

Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 – Aberdeen, MD

44 N. PARKE STREET



AMERICAN LEGION

News



MARCH/APRIL 2020

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings, Bernard L. Tobin Legion Family. Debbie and I hope that you and your family are having a great year so far.

There are over 100 American Legion posts in our department with each serving their communities. Many of them do not have an Auxiliary, Squadron, or American Legion

Riders (ALR) Chapter. Those communities are lacking the services that the Auxiliary, Squadron, and Riders provide. Legion Posts without a complete Legion Family are missing an opportunity to be an asset to their communities. That is what makes the Bernard L. Tobin Legion Family special. Together we make a positive impact. We work to support our veterans, active duty, their families and our community.

Then there's membership. If all American Legion posts within our Department had a complete Legion Family, think about the impact that would have on our membership numbers!

Like The American Legion, the Auxiliary was founded in 1919 and The Sons of The American Legions (SAL) was founded in 1932. Auxiliary and Squadron members volunteer their time to support America's veterans and their families by sending high school juniors to Boys/Girls State; providing everyday necessities to veterans at VA medical centers; fundraising for Post, Unit, SAL, and ALR in support of community causes; creating and distributing poppies in May to honor military fallen heroes; working side-by-side with post members for the good of the organization as a whole; and so much more.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Legion Family,

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, "Old Man Winter" is making way for an early Spring. I know we are all looking forward to some warmer weather.

Just a few things to report since the last newsletter. On January 24th, two Auxiliary members, two Legionnaires and one Sons participated in the Polar Bear Plunge at Sandy Point State Park. A big thank you to all who sponsored us. Next year we hope to have more members join our team and plunge with us. Maybe YOU!!

Our once a month Bingo with the Veteran's at Perry Point Hospital continues to be a blessing to the men as well as the ladies who faithfully come to help them play bingo.

I was told everyone had a great time at the Valentine's Dance. So sorry I missed it. Our next Family Legion events coming up are our annual Oyster & Bull Roast and A Hawaiian luau. Get your tickets early so you don't miss out on all the fun. Also our Post will be hosting the dinner for our National Auxiliary President's visit on March 21st. Come meet and greet this great Lady.

Lastly we are working once again on making a 100% in membership. Lets make this happen! If you haven't sent in your 2020 dues please send them in as soon as possible. Also we would love to have you ladies who faithfully pay your dues come to our meeting, the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm. We need you!

I am looking forward to all our ladies working together to

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from the

Adjutant's Desk



The American Legion year 2019-2020 is coming to an end and we have not reached our quota for the year. We are not behind by much, but we are still behind. I would like all

Post members to try recruit new members, and if you know anyone who has not paid their dues for 2019-2020, to do so ASAP. We are having a Bull & Oyster Roast on April 4th of which

we really need a good turn out for this event. Do not forget that anyone who served in the Armed Forces since Dec 7th 1941 and has an Honorable Discharge is eligible to join the American Legion.

Hope everyone is doing well and in good health. God's speed for recovery to all those who sick and not feeling well.

Bob Hanson, Adjutant

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The primary purpose of the Unit, SAL, and ALR is to aid The American Legion Post to which it is attached in accomplishing American Legion Family projects in the community. This is why I always say "**We Are Stronger Together**". This is why your involvement is so important to all of us. 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?

I thank each of you for doing your part in helping The Bernard L. Tobin Legion Family serve our community each and every day.

In the upcoming months we will be hosting The American Legion Auxiliary President Nicole Clapp on Saturday, March 21, 2020. We will hold our annual Bull, Shrimp, and Oyster Roast on Saturday, April 4, 2020. Also on Saturday, April 4, 2020, the Riders will host our First Annual Gold Star Monument Ride, supporting over 260 Gold Star Families living in Maryland. I hope that many Post 128 Legion Family members can attend one, if not all, of these events. We are looking for volunteers to help make all these upcoming events successful. If you would like to volunteer, contact your Post, Unit, Squadron, or ALR leadership.

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

Thank you,

David Heredia, Jr., Commander

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support our Veterans, Legion, Children & Youth and the Community in the upcoming months.

Linda Geigan, President
443-829-4320

Service Officer's Message



Greeting to all! My name is Joe Frye and I am American Legion Post 128th Service Officer. As your Service Officer I want to provide the best possible support to all of our veterans. My job is to assist veterans with filling out VA disability claims and to guide members toward the resources needed with care and support through the VA.

I am here to assist with VA health care enrollment, questions about how to properly file a disability claim and generally how to navigate the VA system. There are two methods to file a claim with the VA. Veterans can choose to mail their packet in using the postal service or they can use eBenefits at www.ebenefits.va.gov and electronically submit a claim to the VA.

For veterans that have never used eBenefits it is a process that requires members to initially register to gain access to the system. EBenefits is also a VA managed website and both methods are acceptable. The one advantage to filing claims using eBenefits is immediate confirmation of receipt to the VA system. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. If I cannot answer your question I will get you an answer. Peace be with you and your families!

Joe Frye, Service Officer

Post 128 Supporters:



10% Discount
For All Active Military and Veterans
1024 Beards Hill Rd
Aberdeen, MD 21001



The American Legion Family Welcomes New Members

Welcome aboard to our newest Post Members:

Kevin Shimko, Dave Thomas, Michael Walker, Sean Smith, Delvin Wright, Jeffrey Knepsheid, Ramon Ramirez, Lonzia Hawkins, Richard Showalter, Chad Blanchard, Justin Wright, George Fest, Lionell Jones, Mark Keough, Jon Stanley, Terez Badger, Jean Prendes, Brittney Knight, Naquan Bostick, Julie Pickle, Laititia Goodman, Michael Goodman, Nicholas Milano, and Brian Raymond

[Welcome to the Post!](#)

[Thanks to you all for supporting Post 128!](#)

A Word From the Chaplain



For God So Loved You

" For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16. God loves each of us as if there was only one of us. Very few people question that God is loving. But many of these very same people question

whether God truly loves them. They are certain God hears the prayers of others, forgives others, has plans for others, is patient and loving with others but not with them.

How about you? Do you know that God not only loves the world but that He loves you? Personally. On a first name basis.

One simple activity that might bring that point home to you in a crystal clear way is to write out John 3:16. But in place of the word world insert your own name. For God so loved, Bill... John... David...Lewis... Then read the verse out loud several times today and tomorrow. In fact you might try that right now.

Our lives change when we experience for ourselves the reality that God loves the world and every individual in it.

Thank you heavenly father for loving me so much that if I was the only lost person in the world you would still die for me.

May God-bless you as you reflect on these thoughts.

Rev. W. Lewis Geigan, Chaplain

1st Vice Commander's Message



Greetings Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 Legionnaires, American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), Sons of the American Legion (SAL), American Legion Riders (ALR), and family members.

We have made good strides at meeting our 2019-2020 membership goals but need to step up our collective game! As of February 14, we were 1 member short of the February 7th goal of 85% and 25 short of the March 6th goal of 90%. We are currently at 84.81% and are 72 short of 100%. 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 look forward to continuing working with all of you in the 2018-2019 Legion Year!

Thank you.

Michael Armijo, 1st Vice Commander

Sick Call & Post Everlasting

POST SICK CALL

Richard Vanderhenst Jerry Sexton
Curtis Diering Sr Allen Pritt Sr



SAL SICK CALL

None

UNIT SICK CALL

Connie Martin Debbie Heredia Connie Borja

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

POST EVERLASTING

None

SQUADRON EVERLASTING

None

UNIT EVERLASTING

None



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

March

Post 128 Calendar of Events, Holidays

Mar 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 6 pm - Bingo	2 7 pm - SAL Meeting	3	4 1:30pm - PPH Bingo	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving 6 pm - Bingo	9 7 pm - Unit Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15 6 pm - Bingo	16 7 pm - Post Meeting	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21 5 pm - National Auxiliary President
22 6 pm - Bingo	23 7 pm - ALR Meeting	24	25	26	27	28
29 6 pm - Bingo	30	31	1	2	3	4

April

Post 128 Calendar of Events, Holidays

Apr 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 6 pm - Bingo	30	31	1 1:30pm - PPH Bingo	2	3	4 3 pm - Bull Roast
5 6 pm - Bingo	6 7 pm - SAL Meeting	7	8	9	10	11
12 Easter Sunday 6 pm - Bingo	13 7 pm - Unit Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19 6 pm - Bingo	20 7 pm - Post Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
26 6 pm - Bingo	27 7 pm - ALR Meeting	28	29	30	1	2

First Annual Gold Star Monument Ride



First Annual Maryland Gold Star Monument Ride April 4, 2020

Ride Sponsor & will begin from:

American Legion Post 128
Bernard L. Tobin
44 N. Park Street
Aberdeen MD 21002

Ride will end at:

American Legion Post 175
Severna Park
832 Manhattan Beach Rd.
Severna Park MD 21146

KSU 10:00 am Ending Time 3:30 pm

Ride to Benefit: Gold Star Mothers, Maryland Chapter, Inc

Cost: \$35.00 day of event per bike

[Note: Early registration for count purposes only ends on April 2, 2020]

Fee includes an end of ride party with cash refreshments.

(T-Shirts and other Fundraising items will be sold during the ride to benefit the program)

This ride will include 2 Gold Star Monuments
(1 HDG - 1 Annapolis)

For additional ride information please email: mdgsmride128@yahoo.com

Or on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/events/1st-maryland-gold-star-monument/228628310966329/?ti=sd>

Pre registration Link: <https://forms.gle/1r5yHqVH83Fe58d319>

"Ride open to all motorcycle groups and cars"

"Please come out and support our Gold Star Mother's"

Lounge Manager's Corner



Boy Scout Troop 820

Lounge Activities:



On Saturday, April 4, 2020 we are having our Annual Bull Roast, Shrimp and Oyster. Tickets are on sale now at the bar or by phone. So, purchase your tickets today and reserve your tables! Ask the bartender for help, credit cards are welcome but so is cash. Also, King of Hearts tickets are available all week every week.

We are implementing an entertainment committee with Dennis (Frenchy) as chairman. All volunteers are welcome to help as well as suggestions from all Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders. So get involved and make it an entertaining environment.

Perry Point Bingo is on the first Wednesday of every month as follows 4/1,5/6 & 6/3 save the dates. Location: Building 14H time 1:30pm. Volunteers are needed, remember there are no volunteers without "U". Please let me know if you are interested.

John Luque, Lounge Manager



Hello, my name is Billy Thompson, I am the Troop Committee Chairman for Troop 820. Here are some of the amazing things the boys have done since the New Year. BSA Scouts just had a fundraising Chicken dinner on February 7. We

sold 42 dinners. The next dinner will be May 29, we will be having a Fish Fry.

The boys will be selling camp cards, they are \$5.00 each. The card has several amazing discounts at local businesses. The scouts receive half of all sales for the cards. The cards are used for them to go to Summer Camp.

The scouts are staying very active by doing monthly camping trips. February, they went to Indian Echo Caverns. March they are working on pioneering skills at a local farm. April they are heading to Hawk Mountain.

We meet weekly on Tuesday evenings from 1900-2000 (7PM to 8PM). Please feel free to stop in and visit with the scouts.

Our next court of honor will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Come join us to see all the awards the Scouts have earned.

If you have a son, daughter, or grandkids interested in joining please feel free in contacting me, via email at thompson21001@yahoo.com or call me at (410) 459-4714.

Yours in Scouting,

Billy Thompson

Sons of the American Legion



Dear SAL Members of the Bernard L. Tobin Post 128:

The important things that the SONs have to incorporate in the newsletter are as follows:

1. New member to our Squadron: Bill Sparrwasser. Bill is a Past National Commander of the SAL and we look forward to his guidance and help. In this regard, he has been appointed as the Squadron's Finance Officer.

2. Reverend Lewis Geigan has been appointed Chaplain for the SONs of Squadron 128. It is a great honor and a privilege for this Squadron to be guided by such a valuable resource.

3. Plans are in the works to provide more engagements with the VA Hospital. One of the events is a Pizza Party that was very successful last year. The Squadron is contemplating on having four of these activities throughout the year.

4. Plans are also in operation for a couple of the social events that the SONs held last year.

All of the above-mentioned functions will be discussed at our March Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Tobin, SAL Commander



THE AMERICAN LEGION
BERNARD L. TOBIN POST 128
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 ABERDEEN, MARYLAND 21001

Bull, SHRIMP, & Oyster Roast

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
\$45 PER TICKET

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED
 VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER, AMERICAN EXPRESS

PRICE INCLUDES:
 DRAFT BEER, SODA, WATER, OYSTER STEAM, OYSTERS ON THE HALF SHELL, STEAMED SHRIMP, BLACK ANGUS BEEF, BLACK FOREST HAMB, TURKEY BREAST, ITALIAN SOUS 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!!!

BO ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY BO JOE TAN KRAE KELLER,
 PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS IN THE LOUNGE OR CONTACT THE COMMANDER
COME OUT AND SUPPORT BERNARD L. TOBIN POST 128!



KEY DATES

March 2020

Mar 2.....SAL Meeting, 7 pm
 Mar 8.....Daylight Savings Time
 Mar 9.....Unit Meeting, 7 pm
 Mar 16.....Post Meeting, 7 pm
 Mar 17.....St. Patricks Day
 Mar 21.....National Auxiliary President's Visit, 5pm
 Mar 23.....ALR Meeting, 7 pm

April 2020

Apr 4.....Bull, Shrimp, & Oyster Roast, 3-7 pm
 Apr 6.....SAL Meeting, 7 pm
 Apr 12.....Easter
 Apr 13.....Unit Meeting, 7 pm
 Apr 20.....Post Meeting, 7 pm
 Apr 27.....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

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.....Vacant
 Road Captain.....David Heredia Jr.

SAL128 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
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 Chaplain.....Corey Erby
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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

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Jean Jacobs Debbie Heredia
 Kim Webb Kim Werner
 All Past Presidents

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Aberdeen, MD. 21001

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The American Legion Family
Come Join Our Family!