



Charles E. Murray  
American Legion Post 186

# Newsletter

May and June 2015

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Thank you for the privilege of serving you as commander for the third time! I will look back with fondness on all that has been accomplished. Was it easy? Nothing is ever easy! Were there issues to overcome? Yes, but nothing is insurmountable! We are on sound financial footing and have made progress on improving our physical plant. I want to thank my wife for understanding and allowing me to devote so much time to this post and all its members. To Al Henderson, thank you for your loyalty and for putting up with me as we balanced the check book. To Rak, what can I say. Your accuracy and thoroughness was always appreciated by me even though I bothered you on Sundays! To Steve, thanks for standing by me when times were tough. And what can I say about SOX? I could not have asked for a better back up. Finally, to the man behind the scenes with the newsletter, thank you George Kennedy!

For God and Country,  
Frank Babicz

## POST CHAPLAIN

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Early Palm Sunday morning I received news that just devastated me, my friend and Color Guard Colleague Luis

Hernandez had died. He was loved by so many people and his funeral was attended by so many of you. The Color Guard was in attendance at Downing Funeral Home and later at Bushnell where I had the honor of conducting the Internment Service. Later we had refreshments at the Post. May you rest in peace Luis and may God watch over your family.

Post Everlasting this year will be held on Sunday 17th. May at Post 186 at 2 p.m. If you know some-one who has died between May 2014 and May 2015, please let me know so that they can be included in the Service.

## Deaths.

Luis Hernandez

Howard Boer

Antonio Pellegrino

Edward McKee

Thomas Dennis

Richard Shields

Ken Oxendorf

Alphonso Troncone

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"FOR GOD AND COUNTRY" APPEARS MANY TIMES IN THE NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER LITERATURE. WE MUST MAKE SURE WE MAKE TIME TO HONOR BOTH OF THESE WORDS AS THEY HAVE DEEP ROOTS IN "THE AMERICAN LEGION"

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

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Thank you for your support this past year. As of this writing, we are over the 93% mark in membership ! In addition, I am pleased to report we have exceeded the 50 mark in new memberships – a great achievement and I want to thank all of you for assisting me in this endeavor.

For God and Country,  
Eric "Sox" Hunter

**SECOND VICE COMMANDER**

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First, I would like to thank everyone personally for a fantastic year as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander. It has been a great year and a privilege to serve you all. I hope to finish the year strong with a good turnout for Mother's Day dinner on May 9<sup>th</sup>, ALR steak roast on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the SAL breakfast on June 21<sup>st</sup> for Father's Day. The Auxiliary will continue their Sunday breakfast every other week and our entertainment will continue through the summer on the weekends. Have a safe trip home for all our snowbirds and we look forward to seeing you soon! Please come out to cast your vote for this year's new officers! This is your American Legion and your vote matters so please let your voice be heard! Thank you all again!

For God and Country,  
Randy Eoute



**ALR**  
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Well, I must admit, this is a first. I have NEVER been late with a newsletter before. EVER! That being said, I ask you for your forgiveness. I must tell you now, if you haven't read the last two Riders' articles, this will be my last as the Riders' Director. Folks, I have been Director for five years. During that time I have also held Post positions as Legion Historian, Second Vice, and E-board member. I am, quite frankly, ready for a break.

We have had several great rides and events since the last newsletter including Bike Week in Daytona. I am always stoked for a trip like this. As far as upcoming events, the only thing on our agenda is the ALR Donnie Holmes

Memorial Steak Roast on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. To remind you, we have two sittings, 5 pm and 6 pm. Get your tickets early.

Okay, serious time. I have been proud and honored to lead the Riders as Director for the past five years. To be sure, there have been ups and downs. I have not always made the most popular decisions regarding our group, but every decision and move I have made has been with the success of the various Riders programs and causes in my heart. I will not dwell on negatives, only focus on the positives: Great dinners, great bands, Legacy Scholarship Fund, Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets (with the help of lots of people), Wreaths Across America, scholarships for Central High School NJROTC cadets, etc.

I want to sincerely thank the Charles E. Murray American Legion Post 186, the E-board, and general membership, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and countless individual members for all your support and friendship during my tenure. We are a family and cannot do what we do without each other.

One last time I will ask you, please be aware of your fellow travelers on two wheels and three. We all share the roads together on our beautiful Nature Coast and we all want to come home at night to our loved ones. God bless and keep you all in his loving arms,

For God and Country,  
Steve Tyler

**Canteen News**  
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Sadly, we bid a fond farewell to our snow birds. We will miss you – have a safe trip home and a safe trip back in the fall. We will gradually be going into our summer slower time and accordingly we will adjust our menu and our staff schedules! Please keep your eyes on the bulletin board for the latest from the kitchen.

For God and Country,  
Dan Scully



**COMMANDER**  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**CRAIG GALLAGHER**

Thank you for your support of SAL this past year. We have one more event coming up in June! It is the annual Father's Day breakfast at the post on Sunday, June 21. All father's

that are members of post 186 eat free. All others are asked to donate \$5 per person. Everyone must have a ticket. The menu will be posted on the bulletin board and tickets will be made available as the date approaches!

For God and Country,  
Craig Gallagher



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First, let me commend our color guard for their outstanding service to the post. When you lose one of your own, as we did with Louie, it is very difficult to perform a ceremony with a very heavy heart! Our guys did a fine job and Louie would have been proud of them!

The color guard will be busy in May into June! On May 16, we will be across the street at the Atria at 11 am for an Armed Forces Day ceremony. The following day, Sunday, May 17th, we will be at our post at 2 PM for the annual Post Everlasting – which honors all the members who have passed away this year. On memorial Day, May 25th, we will be involved in three ceremonies – the first at Aripeka Cemetery at 10 am, then here at Post 186 at 11:30 am and finally at Forest Oaks at 1:30 pm. Please to support your post by attending one or more of these ceremonies. On June 14, Flag Day, there will be a flag disposal ceremony at the post at 11:30 am.

For God and Country,  
Jimmy Schultz

Hope everyone had a nice Easter. We are at the end of our travels, time for a new regimen to get aboard. I wish them well. I would like to extend great gratitude to my sisters who supported me thru my journey. There were bad times and good times, again thank you for being there. Remember April is go purple for our Military Child. A ceremony will take place April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1PM after breakfast. Memorial Day poppies will be distributed in May, look for the dates/locations, also flags for the Brooksville cemetery. In closing, keep peace within your heart and always be there for our Veterans. Farewell

For God and Country,  
Sudie Staten

**AUXILIARY UNIT 186**  
**AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN**  
Betty Lou Bennett  
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Sick Call  
Peggy Freiwald  
Peggy Barco  
Jo Terns  
Katherine Felix  
Ellen Wiggins  
Peggy Symber

Deaths  
Our dear girls:  
Terry Dewey  
Charlotte “Shorty” Slosser

Hold your Loved Ones close today.  
whisper in their ear  
tell them that you love them,  
and you’ll 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



2. Cullen, Michael
3. Duffy, Kenneth
4. Dunn, Marcia
5. Durham, Diane
6. Elder, Gordon
7. Gallagher, Craig
8. Galoonis, Francis
9. Geiger, Bethann
10. Glancy, Hugh
11. Henkel, John
12. Hunter, Eric
13. Hurtado, Benjamin
14. Keller, John
15. Kern, Charles
16. Lewis, Michael
17. Michel, Robert
18. Michel, Vicky
19. Pearson, Adona
20. Reed, Patricia

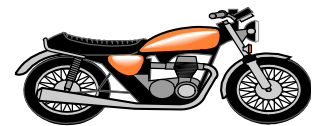
Here is the list of names of our Post 186 blood donors for 3/28/15. Life South was extremely pleased with our turnout. We exceeded their projection of fifteen donors.

**Do something AMAZING. Donate blood.**

**Donor Roll of Honor**

1. Carl, Kathy

**WHILE THE HOGS ARE OUT FRONT**



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESENT THEIR ANNUAL STEAK ROAST ON SATURDAY MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FROM 5 TILL 7 PM KC AND THE VOCAL CHORDS FOLLOW THIS ANNUAL EVENT**

## BOOSTER CLUB

As of April 15, 2015, 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.

**2053**

Carlton & Beth Ann Terrell

**2024**

Lloyd Gross  
 Vincent Gigliotti  
 American Legion Riders  
 Marion & Frank Hauck  
 Don and Joan Jernstrom to 2024

**2022**

Ed Kolbasiuk  
 Gloria Murray  
 Steve Small and Anna Pellegrini  
 Frank & Sharon Sevick

**2021**

Jimmy Schultz  
 Post 186 Color Guard  
 Ruth Oppert

**2020**

Bob Burch

**2019**

Donna Greenwald  
 Janet Bowman  
 Lloyd Sellers  
 Fellip & Beverly Zielinski  
 Anonymous  
 John Keller  
 Bob & Linda Conte

**2018**

Glen and Beatrice Ohanesian  
 Burt and Cheryl Onder

**2017**

George M. Coon  
 Hugh & Helen Reynolds  
 Raymond Frattini  
 Barbara J. De Guiseppe

**2016**

James Meere  
 Betty 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**

Don & Joan Jernstrom  
 Peter Paul Garbacki  
 Donald & Jacqueline Harvey  
 Conrad Vachon  
 Doris Webster  
 Jack Krouse  
 Bud Conaway  
 Donna Aho

**2014**

Al Henderson  
 Ernie & Patricia Tor  
 Robert Hartman  
 Jerry Galoonis  
 Don & Jackie Harvey  
 Val M. Parker  
 Mosa Brown  
 Claudia Fischer  
 Bob & Ruth Reese  
 Michael & Anita Cockill  
 Robert Scholz  
 Frank Kaczkowski  
 Dennis Hernandez

**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

BOOSTER SUPPORT FOR OUR NEWSLETTER NAME

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# May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Fish Fry 5-7 Karaoke w/ Mr. Lynn 7-11 PM	2 Johnny Lobo 7-11 PM
3 Wings 12-4 PM	4 Pool 8 PM	5 Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	6 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	7 Legion Meeting 7 PM	8 Fish Fry 5-7 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	9 Mothers Day Dinner 6 PM Eddie Shannon 7-11 PM
10 AUX Breakfast 9-11 AM Wings 12-4 PM	11 Pool 8 PM	12 Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	13 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	14 Aux Meeting 7 PM AUX Election	15 Fish Fry 5-7 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	16 Belairs 7-11 PM
17 Wings 12-1:30 PM Post Everlasting Ceremony 2 PM	18 Pool 8 PM	19 Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	20 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	21 SAL Meeting 7 PM SAL Election	22 Fish Fry 5-7 Kamakazi Karaoke 7-11 PM	23 ALR Steak Roast 5-7 PM KC & Vocal Chords 7-11 PM
24 AUX Breakfast 9-11 AM Wings 12-4 PM	25 Memorial Day Ceremony at Aripeka 10 AM Post 11:30 AM Pool 8 PM	26 Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	27 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	28 EBoard Meeting 5:30 PM/Riders Meeting 7 PM. Riders Election	29 Fish Fry 5-7 Karaoke w/ Mr. Lynn 7-11 PM	30 Uptown Pickers 7-11 PM
31 Wings 12-4 PM			Wednesday Shirt w/ Legion Logo	Reduced Drink Prices Sunday, Thursday- Times posted in Canteen	Every Friday Fish Fry 5-7 PM	Steak Shoot Every Saturday 1 PM

**Armed Forces Ceremony at the ATRIA 11 AM Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>/ Memorial Day Ceremony at Post 11:30 followed by Hamburgers and Hot Dogs**

# June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pool 8 PM	2 Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	3 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM <b>Legion Vote 1-7 PM</b>	4 Legion Meeting 7 PM	5 Fish Fry 5-7 Karaoke w/ Mr. Lynn 7-11 PM	6 Eddie Shannon 7- 11 PM
7 AUX Breakfast 9- 11 AM Wings 12-4 PM	8 Pool 8 PM	9 Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	10 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	11	12 Fish Fry 5-7 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	13 Belairs 7-11 PM
14 Flag day Ceremony 11:30 AM Wings 12-4 PM	15 Pool 8 PM	16 Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	17 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	18 SAL Meeting 7 PM	19 Fish Fry 5-7 Kamakazi Karaoke 7-11 PM	20 Uptown Pickers 7-11 PM
21 SAL Fathers Day Breakfast	22 Pool 8 PM	23 Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	24 Karaoke w/ Shoe 7-11 PM	25 EBoard Meeting 5:30 PM/Riders Meeting 7 PM Convention	26 Fish Fry 5-7 Karaoke w/ Mr. Lynn 7-11 PM Convention	27 Rebound 7-11 PM Convention
28 Wings 12-4 PM	29 Pool 8 PM	30 Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen open 4-6 PM	Wednesday Shirt w/ Legion Logo	Reduced Drink Prices Sunday, Thursday- Times posted in Canteen	Every Friday Fish Fry 5-7 PM	Steak Shoot Every Saturday 1 PM

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## COMING EVENTS May and June 2015

Karaoke with Shoe every Wed 7 PM  
Fish Fry every Friday 5-7 PM  
Steak Shoot every Saturday 1 PM  
Band or Karaoke every Friday and  
Saturday



### May

9<sup>th</sup> Sat Mother's Day dinner 6 PM \*\* Eddie Shannon plays at 7 PM  
10<sup>th</sup> Sun Mother's Day Breakfast by the Auxiliary 9 to 11 AM  
16 Sat Armed Forces Ceremony at ATRIA at 11 AM  
17 Sun Post Everlasting at POST at 2 PM  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sat ALR Steak Roast 5 to 7 PM \*\* Followed by the KC and Vocal Chords 7 PM  
24<sup>th</sup> Sun Aux Breakfast 9 to 11 AM  
25 - Memorial Day - Ceremony at Aripeka 10 & Post at 11:30 AM Hamburgers / Hot Dogs at noon

### June

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed election of officers 1 to 7 PM results at meeting on Thurs at meeting  
7<sup>th</sup> Sun Auxiliary Breakfast from 9 to 11 AM  
21<sup>st</sup> SAL cooking breakfast at Post for Father's Day 9 to 11 AM

### BANDS START AT 7 PM on SATURDAY Unless Noted

May	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Johnny Lobo	June	6 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie Shannon
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie Shannon		13 <sup>th</sup>	BelAirs
	16 <sup>th</sup>	BelAirs		20 <sup>th</sup>	Uptown Pickers
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	KC & the Vocal Chords		27 <sup>th</sup>	Rebound
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Uptown Pickers			