

Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 – Aberdeen, MD

44 N. PARKE STREET



AMERICAN LEGION

News



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings, Bernard L. Tobin Legion Family,

Debbie and I hope that you and your family had a happy Holiday Season and we wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2020!

In the upcoming months, we will be hosting our annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 2, 2020, and Valentine Dinner Dance February 14, 2020, and our Bull, Shrimp, and Oyster Roast on Saturday, April 4, 2020. I hope that many Post 128 Legion Family members can attend one, if not all, of these events. We are also looking for volunteers to help make the Super Bowl Party, Valentine Dinner Dance, and Bull, Shrimp, and Oyster Roast successful events.

At this time, I would like to welcome Sons of The American Legion - Past National Commander William "Bill" Sparwasser to the Bernard L. Tobin Legion Family. I look forward to working with Bill and having you provide mentorship to our Squadron for their continued success. Also, a special thank you to Mr. John F. Lopez for his generous donation to our Children and Youth programs.

Our Legion Family is continuing to lead the way in serving our veterans and their families. One example is with our own Post Chaplain, Rev. Lewis Geigan.



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Adjutant's Desk

Greetings from your friendly adjutant:

Here we are embarking on another year at Post 128, our membership is down so far this year, but I know that our members that have not paid for 2020 will do so ASAP so we can again achieve our membership goal for the year. The fee of \$37.00 is a small price to pay for membership in the World's largest Veterans Organization which will only get bigger with the new Bill

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Legion Family,

Well another year is now over. As I reflect back over the last several months of the Auxiliary's commitment to our Legion, Veterans, Children & Youth and the Community, I feel blessed that we have been able to contribute

our services to each of them. From preparing and serving food at the legion, wrapping gifts and playing bingo with our Veterans, to shopping with the Cops for the kids to make their Christmas wishes come true. To providing Pajamas to Casey Cares for the children with special needs & winter coats to the children in our local schools. Our highlight at Christmas is seeing the excitement and smiles of our children as they received a present from Santa at our annual Children's Christmas party.

For all of this I send out a Big Thank You to all the Unit members for making this all happen. We, the Auxiliary, have touched people's lives and that's what it's all about. Now it's time to set our goals for the year 2020. I'm believing that we as a group can and will accomplish even greater services for our Legion, Veterans, Children & Youth and Community. Let's Make It Happen!



Linda Geigan, President
443-829-4320

passed in the U.S. Congress passed last month which allows all who have served since December 7th, 1941 until now eligible to join our great organization. This Bill does two things it brings more members into our Post. But the most important thing is that it gives the American Legion more clout in Washington D.C. to fight for Veterans rights.

Hope everyone is in good health and well.

Bob Hanson, Adjutant

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He, along with other chaplains from Harford County, is providing veterans at Upper Chesapeake Hospital with a program called Spiritual Care Services, an outreach program at both the University of Maryland and Upper Chesapeake Medical Center hospital locations. This visitation program honors those who served by giving veterans homemade prayer shawls/blankets from local churches and commemorative lapel pins for those who served during the Vietnam War. The program provides companionship for veterans during their hospital stay.

Another example is what 2nd Vice Commander John Luque is doing on the first Wednesday of each month. He, along with members of our Legion Family (Auxiliary and SAL), go to Perry Point VA in Perryville and host Bingo with resident Veterans. If you haven't been to Perry Point Bingo, you should go at least once for it's a lot of fun. We could truly use some volunteers to help us. Bingo starts at 1:00pm., so don't be shy. Contact John if you would like to volunteer at: (510) 385-7400

These are just two examples as to why your involvement is so important. Without your continuing service, we cannot be successful in helping the men and women still serving and our veterans. We need your ongoing membership to provide comfort and assistance to veterans and their families in our community. If it's not the Legion, who else can assure that the needs of the veterans and their families are represented?

This brings me to your Legion Family membership for 2020. If you have not yet renewed yours, please do so today. It's as simple as calling the Lounge during normal business hours and paying by phone with a credit or debit card. You can also mail or visit the post to renew.

When you join The American Legion and The American Legion Family, you're not just going to join to become an inactive member! We are your extended American Legion Family. Please help our family grow by recruiting new members and having their families join our family. We are only successful when we work as a team "**Stronger Together**" (Legion, SAL, UNIT, and ALR)!

I am here to serve our Post and the members of our Legion Family. As your Commander, I have an open-door policy. If you have any questions, suggestions, or want to volunteer, please feel free to contact me directly via cell at (706) 631-0190 or via email at: commander@aberdeenpost128.org or cell at (706) 631-0190.

Thank you.
David Heredia, Jr.
Commander

The American Legion Family
#StrongerTogether

A Word From the Chaplain



A Word From The Chaplain:

A Real Home A Home Is A House With A Heart Inside.

She was a single mother with a 5-year-old son and a ton of bills. Just to stay afloat she rented a musty cramp camper at a local RV park. She was embarrassed and discouraged by her surroundings.

She cringed one day as she overheard someone ask her little boy if he wished they had a real home. But her grimace was replaced with a tear and a smile when she heard him give this reply. "We do have a real home. We just don't have a house to put it in". Maybe you're not happy where you are. But no matter how bad things look, don't get focused on where you want to go that you'd miss the good things you have right now, God has a good plan for your future, but he has also sprinkled gifts and blessings in the life you have now. Make sure your Eyes-and Heart-are open to see them.

Lord thank you for those Intangible Blessings that make life wonderful.

Rev. W. Lew Geigan, Chaplain

Sick Call & Post Everlasting

POST SICK CALL

Richard Vanderhenst - Jerry Sexton

Curtis Diering Sr - Allen Pritt Sr

Rev. Lewis Geigan

SAL SICK CALL

Rick Bruno

UNIT SICK CALL

Carol Swigar, Connie Borja

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



POST EVERLASTING

Dewey C Simmons Sr.

SQUADRON EVERLASTING

None

UNIT EVERLASTING

None



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



Lounge Manager's Corner



Just wanted to give an update on lounge activities:

- NFL Game Days the Post will continue to provide free hot dogs, but donations are always welcomed.
- Don't forget your Super Bowl square or squares purchased at the lounge.
- King of Hearts started back up so purchase your tickets today
- We are bringing Karaoke with Kemi and Reggie in January and February
- The Legion is hosting a Valentines Day Dance on February 14, 2020. Doors open at 6:30 pm.
- Super Bowl XLV - Sunday, February 2, 2020 free food and draft beer for those who purchased tickets.
- Bingo every Sunday at 6:00pm.

On another note Post 128 hosts bingo on the first Wednesday of every month at Perry Point and we could truly use some volunteers, it starts at 1:00pm. So don't be shy let me know if and when you would like to volunteer.

John Luque, Lounge Manager

Sons of The American Legion



Dear Bernard L. Tobin Legion Family and Sqd. 128 Members

As we close out 2019 and move into 2020 I would like to thank everyone who has helped us make our grow our Squadron and help our Legion Family support our community.

Before I get started, I would like to welcome SAL Past National Commander William "Bill" Sparwasser to the Bernard L. Tobin Legion Family. I look forward to your mentorship in helping our Squadron succeed.

During the last few months we held the Halloween Dance and more importantly on December 14, 2019 we hosted our annual 'Shop with a Cop' event supporting the Aberdeen Police Department. Together with the Post we sponsored 13 children from the Aberdeen Community. Next we are planning on hosting a Pizza Party at Perry Point VA and look to make this a quarterly event.

Jay Tobin, Commander Squadron 128

Members of the Bernard L. Tobin Legion Family and The Aberdeen Police Department helped give local children a Christmas to remember.



January 2020

December '19							February '20						
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29	30	31											

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 Unit Bingo 6PM	6 SAL Meeting 7PM	7 Troop 820 Meeting 7:30PM	8	9	10	11
12 Unit Bingo 6PM	13 Unit Meeting 7PM	14 Troop 820 Meeting 7:30PM	15	16	17	18 Karaoke with DJ Kemi Brown 7PM - 11PM
19 AFC Championship Game 3:05PM Unit Bingo 6PM NFC Championship Game 6:40PM	20 Martin Luther King Day PostMeeting 7PM	21 Troop 820 Meeting 7:30PM	22	23	24	25 Trivia & Karaoke w/DJ Reggie Kelly 5:30PM - 10:30PM
26 Unit Bingo 6PM	27 ALR Meeting 7PM	28 Troop 820 Meeting 7:30PM	29	30	31	1
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February 2020

January '20

March '20

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2	Super Bowl! LIV 6:30PM Kick-off No Unit Bingo	3 SAL Meeting 7PM	4 Troop 820 Meeting 7:30PM	5	6	7	8 Karaoke with DJ Kemi Brown 7PM - 11PM
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**Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 Welcome's
SAL Past National Commander 2005-06
William "Bill" Sparwasser**



Bill has served the Sons of The American Legion as Squadron Commander 1991-1992, Northern Central District SAL Commander 2001, Detachment Commander 2003, National Vice Commander Eastern Area 2003, Leading Candidate for National Commander 2004 and National Commander 2005-06.

Bill's accomplishments within the Legion Family are many from serving on every committee and commission at the squadron, district, detachment and national level of the Sons of The American Legion. His travels through the Legion family has serval great highlights. He served as the as the Chairmen of the National Member Training and Development Committee from 1997- 2004. He was also instrumental in developing and revising the History and Scrap Book processes, to bring to life the Sons of The American Legion Consolidated Report Form during his year as National Commander 2005-06.

Bill has two Projects that are his special projects within his Legion career; The first was his successful involvement with (The Late) Past Department Commander, Douglas Johnson from Parkville Post 183 in the establishment of the Maryland Homeless Veterans Center (Now called The Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training McVets). He served as a member of Board of Director since 1993 thru 2013 and as Vice President 2011 thru 2013.

The Casey Cares Foundation was Bills second successful program within the Detachment of Maryland, Sons of The American Legion. During his year as SAL, NCD Commander he developed the relationship between the Sons and The Casey Cares Foundation to life as his district commanders project. When he earned the opportunity to be the Detachment Commander in 2003 the Casey Cares Foundation again became his project. Thanks to the detachment members in 2003 they raffled off an automobile with all the proceeds going to Casey Cares. Today, The Casey Cares Foundation is still a major program supported by The Sons of The American Legion. We have been afforded a place on their board of directors in 2005 and continue at that level of involvement today.



Wreaths Across America



Members of Post 128 Legion Family, place wreaths at Memorial Gardens in BelAir, MD.(L to R) Senator Bob Cassily, Debbie Schreiber and Debbie Heredia (Unit 128), SAL 128 Dr. Fred Sirkis, and Post Cdr Heredia

Christmas Pictures



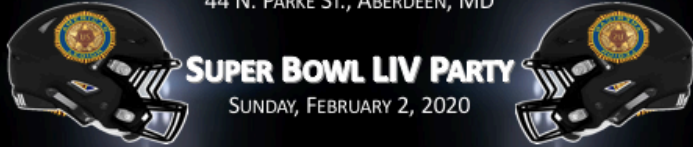
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SUPER BOWL LIV PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

YOUR PURCHASE OF A \$50.00 SQUARE OR \$25.00 GUEST TICKET INCLUDES FREE FOOD UNTIL THE END OF THE 3RD QUARTER AND FREE DRAFT BEER AND SODA'S THE ENTIRE GAME

SEE BARTENDER FOR PURCHASE OF SQUARE(S) OR GUEST TICKET(S)

NO DRINKS FROM THE LOUNGE, OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED IN THE HALL!



BIG SCREEN TV AND TV'S AROUND THE HALL

50/50 RAFFLES
DOOR PRIZES

DONATIONS WELCOMED FOR
VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

CREDIT CARD
PAYMENTS WELCOMED



Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 Presents

Valentine's Day Dance

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Friday, February 14th, 2020

\$15 Per Ticket | \$20 Per Ticket day of the Event

Price includes: Hors D'oeuvre and One Complimentary Drink Per Person and Free Draft Beer the Entire Dance



Bring your special someone
and enjoy a Romantic Evening of
Dancing to the Oldies By

Connie D. McGuire

The Big Dipper

44 North Parke Street
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Payments Accepted

THE AMERICAN LEGION BERNARD L. TOBIN POST 128

44 N. PARKE STREET
ABERDEEN, MARYLAND 21001

**BULL, SHRIMP, &
Oyster Roast**



SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2020

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

\$45 PER TICKET

CREDIT CARD
PAYMENTS ACCEPTED



PRICE INCLUDES:

DRAFT BEER, SODA, WATER, OYSTER STEAM, OYSTERS ON THE HALF SHELL, STEAMED SHRIMP, BLACK ANGUS BEEF, BLACK FOREST HAM, TURKEY BREAST, ITALIAN DOGS WITH PEPPERS AND ONIONS, POTATO SALAD, MACARONI SALAD, MACARONI AND CHEESE

BRING PLENTY OF \$\$\$ FOR THE WHEEL OF CHANCE, 50/50 RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTIONS!!!

DO ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDE BY DO JI DAN KRA-Z KELLON,

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS IN THE LOUNGE OR CONTACT THE COMMANDER

COME OUT AND SUPPORT BERNARD L. TOBIN POST 128!

Bernard L. Tobin Post 128

KING OF HEARTS

RULES

60% to the WINNER - 40% to the POST
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!

IF YOU ARE NOT PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE DRAWING AND IF THERE IS NO PRESELECTED NUMBER WRITTEN ON YOUR TICKET, THE MODERATOR WILL TRY TO CONTACT YOU BY THE PHONE NUMBER ON YOUR TICKET. IF THE MODERATOR IS UNSUCCESSFUL AFTER 30 MINUTES, YOU WILL BE AWARDED THE MINIMUM PRIZE FOR THE WEEK!!

TICKETS ARE \$5.00 EACH

DRAWINGS WILL START WHEN 200 TICKETS HAVE BEEN SOLD. DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAYS AT 9:00PM. THE WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER WILL PICK ONE (1) CARD!

PRIZE PAYOUTS

WEEKS 1 THRU 10		WEEKS 11 THRU 25		WEEKS 26 & BYOND	
2 - 10	\$50.00	2 - 10	\$100.00	2 - 10	\$150.00
J, Q, K, A	\$100.00	J, Q, K, A	\$150.00	J, Q, K, A	\$200.00
JOKER	\$200.00	JOKER	\$250.00	JOKER	\$300.00

MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO PLAY
OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

IF THE KING OF HEARTS IS NOT DRAWN, THE REMAINING 60% WILL ROLLOVER TO THE NEXT WEEK AND BE ADDED TO THE CURRENT WEEK'S SALES, INCREASING THE KING OF HEARTS PRIZE EACH WEEK,

UNTIL THE **KING OF HEARTS** IS DRAWN!

IF THE PRIZE REACHES \$100,000.00 WE WILL CONTINUE THE WEEKLY DRAWING UNTIL THERE IS A WINNER, EVERY CARD DRAWN WILL BE AWARDED THE CARDS VALUE



KEY DATES

January 2020

Jan 1.....New Years 2020
 Jan 6.....SAL Meeting, 7 pm
 Jan 13.....Unit Meeting, 7 pm
 Jan 19.....Martin Luther King Day
 Jan 20.....Post Meeting, 7 pm
 Jan 27.....ALR Meeting, 7 pm
 Jan 31.....Commander's Birthday

February 2020

Feb 2.....Super Bowl XVI
 Feb 3.....SAL Meeting, 7 pm
 Feb 10.....Unit Meeting, 7 pm
 Feb 14.....Valentine's Dance, 7 pm
 Feb 17.....Post Meeting, 7 pm
 At this meeting we are voting to adopt our new Post level
 Constitution and By-Laws per Resolution C02-2019
 Feb 24.....ALR Meeting, 7 pm
 For a complete listing of all our upcoming events, check our web
 Calendar Page at: <http://aberdeenpost128.org/calendar.html>

POST 128 OFFICERS • 2019 - 2020

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

Commander.....David Heredia Jr.
 1st Vice Commander.....Michael Armijo
 2nd Vice Commander.....John Luque
 3rd Vice Commander.....Sonny Barnhouse
 Adjutant.....Robert Hanson
 Finance Officer.....Robert Hanson
 Chaplain.....Lewis Geigan
 Judge Advocate.....David Johnson
 Historian.....Dennis Laliberte
 Service Officer.....Joseph Frye
 Sgt-at-Arms.....George Martin
 Dept. Exec. Committee.....Michael Armijo
 National Exec. Committee.....David Johnson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

William R. Conlon Glenn Holcomb
 Dennis Laliberte

ALR 128 OFFICERS • 2019 - 2020

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

Director.....Greg Wood
 Assistant Director.....Vacant
 Secretary.....Deborah Heredia
 Treasurer.....Susan Beckwell
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Michael Johnson
 Road Captain.....David Heredia Jr.

SAL 128 OFFICERS • 2019-2020

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

Commander.....Jay Tobin
 1st Vice Commander.....Michael Johnson
 2nd Vice Commander.....Evan Sacrey
 3rd Vice Commander.....Corey Erby
 Adjutant.....Robert Hanson
 Finance Officer.....Glenn Holcomb
 Chaplain.....Corey Erby
 Historian.....Brian Eustace
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Robert Reader
 Advisor.....Glenn Holcomb
 Past National Cdr.....William Sparwasser

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UNIT 128 OFFICERS • 2019 - 2020

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

President.....Linda Geigan
 1st Vice President.....Kim Werner
 2nd Vice President.....Carol Sweigar
 Secretary.....Connie Martin
 Treasurer.....Deborah Heredia
 Historian.....Denise Strecker
 Chaplain.....Connie Johnson
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Angie Garcia
 Color Bearers.....Janet Peightal, Barbara Allara-Bohlen

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jean Jacobs Debbie Heredia
 Kim Webb Kim Werner
 All Past Presidents

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The American Legion Family
Come Join Our Family!