

Charles E. Murray
American Legion Post 186



Newsletter

November & December 2013

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The holidays are rapidly approaching and we have already had a busy schedule with many functions and changes at the Post. I want to take this opportunity to wish a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our members, since this is the last newsletter before January, 2014. Don't forget we now have the NFL ticket on Sundays, so come on down and support your team and your Post. We have eight tv's so you should be able to watch your favorite team and enjoy some chicken wings and great conversation. Stop by on Monday nights for some \$1.00 hot dogs, bratwursts and another item added to the menu. On Thursday most bottled beer is on special from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Welcome back to all of our snowbirds, I hope you will enjoy the changes that have been made to your Post. Don't forget to check your newsletter and calendar for all the upcoming events. Stop by on Saturday and see Butch for Steak Shoot for some good laughs and the best bonus in the county. Please bring a friend, relative or neighbor so they can experience our Post and see Don Malin or me if they would like to join. As always if anyone has a problem paying their dues you can see me or Don and we will try to get them help. Any other concerns, problems or comments please discuss with me first, my door is always open. Second hand information always gets blown out of proportion. Don't forget to complete the enclosed form for the early bird dinner ! The deadline for submission is November 29th.

For God and Country, Eric "Sox" Hunter

FIRST VICE COMMANDER
DON MALIN

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Our Post is at 775 membership renewals or 61% of our 100% goal. Reminder, get your dues in by Nov. 1 to be eligible for the early bird dinner on Dec. 7. Second round of dues notices will be coming out shortly. Take a minute to make sure you have not already sent in dues and received 2014 membership card. Anyone not receiving Post newsletter or Legion magazine please let me know. If you have moved, also, let us know so you don't miss any of the Post functions. Please carry a membership application and recruit a new member. Don't forget we are raffling off military plaques on Veteran's Day. Tickets in the drawing are \$1 for 2 tickets !

For God and Country, Don Malin

SECOND VICE COMMANDER
STEVE TYLER
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Well here we are already a week in to fall. The weather is breaking, not so much heat, and a little drier. As the leaves turn to our north, our snowbirds head to the south. We have had some good events here at Post 186. Lots of fun and festivities as we ramp up our entertainment. The Luau was a great success, thanks to all who attended. Do I hear requests for an encore? Boys and Girls State Dinner

was well attended and the meal well received. Hopefully Oktoberfest will have been a success by the time you read this. Prosit!

If you haven't noticed, there are lots of improvements going on at the Post. Our new security system is up and running, the walls have been rejuvenated, and a new and improved jukebox has been installed. Please join me in giving thanks to the House Committee and chairmen Jack Perz and Don Malin for all that has been done. Great job!

We are getting into a busy, busy time of year. Halloween will be a memory by the time this is published but there is much more to come. We have an Auxiliary Yard sale on November 2nd, Auxiliary dinner on the 9th, Veterans Day Ceremony on the 11th, just to name a few of our upcoming events. The Legion Riders are once again doing Thanksgiving baskets. They will be distributed on November 22nd. As you know, if you bring a food donation to Bingo you get a free sheet to play. All food and cash donations are more than welcome.

December brings Christmas of course and along with that our annual Children's Christmas Party. Please donate a gift if you can. The Early Bird Dinner is on December 7th, ALR Christmas Dinner on the 21st, and lots of great entertainment. As you know we have special hours during the holiday season. Please pay careful attention to the calendars for those hours. If you have not already noticed, we now have the NFL Sunday Package from DirecTV in the post. Come down and cheer on your favorite team and take advantage of the Sunday specials. If you haven't tried the Nachos, you are really missing out.

One of the biggest nights of the year is on Tuesday, December 31st. our annual New Years Eve Party! As of right now, if I can get the pricing right, I am going to attempt to do a Beef Wellington. Please keep your eyes open for the flyers with the final menu.

For God and Country, Steve Tyler

NOTICE FROM THE COMMANDER

Gordon "Butch" Elder is the new SAL Commander effective immediately ! Butch is also the chairman of the Steak Shoot and can be found at his usual corner

of the bar at the Canteen ! He would like all SAL members to become more active at Post 186. SAL meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM. He asks that all SAL members attend the meetings as they set the direction for the unit. So mark your calendars for November 21 and December 19 as meeting dates.



ALR
Director
Rex Hinkle
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I would like to start by thanking everyone for their support with the death of my mother. I received a beautiful plant arrangement from the Post and Riders. Steve Tyler and Anna Pellegrini did a great job as acting director during my absence. The riders meet on Saturday of each weekend. Stands up at 10:30. I would like for everyone to help by showing their support for the food drive and toys for the kids. Just drop off can goods, dry foods, etc. Contact Anna Pellegrini at Post #186 (352-597-9524).

In November, the riders will be involved in benefit rides and assistance with the Breast Cancer run on Saturday November 2, 2013, also Saturday Nov.9, 2013 poker run and benefit for the Gold Shield Foundation, Monday Nov. 11 2013 is Veterans day. Nov.22, 2013 Thanksgiving food baskets will be distributed to needy families. December the riders will also give out food baskets to people in need. December 20, 2013 the riders will host a dinner for the needy families. December 21, 2013 is the riders Christmas dinner. Just drop off can goods, dry foods, etc. Contact Anna Pellegrini at Post #186 (352-597-9524).

For God and Country, Rex Hinkle

HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
DON MALIN

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This column is something new and hopefully will keep all our members up to date on your building maintenance activities. The committee has had a busy 3 months cleaning outside the building and removing all excess debris including painting rear sheds and summer cleaning of the inside of the sheds. Painting the interior white walls, washing all wood plank paneling, and sealing all wood surfaces. Multitude of repairs to existing equipment, institute service, maintenance and janitorial schedules, Cost savings from an energy audit for elect usage,

combining all phone, internet and basic TV to Bright house and removing AT&T. Installing Direct TV for Sunday sports package, and hiring a new landscape contractor for mowing. To date over 100 work orders were completed, with over 500 volunteer man hours utilized.

If it moves salute it,
If it doesn't paint it

For God and Country, Don Malin



COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

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Fellow Legionnaires, your Color Guard took part in the following ceremonies:

1. 09/04/13, Wednesday, 09:00 a.m. Opening Day Ceremony at Veteran's Park for the WHACS (West Hernando Athletic Club for Seniors) where we presented the Colors and the National Anthem was played.
2. 09/11/13, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. 9-11 Memorial Ceremony at Charles E. Murray American Legion Post 186 to remember the 2,900 plus lives murdered by Islamic terrorists that day. Colors were presented, the National Anthem and Taps was played and we thank the patriotic members and guests who attended.
3. 09/11/13, Wednesday, 01:00 p.m. 9-11 Memorial Ceremony at Evergreen Woods, where the National Anthem and Taps was played. We thank Commander Eric Hunter and First Vice Commander Don Malin for taking part in the ceremony.
4. 09/14/13, Saturday, 05:00 p.m. POW-MIA Ceremony at Post 186. We thank Betty Lou

Bennett for inviting us to be part of the Auxiliary POW-MIA Ceremony again. Betty, you have always done this Ceremony justice.

5. 10/01/13, Tuesday, 09:00 a.m. Opening Day Ceremony for the SSIL (Spring Hill Senior Softball Invitational League) at Veteran's Park, where we presented the Colors and played the National Anthem.

On 11/09/13, Saturday, at 06:00 p.m. your Color Guard will present the Colors for the Hernando County Crime Stoppers "Red, White, Blues and Country-A Veterans Day Celebration," at the Strong Tower Vinyard and Winery, 17810 Forge Drive, Spring Hill. We thank Commander Eric Hunter and First Vice Commander Don Malin who will be assisting us in the ceremony.

On 11/23/13, Saturday, 06:00 p.m. Your Color Guard will have its annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the Post for \$9.00 a plate. The menu will be: Deep Fried Turkey, Jambalaya, Mashed Potatoes and gravy, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter, Soup, Tossed Salad w/Tomato and onion and Dessert. The Belairs will be playing for your entertainment from 7-11 p.m.

From 11:00 a.m. to 03:00 p.m. we will be selling Turkey Sandwiches for lunch for \$4.50. They will consist of: Turkey, Lettuce, Tomato on White, Rye or Wheat w/chips and a Pickle (add 50 cents for cheese). We will also be selling Turkey Drumsticks for \$2.50. The Color Guard takes pride in their Dinners, so we have limited the number of tickets to 130 to avoid overcrowding, no exceptions. Tickets will be sold at the Canteen and each member of the Color Guard will have a few.

We wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and safe Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year, or whatever Holiday your religion or faith observes.

For God and Country, Jimmy Schultz

Canteen News

Anna Pellegrini

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It does not seem possible that the holiday months are here! We would like to "Welcome our Snowbirds back"! It is nice to see you all!!!! The Legion has planned many events for the Season, Please make sure you check the upcoming board for Events!!! The queen of Hearts night on Mondays is offering food from 5-7 p.m. The menu choices may be Hot Dogs, Brats, Sloppy Joes, and Nachos! Your Friendly Waitress Margret is there to serve you!

Come on down to your Post and Check out all the fun!!!!
Sunday NFL Ticket is now at Post 186 and we offer Wings
and a limited menu from 12-4 p.m. The Staff of Post 186
Would like to wish all of our Members and Guest Happy
Holidays!

For God and Country, Anna Pellegrini, Canteen Manager



**AUXILIARY
PRESIDENT**
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I want to thank all the Auxiliary members who helped
make the Auxiliary Department President's Ice Cream
social a big success. Our Friday at fish fry (Desert table) is
going well and proceeds go to help our scholarship
programs. Our Yard sale set for November 2nd. We will
be accepting donations for it Nov 1st while we are pricing.
November 11th veterans day and the Post will have a
ceremony at 11:30 a.m. bring side dishes, and we will be
having a (tricky tray) raffle. District meeting on Nov. 14th
will be here at our Post. Children's Christmas party set
for Dec. 22nd from 2 to 4 p.m. When the tree goes up,
please help by taking an angel and buying a gift.

For God and Country, Betty Corbin

**AUXILIARY FIRST VICE
& MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**
Margaret A. Hernandez
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Fellow members, I will be at the Post every Tuesday
afternoon from 2-5 p.m. Please leave dues at the Canteen
or mail it to the Post.

For God and Country, Margaret Hernandez

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN
Bettylou Bennett
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SICK

Judy Hulce
Marcella Gleek
Marlene Blair
Doris Webster
Gloria Smith
Peggy Freiwald

Sick Continued

Chris Howard
Jeanette Egeler
Carol Babicz
Mary Kennedy

Deceased

Nancy Lesmeister
Colleen Thompson
Joyce Spaulding
Donna Tressel
Thelma L Kratt

The Holidays are coming up fast. Have a Happy
Thanksgiving, a wonderful and Merry Christmas, a
Happy New Year and a healthy one for all. May God Bless
each and every one of you and keep our Troops safe

For God and Country,
Bettylou Bennett

AUXILIARY CHILDREN/YOUTH
CAROL BABICZ
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On the week before Thanksgiving, we will be
decorating the Christmas tree with all the lights and
trimmings ! In addition, as is the custom here at
Post 186, we will be posting the names and ages and
POSSIBLE gifts for the needy children who will be
attending our Christmas party. See the paragraph
below for details for the party. We ask that you
select a name, purchase a gift(s) and bring them to
the post wrapped with the child's name on the tag.
The committee will ensure that ALL children who
attend will get a gift. We appreciate your generosity
in the past and hope you continue to support us in
this endeavor !

It's getting closer to the time the old guy with the
beard and the red suit makes his trip to Post 186 !!
This year he plans to be here on Sunday December
22, 2013 . And Santa will NOT be alone as he is
sending his elf (aka THE SHOE) to help entertain the
children (and the parents) at 2 to 4 p.m. on the 22nd.
There will be gifts, singing and dancing (for the kids
and all the helpers from the Auxiliary) and a hot dog
lunch and each child will get a chance to sit on
Santa's lap ! Sorry, there won't be time for us "older"
kids to talk to Santa - we will have to write a letter to
the North Pole ! The Auxiliary would like to thank
you in advance for helping with the decorating,
procuring and wrapping gifts, and your generous
donations during the holidays.

For God and Country, Carol Babicz



Another Successful Blood Drive at Charles E. Murray, American Legion Post 186

Not Our Best ever... But very, very close...

This year's fall blood drive on Sat. Sept. 14nd started out with an expected heavy opening turnout and continued with strong throughput all afternoon. Despite the fact that many of our old-guard donors were ineligible to donate this year, we still managed to contribute a total of 24 units to the *Life South* blood center.

There were early indications that we might again be on a record-breaking pace. We opened the day with twenty-one pledged donors. We picked up four additional walk-in candidates during the drive. However, two of the twenty-one pledged donors failed to show. On the plus side, one of the early pledges, Chuck Kern, elected to contribute double red cells.

By the 5:00 p.m. closing bell, we ended up collecting 22 units of whole blood from twenty-four donor volunteers. We also received 2x credit for Chuck Kern's double red cell donation. We did not reach our all-time best total of twenty-five units, but a number only one shy of it, and a good day overall! *The LifeSouth staff working the bus that day was extremely pleased with the turnout. The following is a breakdown of the donations for the September 14th drive.*

Total donor volunteers: 24

Donor volunteers deemed Ineligible: 1

Number of whole blood units collected on day of the drive: 22

Double red cell donations: 1 (Counted as two donations.)

Total Donation Units Credited to Post 186: 24

Here is your Post 186 Honor Roll of Donors for 9/14/2013, in alphabetical order.

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|----------------|---------------------|--|
| ●Frank Babicz | ●Mary Cracchiolo | ●Michael Cullen |
| ●Ann Dickerson | ●Butch Elder | ●Beth Ann Geiger |
| ●Kaye Geracia | ●Al Henderson | ●JoAnn Holabinka |
| ●Eric Hunter | ●John Keller | ●Chuck Kern (<i>Double Red Cell Donor</i>) |
| ●Mike Lewis | ●Arlene Malin | ●Bob Michel |
| ●Vicky Michel | ●Adona Pearson | ●Jack Perz |
| ●Patty Reed | ●Pat Sharpe | ●Kathy Silfies |
| ●Steve Small | ●Claudette Williams | |

Doris Carson also volunteered to donate but was deemed ineligible because of a recent donation that occurred less than 56 days prior to this date. John Rakucewicz, Donor Coordinator



BOOSTER CLUB

As of October 11, 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.

2043

Carlton & Beth Ann Terrell

2024

Lloyd Gross
 Vincent Gigliotti
American Legion Riders

2022

Ed Kolbasiuk
 Gloria Murray
 Steve Small and Anna Pellegrini

2021

Jimmy Schultz
 Post 186 Color Guard
 Ruth Oppert

2020

Bob Burch

2019

Donna Greenwald
 Janet Bowman

2018

Glen and Beatrice Ohanesian

2017

George M. Coon

2016

James Meere
 Betty Corbin

2015

Don & Joan Jernstrom
 Peter Paul Garbacki
 Frank & Sharon Sevick
 Donald & Jacqueline Harvey
 Hugh & Helen Reynolds
 Conrad Vachon
 Doris Webster
 Jack Krouse

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

2014

Ken Oxendorf
 Michael & Anita Cockill
Robert Scholz
Frank Kaczowski

2013

Richard Shore
 Warren & Mary Cross
 Luis A. Ortiz
 Anna R Bulger
 Jeane Vernon
 B. Douglas McClish

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

BOOSTER SUPPORT FOR OUR NEWSLETTER NAME _____ CONTRIBUTION \$ _____

**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED
FOR ATTENDANCE TO THE EARLY BIRD DINNER**

WHERE: Spring Hill American Legion Post 186, 12091 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34613

WHEN: Saturday, December 7, 2013

TIME: Food Served 6 p.m. Music starts at 7 p.m.

Name of Member

(Last) (First) _____

Name of Auxiliary Member

(Last)(First) _____

Name of SAL Member

(Last)(First) _____

Name of Guest

(Last)(First) _____

Guest Donation \$6.00 (One Guest per Early Bird)

DEADLINE: Friday, NOVEMBER 29, 2013



Watch the bulletin boards for information on our New Years Eves party ! The Belairs will be here and plans are being made for menu and pricing !!!!!

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COMING EVENTS September & October 2013

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



- Sep 2nd Monday SAL BBQ Pork Rib Roast 12 to 2 PM The Shoe plays till 5 PM
- Sep 11th Wednesday 9/11 Ceremony at Post 11:30 AM
- Sep 14th Saturday Blood Drive at Post 1 – 5 PM
- Sep 14th Saturday POW/MIA Ceremony 5 PM Dinner at 6 PM “Belairs” play at 7 PM
- Sep 22nd Sunday AUX Bingo and Chinese Auction 1 to 4 PM Regular menu in Kitchen
- Oct 5th Saturday ALR Chicken Marsala Dinner at 6 PM followed by “All Shook UP”
- Oct 13th Sunday Oktoberfest 2 PM with music
- Oct 26th Saturday Halloween Party at 6 PM followed by LI’L Miss Dynamite