

# Charles E. Murray

## American Legion Post 186



# NEWSLETTER



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It's hard to believe but it is already March and the legion year is almost complete. It also means that you will see a lot of activity at the Post as it is the final fling for our snowbirds before they return north! We have had an amazing year both at the canteen, kitchen, and our games and entertainment. For this, I am very grateful for the support of the entire Legion family and their guests as it makes funding for our projects like wreaths across America, Four Chaplains, scholarships for our students, Boys and Girls State, and others possible! It also allows us to pay for the building updates, air conditioning, heating hardware, future bar and kitchen upgrades Thank You!

One thing I would like to ask of all our members is to treat our staff with PATIENCE. At times, in particular at the fish fry, "show me the money" and some Saturday nights, we are running at near capacity! We try to schedule enough staff and volunteers to take care of the crowds. But as I highlighted in the above paragraph, we have EXCEEDED expectations. I have worked with Bud, Frank and the staff. We want to make your visit to YOUR Post a positive experience. Sometimes, adding people does not solve the problem. We need to be fair to everyone. I know that we NEED more volunteers to fill in when needed. So, if you can't help, but enjoy coming to the Post, please be patient. Your food order or drink special will be filled as quickly as possible.

The end of the fiscal year will also bring change to the Post. It is election time! For the SAL, Riders, and Auxiliary, please check with your officers at your next meeting that is on the calendar in this newsletter! For legion members, nominations will be made at the April and May general membership

meetings and elections are Wednesday June 3! There will also be a request for an absentee ballot at the canteen in case you want to vote and will be out of town. The instructions will be on the form.

Based on my experience as commander, many times members run for an office and for some reason cannot fulfill the obligations and time commitments for that office! I would suggest if you are interested in any office, talk to a member who has held that office and get a reality check. Yes, it does take time and yes, you do have to "volunteer" to help on some projects. You must attend one extra meeting a month and you are expected to attend the majority of events at the post.

Finally, please pay your 2020 dues! You will not be allowed to vote and entry into the building will be restricted!

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

**SECOND VICE COMMANDER**  
**Gary Newell**

Spring is quickly approaching, with it comes the hope of warmer weather, as many of you know we have one of the best outdoor pavilions in the area. We will be planning to utilize this by having some great live entertainment outside on Saturday nights. There are old favorites and many **NEW** entertainers appearing weekly. We are still offering a great fish dinner on Friday night, but you better get there early as we usually have a full house. We really do have something for everyone to enjoy, and still have the best prices around. Keep your calendar close and give us a try when you are planning an evening out.

For God and Country.  
Gary Newell



**Steve Tyler**  
**ALR DIRECTOR**  
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**W**ell here I sit at my typing machine on a Wednesday morning, getting this article out before I mount up and ride to Cocoa Beach for the Fourth Annual ALR Riders Summit. It will be a long weekend of classes and leadership training to make the Riders better able to support the Four Pillars of the American Legion.

It has been a busy couple of months, with the holidays, Super Bowl, etc. Your Riders have been representing the Post at various events including Wreaths Across America, and multiple Patriot Guard Riders missions honoring our veterans.

I want to thank every one of our Post 186 family who bought tickets for our Lasagna Dinner and our Lotto Board drawing. The winner of the drawing was David Ruddell, one of our newest Riders. In case you were curious, he won an additional \$40 from the scratch-offs for a total of \$90.00. As always, Annie and Mark outdid themselves with the lasagna. Special thanks to Casey's JG Ranch for the donation of the fresh picked strawberries for dessert. Thanks to all the crew who put the dinner on including Annie, Mark Wagnitz, Bruce Carl, bartender Kelly, and waitresses Carol and Huey. The final result is that we raised a significant sum to fund our charitable efforts. Again, thanks to all.

Our next dinner will be the Donnie Holmes Memorial Steak Dinner on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. As in the past we will have ribeye steak, baked potatoes, fresh corn, rolls, and dessert. There will be two seatings, at 5 PM and 6 PM to allow steaks to be cooked to order. Ticket prices will remain at \$10.00. Look for tickets in April.

Along with the dinner we will be bringing back the Lotto Board. The big change that the guaranteed prize will be **\$100 cash** in addition to the \$100 in scratch off tickets. Tickets will be available April 1<sup>st</sup>.

That's it for this edition. Thanks, as always for all your support of the Riders, and as always, please watch for motorcycles as you travel the roads of our beautiful Adventure Coast.

For God and Country,  
 Steve Tyler  
 Riders Director



**COMMANDER**  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**Juan Villarreal**

**Our Monthly meetings are scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>. The time has changed to 3 P.M.**

Thank You to all who attended the Super Bowl Party. A special THANK YOU goes out to Rich Loring, Tom Crinigan and John Turcott for their help.

I am sorry to announce the passing of our friend Rob Howard

For God and Country,  
 Juan Villarreal

**POST CHAPLAIN**  
**Robert Henry Poulin**  
**Happinessnow4u@yahoo.com**



It is my sad duty to report the passing of members of our Legion Family. **Eugene J. Dzialowy, 86 and William W. Messick, age 71 have moved on to Post Everlasting. May they Rest in Peace.**

For God and Country,  
**Robert H. Poulin**

**Our Chaplain is recovering from a health issue in Bayfront Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.**

**SERVICE OFFICER: Richard G. Juneau**



**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**

**Did You Move? IF, YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING YOUR NEWSLETTER; Make sure we have your correct address.**



**Annette Snyder**  
**Auxiliary President**  
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**D**ear Friends:

We lost two Auxiliary sisters during January: Helen Reynolds and Marjorie Lowe. As of this writing, during our February General meeting the Auxiliary members will “Drape our Charter” in memory of these special individuals. We extend our deepest sympathies to Helen and Marjorie’s families.

March and April are going to be extremely busy months for our Auxiliary, so please refer to the calendar listings below. Patti Motzer, Children and Youth Chair, will be re-establishing the *Military Child Ceremony* on April 25 after the weekly “Steak Shoot.” Please consider attending. I believe Patti plans on honoring a child or children whose parent(s) are in the military/actively deployed. Remember, these kids are going through a rough time not having their parent at home. So please show your support.

During our General meeting on March 12, we will have our bi-annual Initiation of new members, also our first round of nominations for Officers, AND our District President Mary McColgan will be in attendance!  
 During our General meeting on April 9, we will hold our second round of nominations for Officers and during our May 14 meeting – the 2020 – 2021 Slate of Officers will be presented by the Nominating Committee for appropriate vote. Please don’t forget to purchase your “Irish Wake” Raffle Tickets either at the Canteen or through Eileen Wilson.

**REMINDER:** Program Reports are due to District Chairs by April 1. Please submit a copy of your Year End Reports to me by March 27. I can’t say this enough, but “thank you” for your hard work.

Please mark your calendars for the following Auxiliary functions.  
 Thank you!

- March 7 – District Meeting Post 111
- March 12 - Auxiliary Executive Meeting: 2 p.m.  
 General Meeting: 3 p.m.
- March 13 – Irish Wake Drawing Friday, March 13 @ 7**
- April 9 - Auxiliary Executive Meeting: 2 p.m.  
 General Meeting: 3 p.m.
- April 25 – Military Child Ceremony, 3:30 p.m. (after Steak Shoot)

**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**

**S**pring is around the corner, life blossoms up around us. Earth is alive!! Take time to enjoy and to be in creation. Hear new life with songs of our birds, celebrate the joy of life around you!

Give Thanks to God for this beauty and gifts!

Wishing you the best for our upcoming Holy Days! Happy Easter, / Blessed Passover!

Blessings,  
 Gaye Hieb



Tom Schorendorf, Mgr. of Walmart on Cortez, presents a \$700 check to Auxiliary Unit 186 Children & Youth Christmas project. Accepting the check is Lynda Anderson along with Patti Motzer, Lorraine Feirman and Pat Howard.



**April 25, 2020**  
**Military Child Ceremony**  
**3:30 p.m.**



Commander "SOX" Hunter introduces Pat Howard as Volunteer of the Month.

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

10 of Spades, 4 of Diamonds, 2 of Hearts, Ace of Spades

Queen of Hearts

Saturdays 1 to 4

BINGO				
7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE BIRD SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

Wednesday 5 p.m.

Tuesday 6 P.M.—EARLY BIRD 5 P.M.

Monday 4—7 p.m.

We have something for everyone!

### BINGO Assignments:

- 03/03 – 04/07 Honor Guard
- 03/10 – 04/14 Legion Riders
- 03/17 – 04/21 Unit 186 Auxiliary
- 03/24 – 04/28 Squadron 186 Sons
- 03/31 American Legion Post 186



April is Children and Youth Month



Photo by Carolyn Anderson

I was finally able to get the defective LED panels in our outside electronic sign replaced. I could not have done this without the assistance of two individuals. Please join me in thanks and appreciation to Russ Anderson, who arranged for the use of a bucket truck from Tree Care by Robert Miller, and Jeffery Trent, managing partner of Robert Miller. Not only did Mr. Trent provide the truck, he actually helped me to replace the panels and get the sign working properly.

As a result of the efforts of these two gentlemen, the Post saved over \$350 it would have cost to rent a lift.

Steve Tyler

As of March 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

2044

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  
Robert England  
Ann and Nicholas Morano

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  
John Kellar

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  
Dr. Edward Perreault

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 Cottingham  
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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