



Charles E. Murray American Legion Post 186

Newsletter

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Spring is almost here and with the change of season also brings time to think about considering candidates for the upcoming year. Nominations for your officers is starting, so make your decision based on what the candidate has or will do to move your post forward. Look for absentee ballot request in this newsletter for any member that is unable to vote in person. An absentee ballot must be requested NLT the 7th of May using the enclosed form. Most veteran's home posts are struggling with membership and maintaining a roof over their head. We at Post 186 are blessed with an excellent membership base and your Officers have had the prudent financial wisdom to weather tough times, outstanding fund raising events to maintain our four pillars of the American Legion, to maintain and improve your home post, and the foresight to implement the ever changing demands of the membership.

This spring will see some major improvements to your home post. Contracts have been let for the new pavilion to include new exit doors to the pavilion and bids are being reviewed for the concrete floor.

Test and Balance of all the HVAC systems are in progress with phase one completed, the next two phases will be complete prior to air condition season. Kitchen sink has been upgraded and the ice chest behind the bar has been replaced, there are other visual and behind the scenes improvements on going.

You're Manager and Financial Officer has been an awesome asset to this Commander and our membership as well. The canteen and kitchen continue to increase their respective revenue base. New and improved menus, Wednesday Mexican and Thursday Italian dinner nights have been a boost to the kitchen as well. But due to Thursday night meetings we have changed the Italian night to club sandwiches and wraps.

There is a poster board in the front foyer for Post candidates for 2016-2017 Officers and E-Board. Come to the April or May General meetings and nominate a member to lead your Post. Make your voice heard in a meeting as it does no good to complain at the canteen if you're a silent majority. Elections will be held on Wednesday, June 1st at the Post between 1 and 7 p.m. and results announced at the meeting the next day on June 2nd.

Watch the calendar of events in the coming months as there are activities, golf outings, dinners and live music that will spark your interest and support your post at the same time.

Yours in service,
For God and Country,
Commander Don Malin

FIRST VICE COMMANDER
Eric "SOX" Hunter
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I'm back!!!! This is Eric "SOX" Hunter. By appointment of the commander and with the approval of

the executive board, I will be serving you as first vice for the remainder of the legion year. Having served in this capacity in previous years, I am well versed in handling all types of membership issues at the post. If you have any membership issues or wish to renew your membership, I am normally at the post most days in the late afternoon. We currently are running near 85% renewal and we still have a couple of months to make 100%. In addition, we need about 15 new members to qualify for a state award. So please make an attempt to sign a new member up by April.

One of the major membership issues is that the state seems to double bill some members who have already paid their dues! If you have a membership card with the year 2016 on it, do NOT send in another payment. Simply throw out the notice. If this happens more than once, please contact me. Our computers do not "talk" directly to Orlando so at times there is a delay in processing! Rest assured we will do all in our power to make membership an easy process for you.

For God and Country,
Eric "SOX" Hunter

CANTEEN MANAGER

Ray Rosen
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In our ongoing effort to serve you, our members, the Canteen will be changing our menu for Thursdays, due to all the Legion meetings scheduled on that day. The Italian dinners being served are not doing as well as we had hoped. So, we the staff have decided to simplify our menu and offer club sandwiches and wraps instead. On a personal note, I would like to thank all of our legion members for their support and want to let all of you know that we will continue to try to make this canteen the best we can!

For God and Country,
Ray Rosen
Canteen Manager

Second Vice Commander

Tom "Doc" White
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It has been a good start to 2016 and I wish everyone the continued good wishes for the rest of the year. We have had good entertainment this year in the club and I am sure you will enjoy the remaining bands that we have booked for your enjoyment.

The American Legion Riders breakfast has been going very well and we have more people volunteering to assist in the kitchen which helps so very much. There have been changes to the breakfast menu including Omelets and waffles which are so good and have been great success for the ALR. Barb continues to make delicious coffee cakes as well as other goodies for our enjoyment as well.

Bring your family and friends and join us twice a month for good food and good times. Check your calendars for all the events at the post so you too can join in on the togetherness with all our Veteran brothers and sisters.

Please continue coming to great events like Queen of Hearts, Bingo, etc. which helps support Post 186. Changes are being made to Bingo games and everyone is enjoying and please if you have suggestions on any events please see me and let's discuss all good ideas.

I attended the "Four Chaplains Memorial Service" hosted by our Post and held this year at The Temple Beth David Jewish Center and conducted by our Post Chaplain, Charlie Haig on February 14th. It is the amazing story of inspiring courage and the sacrifices of these great American hero's. It is held each year by this Post at one of our local churches.

May God bless all of us at Post 186 and let us never forget those who gave all for us and our beloved country.

For God and Country,
Tom "Doc" White

POST CHAPLAIN

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Members should be reminded now that the "Post Everlasting" Service will be coming up in May and if anyone has any Member deaths to report from May 2015 to date, please let me know so they can be included in the Ceremony.

March 17th. will be the birthday of Charles Murray whom this Post is named after. I would like to ask Members to remember him in their prayers and, also his widow Gloria Murray who resides in Crown Point Nursing Home on County Line Road who would love to receive visits from former friends.

Donations:- Barbara Benjamin - Mrs. Racette.

Deaths: - Ralph "Jerry" Waters & William Anderson

In closing I will leave you with this thought.

Love is like a butterfly, it goes where it pleases, and it pleases wherever it goes.

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



ALR
Director
Ray Rosen
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After a brief problem, the Riders are back on track ! We have recently rode a lot of miles to benefit others. We rode for Wreaths Across America, where your riders placed wreaths on the graves of our fallen veterans at Bushnell National Cemetery and we also rode in a benefit ride to aid Hospice of Citrus and Hernando counties. For those who are not already aware, the Riders also cook breakfast every other Sunday at 9 am. Please come out and join us and help us help those who cannot help themselves!

For God and Country,
Director Ray Rosen



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
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Spring is here!!! Happy St. Patrick Day and Happy Easter.

The month of March will be a busy one for the Auxiliary, on March 2nd we will be meeting at the Post at 12:00 noon for our End of Year Reports meeting. We invite all members to join us to learn about all our Programs. On March 12th and 26th we will be having our Spring Yard Sale at the Post from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will have a lot of items for sale. On March 13th we will be having another Food Giveaway for the needy in Hernando County. There is a basket at the Post with a list of items

needed, please donate what you can. All the donations will be handed out in the Post picnic area.

The month of April everything starts to wind down for the Auxiliary. As of this writing we have nothing planned in April. Please check our board at the Post, as this can change. As usual we will be having our General Meeting on April 14th at 7:00 pm, please join us as we will be having our final nominations for Officers. Election (if needed) will be in May.

Please Mark Your Calendars:

- March 2nd -EOY Reports Mtg. -12:00 pm
- March 5th - District 15 Meeting at Post 5 Tampa- 10:00 am meeting starts
- March 10th-Auxiliary General Meeting - 7:00 pm
- March 12th -Auxiliary Yard Sale at the Post - 8:00 am -1:00 pm
- March 13th-Food Giveaway for Needy- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at Post picnic area
- March 26th- Auxiliary Yard Sale at the Post- 8:00 am- 1:00 pm
- April 14th-Auxiliary General Meeting - 7:00 pm

Again check our Auxiliary board at the Post for updates or changes to events.

For God and Country,
Claudia Fischer

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN
BETTY LOU BENNETT
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Sick List

Eleanor Krakowlak
Betty Lou Bennett
Sandy Fisher
Millie Comstock
Marlene Hinkle

Deaths
None - Thank You God

Hold your loved one close today
Whisper in their ear
Tell them that you love them
And always hold them dear
For tomorrow is promised to no one
young and old alike
And today may be your last chance
To hold your loved ones tight

For God and Country,
Betty Lou Bennett

BOOSTER CLUB

As of Feb 15, 2016 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.

2058

Carlton & Beth Ann Terrell

2027

Frank & Sharon Sevick

2024

Lloyd Gross

Vincent Gigliotti

American Legion Riders

Marion & Frank Hauck

Don and Joan Jernstrom

Lloyd Sellers

2023

Frank J. Smith

2022

Ed Kolbasiuk

Gloria Murray

Steve Small and Anna Pellegrini

2021

Jimmy Schultz

Post 186 Color Guard

Ruth Oppert

2020

Bob Burch

Bob & Linda Conte

Glen and Beatrice Ohanesian

2019

Donna Greenwald

Janet Bowman

Fellip & Beverly Zielinski

Anonymous

John Keller

Joe & Mildred Garza

2018

Burt and Cheryl Onder

Val Parker

2017

George M. Coon

Hugh & Helen Reynolds

Raymond Frattini

Barbara J. De Guiseppe

James & Carol Meere

Ray & Donna Peters

2016

JBetty 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

Peter Paul Garbacki

Conrad Vachon

Doris Webster

Jack Krouse

Bud Conaway

Donna Aho

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

PLEASE MAKE A CONTRIBUTION \$ _____ NAME _____



**THE NATIONAL COMMANDER,
DALE BARNETT
WILL VISIT OUR POST ON
FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH AT 10 AM. PLEASE
PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS MEMORABLE
EVENT.**

March 2016						
◀ February						April ▶
SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 FEBRUARY MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JERRY WATERS 11 AM		1 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM ~ NEW GAMES NEW DOOR PRIZES ~ KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	2 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-11 PM	3 CLUB SANDWICHES & WRAPS 5-7 PM LEGION MEETING 7 PM	4 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KARAOKE W/MR LYNN 7-11 PM	5 15 th DIST MTG 10 AM STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM TWIST 7-11 PM
6 WINGS 12-4 ALR BREAKFAST 9-11 AM	7 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	8 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM ~ NEW GAMES NEW DOOR PRIZES ~ KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	9 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-11 PM	10 CLUB SANDWICHES & WRAPS 5-7 PM AUX MEETING 7 PM	11 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-11 PM	12 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM BROKEN VINYL 7-11 PM AUX YARDSALE 8-1 CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE \$8.00 6 PM
13 WINGS 12-4	14 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	15 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM ~ NEW GAMES NEW DOOR PRIZES ~ KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	16 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-11 PM	17 CLUB SANDWICHES & WRAPS 5-7 PM SAL MEETING 7 PM	18 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KARAOKE W/MR LYNN 7-11 PM	19 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM MARTI CARROLL 7-11 PM LEGION YARDSALE 8-1
20 WINGS 12-4 ALR BREAKFAST 9-11 AM	21 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	22 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM ~ NEW GAMES NEW DOOR PRIZES ~ KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	23 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-11 PM	24 CLUB SANDWICHES & WRAPS 5-7 PM RIDERS MEETING 7:30 PM	25 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KAMAKAZI KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-11 PM **NATIONAL COMMANDERS VISIT 10 AM***	26 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM UPTOWN PICKERS 7-11 PM AUX YARDSALE 8-1
27 WINGS 12-4	28 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	29 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM ~ NEW GAMES NEW DOOR PRIZES ~ KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	30 MEXICAN NIGHT 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-11 PM	31 CLUB SANDWICHES & WRAPS 5-7 PM E-BOARD MEETING 5:30 PM	Notes: ** NATIONAL COMMANDER WILL BE VISITING OUR POST ON FRIDAY, 25 MARCH WE REQUEST MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION. THANK YOU! DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED STARTING ON 1 MARCH FOR THE YARDSALES TO BE HELD ON 12, 19 & 26 MARCH	

April 2016

May ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

