

Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 – Aberdeen, MD

44 N. PARKE STREET

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News

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings to all. Fall is upon us, which means winter will be here soon. I hope everyone is prepared. We have had quite a few personnel changes around the Post, and have a few new faces. We are planning some major events to support our Troops and Veterans.

November is going to be a busy month, on November 4th, we will have our Early Bird Event, we will have music and snacks. November 7th, we have 3 members going to the Highland School in the Creswell area to talk to the kids about the Flag and proper etiquette, and play Taps for them. November 10th a cake cutting for the Marine Corps birthday. November 11th, while VFW Post 10028 is hosting the Veterans Day services, and the Luncheon, our Honor Guard will provide the firing squad, and bugler. November 12th we are hosting a piano concert "Music for our Military". It is the beginning of a relationship with Dr. Duke Thompson of the Maryland Conservatory of Music. They have been using music as a tool to treat patients with PTSD. In this concert you will experience what the patients experience during treatment. The monies we raise will be used to treat veterans, at no cost to the veteran. Tickets are on sell for \$35, with a discount to active duty, or Veterans, their tickets are \$25. Please help us fund this project, our Post will be used as the facility where the Veterans receive treatment.

December 3rd, another very busy day, we will participate in the Aberdeen Christmas Street Parade. The Ladies will be

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Ladies,

Well the hot summer weather is finally fading away and now we need to make preparations for the fall and the winter. The past 2 months the Auxiliary continues to be busy serving their country. Playing bingo with our Veterans at Perry Point Hospital is a blessing to both the Veterans and to the volunteers who serve. Come join us the first Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at building H25. The Auxiliary ladies, the Post Chaplain & a Junior SAL also did the Carnival at Perry Point for the Veterans on September 17th. A fun time was had by all.

FOUR Auxiliary Ladies from our Auxiliary attended the Department Fall Conference in Frederick Maryland. A great deal of information was given to us from the different department leaders. Let's hope that our unit will be able to contribute to making all their goals a success this year.

Upcoming Events for the Auxiliary:

- November 8th: Exercise your civil responsibility and vote.
- November 11th: Veterans Day join us in the park for the Service at 11 am.
- November 29th: Wrapping the gifts for the Children's Christmas party 1 p.m.
- December 3rd: Children's Christmas Party, 12-3 pm food, face painting, Crafts, & SANTA.

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from the

Adjutant's Desk



Dear Comrades,

Here we are again looking at it being almost Thanksgiving and Xmas I don't know about you but I do not know where the time goes. As for as membership the Post is

a good bit behind our goals at the present time. We need to beat the bushes and get members to renew their memberships and sign up new members. If each member would take it upon themselves to sign up a new member or prompt a member to pay his 2017 dues we would be way ahead of the goals that

are set for us here at the Post every year. As I have said before membership means power in Washington D.C. to fight for Veterans benefits which are so frequently "over looked" in the U.S. Congress. The Post is doing fine as far as operation is concerned our kitchen is doing an outstanding job, the food is good and the prices are right, thanks to Katie, Frenchy & Andy. I hope everyone is doing O.K. and in good health

Yours in Legion Service,

Bob Hanson, Adjutant

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having their annual Children's Christmas Party. The SAL will have a Spaghetti Dinner after the Parade. December 23rd, Friday, we will have the Post Christmas Party, there will be lite Hors d'oeuvres, and we will start about 5:30 pm.

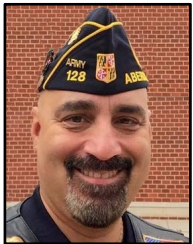
"I am feeling more confident every day that we have great things to come in our future! We can do many things as long as we pull together as a family, and all work toward a common goal. We are a private club made up of Veterans and their families." I have used this message in past newsletters. I am growing disappointed in the number of people stepping up to help OUR Legion! I have a group I can call on that always answers the call, but as in many organizations that group is small. After 2 ½ years and a ton of work to make this Post a recognized entity in our community, it is tiresome to have such a small group of people out of the 700 some odd people who belong to this Post. If this Post is ever going to get back to the glory of days gone by, then we need more people to step up! There are still a lot of things as a Post we are not able to do, simply because we don't have enough people chipping in. I am eternally grateful to those of you that do so much to make this place operate. BUT there is so much more we could be doing! I know everyone is busy living their life, but the few that have stepped up have lives also, and manage to find time to help! I truly believe in the American Legion, and I know we can make this Post the envy of the Area, but WE NEED HELP!

I hope everyone has a Great Thanksgiving, and a Very Merry Christmas. I look forward to working with you in the New Year to make this Post great. Please remember during your time of celebration those out there serving our Country and our community that cannot be home with their loved ones.

Yours in service,

Andy Powell, Commander

1st Vice Commander's Message



Greetings Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders, and family members, as we look forward to 2017, I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make Bernard L. Tobin a post where everyone is welcome.

We are well on our way to meeting our membership goal of 100% for 2017. Currently we are over 55% for the year with a few new members joining our post this year. That being said we are still hoping to exceed our membership goal reach 500 plus members in 2017. However, this cannot be accomplished without your support. So I encourage each of you to recruit at least one new eligible person to join our Legion Family. This is as simple as asking people you know or striking up a conversation with someone

1st Vice Commander's Message

you see wearing military apparel. The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. Our organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives. Your membership gives you and your family practical discounts that can easily save you many times the cost of your annual membership dues. Your membership helps support Department Service Officers nationwide who assist veterans in preparing claims and obtaining their full military healthcare benefits through the VA.

Lastly, since the inception of the American Legion Legacy Scholarship in 2001 following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the American Legion has offered its support to the children of fallen post-9/11 service members through this scholarship. Beginning with the 2017 award year, the American Legion expanded the scholarship to include children of VA-rated, post-9/11 veterans with a disability of 50 percent or higher. Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 remains committed to honoring the memory and service of our fallen and disabled comrades by ensuring their children are afforded the best possible educational opportunities.

So, as we prepare for the running of the 12th Annual American Legion Scholarship Run, I like to reach out you each of you in hopes you help this years American Legion Legacy Scholarship reach new goals. If you like to donate or purchase one of our beautiful coins for a \$10.00 donation, please contact Riders Director Richard Beckwell or me.



Front



Back

These Gold Star Challenge Coins represent what the Legion Family is all about, which is assisting those who need our help to make a better life for themselves. Our goal once again is to represent our post by donating the sales of this Challenge Coin with a check to the Legacy Scholarship Fund at this year National Convention in Reno, Nevada.

We can only be successful if we have your support, so please plan on joining us to make American Legion Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 better than ever.

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact me via cell at (706) 631-0190 or email at: 1stvicecommander@aberdeenpost128.org.

We are truly looking forward to working with you in 2016/2017!

Thank you.

David Heredia, Jr., 1st Vice Commander

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After the party, the Legion family are planning on participating in the Aberdeen Christmas Parade. Let me know if you want to ride on the float to represent our Auxiliary unit.

Once again I'm excited to work with you ladies as a team of women who want to accomplish our plans for the good of our Veterans, Children, and Youth and our Community.

Finally I want to wish all of you Ladies a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Linda Geigan, President
443-829-4320



Ladies enjoying the Banquet at the Auxiliary Fall Conference in Fredrick, MD.

Boy Scout Troop 820

Boy Scout Troop 820 is looking for scouts ages 11-17 and Cub Scout Pack 820 is looking for boys 1st -5th grade.

Any questions feel free to call me at [443-206-0671](tel:443-206-0671)

Thanks,

Katie Laliberte



Karaoke

Every Friday Night

DJ Sammy K

Starts at 8 pm until 12 am
in the Post Lounge
Come out and join the Fun!
Sing along with the oldies!



Perry Point Veterans Carnival

Welcome New Members!

Welcome aboard to our newest Post Members:

Edward M Swiger, Robert D Anderson, Joseph McDeshen Jr. Joseph S Ray, Zachary Melton, Richard T Meinert, Anthony B Klagenberg, Stephen J Melzer, Erik S Robey, Stephen C Gona, John F Allen, Glenn D Estilow, Josh W Barmer III, and Randy E Robertson

Reinstated SAL Members: Tony L Gutshall, Jeffery L

Deel, Josef Deel, and Tyler Deel

New SAL Members: Joseph R Teague Sr,

Carl L Whiteman, Ryan S Jackson, Kevin W Curry, Wayne N Bushell, Terry Sexton, and Tom W Ruth

Welcome to the Post!

Thank you all for supporting Post 128!



Join the Fun in our Pool Leagues

Looking for something to do in the evening? Come out and join the fun in one of our Pool Leagues!

A Word From the Chaplain



Greetings in the Name of the Lord,
Food For Thought: The Soul of a Nation

In 1st Timothy Chapter 2 verse 1-2 The Bible says: I urge, then, first of all, that request, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in Authority, that we

may live peaceful and quiet lives in all goodness and holiness.

Alexander Hamilton said: For my own part I sincerely esteem (the Constitution) a system which without the finger of God, never could have been suggested and agreed upon by such a diversity of interest.

What makes a country great? No question, it is tied to the spirituality quality.

Samuel Adams: "Impress the minds of men with the importance of Educating their little boys and girls, inculcating in the minds of youth the fear and love of the Deity."

Patrick Henry: "It cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often that this nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians, not on religion but on the gospel of Jesus Christ."

John Jay: "We've Staked the future of all our political institutions upon our capacity to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

Our earliest leaders committed their work to God. We cannot make the same choice for all our fellow citizens, but we can make it for ourselves.

Psalms 33- 12 says: Blessed is the Nation Whose God is the Lord.

Lord, I want to follow you in everything I do!

Amen

Rev. W. Lewis Geigan, Chaplain
443-829-6972

Sick Call & Post Everlasting

POST SICK CALL

Jerry Sexton

SAL SICK CALL

D. Haines

UNIT SICK CALL

Ruth Romanuk



Our heart felt wishes for a speedy recovery are with you!

POST EVERLASTING

George W. Pritts Lewis C. McCannon
Elton E. Warren

SQUADRON EVERLASTING

None

UNIT EVERLASTING

None

Life brings tears, smiles, and memories. The tears dry, the smiles fade, but the memories live on forever!



Message from American Legion Riders



November/December is here, already! Where did this year go? Seems the older I get, time speeds up. I wonder if Stephen Hawking has an explanation for this? With that, as the temperature begins its ominous descent, many of the Riders have already put their bikes up to wait out the cold days of winter.

A few will continue to ride, but for very specific reasons, usually for honor escorts or the Christmas parade in Aberdeen. That being said, we take our efforts indoors to support the four pillars of the American Legion. One of those four pillars are Americanism and the "Get out the Vote" program that the American Legion Americanism Commission supports. As an American Legion Family member, we have a duty and an obligation to be good citizens and participate in our Governments functioning.

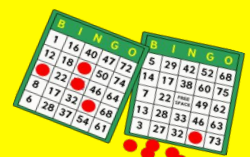
A little History: After the deliberations of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Benjamin Franklin was asked a question outside of Independence Hall. This question, asked by a Mrs. Powel of Philadelphia, wanted to know, "Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" With no hesitation whatsoever, Franklin responded, "A republic, if you can keep it." In early November, we as American citizens have a duty to perform. No matter what your political affiliation, or motivation is, voting is a right, given to us by the Constitution. When we become complacent and choose not to exercise that right, those in elected Government service no longer follow the desires of those they were elected to represent. Thomas Jefferson said, "When government fears the people, there is liberty. When the people fear the government, there is tyranny." Let your voice be heard; Vote on November 8th.

I wish to also remind all of November 11th, Veterans Day, will be observed at the Aberdeen Memorial Park, at 11:00 a.m. Please come out and remember all of those who have served our great Nation.

One last thing: After Thanksgiving, the Holidays will soon to be upon us. Whether you celebrate, "The Profits Birthday", Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, or even Festivus, I bid you all the best wishes for a safe and happy celebration. Have a Happy New Year! To my riding friends, April is just around the corner.

Richard Beckwell, ALR Director

Bingo!



COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!!

Sunday Bingo — starts at 6:30 pm

Thursday Bingo — starts at 6:00 pm

Kitchen Open 5-9 pm on Bingo Nights!

SAL Commander's Message



Been a busy couple of months for the SAL we hosted 2 bus trips one to an Oktoberfest event in Newark Delaware and a bus trip to tailgate party at a Ravens game. We donated monies to the posts Boy Scout troupe as well as youth lacrosse. We also ran the kitchen on two Friday night's thank you Gary

Gerdorn and Kyle Lacey.

Darts have started on Tuesday's night @ 6:30 good crowd but we still are looking for players, a league will be forming soon hopefully.

Exciting things coming up in December our major fundraiser is being held December 3rd the second annual Christmas Street Spaghetti Dinner we need volunteers time to get involved!! The following week December 10th we are hosting a Army Navy tail gate party free food courtesy of the SAL. We have tee shirts for sale at the post canteen to support your branch. \$12 each:



It was great time last year bring a guest or better yet a prospective member. Hope to see everyone at these events.

Jerry Lacey, SAL Commander



Only **\$9.00**

3rd Friday of Each Month

5:30 – 9:00 pm

**Sides: Green Beans, Coleslaw and French Fries
Choice of Whiting or Catfish**

Spaghetti Dinner at the

**Bernard L. Tobin Post 128
Sons of American Legion
44 N. Parke St., Aberdeen, MD**

**Menu: Spaghetti with Meat or Marinara Sauce,
Salad, Bread, Dessert
Iced Tea, Lemonade or Water**

**December 3rd • 4pm – 7pm
After Aberdeen Christmas Parade**

Adults - \$8.00, Children under 14 - \$5.00

Tickets can be purchased @
The American Legion daily between 1pm and 10pm
For information call 410-272-9822



Tuesday Night is Game Night!

Tell your friends! Tuesday Night is Game Night!

Come out and enjoy and watch the Orioles!

We are starting a Dart League and having Corn Hole Tournaments!! Come on out and enjoy the fun with us on Tuesday Night Game Night! You might be the next Winner!!

KEY DATES

November 2016

Nov 4.....Early Bird Event, 5:30 pm
 Nov 7.....SAL Meeting, 7 pm
 Nov 8.....Election Day
 Nov 10.....Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting
 Nov 11.....Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 am
 Nov 12.....Music For Military, 7 pm
 Nov 14.....Unit Meeting, 7 pm
 Nov 21.....Post Meeting, 7 pm
 Nov 24.....Thanksgiving Day
 Nov 28.....ALR Meeting, 7 pm

December 2016

Dec 3.....Children's Christmas Party, 12-3 pm
 Dec 3.....Aberdeen Christmas Parade, 3 pm
 Dec 3.....SAL Spaghetti Dinner, 4 pm
 Dec 5.....SAL Meeting, 7 pm
 Dec 10.....SAL Army Navy Tailgate Party, 12 pm
 Dec 12.....Unit Meeting, 7 pm
 Dec 19.....Post Meeting, 7 pm
 Dec 23.....Post Christmas Party, 5:30 pm
 Dec 25.....Christmas Day
 Dec 26.....ALR Meeting, 7 pm

For a complete listing of all our upcoming events, check our web
 Calendar Page at: <http://aberdeenpost128.org/calendar.html>

If you would like to receive our newsletter by mail,
 please send a letter to: **American Legion Post 128,**
44 N. Parke St., Aberdeen, MD, 21001
 or call the Post at: **410-272-9822.**

SAL 128 OFFICERS • 2016-2017

Meetings – 1st Monday Every Month – 7:00 pm

Commander.....Jerry Lacey
 1st Vice Commander.....Kyle Lacey
 2nd Vice Commander.....Richard Brinney
 3rd Vice Commander.....Richard Bruno
 Adjutant.....Randy Conlon
 Finance Officer.....Michael Lindecamp
 Chaplain.....Vacant
 Historian.....Gary Gerdorn
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Sean Foley
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POST 128 OFFICERS • 2016-2017

Meetings – 3rd Monday Every Month – 7:00 pm

Commander.....Andy Powell
 1st Vice Commander.....David Heredia Jr.
 2nd Vice Commander.....Kenneth Lathrop
 3rd Vice Commander.....Sonny Barnhouse
 Adjutant.....Robert Hanson
 Finance Officer.....Robert Hanson
 Chaplain.....Lewis Geigan
 Judge Advocate.....Richard Beckwell
 Historian.....Vacant
 Service Officer.....Joseph Frye
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Richard Davis
 Dept. Exec. Committee.....Lewis Geigan
 Club Steward.....Andy Powell

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jim Osborne Chad Prutko Bruce Gerdorn
 All Past Commanders

UNIT 128 OFFICERS • 2016-2017

Meetings – 2nd Monday Every Month – 7:00 pm

President.....Linda Geigan
 1st Vice President.....Connie Johnson
 2nd Vice President.....Kim Webb
 Secretary.....Deborah Heredia
 Treasurer.....Joyce Steininger
 Historian.....Janet Peightal
 Chaplain.....Connie Martin
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Janet Peightal
 Color Bearers.....Anna Sissum, Elizabeth Hewitt

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kim Webb Sigrid Vigus Jean Jacobs
 All Past Presidents

ALR 128 OFFICERS • 2016-2017

Meetings – 4th Monday Every Month – 7:00 pm

Director.....Richard Beckwell
 Assistant Director.....David Heredia Jr.
 Secretary.....Debbie Heredia
 Treasurer.....Susan Beckwell
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Richard Davis
 Road Captain.....Vacant

Newsletter Award

We are extremely proud to announce
 that Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 Newsletter
 has been selected to receive the American
 Legion Department of Maryland "Best
 Website and Newsletter" Award for 2016.
 Thank you to all those that contribute to
 this Newsletter. This honor belongs to you!

