone in Post 186, the E-board, SAL, Auxiliary, and the Bingo players for their contributions of cash and food for our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. We were able to help many deserving families within the post and the community, and had enough left over to contribute to a local food pantry.

I would also like to thank the E-Board and individuals who contributed to or participated in the Wreaths Across America event on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. This is an

event that continues to grow in scope and importance every year, and the Riders are dedicated to this cause.

On January 25<sup>th</sup> we will be having our now famous ALR Lasagna dinner. I am sure Annie will outdo herself once again K.C. and the Vocal Chords make their long awaited return for this dinner.

The Riders are taking on the project of taking care of homeless in our community, especially homeless veterans. We are establishing a clothes closet. We will soon be asking for donations of serviceable used clothing for homeless men and women in our county. Please look for news and flyers about this important activity.

We are in the preliminary planning stages for a possible gun raffle here at the post. This type of raffle has been hugely successful at other service organizations. Any proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project and Legacy Scholarship fund. Keep your eyes and ears open for an announcement soon. Tickets will be limited in number, which increases your odds of winning.

As always, I thank you for your support of all our programs. We are a family here at the Legion and we can't do what we do without you.

For God and Country,  
Steve Tyler

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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Last couple of months have been busy, with new janitors hired and trained, volunteer stepping up to complete the wall staining and the new janitors completed the floor waxing. It's your Post, if you, as a member see something or have a suggestion for improving your Post home, please forward your welcomed comments to the House Committee. Wishing one and all a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday season.

For God and Country,  
Don Malin

Canteen News

Anna Pellegrini

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The staff of Post 186 would like to WELCOME back "Our Snowbirds" for the season! A lot of new things are happening at the Post, for example- we now have NFL football on all 8 TV's on Sundays! We are still serving our wings and our cook is making Loaded Nacho's which have become a big hit!!!! We continue to have Queen of Hearts Monday night and Special food items from 5 to 7PM! We are just having way to much fun at Post 186, so come on down and jump into the fun!!!

We have many dinners and a Super Bowl party planned for the next couple of months. Check the Event Board for

more details. We hope everyone had Grand Holidays and I would like to personally THANK the Staff of Post 186 for another Great year of Service and Dedication!

For God and Country,  
Anna Pellegrini



**COLOR GUARD COMMANDER**

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Thank you for your support of our Veteran's Day ceremony. Our Pearl Harbor Day ceremony was observed by our district officers who were at the Post for a quarterly meeting. We also would like to thank the Post members for their support of our Thanksgiving deep fried turkey dinner, which was a great success. The end of the year is now upon us, and as such, we wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year. Your Color Guard thanks you for your support as it is an honor to serve you.

For God and Country,  
Jimmy Schultz

**POST CHAPLAIN**

**Charles Haig**  
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Having just returned from vacation with wonderful memories aboard the famous Queen Mary 2. Since returning I could not help but notice the work done around the sheds in the back yard even my shed had been painted. A job well done. My thanks to the Commander and Chuck Teaters who covered for me while I was away. I hope everyone had a Blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Deceased

David Behler  
Richard Colasanti  
Richard Markus

David Behler  
George Wines  
Russell LeBaron Jr.  
Calvin Kolp  
George "Fitz" Hudock  
James Cummings

The fruit of the Spirit is love, Joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control Galations 5-22

For God and Country  
Chaplain Charles Haig.



**SAL COMMANDER**  
**Gordon "Butch" Elder**  
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We need more SAL members to get involved in Post 186. Among our activities, we need volunteers to help with Bar Games once a month. If you can get involved, please show up at the Canteen around 5:30 PM on the third Tuesday of the month. It was nice to see a few more members get involved at our monthly meetings. But there is a lot of room to grow ! Please come to our regular monthly meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM. They don't last long, and you be surprised at how much we can accomplish in a short time frame !

**NEWS FLASH** – Your SAL has stepped up to host a new event in February AFTER the Super Bowl ! On Sunday, February 9, 2014, SAL presents a day at the races for \$40.00 a person. This pays for the bus ride, club house seating, and complimentary racing program! See the flyer in this newsletter.

For God and Country,  
Butch Elder



**AUXILIARY  
PRESIDENT**  
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I would like to thank all the members who helped with Christmas party for the kids. Especially Carol and Frank Babicz for all their work in making it a success. Lots of things planned for the months ahead. January 15th is our Girl State Dinner to help towards the program expenses. Also we are having a Valentines Dinner on the 15th of Feb. On the 23rd of February at 1 p.m. we are having a Sunday Bingo & (Chinese auction) to support our scholarship programs. Looking ahead to the 1st of March and our

yard sale at the Post, we will need donations and help.  
Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

For God and Country,  
Betty Corbin

**AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN**  
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Sick-  
Judy Hulce  
Majorie Rilipchuk  
Arlene Malin  
Chris Howard  
Judy Solomon  
Ann Bulger

A quick and speedy recovery !

Deceased-NONE Thank you God  
Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! Now is the  
time to start thinking of year end reports. May God bless  
each and ever one of you and keep our troops safe.

For God and Country,  
Betty Lou Bennett

**(SAL)**  
**SONS OF THE**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST #186 PRESENTS**  
**A DAY AT THE RACES**  
**TAMPA BAY DOWNS**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2014**  
**BUS DEPARTS AT 10:30 A.M. SHARP**  
**LOCATION: 12091 CORTEZ BLVD.**  
**BROOKSVILLE, FL 34613**  
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BUTCH (352)666-1719**

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Steve Small and Anna Pellegrini

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Post 186 Color Guard  
Ruth Oppert

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