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According to the finance officer, ALL our approved bills have been paid completely and on time. So, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a rewarding 2020!

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

SECOND VICE COMMANDER
Gary Newell

Happy New Year to one and all.
As we look forward to 2020, I hope that we can attract more members to visit us and experience all the activities that we have at the Post.

I believe we have something that will bring you in and bring you back. Our Queen of Hearts, Bingo, Show Me the Money and Steak Shoot are not only entertaining but rewarding. We have Karaoke and FREE live entertainment for your dancing or listening pleasure. It's all here waiting for you, so I hope some night when you are looking for something to do, that will not drain your wallet or purse, check out our calendar and give us a try.

Joy and I hope you have a healthy and happy 2020.

For God and Country
Gary Newell

Greetings fellow members.

I trust all of you had a safe and wonderful holiday season! Welcome back to the post! We are heading into our busiest time of the year as our snow birds are all settled in and our year rounders are ever present. Our second vice has plenty of excitement planned for you and, as members, your support is necessary to keep our club active in the community and serve our veterans proudly!

One of the ways you can ensure our success is to pay your dues – be it ALR, SAL, AUX, or LEGION. **All dues are due by the end of the calendar year so you must have a 2020 card to be a legal member of Post 186.** As required by the club, your officers and staff will be checking cards on a random basis, and if you cannot produce a 2020 card, you MAY be denied service! Guests are always welcome but they should be signed in our book by a member.

Another way to support your post is to become a BOOSTER for only \$10 a year you can have your name listed on the booster page. This helps defray the cost of publishing and mailing the newsletter. Names from 2019 will be deleted from the next newsletter!

We are proud of the work our staff has been doing this past year. It is reflected by the increase in revenue from both the kitchen and the canteen. This has allowed us to continue our support in community projects, veteran projects, and various charities!



Steve Tyler
ALR DIRECTOR
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COMMANDER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
Juan Villarreal



Greetings to all of my Legion Post 186 family!

By the time you read this Thanksgiving will have passed and Christmas and the New Year will be fast approaching. I hope that everyone had a great turkey day and will have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to our thanksgiving food drive. This year we took a different approach. Instead of giving out individual dinner baskets, we took all of the donated food to the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. We felt we could reach more families in the community in this way. Thanks to cash donations from the Sons and Joe Ruggiero we were also able to present a Publix gift card in the amount of \$175.00 for the purchase of turkeys.

Riding weather has been beautiful. This is the time of year we live for, with cooler temperatures and rain free days. We have had some excellent trips through the back roads of the Nature Coast. Again, by the time you read this, we will have been to Florida National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America to lay wreaths on the graves of our veterans interred there. This year between the Post and the Riders we donated 150 wreaths.

We are trying a new fundraiser for December and January. We will have a "Lottery Board" at the post. This will be a large frame with a crisp \$50 bill surrounded by \$100 worth of scratch off tickets. Obviously, the winner is guaranteed \$50, but the scratch-offs could be worth thousands! Tickets will be \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00, and will be available at the bar. We will draw the winner at our annual Lasagna dinner in January.

Speaking of which, our famous annual Riders Lasagna dinner will be Saturday, January 25th at 6:00 P.M. As usual, this feast will be prepared by our very own Anna Pellegrini (with assistance from Mark Wagnitz) and feature her amazing lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Tickets will be available by January 1st. **The price will be \$9.00** and available at the bar, as usual. Please purchase your tickets by close of business Wednesday, January 22nd. There will be no sales after that date and no tickets the day of the dinner.

That should do it for now. As always, please watch out for motorcycles as we share the roads of our beautiful Nature Coast and I'll see you at the Post!

For God and Country,
 Steve Tyler
 Riders Director

Our Monthly meetings are scheduled for January 16th and February 20. The time has changed to 3 P.M.

If your 2020 dues haven't been paid, you WILL NOT be served, at the Canteen or take part in Post events.

On Super Bowl Sunday, the Sons will be providing HOME MADE Beef Brisket for Sandwiches. Please bring along some side dishes to share.

For God and Country,
 Juan Villarreal

POST CHAPLAIN
Robert Henry Poulin
Happinessnow4u@yahoo.com



It is my sad duty to report the passing of six members of our Legion Family. **John Krause, Kevin Murphy, Chuck Smith, Clause Sasche, Steve Shaugnessy and Ronald Webber have moved on to Post Everlasting.**

May they Rest in Peace.

For God and Country,
Robert H. Poulin

SERVICE OFFICER: Richard G. Juneau has assumed the role of Post 186 Service Officer.



Veteran's Service Officer
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For an appointment, please call the Post and set aside a time or drop him an email. Please cut out the card and keep it for future reference.

Please watch the board for additions or changes to activities



Annette Snyder
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This Report is basically a year-end “thank you” to everyone.

To begin, “Thank you” is extended to our entire Legion Family. Your support of our Auxiliary Programs and activities is appreciated.

This past year our Auxiliary members have been busy supporting the many activities held at the Post for the Legion, Sons of the American Legion, Riders and our Auxiliary. Thank you.

I can’t express enough “thanks” to our Auxiliary Program Chairs; which support our Veterans, Active Military, and the Community. You make my job easy by submitting reports in a timely manner. I greatly appreciate all of you.

I will mention one individual’s name, John Motzer, for being so understanding and helpful with the my Report in our Legion Family Newsletter.

The Auxiliary’s upcoming raffle will begin in mid-January. In anticipation of Saint Patrick’s Day, we will be raffling a basket of cheer and something very Irish... arrangements for an Irish Funeral!! Eileen Wilson will spearhead this event as she has always contributed great fundraising ideas. The proceeds will be submitted towards any Auxiliary Program as needed.

Please watch for announcements and details. Kickoff will be around January 18 and the Drawing will be held on Friday, March 13 at the Legion Post in the evening.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very blessed and healthy New Year.

Please mark your calendars for the following Auxiliary functions. I’m including March for scheduling purposes. Thank you!

January 9 - Auxiliary Executive Meeting: 2 p.m.

General Meeting: 3 p.m.

January 18 – (around January 18) Kickoff for the Irish raffle

January 29 – Monthly luncheon, @ Press Box, 12 noon

February 13 – Auxiliary Executive meeting: 2 p.m.

General Meeting: 3 p.m.

February 16 – Four Chaplains Ceremony (details TBA)

February 26 – Monthly Luncheon, @ Press Box, 12 noon

March 7 – District meeting Post 111

March 12 - Auxiliary Executive Meeting: 2 p.m.

General Meeting: 3 p.m.

Please check our Auxiliary boards at the Post for announcements and event updates. Also, please read your e-mails!

In the spirit of service, not self,
 Annette E. Snyder, President

Auxiliary Chaplain
Gaye Hieb

Inspire us with the qualities of good leadership. Give us 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 and honor to the world and let us never forget that our job is to serve.



Peace, Blessings and all good for the upcoming year.

Gaye Hieb, Chaplain



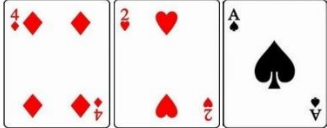
Patti Motzer (Volunteer of the Month) Commander “Sox” Hunter and Rena Dees (Employee of the Month).

ENTERTAINMENT

Please Consult your calendars for a listing of all Post events. Our Lounge Games support our Post Activities. Please join us.

Steak Shoot

SHOW ME THE MONEY




Saturdays 1 to 4

B I N G O				
7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE FIRST SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

TUESDAY 6 P.M. – EARLY BIRD 5 P.M.

Queen of Hearts



Monday 4 – 7 p.m.



Charles E. Murray Auxiliary Unit 186 Packing boxes for our deployed troops.



The Auxiliary 2019 Angel Tree Project was an overwhelming success. Gifts were distributed on Sunday, December 15th. **THANK YOU** to all who participated.



As of January 1, 2020, 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
Jim & Eleanor Krakowiak

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
Larrie Douglas

2020

Bob Burch
Bob & Linda Conte
James Lackey
Raymond Frattini
Doris Webster
William Hartill
Paul Andrews
Barbara G. Smith
ANONYMOUS (3)
Mary Cracciolo
Anita Lanigan
Nelson Zuppa

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
Denny Stewart
William Mackubian
John Higgins
Richard Irish
Ed Kolbasiuk
Paul Howard
Fran Swartz
Bob Alywin
Jack Lyons
William Holobinka

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