

# Charles E. Murray

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### COMMANDER

**Jack Perz**

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Before I pass the baton to Steve, I would like to thank those members who supported my efforts to run the post. A special thank you to the officers and staff who gave countless hours to keep the post running.

The Commander has asked me to say a few words in addition to his article.

First, I want to sincerely thank Commander Perz for his excellent leadership and hard work during the past year. I also want to thank all of the officers and e-board members for their service. They have all done an outstanding job; please thank them when you see them.

As your incoming Commander, I look forward to the opportunities and challenges ahead. I will have a good team to assist me, and a wealth of information from all of our past Commanders to draw on. I am eager to work with all of the organizations, Sons, Auxiliary, Color Guard, House Committee, etc. in making our post a place of which we can all be proud.

I look forward to serving you all in the best possible way.

For God and Country  
Jack Perz, Outgoing Commander  
Steve Tyler Commander-elect



### FIRST VICE COMMANDER Elect

**Barbara Smith**

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A big thank you goes out to Eric "Sox" Hunter your 2017-2018 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander for his diligent work in the membership year 2018.

I am honored to be your newly elected First Vice commander and will make membership a priority throughout this coming year. Membership cards for 2019 will be available after July 8, 2018. Convention is being held late this year, so you will probably have received your renewal announcement from National Headquarters before we actually get the cards. If you send your check in when you receive the renewal announcement we will get your 2019 cards to you as soon as possible.

We are offering a "FREE" early bird dinner in December, but you must have your 2019 dues paid by October 31, 2018 to qualify. My goal is to exceed 100% membership with your help. Feel free to bring in a new eligible member so we can achieve this together. For each of you that brings in one new member by October 31<sup>st</sup> you will be entered into a drawing that will be held at the Early bird dinner. The winner will receive their 2020 dues paid by the legion.

There are several individuals that have not paid their 2018 as of this date. If you are not already aware the post has gone "No smoking". Those of you who have not renewed because of this issue, I would urge you to reconsider and come in and check out our smoke-free post. We are still processing 2018 as they come in.

You have a say as to what goes on, but if you haven't attended a meeting, please do so as your voice counts. Remember, this

is “your” American Legion. Looking forward to a fantastic membership year and hope to see new faces in the American Legion.

For God and Country  
Barbara Smith

## 2nd VICE COMMANDER

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Hello to one and all!

It seems our rainy season arrived early. As I write this at the end of May (I had to do it early as I will be on an extended motorcycle trip when the newsletter is normally due) we have just had a brush from Sub-tropical storm Alberto.

My friends, this is my last newsletter as your Second Vice Commander. It has certainly been a very busy and event filled year. I want to thank everyone who has attended our various functions, dinners, entertainment, and ceremonies. Your participation has been vital to the success of the post. I appreciate your support and understanding as I have tried new things, and brought in new acts. I know some have been a little lacking, but others have had phenomenal success. I fervently hope that given the fact that we are now going non-smoking (which we will be by the time you read this), that we will see many more of our members attend events, patronize the kitchen, and come to hear our live entertainment. I am looking forward to seeing many new faces!

**Ed Snyder will be replacing me as Second Vice.** I will be available to assist him in any way I can as he assumes his new position, and I am sure he will do a great job. I ask that you give him all the encouragement and support you have given me.

Don't worry, you will still hear from me. I will be assuming the very big role as your new Post 186 Commander shortly after Annual Convention in July.

That's it for now,  
For God and Country,  
Steve Tyler

## ALR DIRECTOR

Hello to my Legion family!

Well, if you read my Second Vice article first, you know I am writing this at the end of May, as I will be absent when the newsletter is normally due to be sent to John Motzer, who does an amazing job as our newsletter editor/publisher. When you see him around the post, please thank him for his outstanding performance.

I want to thank everyone for all your support during the past year. Without you we could not do all the things we do, like Thanksgiving Dinner baskets, scholarships, dinners, and much, much more.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Donnie Holmes Memorial Steak Dinner. If you didn't come, you missed a great meal. Everyone loved the steaks and the fresh corn from



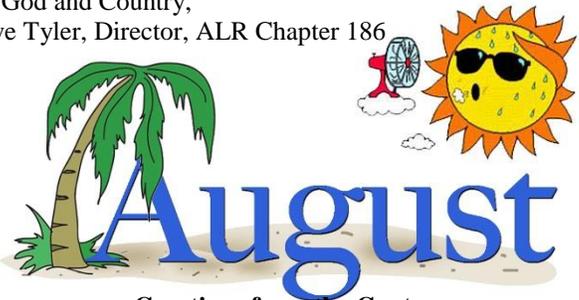
Frazier's Farms. Unfortunately, this year's sales were down quite a bit. It may have been due to so much going on during the Memorial Day weekend, so next year we may try the weekend before. Now to be honest, I did hear some comments about the Styrofoam plates. Going forward, all Riders dinners we be served on actual china plates. You won't need to worry any longer about the lasagna bending your plate, or your steak knife cutting through and making a mess!

I have been nominated, and accepted, to once again be your Riders Director. I will also be your new Post Commander.

Folks, I want you to know, that I am always a LEGIONNAIRE first, and a Rider second. I will do my best to justify your trust in me as I assume the position. I only hope I can do as good a job as all my predecessors, and I know my Legion family will support me, as they have everyone who has gone before me. I look forward to working with every organization within the post.

As always, please drive safely, and watch out for motorcycles!

For God and Country,  
Steve Tyler, Director, ALR Chapter 186



## Greetings from the Canteen

As a result of YOUR suggestions, we have changed our happy hour Thursday to a more equitable pricing schedule. Effective immediately, we will be taking 50 cents off for ALL alcoholic beverages no matter the brand of beer or type of booze. In other words, 50 cents off a bottle no matter if you dink Miller or Heineken, or 50 cents off well drink OR top shelf liquor ! This will be our THIRSTY THURSDAY special from open until 7 pm ! So no excuse! Come on down to the post!

From the kitchen, we are pleased to announce a new dinner we call the “SOUP TO NUTS” dinner. Every third Saturday of the month we will be offering a dinner for our members and their guests! The difference in this dinner is you don't have to buy tickets in advance! You simply have to sign up at the bar that you are coming. We will only cook for those who sign up. However, if there is any food leftover, we will sell to the general membership ! Any revenue generated will go back into the post! This new dinner will start July 21 and will feature, soup, small garden salad, roast beef with carrots and potato, roll and butter, all topped off with a strawberry shortcake!!!!!! This dinner will only cost **\$8.50 a plate**. There will be a different entrée every month. Watch the bulletin boards for more information.

**Wednesday will no longer be MEXICAN Day, but items will be on the lunch and dinner menu.**

For God and Country,  
Bud Conaway, Canteen Manager

## House Committee Report

As your house committee chairman, the list of repairs in your post is never ending, with over 100-man hours each month of repairs.

The A/C in the kitchen has been completed. The next large funded project are the new doors and awning that lead into the pavilion.

Dan Hinkle is getting bar stool seats recovered, 2 at a time. Please check your pockets or purse for sharp objects, such as keys, that are continually cutting the bar stools.

We have numerous activities planned for your Post pavilion, which adds to this chairman to do list.

We have a vested interest to increase usage of the pavilion to attract new members and make the pavilion profitable.

Any ideas for pavilion rental or activities? Let Bud, Post manager or This Chairman know of your ideas.

No smoking voting is complete and NO SMOKING in the building started June 1-2018.

There are help wanted signs in the building for weekly/nightly events. Your post will not continue if volunteers do not step up. Your post needs you, step up for an hour or so and do your part as a valued member.

The new officer list is also in this newsletter, support them. Of

the 1100+ members, only **35 voted.**

For God and Country  
Don Malin  
House Committee Chairman



## COMMANDER SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Thank you for all the SAL members who paid their dues. Now I need you to get active at the post. Please consider volunteering your time.

For God and Country,  
Jim Ness

### SPECIAL NOTICE:

We have been well received with the number of escorts for our departed members and we will continue to do so, if requested.

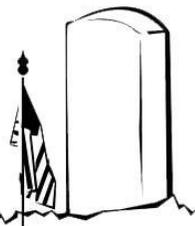
To contact someone call either Bud Conaway at 352-232-1804 or Steve Tyler at 813-857-3671 or leave word at Post 186 for one of us to get back to you for details.

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:

Russ Terrel – Paul Howard – Jim Shockey



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I am proud to serve as your newly elected Auxiliary President for the 2018-2019 year. This is a new venture for me and I will seek, and expect, support from all of our members. My goal is to increase activity in our Auxiliary programs which will require committee cooperation and a greater focus on the Auxiliary's programs' plan of action guidelines. There is so much information provided by national, department and district, and I encourage all members to take advantage of the resources available to them.

We do not meet in June or July, but I plan to hold an informational meeting in June to discuss the various programs and provide members food for thought so we can select Chairs for the programs at our July organizational meeting. When scheduled, I will e-mail the meeting dates to our members. Beginning July 3, we will be collecting School Supplies every Tuesday before the bar games start, so make a donation and receive a free sheet to play. School starts on August 13, 2018. Over the summer we will continue to collect cell phones which will be exchanged for phone cards to be sent to our troops serving overseas.

In August we will start our regular General Meetings for the 2018 – 2019 year. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, August 13, at 7:00 pm and plan to attend. Please check our Auxiliary boards at the Post for updates or changes to events.

### 2018 - 2019 Auxiliary Officers

President Lynda Anderson  
1st Vice President Annette Snyder  
2nd Vice President Christine Howard  
Secretary/Treasurer Claudia Fischer  
Chaplain Betty Lou Bennett - Historian Carolyn Anderson  
Sgt. at Arms Fran Finley - Asst. Sgt. at Arms Patti Motzer  
Members at Large - Executive Committee  
Eileen Burns-Wilson - Millie Comstock  
Lois Maiolo - Doris Webster

For God and Country,  
Lynda J. Anderson

### Auxiliary Chaplain

Illness: Beth Geiger, Marie Shelton, Doris Webster  
Shirley Mancini

Hold your loved ones close today  
Whisper in their ear  
Tell them that you love them,  
And you'll always hold them dear  
For tomorrow is promised to no one  
Young and old alike  
And today may be your last chance  
To hold your loved ones tight!

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



*Patti Motzer & Lynda Anderson presenting quilts to Veterans at Forest Oaks Senior Center*

### The Sermon

This particular Sunday sermon....”Dear Lord; the minister began, with arms extended towards heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. Without you we are but dust.... He would have continued but at that moment my very obedient daughter who was listening leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little voice, “Mom what is Butt Dust” ?



Aripeka Cemetery May 2018



Memorial Day 2018 at Charles E. Murry Post 186

As of July 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.

2030

Lloyd Sellers

2029

Joseph & Donna Greenwald

2028

Joseph Federico

2027

Anna Pellegrini

George Coon<sup>2058</sup>

Carlton & Beth Ann Terrell

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

2019

John Keller

Joe & Mildred Garza

Robert Eudeikis

David Salomski

Jim & Eleanor Krakowiak

John Carvendar

Frank & Carole Babicz

Don St. Pierre

James Millsapps

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

In Memory of Past Members

Olisse Pellegrini

Dorothy Henderson

PFC Cody Grater

Bern Cottingham

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

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Philip Cecere

Denny Stewart

William Mackubian

John Higgins

Richard Irish

Ed Kolbasiuk

Paul Howard

Special thanks to the Post 186 Auxiliary, the Brooksville Palm Inc., and the family of Paul Howard for their generous donations since the last newsletter!

PLEASE MAKE A CONTRIBUTION:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_      NAME: \_\_\_\_\_