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American Legion Post 186



Newsletter

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This is my first newsletter as your Post Commander and I would like to thank everyone who voted for me. I am confident that I can lead Post 186 into another harmonious year. We have already made some minor improvements which I think everyone will notice. We had a great turn out for Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day and I hope that will continue for the future ceremonies that we have planned. I want to welcome and congratulate all of our new elected officers. I hope we can all work together to make as many improvements as we can.

The following Legionnaires were elected for the coming year.

Commander	Eric Hunter
First Vice Cmdr	Don Malin
Second Vice Cmdr	Steve Tyler
Third Vice Cmdr	Don Henkle
Finance Officer	Al Henderson
Service Officer	Debra Gould-Avery
Chaplain	Charles Haig
Sgt-at-Arms	Rex Hinkle
Judge Advocate	Rex Hinkle
Historian	Open
Adjutant	John Rakucewicz
Past Commander	Bruce Carl
Executive Board	
Bud Conaway	
Gary Dewey	

Our new 1st Vice Commander Don Malin will be handling Post memberships and I am sure he will do a great job. As always Troy Cox or I will be on hand for memberships if Don is not available and memberships can always be left with our capable bartenders. Please come and participate in our events and bring potential new members to keep our post running strong. Our new 2nd Vice Commander, Steve Tyler, has some great entertainment lined up for us so and there are some upcoming events that I am sure you will want to attend. Please check the bulletin boards for upcoming events. We will be having our annual 4th of July picnic and the senior softball team will be doing the cooking of the usual hamburgers and hot dogs, please bring a covered dish to pass.. One that you won't want to miss is July 10th for the installation of all officers and everyone is welcome to attend. The canteen will be closed at 4:45 p.m. for the installation, opening immediately thereafter with a light dinner to follow and entertainment will be Karaoke provide by "The Shoe" at 7:00 p.m.

The next event will be on August 25th for the Rays vs the Yankees game, tickets are \$35.00 per person and tickets include the bus ride and a bag lunch. Beer, wine and soda will be available on the bus for a small fee and don't forget your server who is a volunteer works for free so

please keep that in mind and be kind. Let's have a big turnout again this year and have fun. I am open to any comments, suggestions and complaints that you may have, I know I will not be able to please everyone, but I hope to be able to please the majority.

For God and Country,
Eric "Sox" Hunter

POST CHAPLAIN

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I have just returned from the 95th Legion Convention in Orlando and I was disappointed that Jim Zippler didn't get elected as Vice Commander. Memorial Day was very special to me this year as I participated in 4 Ceremonies: Health South, Aripeka, Post 186 and Mark Downing's Funeral Home where we released balloons for deceased Veterans. All ceremonies were well attended.

I would like to congratulate all the New Officers under the Command of Eric Hunter and wish them all the best of luck in their positions. I look forward to working with them.

I have no deaths to report at this time,

Sick Call
Steve Small
Jim Hulce

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is "Thank You," it will be enough.

For GOD and Country,
Chaplain Charles Haig

FIRST VICE COMMANDER

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It is my pleasure to serve all the members as your new membership chairman for the New Year, 2014. Your membership renewal forms will be sent out in the near future. They can be mailed or dropped off at the Post canteen to one of the bar staff, new membership cards (2014) will be processed in a timely manner. We have taken applications for new, renewal and transfer members which will bring our end of year (2013) membership to 98%. By the time you read this newsletter, your officers will have returned from the State Convention and will

have Convention updates in next your newsletter. I for one would like to thank all the members that were elected or appointed to guide you're Post for the next year. Remember, these members are all volunteers to make your Post the best it can be.

For God and Country,
Don Malin

SECOND VICE COMMANDER

STEVE TYLER
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Well, I am doing double duty today! I just finished the ALR article for Rex as he is still at Convention in Orlando. This is my first article as your new Second Vice Commander. Even though I ran unopposed, I still would like to thank all of you who voted for me.

The summer time as you all know is slow, with so many of our members in northern climes. We do however have lots of activities at the Post. As always we have lounge games on Tuesday and the world-famous Steak Shoot on Saturdays. Karaoke with the Shoe on Wednesday nights is an institution. Friday nights we have our excellent fish fry from 5-7 with entertainment to follow. We have the Twist, Mr. Lynn, and All Shook Up for the remainder of the month on Fridays And Karaoke on Saturdays with either Shoe or Mr. Lynn, with the exception of Saturday the 22nd when we have The Dukes for the Past Commanders/Past Directors dinner.

July 10th is our installation of officers at 5:00 PM with a light supper to follow and entertainment with the Shoe. August 25th we have our annual trip to the Rays versus the Yankees. Tickets are \$35.00 at the canteen.

I will strive in the coming year to bring in outstanding entertainment, and work with the staff in exploring new ideas for activities. If anyone has suggestions for events or new bands we may not have heard before, please let me know in person or drop a note in my box in the office.

For God and Country,
Steve Tyler



ALR
Director
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I am here just back from Department Convention in Florida. Rex is still there as I write this and it's a bit overdue, so I am once again authoring the newsletter.

We have had a lot of events since the last newsletter; first, I am pleased to announce our officers for 2013-2014. They are:

Rex Hinkle, Director
Steve Tyler, Assistant Director
Mary Hinkle, Secretary
Anna Pellegrini, Treasurer
Kaye Geracia, Chaplain
Tom Wilson, Sergeant-at-Arms
Road Captain- Bud Conway

Congratulations to all and we look forward to a great year. Since the change to our By-laws, we have added seven new members. They are jumping right in and working hard to make the riders bigger and better.

We have had several nice rides. We travelled to Homosassa and rode Ozello Trail (a nice twisty-turny road, great on a bike) and lunched at Peck's Seafood restaurant. If you have never been there, it is well worth the trip. They offer great right off the boat fresh seafood, and a beautiful waterfront location. We had a delicious meal and a great ride.

We travelled to "The Shed" on May 25th in honor of Donnie Holmes, followed by another very successful Steak Roast. Thanks to all who attended and especially to all my riders who cooked, served, and cleaned up. I'm sorry that a few steaks weren't done quite perfectly. I was the cook, and when doing 100 steaks to order on the grill, it is, unfortunately, inevitable that a couple may have to come back. Regardless, I hope you all enjoyed it. We offer very special thanks to Dave and Sharon Frazier of Frazier Farm for picking the corn for our dinner a day before their official opening. It was greatly appreciated.

On Memorial Day we attended both the Aripeka Cemetery and Post Memorial Day services. It was nice to see such a great turnout for both events. I didn't get to stay for lunch, but I heard it was excellent as always.

As I said at the beginning, I am just back from Department of Florida Convention. We had a great, very well attended Riders' general session. I would like to share some information from the meeting: We now have 43 chapters in the state of Florida with 3,356 riders. We rode 1,429,000 miles. The Riders raised \$469,945 for various charitable activities. We volunteered 141,000 hours in support of 980 different programs. Our first In-state Legacy Run visited 31 posts, consisted of an 1,815 run from Pensacola, down the West Coast, to Key West, back up the east Coast to Jacksonville, and home to the panhandle. The Riders raised \$12,000 for the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Yesterday at the General Session checks totaling \$12,400 dollars for the Legacy Scholarship were presented to be given at National Convention in August. I am proud to report our Chapter donation of \$1,000. All of this is a prime example of why our new motto in Florida is "Do good, ride hard, have fun." Thanks once again for all of your support and remember, "Watch out for Motorcycles".

For God and Country,
Steve Tyler
Assistant Director



COLOR GUARD COMMANDER
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Fellow Legionnaires, your Color Guard exemplifies the meaning of "Rising to the occasion" or as Marines would say, "Never Say Die!" If we had a ceremony at a hospital, rehab or an assisted living facility, most of the men could probably be admitted after its conclusions. I sometimes refer to them as a "Walking I.C.U. Unit." In the future we might be a mechanized Color Guard. Either way, your Color Guard will be there to "Present the Colors" when called upon.

At the present time Steve Small and James Hulce are recovering from recent surgery and we hope they have a speedy recovery and wish them well. We also had an anniversary as it's been one year since John Rak had his open heart surgery. Many of the other men are awaiting surgery or dealing with many of the same problems you are.

You would never know when it's "Game Time." If you came to the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Post, you saw your Color Guard nail it like if they were 18 years old and still in the military. In addition to "Presenting the Colors,"

they fired a rifle salute in honor of our fallen Brothers and Sisters.

I want to thank everyone who came to the following Post Ceremonies:

05/27/13, 11:30A.M., Armed Forces Day, at the Post
05/19/13, 02:00A.M, Post Everlasting, at the Post
5/27/13, 10:00A.M., Memorial Day, at Aripika Cemetery
05/27/13, 11:30A.M., Memorial Day, at the Post
06/14/13, 11:30A.M., Flag Day, at the Post

Also, on 24 May 2013, at 11:15A.M., the Color Guard "Presented the Colors" at Health South for a Memorial Day Ceremony. We thank our Commander, Eric Hunter, for speaking about Memorial's Day history.

Future Ceremonies: 07/04/13, 09:00A.M., Independence Day Parade at High Point (begins at High Point's entrance).

For God and Country,
Jimmy Schultz

Canteen News
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All of Post 186 Staff welcomes all Newly Elected Officers for the year 2013-2014. We have a lot of new faces, and already we see that the year is off to a good start!
For the summer months we will be reducing our kitchen menu- we will have a Daily Special as always and a few more items on our menu!

The American Legion Tampa Bay Rays Day is Aug. 25, 2013 and Tickets are on sale at the canteen now- The cost is \$35.00 per person. This includes Transportation by Bus, Upper Level behind home plate tickets and a bagged lunch! Tickets sales are moving so if you would like to go please sign up and purchase your ticket at the canteen! And of course who are they playing the "Yankees". I will still be wearing my Red Sox shirt!

For God and Country,
Anna Pellegrini



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Please feel free to call any one of us with questions that might be needed to make us closer as a family. Our first general membership meeting is scheduled for Aug. 8th at 7o'clock. Hope to see you there.

For God and Country
Betty Corbin

**AUXILIARY FIRST VICE
& MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**
Margaret A. Hernandez
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Fellow members, I will be at the Post every Tuesday afternoon from 2-5 p.m. Please leave dues at the Canteen or mail it to the Post.

For God and Country,
Margaret Hernandez

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN
Bettylou Bennett
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Sick call:
Judy Hulce & Marcelle Gleek
Deaths None.. thank you God
Prayer: May the good Lord watch over you & yours & keep you in good health. May we come together as a family. God Bless our service men & women here & overseas, Amen
We won the Chaplain of the year award for the Dept. of Florida 2012—2013.

For God and Country,
Bettylou Bennett

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As of June 11, 2013, 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.

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