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American Legion Post 186

# Newsletter

March and April 2015

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## COMMANDER

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### Greetings to all Members:

It is with mixed emotions that the post is losing one of it's most valued employees! Anna Pellegrini has decided to retire from the post and put more time into her other activities including cruise/travel consultant! Perhaps she will even fit in some traveling of her own. I am happy for her as this is something she wanted to do for some time now and she feels that this is the right time to do it ! I am sad because she will be greatly missed at this post - even by those members who did not have direct contact with her. I have been lucky to have her at my side for three years and if you speak to the other past commanders they will concur. Over the past 10 years, Anna has seen many changes at Post 186. As part of being a manager, she has had to make various difficult decisions, always with the best interests of your post in mind. I am planning a "retirement" party for Annie on Sunday, March 22 - watch the bulletin board for more details as that date approaches.

In this edition of the newsletter, I have included a copy of the REQUEST for ABSENTEE BALLOT form. We approved this new process last year and this is the first year of this additional method of voting. Remember, of course, you MUST be a member in good standing at Post 186 to vote at Post 186 !!! Pam Hoback is the chairperson

of the election committee. Your eligibility will be verified on the computer by our first vice !

Speaking of the elections, nominations for office will take place at the general membership meetings in April and May - elections will be held on June 3 and results will be announced at the June 4th meeting !!! This is your opportunity to become an officer and help guide this club's future. There is a time commitment - but understand this is your post so step up and get involved!

For God and Country,  
Frank Babicz

## POST CHAPLAIN

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I missed doing the Four Chaplains Ceremony this year and I was inundated with phone calls asking me - who was going to do it and [when.it](#) seems no one was willing to take it over this year, but next year looks very promising. We are putting together a new team. Volunteers are always welcome to come aboard. It would be a shame if this very moving Ceremony did not take place.

I would like to thank all the people for their generous donations which I together with my Assistant Chaplain Chuck Teaters to various veterans located at Homeless Shelters, Enrichment Centers, Nursing Homes and Re-habs,

DEATHS  
GEORGE CLARK  
EMIL PULZATO  
GEORGE SHUTZ

**SICK CALL  
LUIS HERNANDEZ  
BRUCE CARL**

The road to happiness  
is not hard to find,  
It's what we do for others  
that brings content to mind.

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

**FIRST VICE COMMANDER**

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As the end of the fiscal year draws near, we are unofficially around the 90% mark ! We will have to press hard to make our goal ! Take a second and look at your membership card – if it doesn't have the magical year of 2015 on it, you need to renew as soon as possible. Don't forget you will not be eligible for an absentee ballot if you have not paid your dues. And thinking about the coming election. consider running for office!

**For God and Country,  
Eric "Sox" Hunter**

**SECOND VICE COMMANDER**

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The winter season is passing fast and we have had great turnouts for all our events. We truly do have an outpouring of support from our members and they are the best! We are always trying to add new things to the calendar so look for more Auxiliary breakfast dates, Turtle races, March madness dinner, March 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday bingo, St. Patty's day dinner, Easter dinner and SAL Pork roast! To all the new members, come out for these events and please support our post, and for all our existing members please keep making our events the success they are with your support. We would not be here without the support of the members! I appreciate each and every one of you and am proud to serve you all at Post 186!

**For God and Country,  
Randy Eoute**



**COLOR GUARD COMMANDER**

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We participated in a unique event last moth. The grandson, Brett, of our past CG Commander, Lou Hernandez , officially became a police officer. The final act of is the actual "pinning" of the badge on the recipient ! Louie, who is in a rehab facility was unable to make the trip to Winter Haven for the ceremony. So the chief of police came to Brooksville – and performed the ceremony in front of a gathering that included family, friends, members, and ,of course, color guard representation. Brett related to us the story of his first arrest using a canine as his partner. Afterwards, Margaret Hernandez hosted a social that included soft drinks, sandwiches, and cookies! Once again, we salute Louie – get well soon ! And to Brett Hernandez – stay safe young man, we are proud of you !

We are still actively seeking new members for the color guard. Step up and volunteer to proudly represent our post !

**For God and Country,  
Jimmy Schultz**

**Canteen News**  
**Canteen Manager**  
**Anna Pellegrini**  
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Well it doesn't seem possible that spring is here- but I am sure we all welcome it with open Arms! There are many activities going on at Post 186. Your newsletter, Post

Boards and Commander Frank's email letters are all Great ways to be updated on all the Fun functions going on at Post 186. Our Bar and Kitchen Staff are here to serve you!!!!

As of April 3, 2015 I am retiring from American Legion Post 186. As your Bar Manger this will be my last newsletter I write as the manager! I would like to thank all the Past and Present Commanders- AL Henderson, Lou Hernandez, Jimmy Schultz, Terry Bowman, Steve Small, Jim Hulce, Frank Babicz, Bruce Carl and Eric Hunter, whom I have worked for over the Past 10 years. It was my Pleasure to serve you! Thanks for the memories!!!!!! And to my Wonderful Staff- Bar, Kitchen and Janitorial Staff- I will miss you all dearly!! To all the MANY Members and Guests, I will hold our friendships near!

I am very excited and anxious to start my endeavor as A Full Time Cruise and Travel Consultant and seeing the world with My Significant Other, Steven! I leave you with these words of wisdom-

"You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar"

For God and Country,  
Anna Pellegrini



ALR  
Director  
Steve Tyler  
potwarp@hotmail.com

I sit here at the old word processor having just returned from the Brooksville Native American Festival. It was very entertaining and informative featuring many tribes, tribal dancing, Native American arts and crafts, and more. We had nine bikes and 13 riders today, a very nice showing. This is just one example of the many rides we take throughout our beautiful state.

I want to thank all of those who contributed to and/or participated in our annual Wreaths Across America event at Bushnell on December 13<sup>th</sup>. It was an extremely chilly morning and made for a very cold but worthwhile ride. This year we were able to purchase 60 wreaths to place on the graves of veterans. My goal for this year is 100. The wreaths cost \$15 each, so if you would like to donate we will be sending out reminders next fall. Keep in mind all who wish to participate are welcome to travel to the cemetery to lay wreaths. This past December volunteers and attendees laid 8,903 wreaths. The goal for 2015 is 10,000.

Thanks are due also to all who attended our Lasagna dinner in January. This was our most successful dinner to

date in terms of fundraising, with 102 dinners sold plus quite a few takeouts and a very nice 50/50. Ken "Elvis" Grube topped off the evening with a fabulous performance.

We don't have a great deal planned in March and April other than hopefully some awesome rides, including a trip to Daytona for Bike Week in March and probably Leesburg Bikefest in April.

By the time you read this our roast pork dinner (February 28<sup>th</sup>) will have passed. I will give thanks now for those who attend. Our next dinner will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is our Donnie Holmes Memorial Steak Dinner. This year we will be doing things a little differently. As we always have 100 or more tickets sold, and we grill the steaks to order, we will be doing two seatings. We will have tickets for a 5 PM seating and a 6 PM seating. This will ensure everyone gets served in a timely manner and gets their steak cooked the way they like it.

I will close with this bit of news. Since joining the post I have been an officer of some type or other for seven of the eight years I have been a member. I have been the Riders Director for five years. Quite frankly folks, I need a break. This year I will not seek, nor accept nomination for, any position within Post 186. It is time for me to let new blood assume the reins, and ride in the pack instead of leading it. I am not saying I won't return to a position in the future, but I am taking at least a one-year hiatus.

I will be doing one more newsletter before my term ends. I don't know who my successor will be, but I ask that you give the same support to that person that you have given me. And as always, I pray that you always look out for motorcycles and share the road with us two (and three) wheelers as you travel the roads of our beautiful nature coast.

For God and Country,  
Steve Tyler



COMMANDER  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
CRAIG GALLAGHER

Thank you for your support of the SAL sponsored day at the races. It was a sellout and hopefully some of you came back with a few dollars in your pocket ! Special thanks to "Butch" for chairing the event ! On April 18th, we will be hosting a Pork Roast dinner. Look for more information as the date of this event nears.

We are always looking for new members and, of course,

we want all of you to renew your 2015 dues. Our meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM and all members are invited to attend.

Ed. Note – Kudos to Fred, Craig, and Rick for all their volunteer work in support of the “HOUSE”. It is very much appreciated !

And as always,  
For God and Country,  
Craig Gallagher, SAL Squadron 186 Commander



**AUXILIARY UNIT 186**  
**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**  
Sudie Staten  
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Another month has passed us by and we had a great turnout for our dinner January 31<sup>st</sup>. The breakfast was a success also and we thank everyone who came out to support our Auxiliary. We are going to increase the breakfast to every other week and they will be on the same days as our new Turtle Races! Look for rules to be posted on the new races and come join us to bet on the turtles and win some money! March 1<sup>st</sup> is our bingo at 1pm, come out and have some fun! March madness dinner is March 25<sup>th</sup> and we will be having homemade meatball subs and pasta salad for \$6 with The Belairs for entertainment. I am proud of our accomplishments in the auxiliary and look

forward to our continued growth. Thank you all for your support!

For God and Country  
Sudie Staten

**AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN**  
Beth Geiger  
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Get Well Wishes -  
Shirley Wilson

Thinking of You-  
Cheryle La Baron Popielski  
Margaret Hernandez  
Terry Dewey

Reflections-  
When troubled waters come my way  
And things aren't going right  
I know deep within my heart  
That God will send His light

My heart is filled with assurance  
That God's light will forever shine  
In this world so deeply troubled  
And in every heart and in mine.

God Bless America,  
Beth Geiger

**AMERICAN LEGION AUX UNIT 186 FLEA MARKET**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDER**  
**FRIDAY MARCH 20 TH**  
**FRIDAY APRIL 17 TH**

**VENDERS WELCOME \$10 SPACE - BRING YOUR OWN TABLE**  
**POST MEMBERS SPECIAL RATE**

**CALL MILLIE 799-1545 or FRAN 540-8647**  
**AMERICAN LEGION AUX UNIT 186**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDER**  
**FRIDAY MARCH 20 TH**  
**FRIDAY APRIL 17 TH**

**VENDER,S WELCOME \$10 SPACE -BRING YOUR OWN TABLE**  
**POST MEMBERS SPECIAL RATE**

## BOOSTER CLUB

As of February 15, 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.

2051  
Carlton & Beth Ann Terrell

2024  
Lloyd Gross  
Vincent Gigliotti  
American Legion Riders  
Marion & Frank Hauck  
Don and Joan Jernstrom to 2024

2022  
Ed Kolbasiuk  
Gloria Murray  
Steve Small and Anna Pellegrini  
Frank & Sharon Sevick

2021  
Jimmy Schultz  
Post 186 Color Guard  
Ruth Oppert

2020  
Bob Burch

2019  
Donna Greenwald  
Janet Bowman  
Lloyd Sellers  
Fellip & Beverly Zielinski  
Anonymous  
John Keller

Bob & Linda Conte  
2018  
Glen and Beatrice Ohanesian  
Burt and Cheryl Onder

2017  
George M. Coon  
Hugh & Helen Reynolds  
Raymond Frattini

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  
Don & Joan Jernstrom  
Peter Paul Garbacki  
Donald & Jacqueline Harvey  
Conrad Vachon  
Doris Webster  
Jack Krouse  
Bud Conaway  
Donna Aho

2014  
Al Henderson  
Ernie & Patricia Tor  
Robert Hartman  
Jerry Galoonis  
Don & Jackie Harvey  
Val M. Parker  
Mosa Brown  
Claudia Fischer  
Bob & Ruth Reese  
Michael & Anita Cockill  
Robert Scholz  
Frank Kaczowski  
Dennis Hernandez

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

BOOSTER SUPPORT FOR OUR NEWSLETTER	NAME	CONTRIBUTION \$

REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE/MAIL-IN BALLOT

An absentee Ballot will not be issued to any member if information is not accurate and current in the Post Computer. If an address is different than what we have on file, it is the member's responsibility to update the Post record. No ballot will be sent to any address that is not on file. Members must be in good standing to vote in any Post election. A ballot will not be sent if the member ID number is not on the request form for the Election and Nominating Committee (E & N) to verify standing. All requests for Absentee/ Mail-in ballots must be received either in person or by mail by May 11, 2015. No requests for absentee/mail-In in ballots will be accepted by telephone, text, or email.

NAME

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MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

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CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS

Street address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_

State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

# March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Special Bingo 1 PM Wings 12-4	2 Pool 8 PM	3 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen Open 4-6 PM	4 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	5 Legion Meeting 7 PM	6 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	7 Eddie Shannon Band 7-11 PM
8 Aux Breakfast 9-11 Wings 12-4 PM Turtle Races 1 PM Legion Express 1-4 PM	9 Pool 8 PM	10 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen Open 4-6	11 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	12 Aux Meeting 7pm	13 Kamakaze Karaoke 7-11 PM	14 St Patricks Day Dinner 6 PM Uptown Pickers 7-11 PM
15 Wings 12-4	16 Pool 8 PM	17 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen Open 4-6	18 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	19 SAL Meeting 7PM	20 AUX Flea Market Karaoke w/ Mr Lynn 7-11 PM	21 Marti Carroll 7-11 PM
22 Aux Breakfast 9-11 Annie's Farewell Legion Express 1-4 PM	23 Pool 8 PM	24 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen Open 4-6	25 Aux Dinner March Madness 6 PM Belairs 7-11 PM	26 EBoard Meeting 5:30PM Riders Meeting 7:30PM	27 Billy "Elvis" Lidsey 7-11 PM	28 Blood Drive 12 to 4:30 PM Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM
29 Wings 12-4	30 Pool 8 PM	31 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen Open 4-6				

BLOOD DRIVE AT POST TIME???????????????????? CONTACT WHO ??????????

# April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	2 Legion Meeting 7 PM  1 <sup>st</sup> Nominations for Officers	3 <b>Good Friday</b> Karaoke w/ Mr Lynn 7-11 PM	4 Easter Dinner 6 PM  Rebound 7-11 PM
5  <b>EASTER</b>  Kitchen Closed	6 Pool 8 PM	7 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen Open 4-6 PM	8 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	9 Aux Meeting 7pm	10 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	11 Belairs 7-11 PM
12 Aux Breakfast 9-11 Wings 12-4 PM Turtle Races 1 PM Legion Express 1-4 PM	13 Pool 8 PM	14 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen Open 4-6 PM	15 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	16 SAL Meeting 7PM	17 AUX Flea Market  Karaoke w/ Mr Lynn 7-11 PM	18 SAL Pork Roast Dinner 6 PM Uptown Pickers 7-11 PM
19 Wings 12-4 PM	20 Pool 8 PM	21 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen Open 4-6 PM	22 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	23 Riders Meeting 7:30PM	24 Kamakaze Karaoke 7-11 PM	25 KC & Vocal Chords 7-11 PM
26 Aux Breakfast 9-11 Wings 12-4 PM Turtle Races 1 PM Legion Express 1-4 PM	27 Pool 8 PM	28 Lounge Games 6 PM Kitchen Open 4-6 PM	29 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	30 EBoard Meeting 5:30PM		



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Organization  
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TAMPA, FL

OR CURRENT RESIDENT



**COMING EVENTS**  
March and April 2015  
Karaoke with Shoe every Wed 7 PM  
Fish Fry every Friday 5-7 PM  
Steak Shoot every Saturday 1 PM  
Band or Karaoke every Friday and Saturday



**March**

Sunday Mar 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday Mar 8<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday Mar 14<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Wednesday Mar 25<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday Mar 28<sup>th</sup>

Special Bingo 1 PM  
Aux Breakfast 9 to 11 AM Turtle Races 1 PM Legion Express 1 to 4 PM  
St Patrick's Day Dinner 6 PM \*\*\* Uptown Pickers 7 to 11 PM  
Aux Breakfast 9 to 11 \*\*\* Annie's Farewell \*\*\* Legion Express 1 to 4 PM  
Aux March Madness Dinner 6 PM \*\*\* Belairs 7 to 11 PM  
Blood Drive From noon to 4:30 PM in front of Post

**April**

Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>

Easter Dinner 6 PM followed by Rebound 7 to 11 PM  
Aux Breakfast 9 to 11 AM Turtle Races 1 PM Legion Express 1 to 4 PM  
SAL Roast Pork Dinner 6 PM followed by the Uptown Pickers 7 to 11 PM  
Aux Breakfast 9 to 11 AM Turtle Races 1 PM Legion Express 1 to 4 PM

**BANDS START AT 7 PM Unless Noted**

Sat Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie Shannon
Sat Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	Uptown Pickers
Sat Mar 21 <sup>st</sup>	Marti Carroll
Wed Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>	Belairs
Fri Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>	Billy "Elvis" Lidsey
Sat Apr 4 <sup>th</sup>	Rebound
Sat Apr 11 <sup>th</sup>	Belairs
Sat Apr 18 <sup>th</sup>	Uptown Pickers
Sat Apr 25 <sup>th</sup>	KC & Vocal Chords

**AUX FLEA MARKET**  
Friday 8 AM to 2 PM  
March 20<sup>th</sup> & April 17<sup>th</sup>  
Call Mille at 352-799-1545  
Or Fran at 352-540-8647  
**POST MEMBERS SPECIAL RATE**  
**VENDORS WELCOME**  
**BRING YOUR OWN TABLE \$10**