

Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 – Aberdeen, MD

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AMERICAN LEGION

News



MAY/JUNE 2019

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings, Bernard L. Tobin Legion Family. Debbie and I hope that you and your family are excited that spring is finally here. I would also like to congratulate you on helping our post continue to make a difference within our community. Your dedication has helped not only the post but has also helped the department to be successful when it comes to assisting our fellow veterans and their families.

Bernard L. Tobin Legion Family had the pleasure of hosting this year's National Commander's Banquet on Saturday, March 23rd, and Breakfast, Sunday, March 24th. These events were extremely successful as we extended our hospitality to everyone. I am still hearing from our Legion Family how well we did in hosting our National Commander. Special thanks go to the following members for ensuring we were ready; Nancy Civitarese, for the beautiful flower arrangements, Debbie Heredia, Glenn Holcomb, Ken Willan, Bob Glassman, Irvin "Pappy" Griffin, John Luque, and the Post staff.

On April 6, 2019, we once again held our annual Bull, Shrimp, and Oyster Roast. Our membership answered the call and helped make sure the hall was setup and that the food was prepared and served. Without our Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL volunteers, this would not have been possible.

In the upcoming months, our Post, Unit, and SAL Squadron will be having a Cinco de Mayo Dinner/Dance on Saturday, May 4, 2019. I hope that many Post 128 Legion Family members can attend the dinner/dance as it will be a lot of fun. Tickets for the dinner/dance are on sale now in the Lounge,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello ladies,

Hopefully as you are reading this Spring has finally arrived and we are all in joining the warm weather. Spring always brings new life flowers bloom, trees bud and produced their leaves. So it is with our Auxiliary. At our next meeting in May we begin to prepare for our 2019-2020 Auxiliary year by nominating our members who will become our Auxiliary Officers. Please try to be present for this very important meeting.

The Auxiliary has been busy these past two months. They continue to be faithful in serving our Veterans at Perry Point. The Veterans enjoy playing bingo and look forward to us coming every month. We are blessed by being able to give back to our Veteran's who have served our Country in a time of need.

The Unit also enjoyed preparing & serving food for our annual Oyster & Bull Roast and our Auxiliary's Northern Central District Bingo fundraiser. Both events were a big success. Thank you Ladies for all the extra things you do to make our Legion known as a family who works together.

I'm looking forward to working alongside of you in the upcoming events of our Legion. If you want to be blessed come join me, participate and enjoy the fellowship of our fellow Auxiliary members.

Remember it's all about Team Work!

Linda Geigan, President
443 829 4320

from the

Adjutant's Desk



Well Folks we are getting down to the last go round for Legion Year 2018-2019. I want to thank everyone who has paid their 2019 dues this year. Without you our Post would not be able to grow like it has in the past year. We are at 446 members at the present which is 98% of our goal this year. We need only 11 more members to reach that plateau, so if anyone knows someone who has not paid or would like to join,

send them my way. I would hate to miss by only 11 members. I would like to give a special thank you to our newest PUFL member Michael A Giannattasio. Thank You Michael.

The 100th Anniversary of the American Legion is coming up this year in July more about that in my next letter.

Hope everyone is in good health and well.

Bob Hanson, Adjutant

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along with raffle tickets for the Centennial Colt 45 Pistol, a Model 1911. Just see our bartending staff for tickets.

We are continuing to lead the way in serving our veterans and their families. We are engaged in ongoing service to our veterans at Perry Point with our monthly bingos, chaired by 2nd Vice Commander John Luque. He, along with volunteers from our Auxiliary Unit and Squadron, help the men and women at Perry Point know they are not forgotten. In addition to this, we will host the first of many Music for the Inner Self events on Thursday, May 30, 2019 from 5:30PM to 7PM.

This is a co-sponsored event between the Post and The Maryland Conservatory of Music. This 90 minute sessions of Music for the Inner Self are intended for those active duty military, veterans, or family members. As well as those in the community who have experienced trauma that has not yet been fully processed. For those with depression, apathy, or sleep disorder, this program aims to engage both the subconscious and conscious mind through deeply penetrative music. Participants share verbally (if they desire) what the music evokes in their minds/emotions. The music is both familiar (for memory associations) and unfamiliar (for non-associative responses) and includes The Blues, Americana, Originals, Classic Rock, and Classical.

On Friday, May 31, 2019, our Boy Scout Troop 820 will have their Taco dinner fundraiser from 5PM – 8PM. The money for this campaign will help our Troop earn money toward their summer camping trip.

The work that we as The American Legion do, along with that of The Sons of The American Legion, and The American Legion Auxiliary exemplifies what giving back to our veterans and community is all about. Our post is continuing to work together with our local government and the senior leadership at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) to assist active duty service members, veterans, their families, and Gold Star Families living within our community. These are just a few examples of many that we as a Post are doing in service.

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. If it's not the Legion, who else can assure that the needs of the veterans and their families are represented?

As I mentioned in previous newsletters, The American Legion began with a vision that has withstood the test of time, the vision our Founding Fathers had of improving the lives of veterans and their families. Our goals are to help in the strengthening of America by fighting for an effective system of defense, building community pride in our national identity, and giving young people a foundation for future success. The Founding Fathers had a vision and a goal for having a system that would promote our core military values

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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 1st Vice Commander for Bernard L. Tobin Post 128, I look forward to Memorial Day and working with everyone (Legion, ALA, SAL, and ALR) to continuously improve our post and support our community and the state of Maryland.

We have continued to excel at meeting our 2018-2019 membership goals! As of April 22, we had met and surpassed the April 5th goal! We are at 98% and are just 11 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

A Word From the Chaplain



Food For Thought:

Game Day

For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. (1Timothy -8)

True willpower and courage are not on the battlefield, but in everyday conquest over our inertia, laziness, and boredom. D. L. Moody

Athletes love to complete. Nothing beats game day: a brisk fall evening of football, a hot summer day of baseball, a basketball or volleyball game in a packed field house where the winds of winter are forgotten. Game days are what you work for, what you live for as an athlete.

Now practice is a different matter for many of these same athletes. Practice? That's tough! What enormous beefy football lineman wants to run sprints on a sizzling August day? What soccer player wants to do sit-ups and planks in December until his muscles or her muscles are quivering? And yet training provides the strength, speed, and agility for a successful game day.

Life is filled with challenges. Some are life's training ground in which to build our strength and character so we can face whatever comes our way. Other challenges are the game days of life, when all our training and knowledge is put to the test. Are you ready for game day?

Pray this prayer with me:

Dear God thank you for all the challenges of life that help me grow stronger in spirit in faith. I pray that I will always be ready for whatever life throws my way. Amen

Rev. W. Lewis Geigan, Chaplain



Congratulations to Robert E. Hanson for 50 Years of Continuous Membership

Sick Call & Post Everlasting

POST SICK CALL

Jerry Sexton, Rick Kane,
Curtis Diering



SAL SICK CALL

Rick Bruno Shawn Day

UNIT SICK CALL

None

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

POST EVERLASTING

James (Cob) Anderson
John Krass III

SQUADRON EVERLASTING

None

UNIT EVERLASTING

Jewel Hall



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



The American Legion Family Welcomes New Members!

Milestone: 50 Years of Membership - Robert E. Hanson

Welcome aboard to our newest Members:

Legion: COL (Ret) Kevin, Campbell, Major Kyle Hurst, SGM Carrie Kwiatkowski, SFC Julie Pickle, Larry Villani, Paul L. Rembold, James Borja, John Hall, James P Borja, Kyle B Hurst, Paul L Rembold, Ronald W Martin, Robert I Nine Jr., Rose V Mantchett, and Billy M Latham-Hall

Transfers: Richard E Davidson, Billy Thompson, and Andrew W Friedel

New PUFL Member: Michael A Giannattasio

New Squadron Members: Anthony M Waller, Donald W Crites, Tyler Champ, John A. Bartcher, J Swigar, and Dr Fred S Sirkis

New Unit Members: Yvonne Villani, Linda Flint, Connie Borja, Rosemary Queen, Crystal Williams, Rachel Yeager, Debbie Schreiber, Carol Swigar, Debbie Rembold, and Jackie Gutshall

Welcome to the Post!

Thank you all for supporting Post 128!

May

Post 128 Calendar of Events, Holidays, **Holidays** May 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			1:30pm - PPH Bingo	4pm - Pit Beef 5pm - Kitchen Open	12pm - Blood Drive 5pm - Kitchen Open	7pm - Cinco de Mayo Dinner/Dance
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Cinco de Mayo 1pm - Kitchen Open 6pm - Bingo	5pm - Burger Night 5pm - Kitchen Open 7pm - SAL Meeting	5pm - \$.50 Wings 5pm - Kitchen Open		4pm - Pit Beef 5pm - Kitchen Open	5pm - Kitchen Open 8pm - Karaoke	8pm - Karaoke
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day 1pm - Kitchen Open 6pm - Bingo	5pm - Burger Night 5pm - Kitchen Open 7pm - Unit Meeting	5pm - \$.50 Wings 5pm - Kitchen Open		4pm - Pit Beef 5pm - Kitchen Open	5pm - Kitchen Open 8pm - Karaoke	8pm - Days of Vinyl
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1pm - Kitchen Open 6pm - Bingo	5pm - Burger Night 5pm - Kitchen Open 7pm - Post Meeting	5pm - \$.50 Wings 5pm - Kitchen Open		4pm - Pit Beef 5pm - Kitchen Open	5pm - Kitchen Open 8pm - Karaoke	8pm - Music Man
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
1pm - Kitchen Open 6pm - Bingo	Memorial Day 5pm - Burger Night 5pm - Kitchen Open 7pm - ALR Meeting	5pm - \$.50 Wings 5pm - Kitchen Open	5:30pm - Music	4pm - Pit Beef 5pm - Kitchen Open 5:30pm - Taco Night	5pm - Kitchen Open 8pm - Karaoke	

June

Post 128 Calendar of Events, **Holidays** Jun 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
1 pm - Kitchen Open 6 pm - Bingo	5 pm - Burger Night 5 pm - Kitchen Open 7 pm - SAL Meeting	5 pm - \$.50 Wings 5 pm - Kitchen Open	1:30pm - PPH Bingo	4 pm - Pit Beef 5 pm - Kitchen Open	5 pm - Kitchen Open 8 pm - Music	8
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 pm - Kitchen Open 6 pm - Bingo	5 pm - Burger Night 5 pm - Kitchen Open 7 pm - Unit Meeting	5 pm - \$.50 Wings 5 pm - Kitchen Open		4 pm - Pit Beef 5 pm - Kitchen Open	5 pm - Kitchen Open 8 pm - Music	15
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1 pm - Kitchen Open 6 pm - Bingo	5 pm - Burger Night 5 pm - Kitchen Open 7 pm - Post Meeting	5 pm - \$.50 Wings 5 pm - Kitchen Open		4 pm - Pit Beef 5 pm - Kitchen Open	5 pm - Kitchen Open 8 pm - Music	22
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Father's Day 1 pm - Kitchen Open 6 pm - Bingo	5 pm - Burger Night 5 pm - Kitchen Open 7 pm - Post Meeting	5 pm - \$.50 Wings 5 pm - Kitchen Open		4 pm - Pit Beef 5 pm - Kitchen Open	5 pm - Kitchen Open 8 pm - Karaoke	8 pm - Music
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1 pm - Kitchen Open 6 pm - Bingo	5 pm - Burger Night 5 pm - Kitchen Open 7 pm - ALR Meeting	5 pm - \$.50 Wings 5 pm - Kitchen Open		4 pm - Pit Beef 5 pm - Kitchen Open	5 pm - Kitchen Open 8 pm - Karaoke	8 pm - Karaoke
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 pm - Kitchen Open 6 pm - Bingo						



A Jewel ...by Teresa Hall Dixon

Mom was a “Jewel” among all jewels. Up until she was diagnosed with cancer, she was radiant, exuberant, energetic, compassionate, caring. She maintained her characteristics as long as she could, still smiling everyday with her pleasant smile and bright blue eyes.

Jewel was well known in the community and could strike up a conversation with anyone, even a stranger. She loved her close friends and would do anything for them she also treasured her family. Jewel’s best friend was “Buba” the love of her life. They made such a great couple.

Jewel Dean Hall of Aberdeen, MD died peacefully at home with her family by her side on March 15, 2019, due to complications from brain cancer. Jewel was 81 years young. Born on July 31, 1937, in Newport, Tennessee, Jewel was the daughter of the late Leonard and Pauline Crum of Newport, Tennessee. Jewel and J.M. Hall were married in 1954. They moved to Aberdeen with her family in 1968. She stood by her husband for 25 years while he served in the Army. J.M. died in 1975.

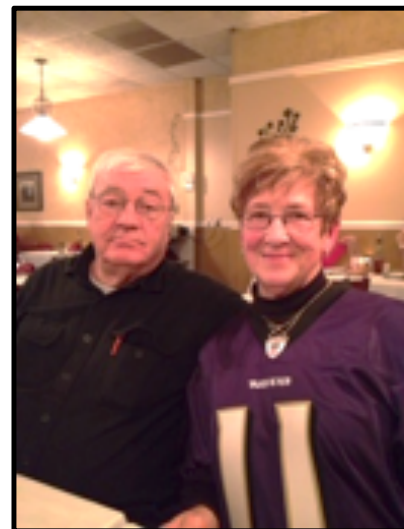
In addition to her parents and husband, Jewel was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister; Earl Crum, Elwood Crum, Eula Mae Crum Gregory and Mack Crum.

Jewel is survived by her youngest brother, L.D. Crum and wife Alice of Newport, Tennessee; two daughters Teresa Hall Dixon and her husband Richard, and Pamela Jean Hall; a son, Glenn Avery Hall, all of Aberdeen; grandchildren, Robert A. Vincenti II and wife Deena L. Madore, Jessica Dixon Bieber and husband Eric, Richard J. Vincenti and wife Ashley, Sara Dixon Stocksdale and husband Jake and PFC Billy Hall; great

grandchildren, Lexia, Dominic and Christopher Vincenti, Tess Renee Stocksdale and Brynn R. Madore; and her companion of many years Robert Hanson who was a father figure to Jewel’s children and grandfather to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jewel was a former member of the Aberdeen Lions Club. She was an active member of the American Legion Post 128 Ladies Auxiliary where she was a color bearer. Jewel was a gardener, seamstress and homemaker. Jewel loved her pets and travelling. She had worked as a waitress with Colonel’s Choice and a cafeteria server with Harford County Schools. Her favorite and most important job was that of wife, mother and grandmother.

Jewel had many friends. She had the most welcoming smile and piercing blue eyes. Jewel was a very compassionate person by nature, and will be missed tremendously by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.



Sons of the American Legion



Dear SAL Members of the Bernard L. Tobin Post 128. The Sons have established their new slate of officers. They are as follows:

- SAL Commander: Dr. Jay Tobin
- SAL 1st Vice Commander: Shawn Day
- SAL 2nd Vice Commander: Mike Johnson
- SAL 3rd Vice Commander/Chaplain: Dr. Corey Erby
- Historian: Brian Eustace

The Sons are actively working on having more events like the Pizza Party at the VA Hospital. We will also be working in concert with the entire Legion Family for the Cinco De Mayo Event. Some SAL members will be participating in the Aberdeen 5K Road Race that starts at Friendship Park. The purpose of this is to determine if the Sons could put one on in the fall to make some money for the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Tobin, SAL Commander

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through The American Legion four pillars: Americanism, Veterans and Rehabilitation, National Defense, and Children and Youth.

Do you remember why you joined The American Legion? When you joined The American Legion and The American Legion Family, you did not just join to become a distant member. You joined for the comradeship we had while serving. When our time in service ends, most return home to family and friends. We work to find our new normal within the civilian world, but we soon realize that something is missing.

What is missing are our comrades, our brothers and sisters, those who agreed to give everything up to and including their lives for this country, just as we did. When we find ourselves surrounded by our comrades, that missing piece is found, even if only for a short time. The American Legion is home for you and your comrades, a place where you can find your missing piece and help make our organization the best it can be.

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 to be "Stronger Together"!

Finally, I am here to serve our district and the members of our Legion family. As your Commander, I know that my door is always open. 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: dheredia005@comcast.net.

Thank you.

David Heredia, Jr. Commander
The American Legion Family

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Chaplain Lew Geigan, Post 128, pinning Vietnam Veteran with Vietnam War Memorial Pin at Perry Point Hospital. Also participating is Chaplain Leroy Payton from Post 39.



The American Legion Family



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 3rd Vice Commander.....Sonny Barnhouse
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 Finance Officer.....Robert Hanson
 Chaplain.....Lewis Geigan
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 Historian.....Dennis Laliberte
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Meetings – 4th Monday Every Month – 7:00 pm

Director.....David Heredia Jr.
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 Secretary.....Deborah Heredia
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 Sgt-at-Arms.....Michael Johnson
 Road Captain.....Shawn Day

SAL128 OFFICERS • 2018-2019

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

Commander.....Jay Tobin
 1st Vice Commander.....Shawn Day
 2nd Vice Commander.....Michael Johnson
 3rd Vice Commander.....Corey Erby
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KEY DATES

May 2019

May 3.....Blood Drive, 12-5 pm
 May 4.....Cinco de Mayo Dinner/Dance, 7pm-12 am
 May 6.....SAL Meeting, 7 pm
 May 12.....Mother's Day
 May 13.....Unit Meeting, 7 pm
 May 18.....Days of Vinyl, 8pm-12 am
 May 20.....Post Meeting, 7 pm
 May 27.....Memorial Day
 May 27.....ALR Meeting, 7 pm
 May 30.....Boy Scout's Taco Night, 5:30-7 pm

June 2019

Jun 3.....SAL Meeting, 7 pm
 Jun 10.....Unit Meeting, 7 pm
 Jun 16.....Father's Day
 Jun 17.....Post Meeting, 7 pm
 Jun 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>

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

President.....Linda Geigan
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 2nd Vice President.....Kim Webb
 Secretary.....Connie Martin
 Treasurer.....Deborah Heredia
 Historian.....Danielle Charles
 Chaplain.....Connie Johnson
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Janet Peightal
 Color Bearers.....Annie Sissum, Connie Johnson

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