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COMMANDER

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Greetings to my fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, Sons of the American Legion members, and Legion Riders. I write this on a soggy day in late July, and I don't know about you, but I have had about enough of the rain, heat, and humidity!

This is my first newsletter article as your new Post Commander, so it will be a little longer than future articles. First and foremost, I want to thank my predecessor, Jack Perz, for an outstanding year as our Post Commander, and I want to thank all of the outgoing officers and committee chairs for a job well done, and for their dedication and hard work during 2017-2018.

I want to thank all of our Post family for all you have done, and will do going forward. We are a family, and it takes everyone working together to make our Post a success. I want to announce some new programs, and some old ones being resurrected, as we move forward in this, our Centennial year. We will be bringing back Volunteer of the Month and Employee of the Month, and these will also be awarded quarterly. Keep your eyes out for a special mailbox and forms for you to submit your nominations for these awards, as we value your input in choosing these individuals.

A new program I wish to institute, especially for those of you who can't make it to monthly meetings, is what I am going to call the Commander's Table. At least once a month, I will be available on a Friday, from 12 to 2 p.m. for you to sit down and talk to me, voice your concerns, complaints, recommendations, etc. Look for announcements at the Post. We will be bringing back the use of e-mail in order to keep the members better informed of events at the post, special news,

last minute notifications of changes to the calendars, etc. By the time you read this there will be a notebook at the bar to give us your name and email address so that we can add you to our database. I promise you that these emails will be used strictly for official Legion business, and your information will never be shared outside Post 186.

I am in the process of rebuilding our House Committee, which will include Legion members, as well as representatives from the Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders. Don Malin has done an amazing job over the last several years, pretty much by himself. This is a big job and we need a proper committee to do it. Thank Don for what he has done when you see him. In closing I want to address the issue of communication. In any organization such as ours, there tend to be miscommunication, scuttlebutt, and rumors. As an example, before I even assumed office, there was a rumor that I would not be at the installation of officers as I would be on a cruise! This of course was not true, and I don't know who started it, nor do I care.

If you hear something that sounds wrong, or have a question, concern, etc., please talk to myself or another officer. I want everyone to know that I have an open door policy; therefore I want everyone to have my contact information. My cell number is 813-857-3671; my email address is tylersf@hotmail.com. If I don't answer my phone, please leave a voicemail and I will get back to you ASAP. I only ask that you call between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., and please only call regarding legitimate Legion business.

Well I apologize for being long winded, and I promise to be less verbose in the future. I look forward to seeing you at the post at one of our wonderful activities.

For God and Country
Steve Tyler

FIRST VICE COMMANDER

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A “BIG” thank you goes out to all the Legionnaires that have paid their 2019 dues already. Our 2019 year started on July 1, 2018. We have a long way to go so please keep submitting your dues payments.

Please take a moment pull out your membership cards and see what year it is valid for. I ran a report and there are 283 members that have not paid dues since 2017 and 198 that have not paid their 2018 dues. The Newsletters have still been coming to you, but we must keep down the printing and mailing costs and only send to those that are active/dues paying members. If you fall in the unpaid category since 2017 this means that your name will be dropped from the Newsletter mailing list and you will not receive your November-December Newsletter. As of December 31, 2018, those that have not paid their 2018 dues, will be dropped from the mailing list. You have the option to keep your newsletter coming to you. If you want to keep your membership years accruing then you will need to get caught up on your dues by paying the years missing. If your years are not important to you, you may pay your 2019 dues and start at year one (1) all over again. Your 2018 dues are still payable until December 31, 2018. We are offering a “FREE” early bird dinner in December, but you must have your 2019 dues paid by October 31, 2018 to qualify.

For God and Country
Barbara Smith

2ND VICE COMMANDER

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I am honored to serve as 2nd Vice Commander and be a part of Post 186 Leadership team.

This is my first Legion appointment, so “Thank You” to Steve Tyler for making this transition as seamless as possible. Just a few notes about myself: I enlisted in the US Navy when I was 16 years old and proudly served aboard the USS Wasp. I’m also a proud member of the American Legion Riders. Those of you who I haven’t had the pleasure of meeting please feel free to introduce yourself.

I have a few ideas for upcoming entertainment nights, and I’m optimistic that all events held at Legion Post 186 (dinners, breakfasts, Karaoke, Saturday Night music and special entertainment, Lounge games) will be well attended. All I ask is that you support our Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders’ activities and events. Our volunteers are the best. Lastly, feel free to make suggestions. I promise to give your ideas my full consideration.

For God and Country,
Edward A. Snyder

ALR DIRECTOR

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Greetings and salutations to my Legion family.

As my Commander’s article was so lengthy, I am keeping this short to save newsletter space. Yes, I am once again wearing two hats. For the coming year I am both your Rider’s Director, and now in addition, the Post Commander. It’s a good thing I’m retired, as I am going to be very busy this year!

I look forward to working with all my peers in the Legion family, and this is a very momentous year, as next March we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion!

It has been a quiet summer. Between our snowbird members being gone, and uncooperative weather, we haven’t done as much riding as we would like.

I want to thank everyone who attended our most recent Bike Night, highlighted by another memorable performance from Rebel Soul.

We will be having at least one more, on Friday, September 14th. Due to the proximity to the anniversary of 09/11, this will be a **First Responders Appreciation Night**, open to all first responders from our community. Rock Street Band will provide entertainment. More details to follow.

That’s it for now, see you at the post!

For God and Country
Steve Tyler
Riders Director



Greetings from the Canteen

As I have previously mentioned. The canteen/kitchen continues to evolve to supply our members quality service at the best price! To that end, we started a regular third Saturday of the month dinner. This dinner will feature special food items not normally sold in the canteen. And best of all, no up front dinner tickets are needed. All you need to do is sign up at the service area at the bar by the Wednesday before the dinner. You pay for the dinner on the night it is served. No advance tickets sold. We have called this dinner “SOUP TO NUTS” as it will include soup, salad, entrée, and dessert. Prices will vary depending in the cost of the items. Our first two dinners were a success! Any profit from these dinners goes to the American Legion. So check out this month’s dinner. There will be posters posted on the bulletin board with the particular information!

In addition, we are attempting to increase our luncheon business by rewarding our regular repeat customers. This program involves buying 9 items from a selection in the menus and you get the 10th one free. We have started with hot dogs, Philly cheese steak, or hamburgers. When you order one of these items, you will also receive a card that you keep! The waitress will initial the card each time you buy the item. Thank you to our repeat customers and welcome to the new members. Remember, buy 9 and get one free!



Our Thirsty Thursdays continues to do well ! For those who don't know, ALL alcoholic drinks whether premium beer or top shelf liquor or regular drinks are 50 cents off their normal price. We felt that this was a fair way to let EVERYONE get in on the discount. It runs every Thursday from open until 7 PM!

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, simply contact me at the office any morning or at the Canteen most evenings !

For God and Country,
Bud Conaway, Canteen Manager

House Committee Report

There will not be a House Committee Report in this issue. Be assured that there are many issues on the agenda.

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

We now have new Cornhole games and a giant Jenga game in the pavilion. So, come on out and have some fun. Hope to see you at the American Legion and hope you become an active member.



COMMANDER SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

I would like to Thank ALL of the Volunteers that helped make our Father's Day breakfast a big success. On September 3rd. we will again host our annual SAL PIG ROAST. Noon to 2 p.m. at \$8.00 per person. **Please reserve your ticket by August 28th**. Tickets are available at the canteen.

For God and Country,
Jim Ness

SPECIAL NOTICE:

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.

Thank You,
Bud Conaway
Road Captain

Recent Passings:

Fran Swartz – Lamar Semmel



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Our 2018 – 2019 auxiliary theme is “We’re All In” for our veterans, military families, communities, and children & youth, and with The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and Riders of the American Legion to work together as a family. Our colors this year are red, black and white, and the 15th District has been designated the Treasure Island casino. We are planning a fun-filled and successful year serving our veterans and community.

Our Unit's Children & Youth program, headed by Patti Motzer, successfully collected and distributed school supplies to Suncoast Elementary School in Spring Hill. Two handcars of supplies were welcomed by school personnel at our drop off on Thursday, August 9, 2018. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthwhile cause. The teachers, staff, children and their families appreciate all the help that we provide. Membership Chair Eileen Wilson is now accepting membership renewals for 2019. Please keep in mind that due to increases in dues at the National and District levels, our Unit dues have increased to **\$35.00**. Dues must be paid before the end of October, 2018 in order to qualify for the Early Bird Dinner, which will be held on December 1 this year. Your Auxiliary Unit will be taking responsibility for five troop boxes to be sent to our troops overseas, as well as collecting toiletries to be distributed to homeless veterans. I hope we can, again, count on your generosity to help ease the burden of those who fought for our country.

Congratulations to our Unit officers who have accepted District Chairs. Claudia Fischer, Unit Secretary/Treasurer, will serve as District Constitution and By-Laws Chair, and Eileen Wilson, Member-at-Large and Membership Chair, will serve as District Membership Chair. Thank you, ladies, for all you do.

Upcoming Auxiliary Events:

Sept. 13: Auxiliary General Meeting, 7:00 pm, at Post 186

Sept 15: District 15 School of Instruction, Post 152, registration at 9:00 am

Oct. 11: Auxiliary General Meeting, 7:00 pm, at Post 186

Oct. 13: District ABC School, Post 248, registration at 9:00 am

Please note these dates. A great deal of information can be gleaned at the District schools, classes and meetings.

For God and Country,
Lynda J. Anderson

Auxiliary Chaplain

Thank You God for watching over our Auxiliary, American Legion, SAL and the Riders! By working together, WE can do Great Things !

Illness – Chris Howard at Health South
Home: Beth Geiger; Vicki Foy; Judy Soloman;
Carol Costley; Peggy John

For God and Country,
Betty Lou Bennett, Auxiliary Chaplain 352-835-1156

INSTALLATION of OFFICERS 2018-2019



Happy Halloween

"Our Friends should be coming along soon "

As of September 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

2019

Donna Greenwald

Janet Bowman

Fellip & Beverly Zielinski

Anonymous

John Keller

Joe & Mildred Garza

2019

Robert Eudeikis

David Salomski

Jim & Eleanor Krakowiak

John Carvendar

Frank & Carole Babicz

Don St. Pierre

James Millsapps

Ronald Rehurek

2018

Burt and Cheryl Onder

Val Parker

Doris Webster

Jack Krause

Donna Aho

Larrie Douglas

Betty Corbin

Claus & Elisabeth Sachse

Arthur Babcock

Jean Coburn

Raul and Lena Pena

Mary Cracciloo

Mike Cockill

Anita Lanigan

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Dorothy Henderson

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