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COMMANDER
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From the Commander!

I am very sorry to report to the membership the death of George Kennedy on January 24th. George was a very active member of the post, having served as judge advocate, executive board member, finance officer (several times) and commander! In addition, for over the last 10 years, George served as newsletter editor, a thankless behind the scenes job at the post. He assisted in this job until his last days. He, will be sorely missed by all.

On a brighter note, the pavilion is coming into shape and with warmer weather approaching we hope to see it being used. If you have any ideas, please contact myself or Ray Rosen. The stepping stones are gradually being put in place by Bud's team and Don has put the framework in for lighting and fans. And if you need ice for ANY event outside the Legion, don't forget that we sell it in 10 pound bags for only \$1 a bag.

As noted on Ray's article, the house committee is working on a scope of work and is accepting bids on replacing the walk in cooler. This will be an expensive project and we must come up with a time frame for the project so as not to drastically affect the membership!

There are a lot of other improvements we are making to the post. Barbara and her team painted the front of the building. We now have a maintenance contract covering our air conditioning, heating, and kitchen

equipment. This will keep the energy and repair costs down. We have sealed the floor in the pavilion so that should keep it functional for many years to come.

Make sure you look at the calendar of events for the next two months – there is great entertainment and fun things to do at the Legion.

Lastly, please consider running for office in the coming year! The request for absentee ballot is in this newsletter if you are a member of this post and are a snowbird!

For God and Country,
Eric "Sox" Hunter

FIRST VICE COMMANDER
BARBARA SMITH
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I want to thank everyone that has paid their 2017 membership for the American Legion. I am asking each individual to look in their wallet and if their membership card is not a 2017 card, please submit your dues as soon as possible.

As I write this article we are at 94.77%. We are a little ahead of where we are supposed to be at this time, however, we are in the trickle-down effect. We get one renewal here and one renewal there. We need to flood the mailbox so we can make our 100%. The legion has not made 100% for a few years, it would be really nice to make it for a change.

There are still approximately 150 individuals that have not renewed their 2017 dues. It is so sad that we have lost so many members this year due to death. Membership is really important as our numbers count when the National Commander goes before congress to fight for the veteran's benefits. Please make your number count. Also the post has a lot of activities going on. In order to participate you must have a current membership card.

I have been contacted by several individuals stating that they paid their 2017 dues and keep getting reminders that their dues is due. These are computer generated letters from National Headquarters and we have no control over them. If you receive one of these letters and have paid your dues you may throw away the letter or shred it. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but again, we have no control over those letters.

It has been in the last two newsletters to make a selection on how you want to receive the newsletter. To date, I have received around 50 responses. Please let me know how you would like to receive the newsletter. Please fill out the information sheet from last months letter and send to: Membership Chair, American Legion Post 186, 12091 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34613 or leave it at the Post.

For God and Country,
Barb Smith

SECOND VICE COMMANDER

BRUCE CARL

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Winter should be leaving us shortly and hopefully taking all the cold weather with it. Looking forward to the nice beach temperatures again. Please check the calendar for all the dinners and entertainment that is scheduled for the next two months. There is also a blood drive and membership drive scheduled for March 11th. Please come out and donate blood if you are eligible.

Something new is scheduled for April 9th. It is a Hand Grenade Easter Hunt. You must be over 21 to participate, and the cost is \$20.00. There will prizes awarded, which will be placed in the eggs and grenades.

Before you ask, no they are not live grenades !!!! We have had a great past two months with participation in the dinners, karaoke, and entertainment nights. Thank you to all of you who continually support the Post at these functions. We

are always looking for more members to come out and join the fun and comradery that we have. **ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS !!!!** I have another golf tournament scheduled for March 26th. The cost is \$50.00 per person. This includes donuts and coffee at Hernando Oaks, cart fees, lunch back at the Post, and free beer until it is gone. You can find registration forms on the bulletin board at the Post. You can also see me, Joanne Holobinka, John Motzer, Taffy Sloan, or Jack Perz for forms. Forms can be turned in to any one of us, or at the Post canteen. Please return no later than March 19th!!! We had a great time last year, and I look forward to this tournament. There will be prizes for the top three teams, closest to pin, and longest drive, and a \$10k prize for a hole in one. There will be a Chinese auction and raffles back at the Post. All proceeds will benefit the American Legion Children and Youth programs.

For God and Country,
Bruce Carl

POST CHAPLAIN

Charles Haig

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It is my sad duty to report to our Members the passing of the following American Legion Post 186 Members.

Robert Houck, Edward Dys, Fred Boyer, Les Knight and Val Parker

Included in these deaths is a very long standing member Mr. George Kennedy who was involved with compiling the Newsletter for many years, he will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers go out for all of our departed members, families and friends.

Please also pray for Robert Aylwin who is in Oak Hill Hospital, we wish him a speedy recovery.

If we missed any deaths in this Newsletter, please let me know as I don't always get to hear about them. Also any sick members, as I like to visit them and offer any help that I can.

In closing The Color Guard attended some of the funerals with The Presentation of the Colors, gun salute and Taps which completed the Ceremonies with Dignity and respect.

Thank you God, for friends who encourage me in times of trouble, mourn with me in times of sorrow,

laugh with me in times of joy, and listen to me when I just want to talk.

For God and Country,
Charles Haig

Chaplin Post 186 and 15th District



ALR
DIRECTOR
STEVE TYLER

Hello to one and all! It's a chilly February morning and I write this as I prepare to head out for a ride with the Legion Riders, before going to the Post to cook the Valentine's Dinner. By the time you read this it will be history, and hopefully you all enjoyed the fruits of my labor.

I also want to thank everyone who attended our Lasagna dinner in January. It was our first sold out dinner in a while, and combined with our raffle raised a significant sum for the various activities we support. Our next dinner will be our world-renowned Chicken Marsala on March 25th. This is always a popular meal so buy your tickets early. On April 29th we will be having a Roast Pork dinner. As I have mentioned previously, we must be able to plan and shop for a known number of diners. As a result, we must cut off ticket sales the Wednesday before the dinner. Unfortunately, we cannot hold or reserve tickets. If you want to be sure of enjoying a meal, please purchase them before the dinner.

Folks, we have some very important things going on at the Post. There are major capital improvements that need to be made at our Legion. Please attend the monthly meetings and become informed on what is going on. You have a voice, nothing happens without approval of the membership.

In closing, I want to note the passing of two long time members of Post 186. George Kennedy, a Past Commander, and Les Knight were staunch supporters of our Post and all the member organizations. On behalf of the Riders I want to express our condolences to their spouses and loved ones, and to all of the members who have gone on to Post Everlasting.

“Riding for the cause, not the applause”

For God and Country,
Steve Tyler
Director ALR Chapter 186



COMMANDER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN
LEGION
JIM NESS

From the SAL Commander –

Greetings to all SAL members! I am happy to announce that we are making a change to our next meeting that I am sure you will like. On *Thursday March 16*, in addition to our regular meeting, the SAL will provide pizza and one well drink or beer to EVERY SAL member that attends the meeting starting at 7 PM. We also need you there to help make decisions regarding the future direction of our unit!

For God and Country,
Jim Ness

CANTEEN MANAGER
RAY ROSEN
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Greetings from the Canteen:

The canteen is doing well, and as always, we are trying to better serve you our members. We are currently taking bids for a new walk in cooler to replace the existing one. Our current walk in has been here since we acquired the building and is on it's last legs. We are also trying to get a new fryer for the kitchen so that we can serve our members faster on Fish Fry night. We apologize for any delays in getting your food in a timely manner, but we are doing the best we can with the capacity we have ! My staff and I would like to thank you for your patronage and understanding.

As a reminder, all old drink tickets will expire Feb. 28, so please be sure and use them before then! The NEW drink tickets will have a 30 day expiration date on them. This will give the canteen a more accurate accounting of the tickets.

For God, Country, and
the American Legion
Ray Rosen



MARCH 2017							July 2016 ▶
◀ May 2016	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
IMPORTANT DATES							
	4 TH - 15 TH DISTRICT MEETING			1	2	3	4
	11 TH - MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 1-4, BLOOD DRIVE 1-6			MEXICAN DAY 1130-230 AND 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-10 PM	PIZZA AND HOTDOGS LEGION MEETING 7 PM	FISH FRY 5-7 PM SOCK HOP KARAOKE/SHOE 7-10 PM	STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM REBOUND 7-11 PM
	15 TH - AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY			8	9	10	11
	17 TH - Corned Beef Sandwiches : 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$5 each. Cabbage \$1.00 extra			MEXICAN DAY 1130-230 AND 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-10 PM	PIZZA AND HOTDOGS AUXILIARY MEETING 7 PM	FISH FRY 5-7 PM KARAOKE/SHOE 7-10 PM	STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 1-4PM BLOOD DRIVE 1-6 PM KC & VOCAL CHORDS 7-11 PM
	25 TH - CHICKEN MARSALA DINNER 6 PM \$9.00 DONATION			15	16	17	18
5	WINGS 12-4	6	7	MEXICAN DAY 1130-230 AND 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-10 PM AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY	PIZZA AND HOTDOGS SAL MEETING 7 PM	Corned Beef Sandwich \$5 11:30 - 2:30 p.m. 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. NO FISH FRY !!! BELAIRS 7-11 PM	STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM KARAOKE/SHOE 7-10 PM
12	WINGS 12-4 BREAKFAST 9-11 AM	13	14	22	23	24	25
		QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	MEXICAN DAY 1130-230 AND 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-10 PM	PIZZA AND HOT DOGS ALR MEETING 730 PM	FISH FRY 5-7 PM KARAOKE/SHOE 7-10 PM	STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM CHICKEN MARSALA DINNER 6 PM BILL CASTNER 7-11 PM
19	WINGS 12-4	20	21	29	30	31	
		QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	MEXICAN DAY 1130-230 AND 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-10 PM	PIZZA AND HOTDOGS E-BOARD MEETING 530 PM	FISH FRY 5-7 PM KARAOKE/SHOE 7-10 PM	
26	WINGS 12-4 CHILDREN & YOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT	27	28				
		QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM				

APRIL 2017

◀ May 2016

July 2016 ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
IMPORTANT DATES						
9 TH - HAND GRENADE EASTER HUNT 12PM						
15 TH - EASTER HAM DINNER 6 PM \$7.00 DONATION						
29 TH - PORK ROAST DINNER 6 PM \$8.00 DONATION						
2 WINGS 12-4 BREAKFAST 9-11	3 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	4 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	5 MEXICAN DAY 1130-230 AND 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-10 PM	6 PIZZA AND HOTDOGS LEGION MEETING 7 PM	7 FISH FRY 5-7 PM CRAZY SOCKS KARAOKE/SHOE 7-10 PM	8 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM TM SPECIAL 7-11 PM
9 WINGS 12-4 HAND GRENADE EASTER HUNT 12 PM	10 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	11 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	12 MEXICAN DAY 1130-230 AND 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-10 PM	13 PIZZA AND HOTDOGS AUXILIARY MEETING 7 PM	14 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KARAOKE/SHOE 7-10 PM	15 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM EASTER HAM DINNER 6 PM MS DYNAMITE 7-11 PM
16 WINGS 12-4 HAPPY EASTER	17 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	18 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	19 MEXICAN DAY 1130-230 AND 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-10 PM	20 PIZZA AND HOT DOGS SAL MEETING 7 PM	21 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KARAOKE/SHOE 7-10 PM	22 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM THE TWIST 7-11 PM
23 WINGS 12-4	24 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4:30-7 PM POOL 8 PM	25 LOUNGE GAMES 6 PM KITCHEN OPEN 4-6 PM	26 MEXICAN DAY 1130-230 AND 4-7 PM KARAOKE W/SHOE 7-10 PM	27 PIZZA AND HOT DOGS E-BOARD MEETING 530 PM ALR MEETING 730 PM	28 FISH FRY 5-7 PM KARAOKE/SHOE 7-10 PM	29 STEAK SHOOT 1-3 PM PORK ROAST DINNER 6 PM MARTI CARROLL 7-11 PM
30 WINGS 12-4						



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Claudia Fischer
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Spring is here !!! We hope everyone is enjoying our weather. March and April will be busy for the Auxiliary as we will be winding down our year.

March will be our month to start completing our End of Year Program reports. We will have our District meeting on March 4th at Post 138, starting time is 10:00 a.m. Also, in March our Nominating Committee will be busy finding new Officers and Members at Large for the upcoming Auxiliary year. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact our Chairman Lynda Anderson.

On April 1st there will be a Yard Sale at the Post from 8:00 am till 1:00pm. All proceeds will go to help the Pay It Forward organization, so please come out to support this worthy cause. Any questions, please contact Joanne Holobinka.

Please see the following schedule for dates and times for our events. We hope to see everyone come out to support the Auxiliary.

Please Mark Your Calendars:

March 4th – 15th District Meeting at Post 138-9:30am registration-starts 10:00 am-

March 9th – Auxiliary General Meeting – 7:00 pm

April 1st –Auxiliary Vendor Flea Market at Post 186-8:00 am till 1:00 pm

April 13th – Auxiliary General Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Again check our Auxiliary Board at the Post for updates or changes

For God and Country

Claudia Fischer
Unit 186 President

SERVICE OFFICER – RUSS ANDERSON

I am planning on stepping down from this position. I am actively looking for someone to take over as Service Officer. The post will send that person for training at the next convention! Thank You for your support.

AUXILIARY CHAPLIN

Betty Lou Bennett
352-835-1156

Deceased

Barbara Wagner

Sick

Peggy Barco
Betty Corbin
Gail Cleaves
Paula Molnar
Celeste Estep
Barb Dreger
Barb Smith
Maxine Spinler

**Whatever soothes your spirit,
comforts your soul and brings you peace.
That is what is wished for you and yours.**

**For God and Country,
Betty Lou Bennett**

REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE/MAIL-IN BALLOT

An absentee Ballot will not be issued to any member if information is not accurate and current in the Post Computer. If an address is different than what we have on file, it is the member's responsibility to update the Post record. No ballot will be sent to any address that is not on file. Members must be in good standing to vote in any Post election. A ballot will not be sent if the member ID number is not on the request form for the Election and Nominating Committee (E & N) to verify standing. All requests for Absentee/ Mail-in ballots must be received either in person or by mail by April 15, 2017 . No requests for absentee/mail-in ballots will be accepted by telephone, text, or email.

Name: _____ Member Number _____
Current Mailing Address _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

BOOSTER CLUB

As of January 1, 2017, 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

2029
Joseph & Donna Greenwald

2027
Frank & Sharon Sevick
Anna Pellegrini
George Coon

2024
Lloyd Gross
Vincent Gigliotti
American Legion Riders
Marion & Frank Hauck
Don and Joan Jernstrom
Lloyd Sellers

2023
Frank J. Smith

2022
Ed Kolbasiuk
Gloria Murray
Steve Small
R. Larry Taddei

2021
Jimmy Schultz
Post 186 Color Guard
Ruth Oppert

2020
Bob Burch
Bob & Linda Conte
Glen and Beatrice Ohanesian

2019
Donna Greenwald
Janet Bowman
Fellip & Beverly Zielinski
Anonymous
John Keller
Joe & Mildred Garza
Robert Eudeikis
David Salomski
Jim & Eleanor Krakowiak

2018
Burt and Cheryl Onder
Val Parker
Joe & Marge Ruggiero
Doris Webster
Jack Krause
Donna Aho
Larrie Douglas
Betty Corbin
Claus & Elisabeth Sachee
Arthur Babcock
Coburn

2017
Hugh & Helen Reynolds
Raymond Frattini
Barbara J. De Guiseppe
Keith Burgess
Mike Cockill
Joseph Federico

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

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT



COMING EVENTS

March – April 2017

Karaoke with Shoe every Wed 7 PM

Fish Fry every Friday 5-7 PM

Steak Shoot every Saturday 1 PM

March 17th: NO FISH FRY

April 9th: Hand Grenade Egg Hunt: Noon

April 15th: Easter Ham Dinner 6 P.M.

March

3rd - Sock Hop Karaoke 7-10PM

4th - Rebound 7-11 PM

11th - Membership Drive 1-4 PM

Blood Drive 1-6 PM

KC & Vocal Chords 7-11 PM

12th - Breakfast 9-11 AM

17th - Corned Beef Sandwiches

11:30 to 2:30 and 4:00 to 7:00

\$5 - Cabbage \$1.00 extra.

Belairs 7-11 PM

25th - Chicken Marsala Dinner 6 PM

\$9.00 donation

Bill Castner 7-11 PM

April

1st - Auxiliary Flea Market - True Passion 7-11 PM

7th - Crazy Socks Karaoke 7-10 PM

8th - TM Special 7-11 PM

9th - Breakfast 9 -11 AM

Hand Grenade Easter Egg Hunt 12 PM (over 21only)

15th - Easter Ham Dinner 6 PM \$7.00 donation

Ms. Dynamite 7-11 PM

22nd - The Twist 7-11 PM

29th - Pork Roast Dinner 6 PM \$8.00 donation

Marti Carroll 7-11 PM

