

Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 – Aberdeen, MD

44 N. PARKE STREET

AMERICAN LEGION



News

MAY/JUNE 2016

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings to all,

I hope you are enjoying spring. Summer will be upon us all too soon! We are going to be getting out for a lot of events this Year. We had some success last year in hosting Yard Sales in the Park. And we will be doing this again.

Let's recap a little, March we had our Annual Bull Roast, and even though we had a couple of mistakes. This event was huge! Keeping in mind that the Bull Roast is a **FUND** raiser, we raised \$10,000 in this one event. This is going a long way to fixing up some neglected items around the post. As I stated last newsletter, we have had the Hall painted, and now the floor is finally finished. We are renting the hall more than ever, which is another huge money maker for the Post.

We are still looking at different avenues to get the roof replaced with the help of Aberdeen City, and Harford County. Hopefully this will happen this year.

May brings in Memorial Day, and we will be hosting the services in the Park. Come out and help us pay respect to those who gave their all for our Freedom! We will have a lunch provided by the Auxiliary after the service. If you are interested in paying a special tribute to someone, the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Flag service, for \$50 you can have a flag and a plaque placed in Honor of your

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Ladies,

Spring has finally arrived, and I'm sure we're all enjoying the warm weather and watching the flowers & trees come back to life. Just as we begin a new season we also need to prepare our Auxiliary for the upcoming 2016-20217 year. Nominations for officers will take place at our May meeting. Please try to be present for this very important meeting.

At the NCD Membership RALLY our Unit received a beautiful plaque for achieving 96% of their membership. We still need a few more to reach 100% by June, but I'm confident we can achieve this.

During the past two months our ladies continue to serve our veterans at Perry Point Hospital. It's always a fun time playing bingo with these veterans, (both men & now women) who once served their country and fought for Our freedom. If you want to be blessed come join us on the first Wednesday of every month at 1:30, Bldg. H.

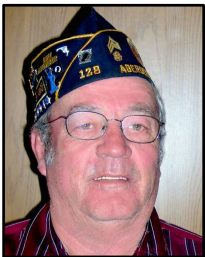
The results for the Americanism Essay are in and once again our Unit has a winner. Micah Geigan took second place in his division. Micah and the other winners will be honored at the NCD banquet in June.

Our first Mother's Day raffle was a big success. Thank you

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from the

Adjutant's Desk



Dear Comrades,

We are almost at the end of our Legion year, which has been a very good one. There have been many improvements made which will benefit everyone here at the

Post.

As far as membership is concerned, the Dept. of MD is accepting 2016 dues up to and including June 1st this year. So if you have not paid your dues or know of someone that has not done so please pay or have them pay so you or them can be counted for the year. As you well know, I sound like a broken record when it comes to membership, but our

membership is our life line here at the Post or at any Post. Without a thriving membership our Post cannot exist. So get on the band wagon and pay up A.S.A.P.

P.S. Come in and check out our Hall renovation, you will be amazed !!!!

Yours in Legion Service,

Bob Hanson, Adjutant

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veteran that is no longer with us.

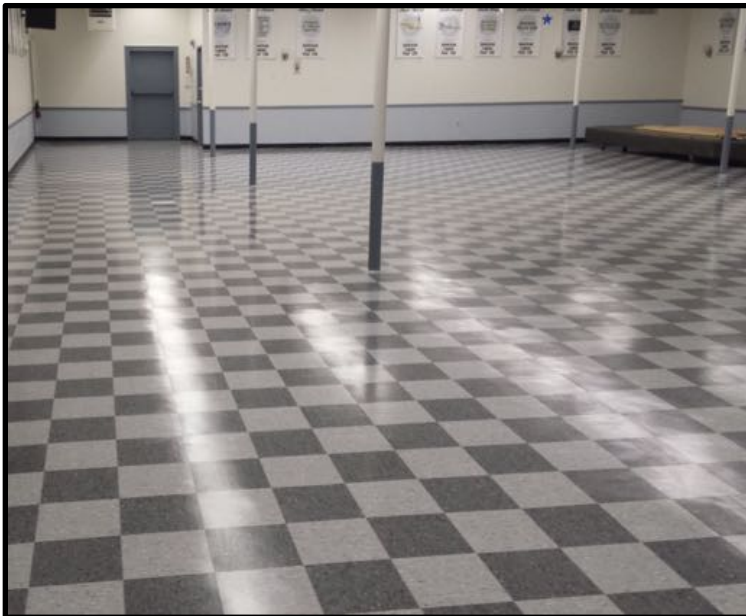
I have had a few people step up in response to my request for volunteers, and the Honor Guard. We have a long way to go. My belief is for too long the Legion has been seen as a bar! While we do have a canteen, this is a benefit to being a member, NOT what we are! You can come in socialize and have a low cost drink. We are a Veterans Organization, looking out for Veterans and their families. We need to be active in our community, this is how we establish the relationship to work with other community entities, to better be able to serve our members. If we stay huddled in our own little corner we are not serving our "Community, State, and Nation."

I believe that we have traveled a tremendous distance in the last year. We are doing things that many didn't think we could do. And in the year to come we will do many other great things. I am asking each of you to give a little of your time and of yourself. We all have busy lives, many of us work full time jobs, and squeeze in time for Our Legion. Join us in this commitment, let's make Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 the envy of the State of Maryland. This can be the great Post it was once before, but it will take all of us to make it happen.

In closing, I am very proud of everyone who has stepped up to help the Post regain its place in our Community. We have lots of potential for the future, and the bedrock of that potential is YOU! Please bring your talent, or muscles, and get involved so our Post will be here for the future Veterans of this great Nation. It takes everyone doing what they can to carry the load.

Yours in service,

Andy Powell, Commander



Our Hall Sparkles with a New Floor

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to all who helped sell the tickets.

I'm looking forward to the upcoming months of events for our Unit, Section, and State. Come and join me at the NCD Banquet at the Towson Legion on June 2nd and the American Legion convention in Ocean City Maryland in July and enjoy the fellowship of our fellow Auxiliary members.

Linda Geigan, President
443-829-4320

1st Vice Commander's Message



Greetings Legionnaires, Auxiliary (AUX), Sons of the American Legion (SAL), American Legion Riders (ALR), and family members,

I hope you had a great President's Day, survived the Blizzard of 2016, and are ready for Spring.

We are on track to meeting our membership goals for 2016. Currently, we are at 94% for the month of April. That being said we still need 62 more members to reach this year's goal of 500 Legion members before June 2016. We cannot meet these goals unless we have your support. I would like to encourage each of you to recruit at least one new eligible person to join our Legion Family. This is as simple as asking people you know or striking up a conversation with someone you see wearing military apparel. The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. Our 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. So, if you haven't renewed your membership, please go online to www.members.legion.org and pay online or stop by and visit our adjutant to renew your membership.

As Commander Powell has mentioned previously, our post has gone through some much needed improvements with painting of the back hall and the installation of the new floor. A special thank you goes to members of the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and the Legion Riders for their continued support.

I would like to give a special thank you to Department 3rd Vice Commander Dave Johnson and past Department Commander Carol Baker, along with everyone who attended the presentation of the Gold Star Certificate of Appreciation, Gold Star Banner, Gold Star Legacy Challenge Coin, and Department of Maryland Commander Challenge Coin to

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Martina Burger. Martina lost her son, Marine Corporal Dale Burger, Jr. in 2004. He was serving with the Thundering Third Marines during the Battle of Fallujah, Iraq. Martina is a member of the Post 135 Auxiliary and is a very special lady who has helped our post with many events dealing with underprivileged children in the local Aberdeen community. It was a great honor to have Martina present to receive our token of gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice she gave to our nation. As a Gold Star Mother, she knows that words will never return her loved ones, but knows that we have not forgotten their sacrifice and never will!

Lastly, as some of you may know, The American Legion Legacy Scholarship is close to my heart and since the inception of The American Legion Legacy Scholarship immediately following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, The American Legion has offered its support to the children of fallen post-9/11 service members through this annual scholarship. In the past, we as a post would donate money, as we did last year by giving nearly \$2000.00. This year we are planning on doing something a little different. Working with our Legion Riders, we designed this beautiful coin that we are selling for a \$20.00 donation. 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. So, if you would like to purchase a challenge coin or want to help us sell them, please contact Richard Beckwell, Director of Legion Riders, or myself. Our goal is to make at least \$8000.00 in donations by selling these coins, not including other events the Riders are doing to collect funds for this scholarship.



Front



Back

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@aberndeenpost128.org.

We are truly looking forward to working with you!
Thank you.

David Heredia, Jr., 1st Vice Commander



Gold Star Certificate of Appreciation Presented to Martina Burger by 1st Vice Commander David Heredia



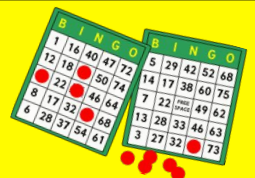
Our Annual Decorating Veteran's Graves for Memorial Day will be on May 28th. We will meet at the Post at 8:30 am.

Bingo!

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!!

Sunday Bingo — starts at 6:30 pm
Tuesday Bingo — starts at 6:00 pm
Thursday Bingo — starts at 6:00 pm

Kitchen Open 5-7 pm on Bingo Nights!



A Word From the Chaplain



Greetings Legionnaires,
Food for Thought: 1st Peter 5:6-7
Let God Take Control

Humble yourselves therefore under God's Mighty hand that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxieties on Him because He cares for you.

This verse sounds so easy but is often times a very difficult thing to do. It is human nature to want to control everything in your life because it gives you a sense of security. I can say from personal experience that life gets much easier once you give in and let God take control, not only in difficult times but in the good times as well. Let him control everything in your life, and all of a sudden the stresses and burdens of everyday living disappear, and a peace comes over you. How awesome is it that we serve a God who actually wants us to lay all of our burdens on Him? It is truly something we all take for granted.

Prayer

God I give everything in my life to you, for I know you know the plans you have for me. I pray that I will be humble and not try to be in control and that I will lay all my burden at Your feet, And leave them there!!!

God bless you all,
Rev. W. Lewis Geigan, Chaplain

Sick Call & Post Everlasting

POST SICK CALL

Jerry Sexton

SAL SICK CALL

None

UNIT SICK CALL

Ruth Romanuk Marge McKinney

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



POST EVERLASTING

Bruce Thompson John Jolley
Richard English Jesus Davila

SQUADRON EVERLASTING

None

UNIT EVERLASTING

Betty Moxley

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



Message from American Legion Riders



Spring has FINALLY sprung! The bikes are awakening from their long winters nap and their owners are once again reacquainting themselves with the skills needed to successfully navigate the road. As these metallic – well mostly metallic - machines take to the roads, many drivers

of four (or more) wheeled vehicles have become accustomed to their absence. Some automobile drivers are startled, or just amazed, that they are back. Some take the notion that motorcycles do not belong on the road at all.

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and June 20th is the National Ride to Work Day. 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/Motorcycle accidents that occur, the car 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!

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

May 14: The Doug Henley Memorial Laps of Love and the Casey Cares ride. Both are at the Mount Saint Joseph's High School, Baltimore and supports the Child Welfare Foundation, MD Special Olympics and Casey Cares.

<http://www.mdalr.org/caseycares.html>

May 27th through May 30: Rolling Thunder in Washington, D.C. <http://rollingthunderrun.com/>

June 4th: A Veteran's Escort Ride from North East to the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, VA.

June 10th through the 12th: The first annual Gold Star Legacy Run to support the Legacy Scholarship Foundation. We will be riding about 750 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>

June 18th: MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans Honor Ride that is a principle component to the MPT tribute event called LZ Maryland. <http://vietnam.mpt.org/lzmaryland/>

There other rides and events that we participate in, so if you ride and want something to do with fellow riders, come join us. Not every event requires you to ride as they are open to all vehicles. We meet at the Post at 7:00 PM every fourth Monday of the Month.

Richard Beckwell, ALR Director

Welcome New Members!

Welcome aboard to our newest members:

Brenda Morrison, Robert Demello, Daniel L. Russ,
Daryl B. Williams, Ivan N. English, Michael D. Rice,
Brittany M. Ling, Frank R. Ford Sr., Keith A. Williams,
and Stephen N. Acord

New Transferred Members: Claude Turner,
Robert D. Gibson, and Steven J. Moody

New SAL Members: Michael C. Hinder, Richard A.
Garrity, Paul J. Russell, Paul Joe Russell Sr., Marc D.
Thompson, Daniel F. Withrow, James A. Osborne,
Brenton D. Slutzky, Arnold A. Dela Cruz, Jeffery L.
Meck, George S. Robinson, Ken W. Wilson Sr., Ken W.
Wilson Jr., Donald W. Allen, Keith D. Morris, Lynn F.
Coy, Brandon A. Frazier, Richard R. Bruno, Stacey A.
Sheppard, James D. Russell, Brendon D. Snead, John H.
Manuel Jr., Christopher A. Leight, Kevin J. Comiskey,
James C. Bays, Lance S. Hersh, Richard N. Spangler,
Ryan A. McKeldein, Jaimie P. Lacey, Ronald J. Hensley,
John C. Bays, Ernest Pennington, and Larry J. Younce

Welcome to the Post!

Thank you all for supporting Post 128!



This Gold Star Coin and Certificate of Appreciation was Presented to Martina Burger at the April 18th Meeting



The New Paint and New Floor Really Makes Our Hall Sparkle!

Compare the above picture with the one below,
which shows how the same area of our Hall looked before.



YARD SALE in the Park



Saturday

May 21, 2016

8 am to 2 pm



Aberdeen Festival Park

44 N. Parke St., Aberdeen, MD

The Legion is hosting another Yard Sale in the Park.
Tables will be rented for \$10 each. Anyone wanting to
reserve a table should call:
Dennis Laliberte (202-740-8827)
or Andy Powell (443-243-6772)



Karaoke Night

Every Friday Night

DJ Sammy K

Starts at 8 pm till 12 am in
the Post Lounge Canteen.
Come out and join the Fun!
Sing along with the oldies!

KEY DATES

May 2016

May 2.....SAL Meeting, 7 pm
 May 7.....Mother's Day Breakfast 8-11 am
 May 9.....Unit Meeting, 7 pm
 May 16.....Post Meeting, Election of Officers, 7 pm
 May 20.....Fish Fry 5-9 pm
 May 21.....Legion Yard Sale, 8 am-2 pm
 May 23.....AL Riders Meeting, 7 pm
 May 28.....Decorating Veteran's Graves, 8:30 am
 May 30.....Memorial Day Ceremony, 11 am

June 2016

Jun 6.....SAL Meeting, 7 pm
 Jun 13.....Unit Meeting, 7 pm
 Jun 19.....Father's Day
 Jun 20.....Post Meeting, 7 pm
 Jun 27.....AL Riders Meeting, 7 pm

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

Newsletter Notice

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Thanks for your cooperation, and understanding.

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POST 128 OFFICERS • 2015-2016

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

Commander.....Andy Powell
 1st Vice Commander.....David Heredia Jr.
 2nd Vice Commander.....Kenneth Lathrop
 3rd Vice Commander.....Sonny Barnhouse
 Adjutant.....Robert Hanson
 Finance Officer.....Robert Hanson
 Chaplain.....Lewis Geigan
 Judge Advocate.....Richard Beckwell
 Historian.....Vacant
 Service Officer.....Joseph Frye
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Richard Davis
 Dept. Exec. Committee.....Lewis Geigan
 Club Steward.....Jim Weber

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jim Osborne Chad Prutko Bruce Gerdorn
 All Past Commanders

UNIT 128 OFFICERS • 2015-2016

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

President.....Linda Geigan
 1st Vice President.....Vacant
 2nd Vice President.....Deborah Heredia
 Secretary.....Deborah Heredia
 Treasurer.....Connie Johnson
 Historian.....Vickie Adams
 Chaplain.....Deborah Heredia
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Janet Peightal
 Color Bearers.....Anna Sissum, Elizabeth Hewitt

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kim Webb Anna Sissum Elizabeth Hewitt
 All Past Presidents

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

Director.....Richard Beckwell
 Assistant Director.....David Heredia Jr.
 Secretary.....Susan Beckwell
 Treasurer.....Susan Beckwell
 Chaplain.....George Martin
 Historian.....Gary D. Ivey
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Richard Davis
 Road Captain.....Vacant
 ALR Webmaster.....Gary D. Ivey

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

Commander.....Jerry Lacey
 1st Vice Commander.....Rick Brinney
 2nd Vice Commander.....Gary Gerdorn
 3rd Vice Commander.....Rick Bruno
 Adjutant.....Randy Conlon
 Finance Officer.....Mike Lindecamp
 Chaplain.....Kyle Lacey
 Historian.....John Davis
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Rory Davila
 Advisor.....Glenn Holcomb