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Check out our Website for photos of some recent activities

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Greetings to my entire Post 186 family!

First, I want to welcome back all of our seasonal members, affectionately known as "Snow Birds". We all hope you enjoyed your time back home and we are glad to have you back in sunny Florida.

I want to thank ALL of my Legion family for your support thus far in my tenure as your Post Commander. I know I have had some hiccups and minor stumbles, but with your understanding and patience I strive to improve with every passing day.

I need, once again, to touch on the subject of communications. At over 1500 total members of our extended family (Legion, Sons, and Auxiliary) we are one of the largest posts in the Department of Florida.

Please, I implore you, don't listen to the scuttlebutt, rumor mills, and gossip to which an organization of our size is, unfortunately, prone. If you hear something being discussed in the Post, and you are skeptical or suspicious, PLEASE talk to an officer. Clear, concise communication and understanding are vitally important to our Post. To that end, if you didn't already know, we have reestablished e-mail at the post. There is a notebook at the bar in which you can enter your e-mail address if you so wish. This will be used to communicate events not on the newsletter calendars, last minute changes, special notifications, etc. Our email address is flpost186@hotmail.com.

I want to assure you that only myself, the First Vice Commander, and the Adjutant have administrator access to the

account. We will use this email strictly for Legion business. Okay, enough of that.

There is a lot of positive stuff going on in the Post. Gosh, so much to talk about. Queen of Hearts, Bingo, Show Me the Money, Fish Fry (which gets bigger every week), Steak Shoot, the Sunday NFL package is back (with wings and Bloody Mary and Mimosa specials), Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve, etc. Also, if you didn't know it, we are now making our beautiful pavilion available for rental for special events. See Bud Conaway or myself for pricing, terms, and conditions. Without even announcing it we already have several bookings.

In closing, remember our General Membership meeting is the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. While only Legion members can vote on motions, all of our family can ask to attend as a guest. Just let myself or Sergeant at Arms Tom Wilson know and we will gladly accommodate you.

For God and Country
Steve Tyler – Post 186 Commander

FIRST VICE COMMANDER
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I would like to wish you and your family Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. We are looking forward to the Snowbirds coming back and please keep our military in your thoughts and prayers during the holiday season.

A big thank you to those of you who have paid your 2019 dues. Please remember your dues helps keep the post running. Please take out your membership card and if it is 2018 please

pay your 2019 dues. We are already five (5) months into our new membership year

Those that paid your dues by October 31, will be eligible for the Early bird dinner. We will have tickets ready after November 1, 2018. The dinner will be free to those that have the Early Bird Dinner Stamp on their 2019 cards. Dinner will be held on December 1, 2018.

If you are a member and know someone who served in the military, ask them to consider joining the American Legion. Let them know about all the activities your post does.

Last but not least, as the "Bingo Chair", I want to thank each and everyone of you who made donations towards the upgrade of our Bingo System. A big shout out goes to the Honor Guard, American Legion Riders, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion and the Bingo Players for their generous donations. The upgraded system will be up and running before November 1st.

For God and Country
Barbara Smith

2ND VICE COMMANDER
ED SNYDER
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We're scheduling into a very busy season – **The Holidays!** Please save your calendars especially during November and December. We have some new events coming up; as well as regular entertainment.

We have been a bit disappointed with the Saturday night turn outs. So in case folks only read the officer's reports, the events are listed on the calendars as well as on the front page in this newsletter.

For God and Country,
Edward A. Snyder

ALR DIRECTOR
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Well, once again, despite my best intentions, I ran long in my Commander's newsletter article.

So, keeping it short and sweet, here is my Riders newsletter article.

In spite of the hot weather we have had some really great rides in and around the Nature Coast and West Central Florida. We always strive to visit a Legion, VFW, AMVETS, or other service organization to show the patch and make connections for the good of all veterans. We have ridden thousands of miles, raised thousands of dollars, and visited many posts on your behalf.

We are once again collecting food donations for Thanksgiving food baskets. If you play Bingo, if you bring a canned or dry good donation (please check expiration dates) you will receive a free Bingo sheet. Cash donations also receive a free sheet. This will run through November 13th as we will distribute the baskets to local needy families and veterans in our county on

Friday, November 16th. If you yourself are in need, or know of a local family, there will be a signup sheet at the bar.

In December, on Saturday, *December 15th*, we will *once again be participating in Wreaths Across America*. I urge you to visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org to learn more about this amazing organization.

We have our Chicken Marsala Dinner coming up December 8th, the price is \$9 and cut off is December 5th. Our Lasagna Dinner coming up in January, please attend if you can.

We are still receiving requests for motorcycle escorts for our departed members and we will continue to do so.

For information call either Bud Conaway at 352-232-1804 or Steve Tyler at 813-857-3671 or leave word at Post. If you want us to provide the Escort please call early enough so that we can line things up.

For God and Country
Steve Tyler
Riders Director

Greetings from the Canteen

With the holiday season approaching, we have decided to NOT have the soup to nuts dinner in November or December. We look forward to restarting it in January!

As is our custom, we alter our post hours for the holidays to allow most of the staff well deserved time off! We don't open until 4 PM on Thanksgiving and we close at 4pm on Christmas Eve and ALL day Christmas ! Now, if you would like to bring a group in to celebrate the holidays, and you need to some special attention, please contact me in advance of the event!

Our weekly fish fry has really picked up lately. Hopefully, now that all the repairs are made to our building, we can continue to provide our members and guests a great meal at a great price.

Welcome back to our Snow Birds ! I look forward to seeing you at the Canteen. We have an activity planned for every day except meeting nights and even on Thursday we have 50 cents off ALL alcoholic drinks!

On behalf of your post staff – bartenders, cooks, cleaning crew, and waitresses- we want to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !

For God and Country,
Bud Conaway, Canteen Manager

House Committee Report **Bill Storms**

There will not be a House Committee Report in this issue. Be assured that there are many issues on the agenda. The air conditioners have been repaired as well as the vent in the kitchen.

There is a lot happening at the American Legion seven (7) days a week and a lot more members have been coming in.

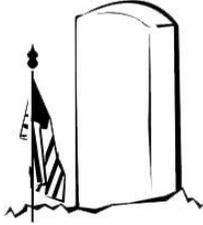


**COMMANDER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

Thank you to the volunteers and those who supported the SAL at the annual labor day feast ! Now we need you to continue supporting our post, and if you are a SAL member, attend our meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM ! Also, don't forget to pay your dues for 2019 ! Have a safe holiday season!

For God and Country,
Jim Ness

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Recent Passings:

Fred Drury; Interred on 09/11 at Bushnell with full honors

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Office Hours will be Thursdays starting at 11:00 a.m.

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The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.

I was disappointed to learn recently that a prospective member was discouraged from applying for membership in our Auxiliary. She was told that there is a lot of fighting and arguing between members at our meetings, and based on that information, she decided she did not want to join. I acknowledge that in the distant past we did experience problems with tempers getting out of hand; but, that has happened very rarely in the past four years. Bickering is not included on my meeting agenda, and will not be tolerated at our meetings. Perhaps it is time for those members who previously experienced such behavior to become active and attend our meetings. We do a great deal of good for veterans and their families, here and abroad, and the work falls on the shoulders of the few members who are active. Not being an active member is your choice; but, please don't perpetuate a rumor mill that dissuades new members from joining us. And now on to more pleasant topics.

The Holidays are here! The Auxiliary wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. The Auxiliary has several events planned for November and December, including a Yard Sale, Initiation Ceremony, Poppy Distribution, Children & Youth Basket of Cheer drawing, Silent Auction and the Project Angel Tree Christmas Giveaway.

If you are a new Auxiliary member, or a member who has never been initiated into the Auxiliary, please join us at our November 8 general meeting. You will receive your Auxiliary membership pin and new member kit.

With Veteran's Day coming up, we need help distributing poppies. There is a sign-up sheet on the Auxiliary Board at the Post. Please help if you can. Remember all proceeds go to help veterans in rehab and hospitals.

During Thanksgiving week, we will be decorating the Post for Christmas and putting up our Angel Tree. Our C&Y Chair, Patti Motzer is currently preparing the wish list sheets and working with the school to get them distributed to students in need, making contacts with the VA to locate military children in our area, and preparing the angels for placing on the tree. We encourage our Post members to take an angel and provide a Merry Christmas for children in need. The Auxiliary is also conducting a food giveaway for the families of these children. Thank you in advance for all your help and support.

Upcoming Auxiliary Events:

- Nov. 2 – 4: Fall Conference
- Nov. 8: Auxiliary General Meeting and Initiation Ceremony 7:00 pm
- Nov. 10: Yard Sale at the Post 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Nov. 11: Silent Auction and C&Y Basket of Cheer Raffle Drawing at the Veterans Day Picnic
- Dec. 8: 15th District Meeting at Post 186, sign up at 9:00 am; meeting at 10:00 am
- Dec. 13: Auxiliary General Meeting – 7:00 pm
- Dec. 16: Children's Christmas Giveaway – 3:00 – 5:00 pm

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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Death: Mary Beth Halbewitz

A Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving and a Wonderful and Merry Christmas to ALL.

For God and Country
Betty Lou Bennett



Boy's & Girl's State Participants at the 09/20 dinner



"Rock Street Band" at the Recent Bike Night



Post 186 Chaplain Rick Woods, Auxiliary Chaplain Betty Lou Bennett and Commander Steve Tyler at the 09/21 POW/MIA Ceremony



From: Old Brooksville In Photos and Stories



A rousing baseball game with Brooksville Kiwanis against the American Legion (1930). Local live games were quite common before the days of TV and big league radio broadcasts. The big ad for Celo was a Sarasota based celerey soft drink popular during the 20's and 30's.

As of November 1, 2018, 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

2030

Lloyd Sellers

2029

Joseph & Donna Greenwald

2028

Joseph Federico

2027

Anna Pellegrini
George Coon

2032

Frank & Sharon Sevick

2025

Glen and Beatrice Ohanesian

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

2020

Bob Burch
Bob & Linda Conte
James Lackey
Raymond Frattini
Doris Webster
William Hartill
Paul Andrews

2019

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John Carvendar
Frank & Carole Babicz
Don St. Pierre
James Millsapps
Ronald Rehurek

2018

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Larrie Douglas
Betty Corbin
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Jean Coburn
Raul and Lena Pena
Mary Cracciloo
Mike Cockill
Anita Lanigan

In Memory of Past Members

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Linda Harper
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