



# Charles E. Murray American Legion Post 186

# Newsletter

November & December 2015

FROM ALL THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF POST 186, HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS AND A GREAT NEW YEAR

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## COMMANDER DON MALIN

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Welcome back to all our snowbird members, hopefully one and all had a safe and healthy summer. As your post prepares for a busy fall season, keep in mind State and National dues have increased. Your post dues are \$40 and should be paid prior to 1-1-16, so the post does not incur additional rate increase by the State and National American Legion after 1-1-16. The early bird cutoff date is Nov. 15, have your dues paid, card stamped and enjoy a free meal on Dec. 5 for the Early Bird dinner.

The next two months will be extremely busy with all the upcoming holidays, look at the enclosed calendar and the information boards at your post. By the time this newsletter is out our Halloween costume judging Party and pumpkin judging party will be over but fun will have been by all. To complete the evening the kitchen will have been open late for all the party goers. The American Legion Riders are doing a fantastic job for Sunday morning breakfast, come in, support your post and enjoy a home cooked breakfast, Sundays 9-11 AM.

November will have new weekly Mexican Wednesday's and Italian Thursday evening menus. Watch the menu boards for meals served these nights. November also has our yearly Veterans Day events at the post at 11:30 AM on Nov.11, with cook out to follow by our American Legion baseball team. Plates to pass would be welcome. December 5 is the early bird dinner at 6 PM followed by the Belair's for your evening entertainment.

Your post has something for your Entertainment or Dining pleasure 7 day a week. It's your post, support the members and volunteers that are making Post 186 the best in the 15th. Dist., and one you can proudly say I belong to Post 186. I am making a challenge to all our members to see if they read their newsletter. The first 10 members that bring in this newsletter will receive a BOGO drink at the Canteen, and the first 10 that bring in this newsletter will receive a BOGO lunch. Have a wonderful Holiday.

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

## FIRST VICE COMMANDER RANDY EOUTE

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Once again I want to thank all of the members that have made this post the success it is. Our membership is increasing by the day and we are going strong towards earning an award! I am happy to welcome all the new members and hope to see you more in the post enjoying some of our many activities. I am working hard to keep up with the memberships, remember to get yours renewed before November 15<sup>th</sup> so you can qualify for the Early Bird FREE dinner on December 05<sup>th</sup>. I am proud of all of those stepping up and making things happen for our post. Keep up the support and together we will accomplish great things! Want to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

For God and Country,  
Randy Eoute

**SECOND VICE COMMANDER  
TOM "Doc" WHITE**

Hello fellow members of Post 186! We have seen great support and many members coming out to volunteer and be a part of the activities here. The breakfasts are becoming quite popular and we have some dinners that you do not want to miss. The schedule is back to full scale with a band every weekend. I am working hard to get your favorites back and look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events. Don't forget to set your calendar for New Year's Eve we will be having a great time, tickets will go on sale the first week of December. This year we are going to be doing it a little different those of you who want to have the Dinner plus entertainment will be one price and those who just want to come for the band will be a reduced price but we will still have the champagne toast and continental breakfast after midnight. Hope to see everyone there it will be a great time I can guarantee it. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

For God and Country,  
Tom "Doc" White

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Welcome back all Snowbirds, Nov. 11th is Veterans` Day - let`s all wear our poppies proudly and remember all our deceased veterans` in our prayers and all those who are serving in dangerous areas of the world. Maybe you could all make a special effort and participate in our Veterans` Day Ceremony at the Post and make this year`s Ceremony attendance - the best one yet.

Also let`s not forget all our troops still on active duty, and may the Lord bless and protect them until they are safely returned to their families. Please have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to thank George Kennedy for all the work he puts in to producing this Newsletter. He has been doing the newsletter since 1999. Thank you George - you are appreciated.

Deaths. Peter Faughnan and Robert Gowing

Thought for the day: It is not those who have little who are poor, but those who cannot get enough.

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



**ALR  
Director  
RANDY EOUTE**

Well it's that time of the year again, Cooler weather and our friends from the north are back. To all of our snow birds Welcome Back. If you like to ride make sure you get with us about our ride schedule we generally have a ride going out every Saturday. Don't forget we will be participating in Wreaths Across America again this year and hope to have a Super showing from all post members this year at Bushnell. I want to thank everyone who has been coming out to support or Sunday breakfast they have been a major success. Finally I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year.

For God and Country,  
Randy Eoute

**CANTEEN MANAGER  
RAY ROSEN**

Greetings from the Canteen, First let me start by wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Holiday Season. Changes are being made in the canteen starting November 1st, 2015. The canteen will be offering a Mexican Menu on Wednesdays and an Italian menu on Thursdays. We will be alternating the menu selections on both of those days to add variety to both. Please come join us and help support your Post Canteen.

For God and Country,  
Ray Rosen



**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**  
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The holidays will soon be here, we wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. In November we will be having a Silent Auction at the Veterans Day Picnic on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will go to benefit our

Veterans Assistance and Rehabilitation program. Hope to see all our Post Family members there. We will still be collecting food items for our Christmas food baskets, please see list of items needed on our Aux, board at the Post. Also, in November we will be having our New Member Initiation ceremony, it is scheduled for Sun. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Please check our Aux. board at post for exact info regarding all our activities.

In December will be our Children & Youth Christmas Giveaway, we will be providing veterans' children and needy children presents and food baskets. We will not be having a X-mas Party, but will be distributing the items to these families on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> (tentatively).

Finally, I would like to thank the members that helped with the District 15 Stand-down in Sept., it was a huge success and our Unit 186 contributed greatly. Please Mark Your Calendars:

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>-New Member Initiation Ceremony-3:00 pm.

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>-Veterans Day Picnic at Post 186

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>-Aux. General Meeting-7:00 pm (new items for sale on our fundraising table for Veterans will be available)

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>-Aux. General Meeting-7:00 pm (items on our fundraising table available)

Dec.20<sup>th</sup>(tentatively Children's Christmas Distribution

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

For God and Country  
Claudia Fischer

AUXILIARY UNIT 186 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN  
ANNA PELLEGRINI  
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I am happy to report we are off to a Great Start with renewal of 2016 cards! Thank You for your investment towards the American Legion Auxiliary! To renew your 2016 dues- you can leave at the canteen with the Bartender, and I will mail out your card or watch the Board for schedule of when I will be at the Post! As of

Now if you have not paid your 2015 dues- you must pay 2015 and 2016 together –to receive your 2016 card. Per American Legion Post 186 Standing rules- If you have not paid your 2015 Dues- You are a member in not good standings and cannot be signed in as a guest. Cutoff date to pay for 2016 dues for Early Bird is Nov. 15, 2015.

For all New 2015 members and New 2016 members – we will be having Initiation of New Members Nov. 8, 2015 at 3PM in the Backroom with refreshments to follow! If you have a problem with your card, name change, change of address, phone number, didn't receive- Please let me know by email or leave a message with the bartenders and we will resolve the problem.

For God and Country,  
Anna Pellegrini

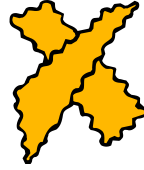
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Sick Call  
Peggy Synler  
Millie Comstock  
Jane Aylwin

Deaths  
Connie Keyes

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



**LUNCH AT CANTEEN GOING INTERNATIONAL  
MEXICAN MENU ON WEDNESDAY  
ITALIAN MENU ON THURSDAY**

**BOOSTER CLUB**

As of Oct 27, 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.

2057  
Carlton & Beth Ann Terrell

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  
Frank & Sharon Sevic

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

2018  
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  
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 \_\_\_\_\_**

~ November 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends Riders Breakfast 9-11 AM Wing 12-4 PM	<b>2</b> Queen of Hearts 6PM Pool 8 PM	<b>3</b> Election Day Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen Opens 4-6 PM	<b>4</b> KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	<b>5</b> LEGION MEETING 7 PM	<b>6</b> KAROKE W/ MR LYNN 7-11 PM	<b>7</b> Special Olympic Poker Run  The Twist 7-11 PM
<b>8</b> Wing 12-4 PM	<b>9</b> Queen of Hearts 6PM Pool 8 PM	<b>10</b> Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen Opens 4-6 PM	<b>11</b> Veterans' Day 11:30 ceremony Picnic 12:00 KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	<b>12</b> AUX MEETING 7 PM	<b>13</b> KAMAKAZI KARAOKE 7-11 PM	<b>14</b> Uptown Pickers 7-11 PM
<b>15</b> Early Bird Cut Off Riders Breakfast 9-11 AM Wing 12-4 PM	<b>16</b> Queen of Hearts 6PM Pool 8 PM	<b>17</b> Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen Opens 4-6 PM	<b>18</b> KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	<b>19</b> SAL MEETING	<b>20</b> KAROKE W/ MR LYNN 7-11 PM	<b>21</b> Turkey Fry 6 PM Marti Carroll 7-11 PM
<b>22</b> Wing 12-4 PM	<b>23</b> Queen of Hearts 6PM Pool 8 PM	<b>24</b> Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen Opens 4-6 PM	<b>25</b> KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM EBOARD MEETING 5:30 PM Riders Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Day Canteen Opens at 4PM	<b>27</b> KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	<b>28</b> Legion Express 7-11 PM
<b>29</b> Riders Breakfast 9-11 AM Wing 12-4 PM	<b>30</b> Queen of Hearts 6PM Pool 8 PM	<b>Notes: Steak shoot every Saturday 1-3 PM Reduced drink prices Sunday and Thursday for Bottle Beer and Mixed Drinks.</b>				

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<b>6</b> Wing 12-4 PM	<b>7</b> Queen of Hearts 6PM Pool 8 PM	<b>8</b> Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen Opens 4-6 PM	<b>9</b> KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	<b>10</b> AUX MEETING 7 PM	<b>11</b> KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	<b>12</b> TBD
<b>13</b> Riders Breakfast 9-11 AM Wing 12-4 PM	<b>14</b> Queen of Hearts 6PM Pool 8 PM	<b>15</b> Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen Opens 4-6 PM	<b>16</b> KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM	<b>17</b> SAL MEETING	<b>18</b> KAROKE W/ MR LYNN 7-11 PM	<b>19</b> Mart Carroll 7-11 PM Central Area Ride in Post 138
<b>20</b> Wing 12-4 PM	<b>21</b> Queen of Hearts 6PM Pool 8 PM	<b>22</b> Winter Solstice (Northern) Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen Opens 4-6 PM	<b>23</b> KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM Riders Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas Closed	<b>26</b> Rebound 7-11 PM
<b>27</b> Riders Breakfast 9-11 AM Wing 12-4 PM	<b>28</b> Queen of Hearts 6PM Pool 8 PM	<b>29</b> Lounge Games 6PM Kitchen Opens 4-6 PM	<b>30</b> KAROKE W/ SHOE 7-11 PM EBOARD MEETING 5:30 PM	<b>31</b> Post Closes at 2PM New Years Eve Party Uptown Pickers	<b>Notes: Steak shoot every Saturday 1-3 PM. Don't forget to Pay your dues by January 1<sup>st</sup>.</b>	

