

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings All,

Spring is in full swing, and we could not ask for better weather. I hope everyone is being safe as you venture out and begin all of the outdoor activities that spring brings.

May brings Memorial Day Weekend, and as each year, it is our job to inform everyone.

This is not to celebrate the beginning of summer! Nor is it the day to show appreciation to our living Veterans, which should be done every time you see one! Memorial Day is about remembering the sacrifices made by those who gave their life, so we can continue to live in the greatest Nation on the planet. Saturday May 27th, we will be going out to the local cemeteries to place U. S. flags on the grave of all our departed comrades. If you want to take part in this annual tradition, be at the Post by 9am. This is one event you will remember for a long time.

Also in May, on the 31st at 11am. We will be assisting APG with the dedication ceremony for the "Fallen Workers Memorial." This memorial is going to be dedicated to all of the workers that died while working on APG over the last 100 years. We will be providing a luncheon after the service for those in attendance, and will need some volunteers to make this event go smoothly.

June brings in summer, by then the heat will be making us wish it were November. We will keep the activities going around the Post. June 3rd the SAL is having a dance as a fund raiser for "Shop with a Cop", tickets are available in the canteen. Also in June the Riders are participating in the Maryland Gold Star Legacy Run. This is a 3 day, 800 mile

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Ladies,

Well Spring has finally arrived and I know we are all enjoying the warm weather. Spring always brings new life, flowers bloom, trees bud and producer leaves. So it is with the Auxiliary. At our next meeting on May 9th at 7pm we begin to prepare for our 2017- 2018 Auxiliary year by

nominating our members who will become our Auxiliary officers. ***Please note the meeting date as we will be meeting on Tuesday May 9th instead of our normal meeting on Monday. Try to be present for this very important meeting. During the past two months our ladies continue to serve our Veterans at Perry Pointe Hospital. It's always a fun time playing bingo with these Veterans who once served their country and fought for our freedom.

Great news our unit turned in two Americanism Essays, written by two students from Aberdeen Middle School and I'm pleased to announce that Angelyn Wiggins and Micah Geigan both received first place in the North Central District for the 7th and 8th grade level.

I'm looking forward to the upcoming months of events for our Unit, Section, and State. The final NCD meeting and dinner at the Parkton American Legion in June and the American Legion Convention in Ocean City Maryland in July. Come and join me, participate, and enjoy the fellowship of our fellow Auxiliary members.

May God continue to watch over and Bless our Veterans, our Military and their Families.

Linda Geigan, President



from the

Adjutant's Desk

Dear Comrades,

Hello everyone this is your friendly Post Adjutant with another little jingle about membership, as most of you know our year

is winding down faster than you think. It is getting close to the end for your 2017 dues. We have sent out numerous flyers and letters to members urging members to pay their dues so we can make our goal here at the Post. If you received a letter, we want you to renew your membership. We have done many improvements here at the Post and have many more events going on than we have had in a long time. Do come out and join the fun by being a member of the Post.

Adjutant Bob Hanson Assistant Adjutant Dennis Laliberte

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motorcycle ride around the state of Maryland. I will be participating on this ride, and I am looking for sponsors to contribute monies. All of the monies in the Legacy Fund goes toward college grants for children whose parents died in combat after 9/11/2001. The fund is also being opened to certain combat disabled Vets, so dig deep. Stop by the post and leave me a donation that I will personally present to our Commander of the state, and she will present the state's total to the National Commander during the National Convention.

July will bring the Maryland State convention, and I plan to attend. Also July will bring the Installation of Officers. This typically a social event where we enjoy fellowship while welcoming the officers for the upcoming year. This year we will be installing on July 22, with social hour to begin at 5pm. Hope to see you there. We held a Vietnam Veterans Dinner on April 29th and are planning another such event for August. As we wind through summer, we are moving forward with the new roof project. By now we will have had 2 bids presented to us for the blueprints, and project management. Hopefully by the time you are reading this, we are actually looking in to the process of getting the job moving. This is going to be a very costly project, and while we will get grants to cover a great deal. We will still have a large bill to pay. We will be reaching out the hand again asking for donations to go to the roof fund. We have a drawing posted in the Canteen, and if the actual project turns out half as nice, WOW! We are going to have an awesome building that our grandchildren, and great grandchildren will be able to enjoy for a long time. I am a BIG believer that many folks in the past have worked hard to leave us the Post we now enjoy. Now it is our turn to ensure that we leave the future generations a place to come to and enjoy as we have.

I have been nominated to run a 3rd term as Commander of Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 American Legion. I am humbled and honored to be the Commander of this Post. I have met so many great people, and had the pleasure of representing our Post in so many different venues. I look forward to my continued service as your commander, and all the fun times we have with the many different events. I am very proud of what WE have accomplished over the last 3 years. WE have made so many changes, and are really getting reestablished into our community. This is a very exciting time to be a member of this Post. I encourage you to come out, get involved. The more people we have helping, the more good we can do! Come see what a difference you can make!

Hope everyone has a safe and happy summer! I'm looking forward to the upcoming Year, and all the progress we will make.

Yours in service,

Andy Powell, 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 we look forward to the summer months, 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, and as of April 23, 2017 we are over 88%, with 439 members out of a possible 522. That being said, we still have 84 members that have not renewed their Legion memberships. If you are one of those members from 2016 or 2015 that have not renewed your Legion membership, please contact me, Robert Hanson our post Adjutant, or renew your membership online at www.members.legion.org. your support we cannot make our membership goal of 100% by May 5, 2017. So if you know of any member that has not renewed their membership, please remind them to do so. 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 have connected with veterans and their families by providing Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) in difficult times.

We at The American Legion are vital in the effort to continue 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. A smaller Legion means a smaller veteran footprint within our community. A smaller footprint reduces the opportunity to provide mentorship for our youth about worthy values, citizenship, and patriotism. It also diminishes our ability to provide assistance to our veterans.

Before the Gulf War, 9/11, and wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, our Legion membership was 3,013,189 strong. However, since this time our membership has declined. This is why we must make it our mission to sign up every eligible veteran we can reach – not necessarily for reward or recognition, but because they've earned the privilege to be part of our family.

My challenge to every Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL member is to recruit one new member this year. It's up to us to leave our Legion bigger and better than we found it, and to hand its great responsibility and purpose off to a new generation that, first and foremost, must be asked to join.

This is as simple as asking people you know or striking up a conversion with someone you see wearing military uniform or apparel. The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. Our

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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 terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the American Legion has offered its support to the children of fallen service members through this scholarship. Beginning with the 2017 award year, the American Legion expanded the scholarship to include the 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 the 12th Annual American Legion Scholarship Run, I would like to reach out to each of you with the hope that you will help this year's American Legion Legacy Scholarship reach new goals. If you would like to donate or purchase one of our beautiful coins for a \$10.00 donation, please contact Riders Director Richard Beckwell or me.





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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 in the form of a check to the Legacy Scholarship Fund at the 2017 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 2017! Thank you.

David Heredia, Jr., 1st Vice Commander

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!

A Word From the Chaplain



How do you treat acquaintances that don't have a major impact on your life? Do you still take the time to be kind or just passed them by? This is a great example of what can happen, submitted by Dr. Ben Carson

A lady worked at a meat distribution

factory. One day, when she finished with her work schedule, she went into the meat cold room (freezer) to inspect something, but in a moment of misfortune, the door closed and she was locked inside with no help in sight.

Although she screamed and knocked with all her might, her cries went unheard as no one could hear her. Most of the workers had already gone, and outside the cold room it's impossible to hear what was going on inside.

Five hours later, while she was at the verge of death, the security guard of the factory eventually open the door. She was miraculously saved from dying that day.

When she later asked the security guard how he had come to open the door, which wasn't his usual work routine. He explained I've been working in this Factory for 35 years, hundreds of workers come in and out everyday, but you are one of the few who greet me in the morning and say goodbye to me every night when leaving after work. Many treat me as if I'm invisible.

Today as you reported for work, like all other days, you greeted me in your simple manner "Hello". But this evening after working hours I curiously observed that I had not heard your "Bye, see you tomorrow".

Hence, I decided to check around the factory. I look forward to your "Hi and BYE" every day because they remind me that I am someone.

When not hearing your farewell today, I knew something had happened. That's why I was searching everywhere for you

Be humble, love and respect those around you. Try to have an impact on people who crossed your path every day, you never know what tomorrow will bring.

This is a great lesson for all. Hopefully, it doesn't take being locked in a freezer to realize it.

Rev. W. Lewis Geigan, Chaplain

Welcome New Members!

Welcome aboard to our newest Post Members:

Wayne G Smith, Melinda Rodriguez-Puente, Larry Bunch, John Luque, Sarah S Katoski, Jonathon Cheuvront, Donald W Matts III, Brett McElfresh, Curtis Crawford, Eric J

Schmider, Justin R Fischer, and Stephen Mears

<u>Transfers</u>: Gabriel Espinosa, Ronnie Dennis, and Richard H Garrity

<u>New SAL Members</u>: Zachary R Melton, Rob Foster, and Jonathon S Cheuvront

Welcome to the Post!
Thank you all for supporting Post 128!

Sick Call & Post Everlasting

POST SICK CALL

Jerry Sexton Nick Guerra

SAL SICK CALL

Rick Briney

UNIT SICK CALL

Ruth Romanuk Beth Heizer Carmen Jourdan

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



POST EVERLASTING

Richard A. Gravely Gary Seward

SQUADRON EVERLASTING

None

UNIT EVERLASTING

None

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



National Commander's Fort McHenry Walk

On March 18, 2017, Post 128's Officers joined the American Legion's National Commander Charles Schmidt, and the Department of Maryland's Officers for a walk around iconic Fort McHenry in honor of the women and men who have served so honorably in the US Armed Forces. These Veterans face many challenges and supporting their needs is a primary mission of The American Legion. The walk was approximately one mile and circled the tow path around the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine.

Commander Powell needs help!
Ask him what you can do to help our Post.

Message from American Legion Riders



May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has a campaign called "Share the Road", in which "All motorists are reminded to safely 'share the road' with motorcycles and to be extra alert to help keep motorcyclists safe." In the majority of Automobile/Motor-

cycle accidents that occur, the automobile driver says that they just did not see the motorcycle. This may well be true, but with all the distractions afforded to us today in our cars (texting, phone calls, GPS, to name a few), safe driving requires constant vigilance. As a rider, the life you save may well be mine!

Throughout "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month", the National Safety Council encourages motorists to share the road with motorcyclists and be extra alert when they are nearby. The NSC's tips include:

- 1. Passenger car drivers must allow greater following distance behind a motorcycle.
- 2. Drivers also must show extra caution in intersections. Most crashes occur when a driver fails to see a motorcyclist and turns left in front of a motorcycle.
- 3. Automobiles should never try to share a lane with a motorcycle. Always give a motorcycle the full lane width.
- 4. Motorcyclists should avoid riding in poor weather conditions.
- 5. Motorcyclists should position their motorcycles to avoid a driver's blind spot.
- 6. Motorcyclists must use turn signals for every turn or lane change.

We have some really great events coming up in May and June so here are a few:

- 1. <u>May 20th</u>: **Operation Comfort Warrior** <u>http://www.alpost82.org/index.php?id=160</u>
- 2. May 26th through the 28th: **Run to the Thunder 2017** in Washington, D.C. http://alrrollingthunder.com/
- 3. June 9th through the 11th: The second annual **Gold Star Legacy Run** to support the Legacy Scholarship Foundation. We will be riding for three days and will cover about 700 miles around Maryland with the intent to raise \$20,000 to be presented at the American Legion National Convention in August. http://www.mdalr.org/gslegacyride.html

I would also encourage all riders to participate in the National Ride to Work day on June 19th.

There other rides and events that we participate in, so if you ride and want something to do with fellow riders, come join us. We meet at the Post at 7:00 PM every fourth Monday of the month.

Our Annual Bull Roast

Our Annual Bull & Oyster Roast Fundraiser was held on March 4, 2017, and it was one of the best ever. Great food, good friends, and good times were had by all that attended.



The food was provided by Bill's Seafood this year. They did a wonderful job in making sure there was plenty of delicious food and that none of the trays were empty. I heard nothing but great comments about how delicious the food was and how all the food trays were constantly full and none of them ever "ran out" throughout the entire event. Kudos to Bill's Seafood!

Jim Osborne (left) kept the

Whiskey Wheel and the Big Six Wheel constantly spinning providing many happy winners and lots of fun. There were several 50/50 drawings, and the lucky winners were elated.

Congratulations to all those that were lucky enough to take home their winnings!

Unfortunately, we had to limit the ticket sales to 220 tickets due to space limitations. Our Bull Roast was a complete sell-out! We could have sold many more tickets as there were a lot of requests for tickets that we were not able to

we were not able to accommodate. So, be sure to get your tickets early next year to be certain of getting a table.



One "lucky" winner!

Friday Night Dinners only \$9!

All dinners come with sides!

1st Friday each month will be our burger (with sides) night 2nd Friday is "Home Cooking Night" dinner by the SAL 3rd Friday is as always our Fish Fry dinner 4th Friday the Ladies will be doing an Italian dinner On months with 5 Fridays, the Boy Scouts will host a dinner New kitchen hours will be 5-8pm

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 $\frac{443-206-0671}{1}$ Thanks,

Katie Laliberte

American Legion Extension Institute

On March 26, 2017, 1st Vice Commander David Heredia (right) conducted the first American Legion Extension Institute Course at Post 128. About 20 Members, Auxiliary, and SAL representing several posts attended the event.

The course closely followed the American Legion's Four Pillars of



Service. They included: History & Organization, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.

David did an outstanding job presenting the information. He was extremely knowledgeable and using a slide show he made the training very interesting. Very professional job, David! Pictured below are the graduates of the training who, on their own time, simply wanted to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization. Great job guys!



The 1st Extension Institute Graduate Class



Ask not what your Post can do for you, Ask what you can do to help your Post.



May 2017 (Eastern Time) 20 27 က 9am - Placing Flags 8am - Mother's Day 26 12 8pm - Just Kickin' It 8pm - Just Kickin' It 8pm - Just Kickin' It 8pm - SAL's SWAC 7pm - Karaoke w/ 5pm - \$9 Fish Fry 7pm - Karaoke w/ 5pm - \$9 Burger 5pm - \$9 Italian 5pm - \$9 Burger 5pm - \$9 Home Ē = 25 5pm - Kitchen Open 6pm - Bingo 10am - APG Workers 17 10 24 31 1:30pm - PPH Bingo 6pm - Game Night 6pm - Wing Night 16 5pm - Kitchen Open 23 30 5pm - Kitchen Open 5pm - Kitchen Open 5pm - Kitchen Open 5pm - Kitchen Open 7pm - Unit Meeting Tue Post 128 Calendar of Events, Holidays 7pm - Post Meeting 22 29 ω 7 pm - SAL Meeting 7pm - ALR Meeting 5pm - Kitchen Open 21 5pm - Kitchen Open 4 28 5pm - Kitchen Open 5pm - Kitchen Open 5pm - Kitchen Open 11am - Memorial 6:30pm - Bingo 6:30pm - Bingo 6:30pm - Bingo 6:30pm - Bingo 6:30pm - Bingo

June

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			6 pm - Wing Night		7pm - Karaoke w/	
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KEY DATES

May 2017

May 1	SAL Meeting, 7 pm
May 9	Unit Meeting, 7 pm
May 13	Mother's Day Breakfast, 8-11 am
May 14	Mother's Day
May 15	Post Meeting, 7 pm
May 22	ALR Meeting, 7 pm
May 27Placiı	ng Flags on Veteran's Graves, 9 am
May 29	Memorial Day Ceremony, 11 am
May 31APG	Workers Memorial Services, 11 am

June 2017

Jun 3SAL "Sł	nop w/ A Cop" Dance, 8 pm-12 am
Jun 5	SAL Meeting, 7 pm
Jun 9-11Aı	merican Legion Rider's Legacy Ride
Jun 12	Unit Meeting, 7 pm
Jun 14	Army Birthday Cake, 6 pm
Jun 17	Father's Day Breakfast, 8-11 am
Jun 18	Father's Day
Jun 19	Post Meeting, 7 pm
Jun 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.

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Finance Officer	Michael Lindecamp
Chaplain	Michael Humphreys
Historian	Gary Gerdom
Sgt-at-Arms	Sean Foley
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Meetings – 3 rd Monday Every	y Month — 7:00 pm
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Judge Advocate	
Historian	
Service Officer	Joseph Frye
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UNIT 128 OFFICERS • 2016-2017

Meetings – 2 nd Monday Ev	ery Month – 7:00 pm
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1 st Vice President	Connie Johnson
2 nd Vice President	Kim Webb
Secretary	Deborah Heredia
Treasurer	Joyce Steininger
Historian	Janet Peightal
Chaplain	Connie Martin
Sgt-at-Arms	Janet Peightal
Color BearersAnna	Sissum, Elizabeth Hewitt

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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!

