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American Legion Post 186



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Greetings Legion family!

I sit here on a cool, blustery day in January, feeling glad I don't live in Minnesota!

As I am scheduled to be in Cocoa Beach February 6th through the 9th for the 3rd Annual ALR Summit I am writing my article early.

Thanks to all who have renewed your 2019 memberships. As of today, (January 31st) we sit at 90.37% on membership renewal, which puts us 5th place in the 15th district. To put that in perspective, there are 17 posts in our district. The 4 posts ahead of us as of this writing have a combined beginning membership of 289, versus our 1,037. Please give huge thanks and praise to First Vice Commander Barb Smith who has accomplished this in spite of battling serious health issues.

Thanks as always to everyone who comes out to support the post. We value you and the contributions you make. By the time you read this the Super Bowl will be over. Hopefully your team won!

We have two very important upcoming events. The first is the annual Four Chaplains Ceremony to be held Sunday, March 3rd at Mariner United Methodist Church at 2:00 P.M. I invite all of you to attend this important remembrance. Second, as you should know by now, 2019 is the Centennial Year of the American Legion. The actual anniversary date is March 15th. As that is a Friday, we will be holding our celebration on Saturday, March 16th, at 4:00 P.M. Folks, this is a very momentous occasion and we need to make it a huge deal.

I have invited Senators Rubio and Scott, Governor DeSantis, Representative Daniel Webster, State Senator Wilton Simpson, State Rep. Blaise Ingoglia, and many more dignitaries to our event. Please help me to give this occasion the support it deserves. Details to follow.

Okay folks, it's a very important time of year. It is time for elections for your 2019-2020 Post officers. Elections for Legion positions will be held on Wednesday, June 5th. We will begin the nominating process at the monthly general membership meeting on March 7th. The primary positions up for election include Post Commander, 1st and 2nd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Chaplain, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, and Sergeant at Arms. **There are also 7 e-board positions to fill.** If you truly care for our Post, I suggest you run for one of these offices, or at the very least nominate someone who you truly feel will do what's best for our beloved Legion Post 186.

"On March 15th, 2019, the American Legion, the nation's largest wartime veterans organization, celebrates 100 years in existence."

To mark this momentous occasion, Charles E. Murray American Legion Post 186 invites the entire Hernando County community to join us in a celebration on **Saturday, March 16th at 4:00 p.m.** at 12091 Cortez Blvd, next to High Point. There will be a ceremony and presentations, followed by refreshments and entertainment.

As always, thank you for your support and all you do.

For God and Country
Steve Tyler – Post 186 Commander

FIRST VICE COMMANDER

Barbara Smith

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Thank you to all those members who have renewed or joined our Post for 2019. For those of you who have not renewed, remember you will not be served at the canteen, and you will not be eligible to play any of the games. This same rule applies to many of the other Posts that you might visit. If you have not renewed your 2019 membership yet, please stop by the canteen to pay your dues, or send in your payment along with the renewal slip. Post dues are \$45.00 for the year. I will get your card mailed out to you within the week I receive it, unless you request it be left at the canteen. In that case it will be in an envelope behind the bar. Just ask the bartender for it! Please make sure I have the correct address you would like your card mailed to. As of the writing of this article, our membership is sitting at 90.3%.

Election of Officers is fast approaching. Nominations will begin at the March 7, 2019 General Meeting. ***IF*** there are Legionnaires vying for the same seats on the board, there will be reason to have a vote. Should there be a need to hold a vote and you cannot vote in person, absentee ballots will be available. The names of the candidates will be available after the third round of nominations, in May. Anyone requesting an absentee ballot must mail it back to the Post. No ballots dropped off at the Post will be accepted. When mailing the ballot back to the Post, the member will use two (2) envelopes to return the ballot. The outer envelope will contain the member's ballot number. which will be torn off the ballot they received and placed in that envelope. The outside of the envelope will have the specified mailing address to use for the Post (listed on ballot), the members return address, and a stamp. The inner envelope will contain only the completed ballot. The purpose of using two envelopes is to keep the person who submitted the ballot anonymous. All ballots must be returned to Post 186 no later than the day of the election. The ballot must be mailed to Charles E. Murray American Legion Post 186 ATTN: E&N Committee, 12091 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, FL 34613. Ballots that are received before election day, will be verified using the ballot number that is enclosed in the outer envelope, and the name and membership number of the person who initially requested and was given that number. Only the outer envelope will be opened before the day of the election, so the verification process can be done. The inner envelope will remain sealed and locked up until the day of the election, at which time the ballots will be opened and counted by the E&N committee. Ballots that are not addressed to the E&N committee and are opened by another Post member will not be counted. Post 186 will not be responsible for lost or stolen ballots, or ballots that are returned after the election.

For God and Country
Barbara Smith

2ND VICE COMMANDER

ED SNYDER

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Hello All!

Hope you take time out to enjoy our entertainment scheduled on Saturdays.

Please refer to your Calendars (which are enclosed in your Newsletter) for Events and Entertainment schedule.

For God and Country,
Edward A. Snyder

ALR DIRECTOR

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Greetings to one and all. As you probably already saw in my Commander's article, it's a cold, gloomy January 31st as I write this. As I am going to the 3rd Annual ALR Summit in Cocoa Beach February 6th through the 9th, and John Motzer needs these articles by the 10th, I'm doing mine early!

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets for our Lasagna Dinner and/or raffle tickets for our "Rollin' in the Dough" 50/50 raffle. The dinner was a success (and delicious as always, thanks to Anna Pellegrini and Mark Wagnitz). Our raffle raised \$740 for our annual donation to the Legacy Scholarship Fund, with an equal split of \$740 going to the winner, Marcelino Julio. He is the 16th District Sergeant at Arms, and bought his ticket from 15th District Commander (and Post 186 member) Bruce Carl at "Vets Invade the Canyon" at Rock Crusher Canyon.

Our members continue to ride and represent the post all over the Nature Coast. We travel thousands of miles, donate hundreds of hours, thousands of dollars, and support meaningful causes on behalf of Post 186. A prime example is our attendance at the quarterly "Ceremony for the Unattended" at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. This service honors those veterans who pass away with no known kin to represent them at their interment. We are proud and honored to render this service.

Our next event is our Chicken Marsala Dinner. This will take place on Saturday, April 6th at 6:00 P.M. Details and tickets will be available soon. After that will be our annual Donnie Holmes Steak Dinner. Due to many conflicts on Memorial Day weekend, this year we will hold it the week before on Saturday, May 18th. Again, details and tickets will be forthcoming.

As always, please watch out for us and our fellow motorcycle enthusiasts as you travel the highways and byways of our beautiful Nature Coast.

For God and Country
Steve Tyler
Riders Director

**Greetings from the Canteen
Bud Conaway – Manager**

As you can see by the articles, in this newsletter, we have many events planned for the next two months. Our kitchen and bar staff are committed to making your visit here as pleasant as possible so that you will continue visiting the post. Our wait staff is there to please you and make your visit enjoyable. Watch for specials from the kitchen and bar. During our lounge games and special events the kitchen will be open. If you have any comments or ideas, please see me or leave a message with the bartender.

For God and Country,
Bud Conaway, Canteen Manager

**House Committee Report
Tom Wilson, Chair**

The house committee has been meeting to set protocols for hiring contractors for general maintenance of the Post equipment. We are awaiting estimates for work on the roof and exit door to the pavilion.



**COMMANDER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
Jim Ness**

Monthly Meetings March 21st and April 18th, come join us. Give us an hour of your time. Please get your Dues payments in. Without your 2019 card you will lose Legion privileges.

For God and Country,
Jim Ness

**POST CHAPLAIN
Rick Woods
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Recent Passings: Pat Adams, Kenneth Keslink

**Lynda J. Anderson
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Welcome Spring! Happy St. Patrick's Day! Happy Easter! The month of March continues to be busy for our Auxiliary. At our February General Meeting we selected our Nominations Committee. The members are actively seeking Auxiliary sisters to hold office for the 2019 – 2020 Auxiliary year. Please consider serving. It is a most worthwhile, informative and interesting venture. If you are interested in a position and would like additional information, please contact me. I am more than willing to help! Our election (if needed) will be held at our May General meeting.

March 3, 2019 at 2:00 pm at Mariner United Methodist Church, the Four Chaplains ceremony will be held. Fran Finley and her Four Chaplains Committee have put in countless hours to make this wonderful observance an event to remember. Please plan on attending.

Our Girls State Chair, Eileen Wilson, ran a very successful TV raffle fundraiser that netted sufficient funds to cover the cost of sending our selected attendees to Girls State in June. She is now conducting a St. Patrick's Day Basket of Cheer fundraiser, with the proceeds designated towards our various Auxiliary Projects. We thank Eileen for the tireless hours she devotes to the Auxiliary and our veterans.

The next District 15 meeting, for all Legion families, will be held on March 2, 2019 at Post 111. Sign in is at 9:00 am with the meeting starting at 10:00 am. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

Our Scholarship program is underway and we are expecting to receive applications from the five local high schools. During April we will review, judge and select our recipients. Scholarships will be awarded at the high school award ceremonies in May 2019.

In April we will begin our Children & Youth school supply collection. We hope the Post members will continue to be as generous as they have in the past.

Upcoming Events:

March 2 District 15 meeting at Post 111
March 14 Auxiliary General Meeting – Time to be determined
March 15 St. Patrick's Day Basket of Cheer Raffle drawing
March 24 Gold Star Mother's Tea, Post 26, 12:00 noon
April 1 All Unit Reports due to District Chairs
April 11 Auxiliary General Meeting – Time to be determined

Check our Auxiliary Boards at the Post for updates or changes to events.

For God and Country,
Lynda Anderson

**AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN
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Thankfully there are no passing's to note.

For God and Country,
Annette Snyder



Saturday March 15, 2019 4 – 5 P.M.
At Post 186
Guest Speakers
Light Refreshments

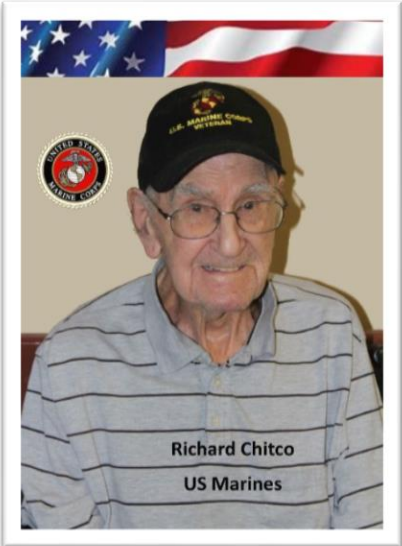
SUNDAY MARCH 16th - 4 to 7 p.m.
Under the Pavilion

Corned Beef Sandwiches
available from the Kitchen

Marti Carroll entertaining from 5 P.M.

Post 186 and the Hernando County Community will be celebrating Saga of the Four Chaplains who stood on the deck of the sinking USAT Dorchester in World War II and lead men in prayer as the boat sank into the frigid waters of the North Atlantic.

Please join us on March 3, 2019 at the Mariner United Methodist Church, 7079 Mariner Blvd., Spring Hill, Florida. The service will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. with refreshments following the event.



Richard Chitco
 US Marines



12/04/1918 – 12/27/2018
 Semper Fi

ANNUAL EASTER EGG - HAND GRENADE HUNT



SUNDAY APRIL 14TH
NOON
ADULT FUN
\$25 PER PERSON INCLUDES
PRIZES, TEE SHIRT AND FOOD
TEE SHIRT ONLY \$15
FOOD ONLY \$10

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE POST
YOU MUST BE 21 TO JOIN IN THE FUN

PAST COMMANDERS (Presidents and Directors) Meat Loaf Dinner
March 9th - 5:30 P.M.
Past Commanders are FREE – Members \$7.00
Tickets will be available at the Canteen until March 6th.

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Wed.

5 – 7 p.m.

Steak Shoot

Saturdays 1 to 4

Tuesday

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

Queen of Hearts

Monday

4 - 7

Early Bird 5 p.m.
 Regular 6 p.m.

Weekly Lounge Games
Please Join Us

Please come out and join in the Fun!

As of March 1, 2019, 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

2037

Frank & Sharon Sevicik

2030

Lloyd Sellers

2029

Joseph & Donna Greenwald
SONS Squadron 186

2028

Joseph Federico

2027

Anna Pellegrini
George Coon

2025

Glen and Beatrice Ohanesian
WACS Softball Team Post 186

2024

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

2023

Frank J. Smith

2022

Gloria Murray
Steve Small
R. Larry Taddei
Joe & Marge Ruggiero

2021

Jimmy Schultz
Post 186 Color Guard
Ruth Oppert
Diana Austed
Don St. Pierre

2020

Bob Burch
Bob & Linda Conte
James Lackey
Raymond Frattini
Doris Webster
William Hartill
Paul Andrews
Barbara G. Smith
ANONYMOUS
Mary Cracciolo

2019

Donna Greenwald
Janet Bowman
Fellip & Beverly Zielinski
Anonymous
John Keller
Joe & Mildred Garza
Robert Eudeikis
David Salomski
Jim & Eleanor Krakowiak
John Carvendar
Frank & Carole Babicz
James Millsapps
Ronald Rehurek

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

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