



Charles E. Murray
American Legion Post 186

Newsletter

September and October 2013

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Here we are already in September, waiting to get through our slow months until our neighbors from the North come back. I am sure that everyone who has come to the Post has seen the improvements that have been made. We were asked to look into getting the NFL package and to do that we had to switch to Direct TV. We want to please as many people as we can, so we made the change. Come on down and watch your favorite team play on Sundays, we have eight televisions hooked up, so you should be able to see your team play. We are still working on getting BrightHouse as a backup if there is bad weather.

Don't forget the new cards for membership are here, come in to renew by November to get your early bird dinner. See Don Malin or me and we will try to accommodate you. If we are not available you can leave it with the bartenders. It is important that you leave your phone number so if there is a problem we can solve it quickly. Remember that if there is a problem to please come and see me, second hand information gets blown out of proportion.

Butch is doing a great job at Steak Shoot, come on down and have some fun and win great meats, no one can beat what he gives away in the bonus. Mark your calendar for Saturdays at 1p.m. so you don't miss the fun. Please check your newsletter for the calendar of events coming up. We are always looking for volunteers to help our at the Post, if you can help out, please see Jack Perz, Don Malin or any

other officer. Without our volunteers none of this would be possible and without SAL donating all the televisions we could not have accomplished this. I want to personally thank SAL for their cooperation and dedication to Post 186. Thank you for your support.

For God and Country,
Eric "Sox" Hunter

FIRST VICE COMMANDER
DON MALIN
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Membership renewals have been coming in at a steady pace, being processed and 2014 cards are being sent out in a timely fashion. We have processed over 500 renewals, transfers and new members this month. Remember, 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. Carry a membership application and recruit a new member.

For God and Country,
Don Malin

SECOND VICE COMMANDER
STEVE TYLER
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Well I am hoping life soon settles down! I was away on a vacation to New England followed immediately by a drive

to Minnesota for my mother-in-law's funeral. I missed a lot at the Post I'm sure, and I want to thank everyone for your kind thoughts and prayers during this time.

Well, it has been a relatively uneventful summer, a little quiet around Charles E. Murray. We have had our usual exodus of the snowbirds but we have attempted to provide a little relief from the heat and rains. I have been trying to bring in some new blood, and in June I engaged the services of a new two-man band, KC and the Vocal Chords. They were excellent, playing over two hours non-stop before their first break. All the feedback I received was very positive, and I will try to book them again. We also had return engagements from The Belairs and the Rebound Band.

Looking forward to the return of our northern flock, we ramp up the excitement in the coming months. In September will see the Belairs, Rebound, All Shook Up, and a new talent, Dave Conrad, a D.J. and singer. On September 22nd, the Auxiliary will host a special Sunday Bingo and Chinese Auction, and the kitchen will offer a full menu. Please see the calendars for all of our activities. October will bring us the now famous ALR Chicken Marsala dinner with All Shook Up. Rebound and the Belairs return as well.

Two big evenings for you to look forward to first: Oktoberfest on October 13th at 2 p.m. I am still looking for an authentic German band so we don't have to go with recorded music. If you know of one, please let me know! Get your costumes ready for the Halloween party on October 26th with Li'l Miss Dynamite providing the entertainment. I look forward to seeing you all at the Post soon!

For God and Country,
Steve Tyler

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I would like to implore all Members to report any Member who is sick or in hospital, to contact myself or the Commander. All deceased members must be confirmed by a family member such as wife, husband or children. We must verify all information that is given to the Chaplain.

I was very pleased to have played a small part in the July 4th. Parade at High Point. Our Color Guard as always did an excellent job. The event was well attended this year.

SICK CALL
Robert Jagiello

DECEASED
Thomas Eaton
William Anderson
Robert Stodola
Charles Gallaher
Terry Fox
William Powell

In closing I will leave you with the following

If Ye fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love Thy neighbor as Thyself, ye do well. James 2:8

For God and Country
Chaplain Charles Haig.

SERVICE OFFICER
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I was asked by the Commander to be your new service officer, which I accepted with honor. As most of you know, I was formally a Hernando County Veteran Services Officer, but due to budget constraints, my job was eliminated. I have been keeping active with veteran's affairs as the Service Officer for VFW Post 9236, Hernando Beach. I also stay in contact with the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, St. Petersburg, FL. I wanted to inform every one of the changes with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

The VA is attempting to make filing a claim easier by mail, fax and online. By filing online, you can track the status of your claim. The VA is also accepting what they call fully developed claims. As a service officer with the county, I always attempted to file a fully developed claim as Ken Wrinkle taught me. A fully developed claim is a claim that is submitted with all the paperwork. Such as any medical evidence from private physicians or copies of treatment received while on active duty, or any evidence that can substantiate your claim. As of May 31, 2013, the VA has 288,839 claims pending after the push to process backlogs of claims older than 1 year. Their hope is to eliminate the backlog by 2015. There are 4,930 WWII claims pending, 10,416 Korean Conflict, 83,551 Vietnam Era, and 88,551 Gulf War. The rest is a combination of peacetime and unknown.

The reason I mention this is so you can bring all the information with you if you want to file a claim. If you do not have the information I will still assist you in filing a

claim, but you must be aware that it will take a much longer time to get your claim processed. Please call or email to set up an appointment to meet. I am still employed so I will not be able to set up a specific time to be at the post until I know what my work schedule will be.

For God and Country,
Debi Gould-Avery



ALR
Director
Rex Hinkle
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Well for a second time I am filling in for our Director, Rex Hinkle. Sadly, Rex's mom passed away this morning, August 10th after battling cancer. We send our thoughts and prayers to Rex and Mary and their extended family. Having gone through this with my own Mother-in-law within the past month, I understand what they are experiencing. Please offer your condolences when next you see them.

We have had a few nice rides this summer. Our Road Captain, Bud Conaway, has put together some nice excursions with stops at other Veteran's organizations and always a good restaurant along the way. We look forward to more such journeys in the future.

Myself, Tex and Kathy McKinney volunteered at the 33rd National Wheelchair Games in Tampa. We were there on July 13th and 14th, working at the Air Rifle Competition. What an honor it was to work with these amazing veterans as they competed in a variety of sports and activities, excelling in spite of their condition. It was truly awe-inspiring.

Since changing our by-laws to admit non-riders we have added quite a few members. They have been accompanying us on rides and have really been pitching in with the various events and activities we have held. If you are interested in joining, just come to our monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Our next Legion Rider's feast will be the world renowned Chicken Marsala Dinner on Saturday October 5th, with All Shook Up providing the entertainment. With our snowbirds returning soon, we look forward to good riding and great fellowship. Come out and join us. We ride every Saturday, meeting at the post at 10 a.m. with kickstands up at 10:30. As always, please watch for motorcycles wherever you travel.

For Director Rex Hinkle,
For God and Country,
Steve Tyler, Asst Director



COLOR GUARD COMMANDER
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Fellow Legionnaires, your Color Guard took part in the 4th of July 2013 High Point Parade. After the parade, Lou Hernandez, Steve Small and James Hulce raised the American Flag as Chuck Teaters played the National Anthem. Chuck then led the crowd in singing God Bless America. Chuck is 86 years old and an asset to the Post and your Color Guard.

Your Color Guard meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to join is welcome to attend our meeting. You can get an application from John Rakuwicz or ask me.

Future ceremonies:

04 Sept 2013, 8:30 a.m. WHACS Senior Softball Opening Day at Veteran's Park.

11 Sept 2013, 11:30 a.m. (9-11) Post 186

11 Sept 2013, 01:00 p.m. (9-11) Atria Evergreen Woods

For God and Country,
Jimmy Schultz

Canteen News
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Now that we are into the fall months and the summer is behind us already -we will be getting very busy with our schedule at Post 186. We have scheduled a Casino trip to Victory Casino Cruise in Port Canaveral, Florida on Oct 10, 2013 leaving from Post 186! The cost is \$40.00 per person -this will include \$20.00 FREE PLAY-\$10.00 Food Voucher and ride to and from the casino! We will leave Post 186 parking lot at around 7 a.m. and be back around

7PM!!!! Please do not wait to get your tickets as many have already signed up! This will sell out fast! Tickets are available at Canteen!

Come on down to your Post and check out all the fun activities going on! And remember Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. is \$1.25 day for Regular beer and well drinks! For the summer as the kitchen was slow - we had 3 days that we just served soup and sandwiches. As of Sept.3, 2013 we will return our full menu everyday and our wings on Sunday!

Please help us welcome our new cook to the kitchen, Margret -she has cooked for many people at Army dinners when her husband served his 26 years all over the world!

For God and Country,
Anna Pellegrini



**AUXILIARY
PRESIDENT**
Elizabeth Corbin
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Want to thank the girls who attended our first meeting. Did get some things done for our year ahead. Will need help getting things accomplished, but I know there are things we all can do. We have re-started our Desert table on Fish Fry night with proceeds going for our scholarships, for our deserving high school seniors.

Please bare with me and become involved in what you can do to help. On November 2nd we could use your help for our biannual yearly yard sale. Need donations for it and also are having a bake sale there, and also will have coffee and doughnuts. Come join the fun.

We are going to be doing Kids Christmas party in Dec.

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 List:
Kaye Girscia
Donna Tressel
Gloria Smith
Marcella Gleek

Let us Pray. May today there be peace within you. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. I believe that friends are quiet Angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly! AMEN God bless our troops and God bless America. Amen

For God and Country,
Bettylou Bennett



At Charles E. Murray Post 186 on Sat. Sept. 14th between 1:00 P.M and 4:00 P.M

BOOSTER CLUB

As of August 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.

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Feb. 2022

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Gloria Murray

Steve Small and Anna Pellegrini

July 2021

Jimmy Schultz

Post 186 Color Guard

Ruth Oppert

September 2020

Bob Burch

July 2019

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Janet Bowman

March 2018

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July 2013

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In Memory of Past Members

Olisse Pellegrini

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SAL BBQ PORK RIB ROAST ON LABOR DAY *** TICKETS ON SALE AT CANTEEN

ALR CHICKEN MARSALA DINNER *** SAT OCT 4TH AT 6 PM

POW/MIA DINNER CEREMONY SAT SEP 14 AT 5 PM