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American Legion Post 186

Newsletter

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The Holidays and the first half of the Legion year is behind us. The remaining year 2016 will be just as busy and productive as 2015. Most of our snow birds have returned and see the improvements that make your post the best it can be. There are many things we all take for granted behind the scenes, such as; your post has the largest membership in the 15TH District and one of the top 10 in the State, your post has activities 7 days a week, open kitchen and canteen, entertainment 4 nights a week, Q of H's Monday, Bingo Tuesday and Steak Shoot Saturday. Pot luck dinners are planned one Sat night each month. Through all these activities there are still volunteers needed to assist. See any Officer or leave a note at the canteen of your interests. I would personally like to thank all of our volunteers for donating their time to make your post, the best. We also have construction and maintenance on going and a lot of this work is also done by volunteers. See the house committee report for ongoing Activities. Membership renewals have been steady, but, with the New Year, dues paid to the State and National Legion after 1-1-16 will cost your post an additional \$ 9.00 for renewals and new members. We are in good shape as it will not put a financial burden on the post, because of foresight by your officers to increase dues to \$40.00. This was not an easy decision, but a necessary one. Keep an eye on the Post calendar as there are activities daily and special dinners monthly.

The challenge last newsletter to the membership was to bring your addressed newsletter to the Canteen or Kitchen for a BOGO (buy one/get one FREE- drink or lunch) well we only had one taker. Guess the rest of the membership wasn't hungry or thirsty.

The challenge for this newsletter is bring in your address off of your mailed newsletter, and place it in the bucket at the canteen for a Bucket-of Cheer drawing on Jan. 31 and Feb 29th and you are eligible for the two drawings. Good Luck.

Carry a membership card - Recruit a new member

NOTICE: ALSO OUR NEW SERVICE OFFICER RUSS ANDERSON WILL BE IN THE POST 186 ON TUESDAYS FROM 10 a.m. TO NOON

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT Jan. and Feb., 2016

As your house committee chairman the following is a list of past and future projects.

A new faucet's have been ordered for the kitchen, men's and women's bath room sinks.

Janitors slop sink outside the kitchen is being replaced.

A new chest freezer has been ordered-with all the activities we are running out of freezer space.

Test and balance has been started, phase one ID's issues and we have a few. When these are corrected phase 2 will start. When this work is complete it will be a cost saving as all units will be running efficiently and the building will be balanced, not cold in canteen and hot in the hall.

Pavilion area,

Bids are being sought for new entry door, electrical work and landscape.

Building plans have been finalized, truss plans are in engineering stage, and permit should be let in January.

Additional banquet tables have been ordered, as some of the hall tables need replacement.

A new printer is on line in the office, and all computers are connected wireless.

The Kitchen roof top condenser drain line was repaired.

The rear of the building was pressure washed.

House committee is always looking for help, again, let one of you Officers know or write your interest down and give to bartender.

Work Safe,

Yours in service,

For God and Country,

Commander Don Malin

FIRST VICE COMMANDER

RANDY EOUTE

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(by 2nd Vice, Doc White)

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As we come to the end of another year and I am sure for all of us the years go by so much faster now. Let us take this time to reflect on this past year and ask ourselves the question "have I been thankful for the blessing bestowed upon me this year? When answering that, let us also ask "how can I be more helpful in the coming year to all my loved ones as well as within the Legion.

Now is the time to pay your Legion dues because after the 1st of the year, the Post will have to pay an extra \$9.00 per member with the dues increase rate. Membership for our Post is at 70% so talk to those that come into your life and invite them to become members and let's increase our membership as well as having new members that bring great new life and passion to our Post. I want to thank everyone who volunteered in 2015 because we could not do all the things we do without your support. I want to give a special "Thank You" to our Commander, Don Malin and our new bar manager Ray Rosen for their countless hours of hard work to make our Post a place for all of us to be proud of. I also want to send out a special thanks to Bruce Carl who is always there for us and so many times we never know how much he works on our behalf. I ask all of you to take the time to simply stop, shake hands with these 3 brothers and just say "Thanks for all you do"

I for one and proud to be part of Post 186 and strive constantly to bring fellowship, honor and respect to all my brothers and sister Veteran... God bless you in 2016 and together we shall always remember those who gave all for this wonderful country of ours.

For God and Country,

Randy Eoute

Second Vice Commander

Tom "Doc" White

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First I truly appreciate all the volunteers at Post 186 for all that you do with little to no recognition but as Legionnaires I know that we do not do the things we do for recognition but for all those who have served this country. Let us all remember daily the sacrifices that so many gave to this great nation and remember them always in our thoughts and prayers. I also want to thank the entire post for the participation in the Riders breakfast twice a month as it has been a good turn out even during the Christmas holiday time.

I will be booking bands and also looking at new bands as well so if anyone has suggestions for the type of music just talk to me or write to my email and let me know what's on your mind. I hope we see everyone for the New Year's get together and remember we will have celebrity bar tenders again and mostly have fun and fellowship to start the 2016 season off with a bang. Let us all take a few moments this New Year to be thankful for our blessings and lets also have a few moments to remember those that have gone on to "Post Everlasting"

May everyone have great joy for the coming year and don't be afraid to stick your hand in the air and volunteer as we can use the help.

For God and Country,

Tom "Doc" White

POST CHAPLAIN

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Happy and Blessed New Year to everyone. I would like to remind Members that I am an Extra-Ordinary Minister in the Catholic Church and am available to give Holy Communion to anyone who cannot get to Church, also please note That Mark Downing of Downing Funeral Homes is a member of Post 186 and will always help you with any questions you may have regarding Funerals & Cremations.

I have a variety of Medical Equipment items that have been donated to me - so if anyone is in need of anything please contact me and I will try my best to help you get what you need.

I will close with this quotation:

Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.

For God and Country,
Charles Haig
15th. District & Post 186 Chaplain.



ALR
Director
RANDY EOUTE

2nd Vice Commander
Tom "Doc" White

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
First let me say "Thank You" for all those who rode with us for "Wreaths across America"

As always, it is our blessing to lay wreaths on the resting place for all our brothers and sisters who served this great country of ours as well as the fellowship of the ALR's getting together for a great event.

Several food baskets were made up for individuals in need during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Not only for veterans but community individuals in need, along with Christmas presents for their children. The ALR was busy collecting donations for several months prior to the holidays. The ALR made a donation to the Honor Flight to send an individual to Washington, D.C. to see the monuments and reminisce with individuals that served during their military time.

With the Christmas and New Year holidays we have not had many rides but starting in January we will get back on schedule to enjoy the great winter Florida weather when most of the nation's bikers have their bikes in hibernation. I also want to thank everyone for their support with the Rider's breakfast and a special shout out to Barb for always baking something so good to eat that helps support the Rider's events. I would be remiss if I did not also call out all the volunteers in the kitchen who work so hard to make our Rider's breakfast so wonderful. I encourage all Legion members to come join us not only for good food but for the brotherhood of being together. May everyone receive great blessings in 2016 and always remember we are "Legionnaire's" among all things and should be proud to be part of an organization whose love of country remains steadfast in our hearts.

For God and Country,
Tom "Doc" White



COMMANDER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
CRAIG GALLAGHER

Hello again all SAL members. Here we are at the end of another year. To all I say Merry Christmas and I hope everyone has a prosperous and happy New Year.

Still looking for new members to show at a meeting. Tell ya' what I'll do. Any new member or any member that hasn't been to a meeting in the last year that comes to a meeting we will buy you a drink at the end of the meeting.

In closing let me say once again, I hope everyone has a Happy and Heathy Holiday season.

For God and Country,
Craig Gallagher
SAL Commander



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
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Happy New Year !!!!! We hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and Thanksgiving. January we will be starting our Basket of Cheer giveaway to benefit our Girl State program. The basket will be displayed at the Post bar starting January 13th, please purchase your tickets at the bar or from any Auxiliary Officer. The drawing for the basket will be held at our Valentine's Dinner on February 13th.

We will be having a dinner on Saturday, January 16th to benefit our Girl State program. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm, please support your Auxiliary to raise funds to send 2 girls to Girl State.

In February we will be having our Valentines dinner. It will be on Saturday, February 13th at 6:00 pm. The funds raised from this dinner will benefit our Americanism program. As stated above, on this date we will draw the winner of our Basket of Cheer. Please plan to attend.

If any member would like to know about the programs that the Auxiliary supports and works, please plan to attend our General Meeting in January as they will be explained and any questions answered.

Please Mark Your Calendars:

- Jan. 14th-Aux. General Meeting-7:00 pm.
- Jan. 16th-Girl State Dinner -6:00 pm.
- Feb. 11th-Aux. General Meeting-7:00 pm.
- Feb. 13th-Valentine's Dinner – 6:00 pm.

Remember check our Auxiliary board at the Post for updates or changes to events. And please support all the dinners and functions held at our Post, together we can make Post 186 the best in the state.

For God and Country,
Claudia Fischer

**AUXILIARY UNIT 186 GIRL'S STATE
CHAIRPERSON
CAROLE BABICZ**

Mark down Saturday, January 16, for the Auxiliary's annual fundraiser dinner for Girl's state ! For a small donation of \$7 a person, you will get a dinner consisting of meatballs, gravy over noodles, fresh carrots, salad and dessert ! On top of that, entertainment that night will be Billy Lindsey as ELVIS ! Dinner starts at 6 PM and Elvis follows at 7. The proceeds from this dinner will be used to send two local students to Tallahassee for the Girls' State program. The cost to the unit is a little over \$400 a student. We need your support so that this generation can learn how our government is run and hopefully these students will pursue a career in government.

In addition, if you have any gifts from Christmas that don't fit, are not the right color, can't use, or already own, why not donate them to us? We will have an auction table with these gifts with the proceeds going to fund miscellaneous expenses for our Girl's State candidates. Tickets for the dinner are now available at the Canteen !

For God and Country,
Carole C. Babicz

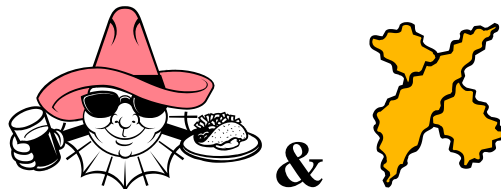
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BETTY LOU BENNETT
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Sick Call
Marlene Hinkle
Sharon Sandstrom

Deaths
Arlene Juarez
Arlene Malin

Hold your loved one close today
Whisper in their ear
Tell them that you love them
And always hold them dear
For tomorrow is promised to no one
young and old alike
And today may be your last chance
To hold your loved ones tight

For God and Country,
Betty Lou Bennett



***EAT OUT AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 186
MEXICAN EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT
FROM 4 TO 7 PM
ITALIAN NIGHT ON THURSDAYS
FROM 4 TO 7 PM***

CHECK THE CALENDAR & POST BULLETIN BOARD FOR MORE INFO

AUX DINNERS
GIRL'S STATE DINNER JAN 16TH SAT AT 6 PM
VALENTINES DINNER FEB 13TH SAT AT 6 PM

LEGION POT LUCK ON SAT JAN 23RD AT 5 PM
POT LUCK CHILE COOK OFF FEB 27TH AT 5 PM

BOOSTER CLUB

As of Dec 22, 2015, 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

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 and Anna Pellegrini

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

2017
 George M. Coon
 Hugh & Helen Reynolds
 Raymond Frattini
 Barbara J. De Guiseppe

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
 Joe & Marge Ruggiero

2015
 Peter Paul Garbacki
 Conrad Vachon

Doris Webster
 Jack Krouse
 Bud Conaway
 Donna Aho

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

PLEASE MAKE A CONTRIBUTION \$ _____ NAME _____

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day OPEN JUKE BOX 7-11 PM	2 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM KC & VOCAL CHORDS 7-11 PM
3 WINGS 12-4 PM	4 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	5 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4- 6 PM	6 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	7 Italian Night 5-7 Legion Meeting 7PM	8 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	9 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM EDDIE SHANNON &CO. 7-11 PM
10 WINGS 12-4 PM ALR Breakfast 9 to 11 AM	11 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	12 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4- 6 PM	13 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	14 Italian Night 5-7 AUX MEETING 7 PM	15 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KAROKE W/ MR LYNN 7-11 PM	16 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM GIRLS STATE DINNER 6 PM BILLY "ELVIS" LINDSEY 7-11 PM
17 WINGS 12-4 PM	18 Martin Luther King Day QUEEN OF HEARTS 6PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	19 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4- 6 PM	20 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	21 Italian Night 5-7 SAL MEETING 7 PM	22 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KAMAKAZE KAROKE 7-11 PM	23 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM UPTOWN PICKERS 7-11 PM Pot Luck Dinner 5 PM
24 WINGS 12-4 PM ALR Breakfast 9 to 11 AM	25 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	26 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4- 6 PM	27 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	28 Italian Night 5-7 EBOARD MEETING 5:30 PM RIDERS MEETING 7:30PM	29 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KAROKE W/ MR LYNN 7-11 PM	30 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM MARTI CARROLL 7-11 PM
31 WINGS 12-4 PM						

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	2 Groundhog Day LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4- 6 PM	3 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	4 Italian Night 5-7 Legion Meeting 7PM	5 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KAROKE W/ MR LYNN 7-11 PM	6 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM TWIST 7-11 PM
7 WINGS 12-4 PM ALR Breakfast 9 to 11 AM	8 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	9 Mardi Gras LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4- 6 PM	10 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	11 Italian Night 5-7 AUX MEETING 7 PM	12 Lincoln's Birthday FISH FRY 5-7 PM KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	13 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM VALENTINES DNR 6PM Legion Express 7-11PM
14 Valentine's Day WINGS 12-4 PM	15 President's Day QUEEN OF HEARTS 6PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	16 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4- 6 PM	17 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	18 Italian Night 5-7 SAL MEETING 7 PM	19 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KAROKE W/ MR LYNN 7-11 PM	20 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM MARTI CARROLL 7-11 PM
21 WINGS 12-4 PM ALR Breakfast 9 to 11 AM	22 Washington's Birthday QUEEN OF HEARTS 6PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	23 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4- 6 PM	24 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	25 Italian Night 5-7 EBOARD MEETING 5:30 PM RIDERS MEETING 7:30 PM	26 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KAMAKAZE KAROKE 7-11 PM	27 STEAK SHOOT 1- 3 PM UPTOWN PICKERS 7-11 PM Pot Luck Chile Cook Off 5PM
28 WINGS 12-4 PM	29 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	LOUNGE GAMES EVERY TUESDAY	MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM Every Wednesday		Fish Fry Every Friday 5-7 PM	STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM Every Saturday