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American Legion Post 186



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Spring is in the air again. Soon our snowbirds will be heading back to the North again and hopefully taking whatever cold weather is left, along with them. We wish all of you a safe trip, and look forward to seeing all of you in the fall again. For those of you who are remaining behind (or leaving later), there will still be some dinners here at the Post. Come out and enjoy our wonderful meals at great prices, and that includes our lunches too! We will also have our great entertainment and karaoke for you on the weekends. Make sure to check out the calendar for the dates and times.

Look for return engagements of Bill Castner, Elvis, All Shook Up, Rebound, The Twist, The Keynotes, and the Belairs.

It is hard to believe, but this term of officers only have a few months remaining before the elections. There will be nominations made at the general meeting both in March and April, and elections will be the first Wednesday in May. If you would like to run for office, or want to nominate someone, be sure to attend the meetings, which are held the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

The bowlers have taken the new machine to heart. I have seen some real "cut throat" competition going on. Everyone really enjoys it, and there are new people joining in the fun all the time. It has gotten so popular, that we

have had to add another machine. Sox and the Steak Shoot crew are packing them in on Saturday's. If you haven't played yet, come down and give it a try.

As always, I am always open to all suggestions and criticism. Feel free to contact me via phone, E-mail or in person. Also, make sure to read my weekly E-mail, as any changes to the regular calendar or any other updates will be in there. If you are not on the list to get the weekly E-mail, please send an E-mail to the Post mailbox and I will get you on it.

For God and Country,
Bruce Carl

MARCH BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive here at Charles E. Murray American Legion Post 186 will be on **Saturday, March 2nd 2013**. The Life South bloodmobile will be on site at the Post between **1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

The need for blood is constant and never-ending in every community across the country. Please volunteer to donate this precious commodity on Mar. 2nd... and ask a friend to join you.

If you are a regular blood donor, we ask you to time your regular donation to coincide with this date so that our Post is credited with the donation. If you are thinking of becoming a donor for the first time, we heartily encourage you to do so.

All prospective donors are asked to call John Rak at 352-650-9675 (cell) to reserve a time-slot. Or, just send him an email or a text message. This effort is vitally important!

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FIRST VICE COMMANDER
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Thanks to all our members, we are going into March with 92% of our goal of 100% membership. Everyone's cooperation was greatly appreciated. We still need 8% more to make our goal. Please tell family, friends and neighbors to come by and see our post for themselves. Troy, Dan and I are there Monday thru Friday between 1:30 and 4:00 for your convenience in signing up or renewing. If we are not there you can always leave the paper work with any one of our capable bartenders. Special thanks to our Steak Shoot patrons for making it a very successful year for Post 186 and also an enjoyable one. The Steak Shoot staff and I look forward to making it another great year. If you know someone who likes playing Lounge Games, please bring them down for all the fun and I am sure they will have a good time.

For God and Country,
Eric (Sox) Hunter

POST CHAPLAIN
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By the time you read this the Four Chaplains Service will have come and gone and we will be looking forward to Spring. Chuck Teaters and I have been busy with funerals at Bushnell and visiting the sick. We have 2 more funerals at Bushnell to do in February and March. I would like to thank all members and their families for all the donations of medical equipment that we have received. The Chaplain's Corps sends out their blessings and prayers to Judy Hulce, Janet Vachon, Carol Babicz, Rex Hinkle, Luis Hernandez and Steve Small, Frank Santora and wish them all a speedy recovery, also John Rak who is also recuperating. In the event of anyone being ill, please notify anyone in the Chaplain's Corps (Charles Haig, Chuck Teaters, Conrad Vachon or Commander Bruce Carl)

Deaths
Ernst Fischer
Ted Georgeff
Alex Chisholm

For God and Country
The Lord is with you always
Charles Haig

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Manny is at the Post every Thursday at 10 a.m.
Appointments for other times may be made by calling him.

VA ACKNOWLEDGES HEARING LOSS DUE TO ACCOUSTIC TRAUMA. The US Dept Of Veterans Affairs has acknowledged that service connection for hearing loss is not predicated on the service member having a significant hearing loss upon separating from the military. The VA now concedes that hearing loss, which develops long after service, may have been caused by acoustic nerve trauma experienced while performing specific duties in service. The VA requires the following information in order to consider a claim for acoustic trauma:

- 1) Documented significant hearing loss from audiologist.
- 2) Statement from veteran concerning their job in the military and how it produced acoustic trauma.
- 3) Statement from Ear, Nose, and Throat Doctor which supports claim that present hearing loss is more likely than not the result of acoustic trauma experienced in service.

If you feel that you qualify for this benefit, or have questions concerning this or any other VA benefit, please contact me at the above phone number.

For God and Country,
Manas Miller



ALR
Director
Steve Tyler
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So, here it is February first, it is 65 degrees (a severe cold snap!) and I just eyeballed one of my Copia tomatoes (Google it) that is ready to pick. Ah, Florida.

A belated Happy New Year to one and all. Not a lot of news for this time. I want to thank again all who

participated in Bingo during the fall months and those who made individual contributions to make our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets such a success. A lot of our fundraisers go to veteran's causes on a national scale, but this program is strictly home grown.

I hope you all enjoyed the New Year's Eve dinner. It was my pleasure to tempt your taste buds once again, and based on feedback there will be no more canned veggies or potatoes from a box at any dinner that I have the privilege to prepare.

We had a fantastic lasagna dinner again. Thanks to all who turned out. Once more, Annie prepared lasagna to die for, and the dessert was a special treat. The lasagna portions were so big the Styrofoam plates were breaking under the weight. We had an excellent turnout and the Keynotes killed it.

By the time you read this the Four Chaplains service will have transpired. We hope to have a large group of riders from our post and others attending. This is a great service and everyone should attend at least once.

Speaking of riders, we have an opportunity on March 23rd to make a big impression. A local chapter of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, approximately 50 members, is looking for a permanent home. They are going to be visiting several veterans' organizations to try and find a place for regular monthly meetings, much like ABATE. On the 23rd they will be coming to our post for a visit. The Legion Riders will be putting on a cookout for them. All legion members are welcome to partake in this lunch for \$5.00 for burgers, dogs, and trimmings. If we make a good impression, they could choose Post 186 as a permanent home. The potential for new Legion and Legion Rider's members is enormous, which will benefit the entire post. I ask that you all welcome these folks and show them what a great place this is.

In closing, you know I never like to end on a negative. That being said I must speak my piece about recent events at this post. First of all, I love this organization. There are a great many wonderful people here, and I have made many, many friends. I hope I have been a good ambassador for the Riders especially. There has been a lot of gossip, rumor, and negative comments going on about various subjects. This has to stop. This kind of talk is hurtful and destructive. No one is perfect, and sure, we have the occasional problem. The bar and kitchen staff are great, hard working people. However, they are NOT the ones to bring your problems and complaints to. They have jobs to do to serve all members of our Post 186 family, and don't have the time to listen to this garbage, or the power to do anything about it. This post has many officers, myself included. If you don't know who we are, take some time and study the pictures on the wall above the POW/MIA table. Most of us are at the post several days a week or

more. We are all open and available. If you have a problem, concern, or complaint, please address it to an officer. Come to a meeting. They are held the first Thursday of the month at 7PM. I and the other officers will do all in our power to address your issues. I for one make you this promise: If I overhear this kind of negative talk, I will take you aside and kindly ask you to cease and desist until the appropriate time and place for such a discussion.

Every day we have the opportunity to make Charles E. Murray Post 186 the location of choice for all the folks who go to Moose, Eagles, VFW, etc. Let's work together to make this the best post on the Nature Coast. As always, watch out for motorcycles and be safe.

**For God and Country,
Steve Tyler**



**COLOR GUARD COMMANDER
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Fellow Legionnaires and Members of Post 186, your Color Guard had the following Ceremonies:

1. 01/26/13, 01:00pm, at Magnolia Gardens for Flag Folding Ceremony where Bob Hamburgur read the meaning of each of the 13 steps needed to fold it. Then the American Flag was raised in a dedication ceremony for their new flag pole.
2. 02/06/13, 01:00pm, Brooksville Health Care.
3. 02/10/13, 02:30PM, Four Chaplains Ceremony at the United Methodist Church.

On Saturday, 03/16/13, from 11:00am to 03:00pm, your Color Guard will have its Annual Corned Beef Lunch

consisting of Corned Beef sandwich, chips and a pickle for \$4.00.

On Sunday, 03/17/13, from 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. we will have our Corned Beef Dinner for \$8.00. Check the Bulletin Board for all the details. We are also raffling a Basket of Cheer with 20 top shelf bottles of Happy Juice. Tickets are being sold by Color Guard members and at the canteen.

For God and Country,
Jimmy Schultz

Canteen News
Canteen Manager
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Spring is here!!!!!!! We have a lot going-please check Post calendar and bulletin board for upcoming events, so you don't miss out! Many members have asked and we have planned "a bus ride to other posts and VFW's", the date will be March 9, 2013-the cost is \$20.00 per person and that includes the Ride, Lunch and Snacks when we get back to Post!!!! Sign up at the canteen!

I would like to Welcome Stephanie to our staff in the Kitchen, she is our new weekday cook and Huey is cooking on weekends!! We have many new specials in our Kitchen- Please stop by and check them out!!! We have started "Thursday's \$1.00 day from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m."-you can purchase a regular \$2.00 beer for \$1.00 and all well drinks are \$1.00-Come on down to your Post and enjoy the fun! All of Staff Post 186 wishes all our members a Happy Easter!

For God and Country,
Anna Pellegrini



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
Claudia Fischer
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Spring is here!! The Auxiliary wishes everyone a Happy Easter. March and April will be busy for us, as we will be getting ready to close out our busy year. On March 16th the Auxiliary will be having a Yard Sale, we have received

a lot of donations for this event so come on out and get some good bargains. We will start selling at 8:00 am. On the same day, the Legion Color Guard will be selling their famous corn beef sandwiches for lunch at the Post. So come on out to the Post and do a little shopping then have a delicious corn beef sandwich for lunch. Hope to see you on March 16th.

At this time, in April the Auxiliary does not have anything planned. But check the boards in the Post for any events that may be planned. All our Committees will be sending their year end reports to the Department of Florida and we will be getting our Nominations for Officers ready for our election in May. If you are interested in running for an Office in our Auxiliary, we would like to hear from you. You can join us at our General Meeting or can call any of our current Officers if you are interested in running for an Office. A list of our Officers with their phone numbers is posted on our Auxiliary board in the Post.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

March 2nd—15th District Meeting at Post 99 in Brooksville- Sign-in at 9:00 a.m.—Starts at 10:00 a.m.
March 14th—Auxiliary General Meeting---7:00 p.m.
March 16th---Auxiliary Yard Sale—8:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.
April 11th---Auxiliary General Meeting---7:00 p.m.

For God and Country
Claudia Fishcher

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
Margaret Hernandez
Membership Chairman
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Dear fellow members, I have the 2013 Membership Cards. The dues this year are \$30.00. I will be at the Post every Tuesday from 1:00 to 5:00p.m. You can also mail it to the Post or leave it at the Canteen.

For God and Country,
Margaret Hernandez

CONGRATULATIONS

December Member of the Month - TJ Joubert
December Volunteer of the Month - Carole Babicz

January Member of the Month - Don Eisterbrook
January Volunteer of the Month - Millie Comstock



**POST COLOR GUARD'S ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S DAY
DINNER SUNDAY MARCH 17 AT THE POST
FROM 2 TO 4 PM
CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE

TICKETS AT THE CANTEEN \$8**

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As of February 8, 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.

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