# Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 – Aberdeen, MD



**JULY/AUGUST 2018** 

# COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings, Legionnaires, American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), Sons of the American Legion (SAL), American Legion Riders (ALR), and family members. What a great year we are having here at Bernard L. Tobin Post 128! I thank you all for our success thus far.

I would like to start out by congratulating our newly elected Legion and Auxiliary Officers and our newly appointed SAL and ALR Officers for 2018 – 2019. I am looking forward to another successful Legion Family year working with vou all.

The 2018 - 2019 Legion year starts off with The Department of Maryland's State Convention, July 9 - 13, 2018, in Ocean City, MD, where our very own David J. Johnson will become our new Department Commander. I invite all our Legion Family members to join David on Friday, July 13, as he takes his oath of office as our new Commander. We will host a hospitality suite during the convention at the Princess Bayside, so make sure to stop by and join us as we celebrate our new Department Commander. Again, congratulations to David J. Johnson and the entire Barnard L. Tobin Legion Family.

As we look forward, we have many projects that will help make our Post a better place. We are working with the City of Aberdeen and Aberdeen Proving Ground to hold a Veterans' Day Celebration. We are in the beginning stages in the planning process. I am sure we will be successful in making this an annual event. We are also joining forces with Dog Tags

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Ladies,

Our Auxiliary year 2017-2018 is coming to an end and we have accomplished a lot this past year. Monthly Bingo, Fall Festival, Christmas Wrapping and Christmas Party for our Veterans at Perry Point Hospital. Veteran Day and Memorial Day luncheon's,

Children's Christmas Party, Shop with a Cop, Legacy ride, Scholarships, Donations of food to the Harford County Food Bank, plus donated money to Children & Youth, Community and Veterans organizations. You Auxiliary Ladies have made this a very successful year and I would like to personally thank you for all for your time and talents that you donated in support of our Veterans, Children & Youth and Community. A special thanks to Vicki Adam's who runs our Bingo, and our loyal Bingo ladies and men who support our Auxiliary for making it possible for us to do all these things.

I'm also proud to report that our Auxiliary made 100% membership plus goal this year and will be receiving our ribbons at the convention in Ocean City.

Let's get a head start by paying our 2018-2019 dues early, \$25 for adults, \$8.50 for Juniors. 2018 membership cards are available after the July Convention.

Now it's time to look forward to the New Year. Our officers have been elected and are anticipating a great year of service. Let's plan and work together to make 2018-2019 and even more successful year.

> Linda Geigan, President 443 829 4320



# Adjutant's Desk



As stated in my last message we have made our goal and then some, but a new year is coming and we must make our goal again. Your new 2019 Membership Card will

be available in July after the Department of Maryland Convention and if you happen to be in Ocean City on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July, stop by Post 128's hospitality room which will be in operation to welcome our own David J. Johnson as the new Department of Maryland Commander.

Remember that if you pay your 2019 early it will help the Post achieve it's goals and have another banner year for membership.

Respectfully,

Bob Hanson, Adjutant









The American Legion Family

# COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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and Tails to help provide support to America's military service men, women through canine therapy. Dog Tags and Tails provides canine-human interaction to meet emotional needs for those who served beyond what is normally provided by the Department of Defense.

Within the next few months, we will begin improving the exterior of our Post, beginning with replacing the roof. In addition, we will paint the façade, replace our awnings, landscape the front of the building, and repave our parking lot. These projects will be done in phases that include help from the City of Aberdeen with grants for everything except the roof. The needed improvements will increase the value and appearance of our Post. While making these enhancements, the Building and Grounds Committee will continue looking at the possibility of a new state of the art building with the green space that will allow us to host outdoor events, along with a larger lounge and hall for our members and guests. Although this project is two to three years away from reality, we are working to do what's best for our entire Legion Family by making improvements to our existing building.

As I have mentioned before, a chain is only as strong as its weakest link; I want all of our links to be as strong as possible. Our chain must be indestructible. This is why we've been successful as a Legion Family. I personally thank you all for working hard to ensure that each of our Legion Family members and guests feels welcome at our Post. You, along with each of our members, are the foundation that helps make Bernard L. Tobin lead by example, and I sincerely appreciate your support.

In closing, please keep Micah Geigan and the entire Geigan family in your prayers as Micah works to regain his health. Also, please continue praying for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander John Luque, as he continues his recovery from heart surgery.

Finally, I am proud to have been given the opportunity to represent The American Legion Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 and our Legion Family as your Commander for the upcoming Legion year. If you have any questions or suggestions, my door is always open. Please feel free to contact me directly via cell at (706) 631-0190 or via email at: commander@aberdeenpost128.org.

Thank you.

David Heredia, Jr., Commander



# 1st Vice Commander's Message



Greetings Legionnaires, American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), Sons of the American Legion (SAL), American Legion Riders (ALR), and family members. As your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander for Bernard L. Tobin Post 128, I look forward to a summer season filled with sunshine and

cookouts, working with everyone – Legion, ALA, SAL, and ALR – to continuously improve our post and support our community and the state of Maryland.

I want to thank all of our members for their hard work and dedication for the 2017-2018 membership drive and look forward to meeting and exceeding our target for 2018-2019. Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 is number 1 in the Department for posts of comparable size. Your continued efforts help ensure we continue to grow our Legion programs and maintain them once they are in place.

Recruiting new members is easy and here are a few tips to help us all recruit. Always be ready with a 2-3 minute "elevator pitch" on the importance and benefits of Legion membership. You can also download the Legion app onto your smart phone and you'll be ready to sign up members on the spot. Always keep a few membership applications available. Also have a supply of 'Why You Should Belong', 'Troop Support' pamphlets, and 'This Is The American Legion' for informational/recruitment events.

If you are one of those members who have not renewed your Legion membership, please contact Robert Hanson, Post Adjutant, or renew your membership online at: www.members.legion.org.

Remember that membership comes with many privileges. As Legion members, we qualify for many discounts with auto rental, financial & insurance, medical, post discounts, retail, travel & lodging, and with moving & relocation. So please, if you haven't already, renew today!

Our post is one of the pillars of our community. Here we teach children to respect the U.S. flag and provide color guards and escorts for funerals and community events. We sponsor Little League baseball, Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops and connect with veterans and their families by providing Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) in difficult times. We at The American Legion are committed to serving our veterans. Our camaraderie and array of programs are second to none; however, if we don't continue to grow our membership, the Legion's influence will be greatly diminished.

In closing, 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 (443) 992-3502 or email at:

1stvicecommander@aberdeenpost128.org.

I am truly looking forward to working with all of you in the 2018-2019 Legion Year!

Thank you.

# **Incoming Slate of Officers**

### SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR POST 128 FOR YEAR 2018-2019

Commander1st Vice Commander	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	John Luque
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander	Sonny Barnhouse
Finance Officer	Robert Hanson
Chaplain	Lewis Geigan
Judge Advocate	George Anderson
Historian	Dennis Laliberte
Sgt-at-Arms	George Martin
Dept. Exec. Committee	
AdjutantTo be appointe	-
Service OfficerTo be appointe	d by the Commander

### SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR UNIT 128 FOR YEAR 2018-2019

President	Linda Geigan
1st Vice President	Kim Werner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Kim Webb
Secretary	Connie Martin
Treasurer	
Historian	Danielle Charles
Chaplain	Connie Johnson
Sgt-at-Arms	Janet Peightal
Color BearersAnnie Sissum, Jo	ewel Hall, Connie Johnson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jewell Hall Jean Jacobs Joyce Steininger

Congratulations to all of our newly elected 2018 - 2019 Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 and Unit 128 Officers. The newly elected officers will be effective after Installation on July 20, 2018. We look forward to continue to serve together as Bernard L. Tobin Legion Family.

# Sons of the American Legion



A brief message and bio from incoming S.A.L.Commander, Dr. John J. Tobin:

I am the son of Joe & Kathleen Tobin. I have been a part of Post 128 for over 60 years. At one time I was even the janitor at the Post. I have always been proud to be associated with the American Legion, I and all the other

citizens owe a great debt of thanksgiving to our veterans. As the new S.A.L. Commander, I hope to reinstate Legion Baseball in Harford County and get the S.A.L. membership more engaged in Legion functions and activities. I look forward to continuing the "Tobin Tradition" here at Post 128.



# Gold Star Families Memorial Dedication

On June 17, 2018, our post was one of many to participate in the dedication of the second Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in Maryland at Concord Point in Havre de Grace.





# A Word From the Chaplain



**Pray For Others** 

As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right. 1 Samuel 12:23

If we truly love people, we will desire for them far more than it is within our power

to give them, and this will lead us to prayer: Intercession is a way of loving others.

People must pray, and people must be prayed for. The Christian must pray for all things, of course, but prayers for people are infinitely more important, just as people are infinitely more important than things. Also, prayers for people are far more important than prayers for things because people more deeply involve God's will and the work of Jesus Christ. People are to be cared for, sympathize with, and prayed for, because sympathy, pity, compassion, and care accompany and proceed prayer for people.

Our praying concerns not only ourselves, but all people and their greatest interests, and even the salvation of their immortal souls. Praying is a business that takes hold of eternity and the things beyond the grave. It is a business that involves earth and heaven. All worlds are touched by prayer, and all worlds are influenced by prayer. PRAY: Father God thank you for the people in my life, and thank you for knowing their needs. Help me to love others by praying for them. Amen. God Bless you all.

Rev. W. Lewis Geigan, Chaplain

I want to thank everyone for praying for my Grandson Micah. Your prayers have been heard and have made a difference in his life.

# **Sick Call & Post Everlasting**

**POST SICK CALL** 

Jerry Sexton

SAL SICK CALL Micah Geigan



Jewel Hall Connie Johnson Carman Jourdan

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



### **POST EVERLASTING**

None

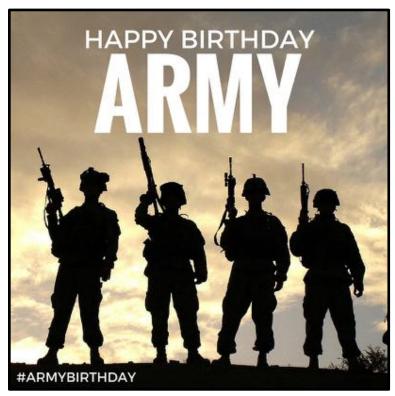
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None

**UNIT EVERLASTING** 

None

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



On June 14th, in honor of the Army's 243rd Birthday, Post 128 provided a cake for those that were able to stop by the Post and enjoy some cake with their fellow comrades! Happy 243rd Birthday US Army and to all those who have served in our nation's oldest branch. Thank you!









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				6pm - Bingo			
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# August

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### Members of Bernad L. Tobin Post 128 Legion Family

<u>Above</u>: Left to Right: Legionnaires Bill Bohen, Glenn Holcomb, Auxililary member Jennifer Bennington, Legionnaires 1st Vice Cmdr. Michael Armijo, Dennis Laliberte, Post Adjutant Robert Hanson, not pictured SAL incoming Commander Jay Tobin and Post Commander David Heredia

<u>Below</u>: Members of Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 Boy Scout Troup 820







<u>Above</u>: Post Adjutant, Robert Hanson, pays tribute to his father, William F. Hanson, by placing an America Flag on his grave.

<u>Below</u>: Grave marker of Past Commander and Life Member Roland L. Carty USN WWII









### **THE FOUR PILLARS**

### I. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

- VA Claims Backlog
- · Access to VA Health Care
- · Network of Service Officers
- VA Vet Centers
- · Health-care Funding Formula
- Veterans with Special Needs
- Volunteering
- Final Respects
- · Heroes to Hometowns
- Careers for Veterans
- Homelessness
- · GI Bill Benefits

### **II. National Security**

- Support for the Troops
- Size of the Armed Forces
- Quality of Life
- Homeland Security
- POW/MIAs
- Operation Comfort Warriors

### III. Americanism

- Flag Protection
- Illegal Immigration
- Voter Registration and Participation
- Boy Scouts of America
- · The Pledge of Allegiance
- Establishment-Clause Lawsuits
- Legacy Run
- Boys Nation
- American Legion Baseball

### IV. Children & Youth

- Child Pornography
- Catastrophic Illness
- · Intellectual Disabilities
- Immunization
- Family Integrity
- Media Violence
- Drug Abuse
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Family Support Network
- Temporary Financial
- Assistance
- Samsung Scholarship
- · Child Welfare Foundation

### Still serving: it's who we are

In 1919, The American Legion was founded on four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Each of these pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens. These programs make a difference in hundreds of thousands of lives each year.

Our organization's positions and programs are guided by resolutions passed by American Legion National Convention delegates, and by committee and commission members who represent 2.5 million wartime veterans and their families. These programs, and the men and women who take the time to perform them allow The American Legion to make a difference on the local, state and national levels.

It's who we are and what we do.







Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 Commander David Heredia, and Bob Hanson Post Adjutant present The American Legion Certificate of Appreciation's to Ron Filling, General Manager of Thompson Automotive, in recognition for their support of The American Legion Bernard L. Tobin Legion Programs. We truly appreciate everything that these organizations do for our veterans in our community.









# The American Legion Family Welcomes New Members!

Welcome aboard to our newest Post Member:

Ethan D Ludwig

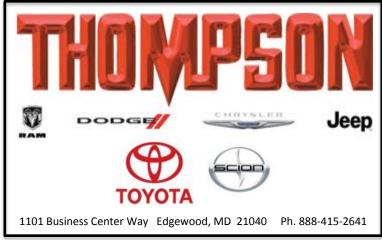
Transfers: Michael S. Sweet, Howard A. Malcom, Michael A. Latin, and James B. Rutherford

Welcome to the Post!

Thank you all for supporting Post 128!



# Post 128 is Sponsored by:



## Let's support those that support us!



Thursday Bingo — starts at 6:00 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month — starts at 6:30 pm

Kitchen Open 5-9 pm on Bingo Nights!









# The American Legion Family

### **Kitchen Hours** FAMILY Me Mon-Fri.....6 pm - 9 pm Sat.....Closed Sun.....1 pm - 9 pm **Daily Menu** Turkey Club......\$7.00 Hamburger w/fries......\$7.00 w/fries.....\$9.00 Cheeseburger w/fries.....\$8.00 Grilled Cheese.....\$3.00 Grilled Chicken w/fries...\$8.00 w/bacon & fries......\$6.00 Shrimp Basket (6) w/fries.\$8.00 Hot Dog w/fries.....\$4.00 Tuesday's Specials add Chile.....\$5.00 Steak Quesadillas......\$8.00 Chicken Tenders (3)......\$4.00 Chicken Quesadillas......\$7.00 Cheese Quesadillas......\$5.00 w/fries.....\$6.00 Chicken Wrap......\$6.00 Wednesday's Specials 50 Cent Wing Night.....\$ .50 ea. w/fries.....\$8.00 (Naked, Honey BBQ, Spicy Hot, Old Mozzarella Sticks (6).....\$3.00 Bay, and Lemon Pepper) Fries.....\$2.00 Thu & Sun Bingo Specials Reuben Sandwich.......\$7.00 w/fries......\$9.00 w/fries.....\$10.00



### POST 128 OFFICERS • 2017-2018

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Chad Prutko Dennis Laliberte
All Past Commanders

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# KEY DATES

### **July 2018**

Jul 2	SAL Meeting, 7 pm
Jul 4	Independence Day
Jul 6	Red Cross Blood Drive, 12-5pm
Jul 9	Unit Meeting, 7 pm
Jul 10-13	Department of Maryland Convention
Jul 16	No Post Meeting
Jul 20	Installation of Officers, 7-9 pm
Jul 23	ALR Meeting, 7 pm

### August 2018

Aug 6	SAL Meeting, 7 pm
Aug 13	Unit Meeting, 7 pm
Aug 12	NCD Meeting, 12-4 pm
Aug 15 (moved from Aug 20).	Post Meeting, 7 pm
Aug 22	ALR Meeting, 7 pm

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

### UNIT 128 OFFICERS • 2017-2018

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** 

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The American Legion Family Come Join Our Family!