

# Charles E. Murray

## American Legion Post 186



# Newsletter

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**COMMANDER**

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Spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner. Most of the snowbirds have headed North again for a few months, and left all of us to deal with the hot weather. May all of you have an enjoyable and safe summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall. (Please leave the cold weather up north when you return.) This will be last newsletter for the year, and depending on when it gets delivered to you, there might be a new Post Commander.

This has been a very challenging year for me. I have learned a lot about the American Legion, what it means, and how to run a Post. Between the Convention and the Conference, I attended many classes dealing with many of the aspects of the Legion and its operation. Working a full time job besides running the Post made it especially challenging, but I am fully satisfied with the way the year turned out.

I did not expect to take this office and make everyone happy, but I feel I have done my best and helped to build the membership. There are some that may question some of my moves, but when you come down and see how many more of our members are enjoying what the Post has to offer, you can see the improvement for yourself. For those who think "boycotting" will get you what you want, you are wrong. If you do, remember you are only hurting the Post, not me as a person.

I also had the challenge of many of my officers going down for with injuries or illness. There were many times I doubled or tripled as the Commander, Adjutant, 2nd Vice, and Chaplain. Yet through it all the Post continued to run efficiently, despite the naysayers, who one year ago thought I could not (or would not) be able to fulfill the many responsibilities that come with the position.

I would like to take a moment to thank my officers, the canteen and kitchen staff, the volunteers, and all the members who helped to make my term as your Commander a success. Without all of you, the Post would not have been able to function and grow as it did. I would ask that you give the new Commander as much support as you gave me. I have decided not to run for any Post position this year as I have been an officer for the past three years and I am ready to move on with my personal life. I did however, accept a position as a Chairman for the Children and Youth Committee with the 15th District. This position will offer me more flexibility than what I have had, but will still keep me involved in the Legion, which is very dear to my heart. I am looking forward to serving the next year in a district capacity, and serving not only the Post, but all the Posts in 15th District.

Let's move on to what is happening around the Post for the next two months. May and June are filled with dinners, ceremonies, and great entertainment. We have Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, and Flag Day ceremonies planned.

For some excellent dinners at great prices, don't forget to purchase your tickets for Mother's Day, the Annual Donnie Holmes Steak Roast, Father's Day breakfast, and the Past Commanders, Presidents, and Directors dinner.

As for the entertainment, we have probably the best around. You will see the return of our most popular bands, including Rebound, Bill Castner, The Keynotes, The Belairs, The Twist, and All Shook Up. It has been awhile since they have been here, but The Bendy's and Johnny Lobo will be here also. And last but not least, one of our bands that have not been here in over 6 months will be back on June 22nd, for the Past Commanders dinner, The Dukes. For those of you who like to sing, or just to come out and relax or dance, we still have karaoke every week also. Please make sure to check the calendar for dates and times of all the events. There is also a list posted on the bulletin boards at the Post with all the events for both months.

Also, remember the Post Elections are being held Wednesday, May 1st from 1-7 p.m. The proposed election ballot is posted on page 3 of the newsletter. Again, thank you for all your support, and your continued support of your Post. I look forward to seeing you all in the future.

For God and Country,  
Bruce Carl



**COLOR GUARD COMMANDER**  
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Fellow Legionnaires, on behalf of the members of your Color Guard, I want to thank everyone that came to the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. We hope everyone enjoyed it and had enough to eat. Your Color Guard with the help of our Auxiliary members put a lot of effort to ensure it was one of the best dinners to date. We have the following ceremonies coming up:

1. Armed Forces Day, Saturday, 05/18/13 at 11:30 hrs., at Post 186
2. Memorial Day, Monday, 05/27/13 at 10:00 hrs., at Aripeka Cemetery

3. Memorial Day, Monday, 05/27/13 at 11:45 hrs., at Post 186
4. Flag Day, Friday, 06/14/13, at 11:30 hrs., at Post 186

For God and Country,  
Jimmy Schultz

**FIRST VICE COMMANDER**  
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Here we are in April already and this will be my last newsletter as your First Vice Commander. Thanks to everyone, we have achieved 96.3% membership with one more month to go. We could still make 100% with everyone's help. Please come down to the Post often and bring some of your friends and neighbors to join our fun and maybe become members themselves. We have gotten 50 new members this year and we would love to get even more. The new membership cards for 2014 will be available in July, so remember to sign up early in order to be eligible for the Early Bird Dinner. If payment of the dues is a problem for anyone, please contact me and we will try to help. I am at the Post Monday-Friday from 1:30-4:30 for your convenience. It has been a pleasure serving as your First Vice Commander this year and I thank you for your confidence and support.

For God and Country,  
Eric ( Sox ) Hunter

**POST CHAPLAIN**  
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Our Post Chaplain, Charles Haig has been sick and is unable to provide an article at this time. I know that his prayers are for all of you who have been sick and for those who have gone on to Post Everlasting. God Bless our Troops. (Editor)

#### **BALLOT for Legion Officers**

This is an example with the list of Candidates that are listed on the ballot for the election on Wednesday, May 1, from 1 to 7 p.m. All Legionnaires in Post 186 can vote on this date at the Post.

**COMMANDER**

Vote for 1 only

FRANK BABICZ	
ERIC HUNTER	

**SECOND VICE COMMANDER**

STEVE TYLER	
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**CHAPLAIN**

CHARLIE HAIG	
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**SGT AT ARMS**

REX HINKLE	
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**FINANCE OFFICER**

AL HENDERSON	
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**NOTE:**

**THE FOLLOWING OFFICE IS OPEN AND WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE INCOMING COMMANDER-**

**HISTORIAN**

**FIRST VICE COMMANDER**

**THIRD VICE COMMANDER**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Vote for NO more than 8

LES KNIGHT	
CONRAD VASCHON	
GARY DEWEY	
DON ESTABROOK	
AL EGLER	
LUIS HERNANDEZ	
BONNIE ESTABROOK	
JIM HULCE	
JAMES SCHULTZ	
BUD CONWAY	
TOM MCGARRY	
DAN HENKLE	
JACK PERZ	



**ALR**

**Director**

**Steve Tyler**

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Well I think that spring is finally here! We have had several successive days of 80's and no cold mornings. It has been perfect weather for riding. Just last Saturday we had a good-sized group take a nice ride through the country with a stop at River Ratz in Nobleton for a great lunch.

There has not been a huge amount of news since the last newsletter. We have had St. Valentine's and St. Patrick's Days come and go. I hope you enjoyed the Valentine's dinner. The Chicken Kiev was actually pretty good. I didn't make it to the post for St. Pattie's dinner but I had a delicious corned beef sandwich the day before.

On Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> we hosted the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association. They had their monthly meeting here at the post. They are traveling to different service clubs in search of a permanent home to have their meetings. We were a little disappointed that more of them didn't have lunch, but Bruce tells me they left a lot of money at the bar. Hopefully we made a good enough impression that they will return, possibly resulting in new Legion and Legion Riders members.

Our next dinner will be the Donnie Holmes Annual Memorial Steak Roast. This will be on May 25<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turnout last year and hope to repeat. Money raised goes to the Legacy Scholarship Fund. The menu will be steak (of course), baked potatoes, and corn on the cob. I'm sure Annie will be able to whip up a special dessert as well. On the subject of scholarships, the riders are creating two \$500 dollar scholarships, one for each of the JROTC programs at Springstead and Central High Schools. The award will go to the top Senior Cadet at each school.

The most important news I have to report is the recently approved changes to our By-Laws. At our March meeting the members unanimously voted to allow Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members who do not ride a motorcycle to join our group. We have already had two new non-riding members join. If you would like to join the Riders simply come to our monthly meeting, the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 7PM. You must be 18 and a current member of the Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL, complete an application, and pay \$15.00 annual dues. We hope to add to our ranks and continue to serve the Legion family with these new members. See any Rider if you would like more information.

In closing, this will be my last newsletter as your ALR Director. As I have accepted the nomination for Second Vice Commander, I have decided not to seek a third term.

**NO WRITE IN CANDIDATES**

I hope to step back to be the Riders Assistant Director so that I can concentrate on the duties of Second Vice, if elected. I will offer my services to the new ALR Director to continue writing the newsletter if he or she so desires. I thank you all for your support the last two years, and ask that you do the same for my successor. We are all Legion family, and we all need each other. As always, please watch out for motorcycles in your travels throughout our beautiful nature coast.

For God and Country,  
Steve Tyler

**Canteen News**  
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It doesn't seem possible that spring is here!!! The "snowbirds" have left us for the season and now for the hot summer months will be here in no time! We have a lot planned for our "regular" all year around members- please check your calendars and also the bulletin boards at the Legion.

We had a Mystery ride in March to different Post and a VFW- a GOOD TIME was had by all. I would like to thank Bruce-Mr. Commander, Donna our Bartender on the bus, Denny and Carol for helping me with registration and games and of course last but not least all of you members that took the ride and showed all of our stops that we are a Very Fun Post!!!!!!

I have gotten word that our American Legion Day with the "Rays" will be in August Playing the Yankees on a Sunday- as soon as I get prices for bus and tickets I will let you know!!!

By time this newsletter hits your home we will have new officers coming in for the year 2013-2014, the Staff of Post 186 would like to say Thank You to all of the outgoing officers for their year of service and Congratulations to the new Incoming officers.

For God and Country,  
Anna Pellegrini



**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**  
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Here we are near the end of our year. The Auxiliary has had another great year. Our Auxiliary programs have been successful and I would like to thank all the Program Chairmen and their committees for a great job well done.

The month May we will be having our election of new Officers on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the General Meeting. Please plan on attending to welcome our new Officers as they are elected. On May 11<sup>th</sup> will be the 15<sup>th</sup> District Constitutional Conference at Post 111, each Unit will be reporting on their year end activities. We would like to have a lot of members attend so we can show how great Unit 186 really is.

In June we have NO General Meeting as Department Convention will convene on June 6 thru the 9<sup>th</sup>. On June 19<sup>th</sup> (tentatively) will be the Installation of New Officers for the 2013-2014 year at our Post. Hope to see you there.

Lastly, it has been an honor to serve as your Auxiliary President this past year and I wish all the best to the incoming Officers for the 2013-2014 year.

Thank you all for your support and help.

Save the Dates:

May 9<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting (Election)-7:00 p.m.  
May 11<sup>th</sup> - Constitutional Conference - @ Post 111 –  
9:00 a.m. - Sign-in----10:00 a.m. - Starts  
No General meeting in June.  
June 6-9 – Department of Florida Convention

For God and Country  
Claudia Fishcher

**AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN  
BETTY LOU BENNETT  
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**CONGRATULATIONS**

To all the Auxiliary Members who have ill this year, we thank God for your recovery. To the members who are still ill, help them in their pain and suffering. In God's name we trust, God Bless our Troops and God Bless America.

For February – Member of Month Frank Babicz  
Volunteer of Month Beth Geiger

For March – Member of the Month Don Smith  
Volunteer of Month Dave Bianco

For God and Country,  
Betty Lou Bennett

**BOOSTER CLUB**

As of April 7, 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. The Memorial Section of the Booster Club is supported by the generosity of our members. Thank you.

**July 2038**

Carlton & Beth Ann Terrell

**July 2024**

Lloyd Gross  
Vincent Gigliotti

**July 2023**

American Legion Riders

**Feb. 2022**

Ed Kolbasiuk  
Gloria Murray  
Steve Small and Anna Pellegrini

**July 2021**

Jimmy Schultz  
Post 186 Color Guard  
Ruth Oppert

**September 2020**

Bob Burch

**July 2019**

Donna Greenwald  
Janet Bowman

**March 2018**

Glen and Beatrice Ohanesian

**Feb 2017**

George M. Coon

**July 2016**

James Meere  
Betty Corbin

**July 2015**

Don & Joan Jernstrom  
Peter Paul Garbacki  
Frank & Sharon Sevick  
Donald & Jacqueline Harvey

**July 2014**

Al Henderson  
Ernie & Patricia Tor  
Raymond & Carole Frattini  
Robert Hartman  
Jerry Galoonis  
George & Mary Kennedy  
Don & Jackie Harvey  
Val M. Parker  
Claus & Elizabeth Sachse  
Mosa Brown  
Robert J Eudeikis  
Joe & Marge Ruggiero  
John & Claudia Fischer  
Bob & Ruth Reese  
Ken Oxendorf  
Michael & Anita Cockill

**July 2013**

Hugh & Helen Reynolds

**Richard Shore**

Warren & Mary Cross

Luis A. Ortiz

Anna R Bulger

Jeane Vernon

B. Douglas McClish

Conrad Vachon

**July 2012**

Troy & Joyce Cox  
Frank M Kuraitys  
William Swann  
John Krause  
Richard & Eunice Nerber  
Doris Webster

**In Memory of Past Members**

Olisse Pellegrini  
Dorothy Henderson  
PFC Cody Grater  
Bern Cottington  
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