

# Charles E. Murray

## American Legion Post 186



# NEWSLETTER



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canteen. Indoor seating is limited to 65 because of social distancing. Outdoor seating will be available! Music will be provided by the Shoe from 2 to 4! Check out the flyer at the post or on Facebook!

Comrades:  
I sincerely thought that this virus would be slowing down by this time, but here it is mid- August and we are still on phase2 with limited seating and social distancing still in effect! Thank you for understanding that we MUST comply with the rules. We do NOT want to close again or, worse yet, lose our liquor license. I wish I could predict when this will be over, but that is impossible. Please, please treat our staff with patience and respect. They are simply following the direction given to them by the post!

All members should try to keep themselves informed! We try to update Facebook, the web page, and emails, but things can change relatively fast! This is the last newsletter that will be going out by snail mail! All future correspondence will be electronic or posted on our bulletin board!

For God and Country,  
Eric "Sox" Hunter, Commander

**FIRST VICE COMMANDER**  
**Tom Wilson**

In regards to running out of certain items, we warned everyone that this could happen. We always run low on inventory at this time of year since it is the end of our fiscal year. To make matters worse, our distributor is also running low of certain items. In fact, they had to take back the kegs we had in our cooler for four months and replace them with fresh beer. I am sure they redirected some products to restaurants and retail stores during the closure. We have limited sources for alcohol as prescribed by law. Please bear with us.

Hi comrades. I am honored to be your new 1st Vice Commander. I have been busy learning all the pieces for processing your membership renewals, how to secure new transfers and issuing new memberships. I am doing my best to provide you with a quick turnaround time. If you want to pick up your paid 2021 card at the post please write "leave at canteen" on your form or receipt. This saves us the postage and with over 1200 members that can really add up. Remember to renew early and be eligible for an "earlybird" dinner special. Without our weekly games, these membership funds help us keep your post going.

For God and Country  
Thomas Wilson

Our lunches have been a bright spot this month! We are trying new items on the menu and members seem very happy with our cooks and our staff. Please take some time and come to the post between 11:30 and 3 PM and have lunch! Because of social distancing and limited capacity, we are not going to restart bingo, show me, or steak shoot until further notice! Hopefully, this fall things will be better. That is just my best guess! However, it is possible to space members for the queen of hearts. So, we will attempt to restart the queen on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, which is Labor Day!

**O**ur Veteran's Service Officer is available to assist you, by appointment. Please call the post to set a date and time. He can also be reached by e-mail at [VSOpost186@gmail.com](mailto:VSOpost186@gmail.com)

Speaking of Labor Day, the SAL is running their annual pork roast at 1 PM on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available at the

**SECOND VICE COMMANDER**  
**Eileen Andrews**



**W**e are all very thankful to be up and running again here at Post 186. However, it's most definitely a "new normal". Our Welcome Back & Belated 4th of July Celebration was a success. There are hopes of future similar events, but we must move forward cautiously and stay within the Covid-19 social distancing guide lines. Your continued patience and support are critical and very appreciated.

For God and Country.  
Eileen Andrews

**T**o all our Legion 186 family:

The last few months have been trying on everyone. Things have changed all around the Post. Another change is in the works. With revenue at an all time low, we need to rethink how we operate. Every two months we have been printing and mailing out the newsletter and calendars. Our mailing list is approaching 1900 members of our family. Printing costs and postage have continually increased.

In order to hold down expenses; **This will be the last "Paper Version"** of the Post 186 NEWSLETTER, for a while.

**The NEWSLETTER will continue to be posted on our Web Page: [www.flpost186.org](http://www.flpost186.org)**

We have 2 email lists that include about 500 names. A copy of the NEWS will be emailed to the addresses that we have. If you have a computer and use email, please send me your address. I can be reached at;

**[Jmotzer1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:Jmotzer1@tampabay.rr.com)**.

Once we are fully operating and have scheduled activities they will be posted on our board and website and paper copies of the calendars will be available at the canteen. This action in no way will decrease the information that we circulate. We may even be able to add more coverage of our events.

The amount of work on this end will be the same and there are still associated costs to manage the web site. There will continue to be a Booster Page for those of you who want to memorialize family and friends. Your donation will go towards the publication on line.

**If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at the address above. In the subject line, write; "NewsEditor".**

For God and Country  
John C. Motzer Sr.  
Newsletter Editor



**Steve Tyler**  
**ALR DIRECTOR**  
**potwarp@hotmail.com**

**G**reetings to my entire American Legion family. As I sit here on a Sunday afternoon in early August, I realize I don't have much happy news to report.

Some of you may have seen me hobbling around the post on crutches, in a brace. No, I didn't crash the bike. Back in early June I was with my family on our boat out at Anclote Key. I went over the side into the water and when my right foot hit the hard sand bottom, my knee exploded. Long story short, when swelling was down enough for an MRI, I tore the quadriceps tendon clear off the kneecap. On July 17<sup>th</sup> I had surgery to reattach it, and have anywhere from 5 to 18 months for full recovery. Sadly, I will not be on the bike for a while. As you know, in the previous newsletter I reported how our 15<sup>th</sup> District Legion Riders won the coveted District Trophy for the Virtual Unity Ride. Unfortunately, with all the crazy "we're open, we're closed, we're open" stuff, the award ceremony has been postponed until a future date.

We have not had much activity as a group. Hopefully we will soon be able to do more riding, and I hope to put on another Oktoberfest dinner in the Fall. Keep your eyes open for an announcement regarding ticket sales and another fundraiser. Finally, it is with a very heavy heart that I announce that two of our brother Riders have gone on to Post Everlasting. Rick Woods, my good friend and riding brother, passed away on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 a.m. after a brief but serious battle with cancer. Rick was Post Chaplain when I was Post Commander during our Centennial Year in 2019. At this time, no services have been scheduled, but the Riders will escort him to Bushnell when his family decides the time is appropriate.

Our other lost brother is Tom Shippee. Amazingly enough, he passed exactly 3 1/2 hours after Rick, at 9:45 in Connecticut, where he was spending the summer. Tom was not with us as long as Rick, but his loss is just as deeply felt. I ask for your prayers and support for both families. Well, I think that's about enough for now. As always, please watch out for bikes as we travel the roads of our beautiful Adventure Coast.

For God and Country,  
Steve Tyler  
Riders Director



## District News – Bruce Carl

**T**hank you to everyone who showed up to volunteer for our first highway cleanup this morning. Bruce and Kathy Carl, Eileen Wilson, Jim Sales, Frank Babicz, Bud Conaway, Lorraine Feirman, John and Patti Motzer, Phillip and Cheryl Wolfe, Pat Howard, Russ, Carolyn, and Lynda Anderson, Jane



Ware, Leon Begeman, Southern Area Chairman Ray Perez, Department Historian Ed Lewis, 2nd Vice Commander Eunice Butts, and Department Commander Rick Johnson. Post 186 Commander was presented with the 100 percent plus one plaque, pins for the membership team, 100 percent ribbon, and the very special award of a certificate and three coin limited edition Legion coin set.

**Bruce Carl**  
**15th District Commander**

**COMMANDER**  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**Juan Villarreal**



**Our Monthly meetings are scheduled for September 17th and October 22nd. The time is 3:00 p.m.**

We are again pleased to be hosting the Labor Day Pig Roast on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. This will be a sit down dinner with limited seating.

Please remember to pay your dues.

For God and Country,  
Juan Villarreal

**Our next E-Board Meeting will be**  
**August 27th at 2:00 p.m.**

**Followed by a meeting of the Riders at 7:00 p.m.**

**Our General Meeting is September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.**

**Please watch the Web Site**  
**FLPOST186.ORG or the Post board**  
**for additions or changes to activities**



**Lynda Anderson**  
**Auxiliary President**  
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lynda6260@aol.com

**W**e held our first Auxiliary meeting of the 2020 – 2021 year on Thursday, August 13, at the Post and had a wonderful turn-out. I must confess that after missing meetings between March and August, it was a bit daunting but we got through it. I needed a few reminders on protocol, but everything seemed to go well. Our Unit's Children & Youth program, headed by Patti Motzer, successfully collected and distributed school supplies to Deltona Pre-K – 5 school in Spring Hill. Despite the issues faced by the pandemic, our Auxiliary, Legion, Sons and Riders members were very generous in their donations, and we were able to fulfill a great many of the students' needs. We wish all teachers, students and their families a successful year, given all the trials and tribulations with which they are faced.

Membership Chair Eileen Wilson is now accepting membership renewals for 2021. Dues continue to be \$35.00. Dues must be paid before the end of October, 2020 in order to qualify for the Early Bird Dinner, which, if all goes well, will be held in early December.

We are working with Unit 248 in supporting the Veterans' Food Pantry. The need is greater than ever, as reflected by the number of veterans in our County needing assistance. We thank all of you for your generous donations and hope you are able to continue assisting with this worthwhile project. Our area veterans are supplied by the pantry located in Spring Hill. Congratulations to our Unit officers who have accepted District Chairs. Claudia Fischer, Unit Secretary/Treasurer, will serve as District Secretary and Constitution and By-Laws Chair, and Member-at-Large Patti Motzer will serve as District Children & Youth Chair. Thank you, ladies, for all you do.

Please confirm I have your e-mail address to ensure you receive future issues of the Post Newsletter.

### **Upcoming Auxiliary Events:**

September 10 Auxiliary Exec. Comm. Meeting, 2:00 pm,  
General Meeting at 3:00 pm

September 19 POW/MIA Ceremony, Post 186, 1:00 pm

September 30 Auxiliary Social Luncheon, 12:00 noon, Post 186

October 8 Auxiliary Exec, Comm. Meeting, 2:00 pm, General Meeting at 3:00 pm

October 28 Auxiliary Social Luncheon, 12:00 noon, Post 186

Please check our Auxiliary Board since all events are subject to change.

For God and Country,  
Lynda Anderson

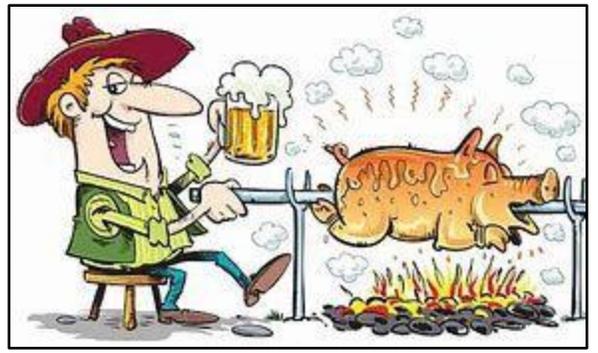
**Queen of Hearts begins**  
**September 7<sup>th</sup> tickets on sale**  
**beginning at 4 p.m.**



**Recent Passing's**



**Orville Carrow, Carl Knudsen,  
Donald Leon Jernstrom, Wayne Thompson, Bob  
Sniadecki, Tom Shippee, Richard "Rick" Woods**



**T**he Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 186, present the 2020 Pig Roast.

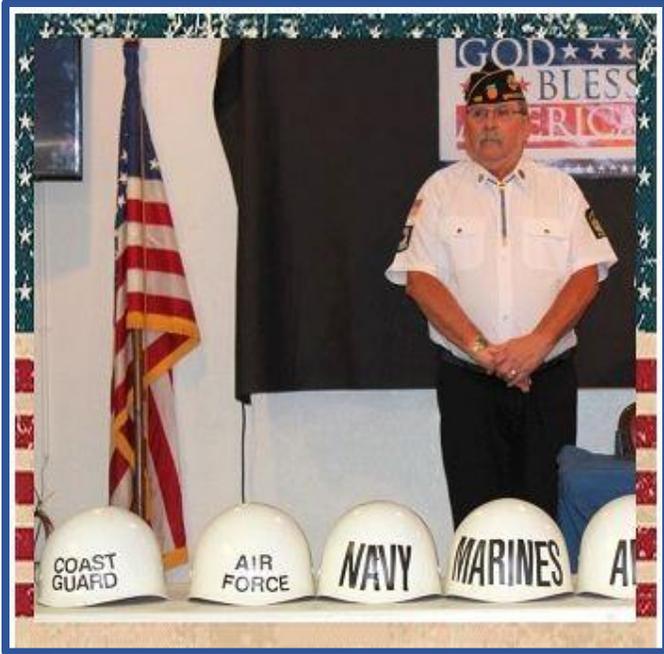
Labor Day, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Inside seating will be limited to 65 people. You may also dine out under the Pavilion.

**MENU:** Pulled Pork Roast, Beans and Corn with Roll, Butter and Dessert.

DJ Music by "The Shoe" from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Tickets are \$9** per person and may be purchased, at the Canteen, until August 26<sup>th</sup>.



**Richard "Rick" Woods - Chaplain 2018-2019**

**Rest in Peace**

**NEWS From the Canteen**

The Canteen will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.



The kitchen will be open daily for meals from 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Sundays Noon until 4 p.m. Wing Special.

There are going to be Daily Specials and Hot Dogs every Thursday evening.



**O**ur Sunday NFL package will be coming back beginning **September 13<sup>th</sup>**. The games will begin at 1:00 every Sunday. We have 8 TV's that are spread around the club. There is plenty of room to socially distance. Our kitchen will be open from Noon until 4 serving wing specials.



**October 10, 2020 – 6 P.M.**

Bratwurst - Knockwurst - Sauerkraut  
German Potato Salad- Cucumber Salad  
Roll – Butter and Dessert.

\$9 per person – Limited Seating Inside

Live Music

**Ticket sales will be announced**



**POW-MIA Ceremony  
September 19, 2020  
1:00 P.M.**



**To Be Announced**

As of September 1, 2020, 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 publishing. Your generosity is appreciated. The Memorial Section of the Booster Club is supported by the generosity of our members. Thank you for your support.

2060

Carlton & Beth Ann Terrell

2049

Frank & Sharon Sevick

2032

Anna Pellegrini

Jimmy Schultz

2031

Post 186 Honor Guard

2030

Lloyd Sellers

Arthur Keegan

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

Robert England

Ann and Nicholas Morano

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

Thomas Mach

John Backer

2023

Frank J. Smith

Jim & Eleanor Krakowiak

John Kellar

James Lackey

2022

Gloria Murray

Steve Small

R. Larry Taddei

Joe & Marge Ruggiero

Wanda Walters

Ronald Reheruk

2021

Ruth Oppert

Diana Austed

Don St. Pierre

Larrie Douglas

Dr. Edward Perreault

Joe & Jan Jarvi

2020

Bob Burch

Bob & Linda Conte

Raymond Frattini

Doris Webster

William Hartill

Paul Andrews

Barbara G. Smith

ANONYMOUS (3)

Mary Cracciolo

Anita Lanigan

Nelson Zuppa

In Memory of Past Members

Olisse Pellegrini

Dorothy Henderson

PFC Cody Grater

Bern Cottington

Joe Sabol

Linda Harper

Donnie Holmes

Betty Jefferies

Paul Webster

Nanette Keller

Marie Meglic

Charlie Fox

George "Fitz" Hudock

Russell L. LaBaron Jr.

Leon Girard

Luis Hernandez

Frank J. Smith

Philip Cecere

Denny Stewart

William Mackubian

John Higgins

Richard Irish

Ed Kolbasiuk

Paul Howard

Fran Swartz

Bob Alywin

Jack Lyons

William Holobinka

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# 2020 – 2021 Installation of Officers



**Eileen Wilson**  
**Volunteer of the Year**

# Highway Cleanup 7-25-20



## Ladies Auxiliary Unit 186 School Supply Drive

