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Greetings,

Well we are well into the hot, steamy, summer months and our post is doing well! Although there is always room for improvement, our games, entertainment, and kitchen are doing very well considering our snow birds are still months away from returning!

You should have received your membership renewal form in the mail. I know it is early but we use the funds generated to pay our summer bills along with the insurance premiums that are due! In addition, if you pay your dues by 10/31/19, you qualify for a FREE early bird dinner on 12/7/19.

As we do every year at this time, we are looking for volunteers for our various committees. If Boys State, Children & Youth, our various lounge games interest you or maybe you want to suggest something new, stop by the Post and see me!

Upcoming events include the annual *Labor Day Pig Roast* put on by the Sons, *Boys & Girls State Spaghetti Dinner on September 12th*, the return of the football package on Sundays, dinners, and some new entertainment designed with you in mind. For details, please consult the 2nd Vice's article or the calendar of events! We are also offering FREE open pool on Wednesdays from 10 am until 4:30 pm on a trial basis. Bar bites from the bartender are available for a nominal price during this time.



PLEASE HELP! The Food Bank is desperately low. We are in need of canned goods; Beans, Tuna, Spam. Items can be dropped off at the Post. Your donation will help a Vet in need.



As most of you are aware, I have had to deal with some tough issues the last couple of months. This is all behind us now and we are going to move forward in a positive fashion. Again, if you have any suggestions to improve our Post, stop by and see me or you can write me a note and leave it with the bartender. Or you can talk to ANY of the officers! We are here to serve you!

And finally, we are looking to make minor changes and building improvements to enhance your experience at the Post. If you want to have input, join me on the house committee!

The only thing missing at Post 186 is YOU!

For God and Country,
Eric "SOX" Hunter – Post 186 Commander

FIRST VICE COMMANDER Bill Storms

Renewals and new memberships have been flowing in.

Remember; Early renewal means an invite to the **"Early Bird dinner" on December 7th.**

For God and Country,
Bill Storms

2ND VICE COMMANDER

Gary Newell
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I would like to start off my column with a big shout out to Ed Snyder our past 2nd Vice Commander, what a job he did bringing in some great bands for the summer: Ed, Thank You. I hope that I will be able to do as good a job as you did. Keep your eyes on our calendar because we have some events planned for the coming year that you will not want to miss, and just a reminder to those of you who forgot WE ARE SMOKE FREE! Many of you have been inquiring about the Pavilion and I'm happy to say that as the weather gets cooler we will be having bands outside, having said that I would like to throw out a little plug for the Post by saying that if you are planning a birthday, baby shower, family reunion, you can book the Pavilion for all your party needs at a price that's easy on your pocket. To all of you out there who keep showing up week after week, THANK YOU for your loyalty and support we could not do it without you.

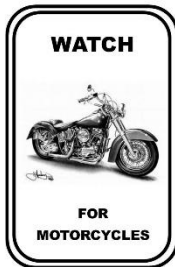
For God and Country,
Gary Newell



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Well folks it's the first of August and time to get the next epic article done for the post newsletter.

Fortunately, I article now that Commander. appreciate that! Great news out President LEGION act membership to discharged 1941. I look



only have to write one I am a Past I'm sure John M. will

of Washington: Trump signed the opening up Legion all veterans honorably since December 7th, forward to lots of new

Post members and maybe even some new Riders. It has been a typical summer. We ride as often as we can depending on the weather. We have been caught in our share of downpours, and I have had to spend more time in my rain suit than I like. I took a great road trip to New England and back in July, covering over 3400 miles. I usually had a Legion or Riders t-shirt on, so I think I represented the Post pretty well.

Hopefully we will begin to see some of our snowbirds coming back soon, and if the heat breaks, we can ride even more. Remember we are always available for escorts and special occasions, so let Bud Conaway or myself know if you would like us to participate in an event.

Our first dinner of the year will be on Saturday, **October 5th** at 6:00 p.m. It will be another **Oktoberfest dinner**, and as authentic as I can make it. The menu will include bratwurst, knockwurst, warm German potato salad, sauerkraut, rolls and

butter, and maybe even Black Forest Cherry Cake for dessert. All this scrumptiousness for only \$9.00! I might even convince Bud to bring in Sam's Oktoberfest beer. Tickets will be available by the time you read this.

Well that's it for now, I look forward to serving you as the Post 186 Riders Director for the coming year, as well as serving as District Vice Commander and District Riders Chairman.

For God and Country,
Steve Tyler
Riders Director

COMMANDER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
Juan Villarreal



September 2, 2019 will be the Son's Pig Roast. Tickets are available, at the Canteen, until August 28th.

Monthly September 19 you are a Son's, please



Meetings and October 17. If member of the come join us.

It is my sad duty to report that Past Squadron Commander Jim Ness passed away on August 8, 2019. We send our condolences to Jim's family. A Celebration of Life will be held on October 19th at 3:30 P.M. at Post 186. Please join us.

For God and Country,
Juan Villarreal

POST CHAPLAIN
Robert Henry Poulin
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Hi, my name is Bob Poulin, I am hoping to bring a new attitude to the position of Post Chaplain. I would like to reach out to the Auxiliary members, the Sons, and the Riders, as well as the General membership if I can assist you in any way. I am available. Let's all work together to make this a year to remember.

For God and Country,
Robert H. Poulin

Recent Passings: Vincent Grace

We're Heading Back!





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October 30: Auxiliary Luncheon @ Press Box, 12 noon

Please check our Auxiliary boards at the Post for announcements and event updates. Also, please read your e-mails!

In the spirit of service, not self,
 Annette E. Snyder
 President

It's very difficult to write a Newsletter for September/October when we're just starting August!

Our first meeting for this fiscal year was August 8. Before our meeting we draped our Charter in memory of Anna Calleri and Carol Thibert. We extend our deepest sympathies to Anna and Carol's families.

On August 7, we supported our Children and Youth Program by delivering school supplies to the Explorer K -8 School. The school representative who accepted the donations was extremely appreciative on behalf of the school and students. Speaking of Children and Youth, did you know that our Children and Youth Program is spearheading a "Little Library" to be installed at the Linda Pedersen Park? Patti Motzer, C&Y Program Chair, has been diligently seeking a Boy Scout, who could assist us in this endeavor. If you know of anyone who is working toward being an Eagle Scout, please let me know and I'll pass the word on to Patti.

As most of you know, I am a stickler for education and I believe our Auxiliary members are apt to find more fulfillment in their Auxiliary membership if they attend more educational programs that are offered. Good news! We will have 6 representatives this year attending the Auxiliary Workshop in August. In recent years, our Auxiliary only had one representative. This is very important news because attendees will be bringing back what they learned and share this information with the membership during the next General meeting. Also, on September 7, is the District meeting and School of Instruction at Post 111.

I want to thank our active Auxiliary members who support the Auxiliary time and again by stepping forward to be Officers and/or Program Chairs or just offering a helping hand. Remember...Your feedback is very important to the Auxiliary's success. Please consider attending our meetings.

REMINDER: A COLLECTION BASKET IS SET UP AT THE POST FOR VETERAN FOOD PANTRY! Please adhere to the list sent out by Secretary Lynda Anderson. No expired labels – Please!

Also, don't forget to purchase raffle tickets for the Barbeque! Proceeds go to Girls State. Tickets on sale at the Legion Canteen and the Drawing is August 30!

Upcoming Events:

- September 7: District 15 meeting, Post 111, 9 a.m.
- Registration, 10 a.m. meeting (School of Instruction)
- September 12: Auxiliary Executive Meeting: 2 p.m.
- General Meeting: 3 p.m.
- September 12: Boys and Girls State Dinner, 5 p.m.
- September 25: Auxiliary Luncheon @ Press Box, 12 noon
- October 10: Auxiliary Executive Meeting: 2 p.m.
- General Meeting: 3 p.m.

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Pace, Blessings and all good come your way!

First and Foremost I want to thank you for your concern and prayers for my husband and our family!! Bob is making Great Progress!! Thank you again, it meant so much to have your prayers at this difficult time

We are people called together to serve. We are accountable to one another and to our Auxiliary!

We have lost several Auxiliary sisters in the past couple of months and have numerous members needing our prayers for healing. This is the gift we bring as caring Auxiliary members, showing compassion, sharing our strength and talents, being open to serve with dignity and understanding

May our hearts and hands be open to your service
 Gaye Hieb, OSF, Chaplain



Auxiliary Unit 186 at the recent Department Workshop, in Orlando. Pictured above: Annette Snyder, Fran Finley, Pat Howard, Eileen Wilson, Patti Motzer & Doris Webster.



Photo by Eileen Wilson

American Legion Post 186 Officers 2019 – 2020

(L-R) Russ Anderson, Jack Perz, John Motzer, Gary Newell, Jim Sales, PC Steve Tyler, Dan Henkle, Tom King, Ray Murphy, Frank Babicz, Robert Manning, Bill Storms, Eric “Sox” Hunter Commander, Eboard Member and Dist. 15 Commander Bruce Carl



Photo by John Motzer

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 186 2019 – 2020 Officers

(L-R) Doris Webster, Pat Howard, Patti Motzer, Lorriane Feirman, Kate Norris, Gaye Hieb, Claudia Fischer, Lynda Anderson, Fran Finley, Eileen Burns-Wilson...Annette Snyder President

As of September 1, 2019, 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.

2060

Carlton & Beth Ann Terrell

2042

Frank & Sharon Sevick

2032

Anna Pellegrini

2030

Lloyd Sellers

2029

Joseph & Donna Greenwald
SONS Squadron 186

2028

Joseph Federico

2027

George Coon

2025

Glen and Beatrice Ohanesian
WACS Softball Team Post 186
Robert Conte

2024

Lloyd Gross
Vincent Gigliotti
American Legion Riders
Marion & Frank Hauck
Don and Joan Jernstrom
Gary & Joy Newell
Larry Dabb by Forest Glen Social Club

2023

Frank J. Smith
Jim & Eleanor Krakowiak

2022

Gloria Murray
Steve Small
R. Larry Taddei
Joe & Marge Ruggiero

2021

Jimmy Schultz
Post 186 Honor Guard
Ruth Oppert
Diana Austed
Don St. Pierre

2020

Bob Burch
Bob & Linda Conte
James Lackey
Raymond Frattini
Doris Webster
William Hartill
Paul Andrews
Barbara G. Smith
ANONYMOUS (2)
Mary Cracciolo
Anita Lanigan
Nelson Zuppa

2019

Donna Greenwald
Janet Bowman
Felip & Beverly Zielinski
Anonymous
John Keller
Joe & Mildred Garza
Robert Eudeikis
David Salomski
John Carvendar
Frank & Carole Babicz
James Millsapps
Ronald Rehurek

In Memory of Past Members

Olisse Pellegrini
Dorothy Henderson
PFC Cody Grater
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Joe Sabol
Linda Harper
Donnie Holmes
Betty Jefferies
Paul Webster
Nanette Keller
Marie Meglic
Charlie Fox
George "Fitz" Hudock
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Leon Girard
Luis Hernandez
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