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## American Legion Post 186



# Newsletter

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Hut One ! Hut Two ! The second season of the NFL package is coming in September to Post 186 !!! As you recall, we voted last year to get DIRECTV and the NFL package. We have 8 televisions set up to receive the games so odds are that the team you follow will be on one of our TVs. In the spirit of the games, we will do our best to get you the best seat in the house. On top of that, we have our Sunday special drinks and, of course, the wings special. No reservations required. The only requirement is that you cheer your team to victory !

Sox is here daily to process your renewals. And if he is not here, I am ready to assist you. And in the unlikely event neither one of us are here, our bartender will cheerfully accept your dues. We want to exceed 100% this year and we need your help to achieve this goal. Please review the 1st vices article in this newsletter.

In an attempt to increase attendance at our social functions, Randy Eoute, our 2nd vice, has traveled the world (actually Hernando county) seeking the best entertainment our budget will allow ! Will it be different? Yes ! Will it be loud? At times ! Will it be doo-wop ? At times ! The bottom line is he is providing a wide variety of music. In coming months, we will host an Octoberfest, another Kamikaze karaoke (the first was a great success), as well as some old favorites. We need to provide

the variety so ALL our members can enjoy coming to the post. Randy and I need feedback from the membership!

We need to make the atmosphere in the post more friendly. If you have a suggestion to improve our post, let's hear it! Our cooks, waitresses, and bartenders are here to serve you. In return, they need your support and kindness especially when we are at peak times! Our food, lunches and dinners, has never been better. I know as I am their best customer!

You will see more subtle changes in our environment in the near future! Please remember that "change" is good and we all have the same goal – that is to make Post 186 the best post in Florida! Keep up your support of bar games, steak shoot, and all the other revenue producing activities!

For God and Country,  
Frank Babicz

### FIRST VICE COMMANDER

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### FREE BEER! FREE BEER!

Now that I have your attention, the commander has authorized me to give a free beer to any member that signs up a NEW member that is accepted into our post !!!! All you need to do is sign the application form and see either me or the Commander! We are dedicated to achieving 100% this year and we already have over 35% in

renewals! Don't forget the regular early bird incentive, and renew by Oct.31st and get a free dinner at the post later in the year. We have been getting several double payments of dues. We apologize that we are unable to control the method used by Orlando that generates the statements. But if you have sent us a check or you already have a 2015 card, rest assured that your dues have been paid.

For God and Country,  
Eric "Sox" Hunter

#### SECOND VICE COMMANDER

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As summer draws to an end, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our Legion. The Boys State dinner had a nice turnout and The Uptown Pickers band did a great job by providing a diverse array of music for everyone to enjoy. We are trying some new bands out this year so please let me know your thoughts on them. As always The "Belairs" did an outstanding job to kick start our August line up. We also tried a new KAMAKAZE KARAOKE!!! It was an awesome success and we are adding it to our line up every 6 weeks starting September 5<sup>th</sup>. Coming up in September we have the POW/MIA ham dinner on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the Boys/Girls state spaghetti dinner on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Oktoberfest is the 19<sup>th</sup> with themed entertainment and authentic German food, and the 31<sup>st</sup> is our Halloween party and costume contest. With fall approaching, we will add more bands to the line-up until they are on a weekly schedule. Our tentative fall/winter weekend schedule is Shoe or Mr. Lynn on Friday nights and Saturday night is band night. I hope you enjoy our upcoming schedule as I am working hard at trying to appease everyone's tastes!

For God and Country,  
Randy Eoute

#### POST CHAPLAIN

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Since my last Newsletter much water has gone under the bridge. This time it is funerals and hospital visits with the help of Chuck Teaters. With his help, I managed to get to see to all of them. I am putting our assistant Chaplain Chuck Teaters in for Volunteer of the month! I would like to also mention another volunteer - Craig Gallagher who delivers

heavy medical equipment for me to needy veterans. (Many thanks) May I remind you if you are a Catholic and want to Receive Communion at home please contact me at home and I will bring it to you.

In closing, let us all pray for Luis Hernandez a valued Post member who was a Past Commander and the Post Color Guard Commander for many years. The Power of Prayer can heal if you have Faith in GOD, for he is with you always,

#### SICK LIST

Luis Hernandez

#### DEATHS

Robert Stewart  
John Crumbaugh  
Donald Chenail  
Joseph Rozga  
James Payne

Remember - When you get to your wits end, you will find that God lives there.

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

#### Canteen News

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It's amazing how the summer just flew by and we are now into the Fall Months. Please watch your Calendar for all upcoming events. I would like to take this time to thank All the Members who helped make our "American Legion day with the Rays" a HUGE success- We took 53 Members and Guest on the bus to see the Game!

Just a Reminder we have our \$1.25 Day for Domestic Bottle Beer and Well Drinks from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. every Thursday. On Sunday we have our reduced Sunday Prices, and we have two specials, Bloody Mary's and Mimosas on Sale For \$1.00 each!! Our Kitchen has Wings and other items on the Menu from 12 to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

We also have our Direct TV and football playing on all our 8 TV sets. So come on down to Your Post and enjoy some drinks and food with your fellow members. I will close by saying Thank You to OUR

Staff for all that you do. I know I deeply appreciate it!

For God and Country,  
Anna Pellegrini

### American Legion Blood Drive

American Legion Post 186 Commander Frank Babicz announced today that he is calling on all of the citizens of Spring Hill & Brooksville to join the Post's core membership in their ongoing blood donor program. The next scheduled blood collection effort will be conducted by *Life South* personnel at the Post home, 12091 Cortez Blvd., on Saturday September 20, 2014. The agency's Bloodmobile will be there, on-site, all afternoon, from Noon to 4:00 P.M. If you are a regular donor, we ask you to plan your next donation for this date.

Prospective donors are encouraged to call Donor Chairman, John Rakuwicz, at 352-650-9675, to schedule an appointment. This will help keep the actual waiting times to a minimum.

"The need for blood never diminishes," explained Chairman Rakuwicz. Every minute of every day, five persons in the U.S.A. require an estimated three pints of blood. That amounts to a staggering 21,600 pints per day. "Don't underestimate the enormous value of your blood donation," Post Commander Babicz emphasized. "All types of blood are needed, all the time."

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COMMANDER  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
CRAIG GALLAGHER

Well HELLO to all the SAL members! My name is Craig Gallagher and I was elected as your new commander. I hope to have a very successful year. With a little help here and there, I'm sure WE can! Please come to the post and meet all your fellow SAL members. I am "in and out" but look for me at the Canteen. I am involved in the Color Guard and other legion activities. Our SAL meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at 7 PM. I sure would like to see some new faces.

Right now I am working on organizing the Labor Day Pig Roast! Come on down and volunteer to help out and join the fun! Hopefully, with your assistance, it will be a success! And finally, as the other leaders say:

For God and Country,  
Craig Gallagher, SAL Squadron 186 Commander



COLOR GUARD COMMANDER  
Jimmy Schultz  
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Once again your Color Guard was invited to lead the High Point 4th of July Parade; we thank them for the honor. Commander Babicz raised the American Flag, we went to Present Arms as Color Guard member Chuck Teaters played the National Anthem. Chuck then led the assembly in singing God Bless America. Just Four (4) Color Guard members made this march. This number has gotten smaller every year. Any Legionaries wanting to volunteer and join our unit, please see me, any member of the unit or Commander Frank Babicz.

The post will perform memorial service on request and availability. One was held on Monday 21 July 2014, the first in almost a year. Please speak to the Commander for any future ceremonies. As in the past, in the event of more than one ceremony is requested, the Commander will select one date for all of them.

On Sat 13 Sep 2014 we will participate with the Auxiliary for their POW/MIA Ceremony at 5 p.m. with Dinner to follow. We thank Betty Lou Bennett for asking us to assist her and the Auxiliary Unit with this so solemn Ceremony.

For God and Country,  
Jimmy Schultz



ALR  
 Director  
 Steve Tyler  
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Greetings everyone! It's been a long, hot summer. Those of you who went north to escape the heat had the right idea. It's been a fairly quiet summer for the riders. We have taken some nice rides around the county and state, weather permitting. Riding this time of year is always an adventure with the heat and frequent thunderstorms, but we do it anyway because we love it.

In June we attended the annual Department of Florida convention in Orlando. At the Riders' meeting your Post 186 Riders presented a check for \$1000 for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. I'd like to share some information about the Legion Riders: There are 96 Riders chapters in Florida, comprised of 3308 Riders from all of the Legion family. Riders supported 234 Legion programs and 464 community programs. Florida Riders rode 1.888 million miles and volunteered 178,238 hours. Your Florida Riders alone raised over \$500,000 for various programs. As you can see, we do a lot.

July saw the installation of your Riders officers. On July 12<sup>th</sup> we presented a check for \$1000 to Randy Eoute (one of our Riders and your Second Vice) for the Wounded Warrior Project. Your attendance at dinners, bingo, and Rifle raffle purchases helped raise the funds for this and we appreciate it greatly. Looking forward to the coming months we are anticipating the return of our snowbirds and a little better weather for riding. We have our first Riders' dinner on October 11<sup>th</sup> featuring our famous Chicken Marsala with K.C. and the Vocal Chords as the entertainment. As always, please watch for motorcycles as you travel the roads of the Nature Coast.

For God and Country,  
 Steve Tyler



**AUXILIARY UNIT 186**  
**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**  
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I hope all had a great summer. Surely our snowbirds should be rolling in soon, we have missed you. I would like to thank everyone who has sent me lovely cards, congratulating me, it meant a great deal to me. School of

Instruction will be September 13 at Post 5, 9-12; we will have a table to sell goods, as will the other units. Also, Fran and Millie will be hosting their yards sales at the Post on 9-19, 10-17, and 11-21, all at 8 to 1 o'clock. They and I will also be there to encourage membership sign-ups for each squadron within Post 186. All of us are family and we all need the help. Our new Junior President, Kylie Staten will have a table representing the community and our Vets. Her proceeds will go to Gail Cleaves. We need some help collecting more school supplies for our community schools. Boys and Girls State dinner is September 24, Teri has the basket of cheer ready, please buy your tickets for both. Of course we will be having a HOWLING GOODTIME at our Halloween party, Oct 31 at 7 p.m. think of some great costumes they will be judged between 8 and 9. We will have an initiation at our Nov 13 meeting, Call me with any questions. Bless you and keep you.

For God and Country  
 Sudie Staten  
 President of the Auxiliary

**AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN**

Beth Geiger  
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Get Well Wishes

Josie Bender Hallen  
 Margaret Hernandez  
 Betty Lou Bennett  
 Cheryl LaBaron Popielski  
 Jo Terns  
 Mary Ann Dickerson

Sympathy

Joann Holobinka  
 Millie Comstock  
 Carole Babicz

Deceased

Marjorie Pilipehuk

May you always have  
 Enough LOVE to share  
 Enough HAPPINESS to spare  
 And  
 Enough FRIENDS that care.

God Bless America  
 Beth

## BOOSTER CLUB

As of August 8, 2014, 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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Carlton & Beth Ann Terrell

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

2022  
Ed Kolbasiuk  
Gloria Murray  
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Frank & Sharon Sevick

2021  
Jimmy Schultz  
Post 186 Color Guard  
Ruth Oppert

2020  
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2019  
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Janet Bowman

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Hugh & Helen Reynolds

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Betty Corbin  
Frank Reilly  
Robert J Eudeikis  
Ken Oxendorf

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Don & Joan Jernstrom  
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Conrad Vachon  
Doris Webster  
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Bud Conaway  
Donna Aho

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Robert Scholz  
Frank Kaczkowski  
Dennis Hernandez

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**AMERICAN LEGION POST 186 BLOOD DRIVE**  
**WHEN: SATURDAY, SEP 20<sup>TH</sup> 2014**  
**WHERE: IN FRONT OF THE POST**  
**TIME: FROM NOON TO 4 PM**  
**MORE INFO: SEE ARTICLE IN THIS NEWSLETTER**  
**OR**  
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