

# Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 – Aberdeen, MD

44 N. PARKE STREET



# AMERICAN LEGION

# News



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings, Bernard L. Tobin Legion Family. Debbie and I hope that you and your family had a great summer and are enjoying the beautiful fall weather thus far. Congratulations on helping our post continue to make a difference within our community. Your dedication has supported the Post and the Department to be successful when it comes to helping our fellow veterans and their families.

2019 has turned out to be a great year for The American Legion and Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 Legion Family. We had our very own David J. Johnson serve as Department Commander for The Department of Maryland 2018 – 2019. I had the distinct honor to represent our Post as Commander and The Northern Central District as Commander for 2018 – 2019.

However, these are small accomplishments compared to what YOU as a Legion Family have accomplished this year. Together we hosted the National Commander's Banquet and Breakfast; our Squadron hosted the St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance and the Cinco de Mayo celebration. Our Legion Family, hosted the annual Bull, Shrimp, and Oyster Roast and Rock around the Jukebox with The Cruisers. All these events were successful because of your support.

The Ravens Nest #26 has done its part. They have donated countless hours and helped collect funds for Veterans & Rehabilitation and Children & Youth programs. The Nest, has hosted events in both the Lounge and the Banquet Hall. This is why I say our Legion Family truly comes together making

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## Adjutant's Desk



Greetings from your friendly adjutant: Our membership is down so far this year due to a number of things, the largest being members not renewing promptly as they receive their notices from National HQ. I know that money sometimes gets tight but \$37.00 is a small price to pay to belong to the worlds largest Veterans organization. On the membership note, the U.S. Congress just passed a bill that entitles all Veterans with

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Ladies,

Well the hot summer weather is finally fading away and now we need to make preparations for the fall and the winter.

A lot of things has transpired since our last newsletter. A great time was had at the American Legion Convention in Ocean City.

Our Auxiliary Unit received 9 Department Awards & another 9 awards from the Northern Central District for our work with the Veterans, Children & Youth, Community & other activities we participated in. Thank you Ladies for making these awards possible. We also enjoyed a great evening at our Post's fundraiser featuring "The Cruiser's". Our Auxiliary did a silent auction which was a big success. A big thank you to Connie B for all her hard work arranging this fundraiser for us.

We also continue to play Bingo with our Veterans at Perry Point every month. Come and join us the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1pm Bldg H25. Our Auxiliary ladies also did the Fall Festival for our Veterans at Perry Point. We were Blessed watching our Veterans having fun playing games. Next on our agenda is our Auxiliary Fall Conference where we learn about all the various ways we as Auxiliary members can fulfill the 4 pillars of the American Legion. December 7th is our annual Children's Christmas Party from 12-3pm. Sign up your children and grandchildren by November 27th in the Canteen so we can be sure to have a gift from Santa for each child. This always is a fun time for everyone.

Once again I look forward to serving you as President and working beside you as we together make our Auxiliary have a,

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Honorable discharges who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces between the dates December 7<sup>th</sup> 1941 and the present to join the American Legion, this gives a lot people who could not join previously a chance to join our great organization so if you know anyone who fits in this category send him or her my way here at Post 128.

Hope everyone is in good health and well.

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our Post one of the best. Special thanks to Debbie Behymer, President, and all the members of the Ravens Nest!

We are continuing to lead the way in serving our veterans and their families. Our members are engaged in 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 and Squadron, help the men and women at Perry Point know they are not forgotten. In addition, our Squadron and Boy Scout Troop 820 are planning a pizza party for the veterans at Perry Point, VA. The work that SAL Commander Jay Tobin, 1st Vice Michael Johnson, SGT-at-ARMS Robert Reader, and other members of Squadron 128, including that of Auxiliary and Legion members exemplifies what giving back to our veterans and community is all about. Our post is also working with The City of Aberdeen and Home Depot in helping Veterans in our community. These are just a few examples of many which we are doing within our post in service to military / veterans, their families, and our community.

A century ago, 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. Our Founding Fathers had a vision and a goal for having a system that would promote our core military values through the four pillars: Americanism, Veterans & Rehabilitation, National Defense, and Children & Youth.

This is why we continue our Buddy Call, an initiative Past National Commander Reistad started. We will reach out to those members and former members who may need help or who are waiting for a personal call or visit, to remind them that we still consider them family. This is not a membership campaign; it is a comradeship campaign. So if you would like to volunteer to make these calls, please contact 1st Vice Commander Michael Armijo. Together, let's make a difference and let them know that they are still part of our Legion Family.

Lastly, 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.

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 "Stronger Together"!

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year to remember. Our Goal: Teamwork

Finally, I want to wish all you ladies a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Linda Geigan, President  
443-829-4320



Perry Point Fall Festival, from left to right: Connie Johnson, President Linda Geigan, and Janet Peightal.

## Post 128 Supporters:



Let's support those that support us!



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Finally, I am here to serve our Post and the members of our Legion Family. As your Commander, I have an open door policy. 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:

[Commander@aberdeenpost128.org](mailto:Commander@aberdeenpost128.org)

Thank you.

David Heredia, Jr. Commander

## A Word From the Chaplain



From The Beginning Of Time

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Mothers love their children before they are even born. Why else would they have names picked out, rooms brightly painted, clothes neatly folded and books lined on the shelves to read.

Rarely does a mother need to be told to love her new born infant. Even during the terrible twos and the tumultuous teens mother steadfastly love their children.

God has loved us - He has loved you-from the foundations of the world. You could never be a mere accident or unexpected surprise to him. He loved you in your mother's womb and He loves you today!!

Heavenly Father, I stand in awe of Your love for me. Thank You for your never ending love.

God-bless you all,

Rev. W. Lewis Geigan, Chaplain

## Lounge Manager's Corner

### Lounge Activities:

Just wanted to give an update on lounge activities:



- Every Ravens day game the Post provides free hot dogs, but donations are always welcomed.
- Don't forget your Super Bowl square or squares purchased at the lounge.
- King of Hearts is starting back up October 18th.
- We also have Karaoke with Kemi on Saturday October 26 at 8:00pm.
- SAL is hosting a Halloween Party on November 1st. at 8:00pm. Wear your best costume.
- Bingo every Sunday at 6:00pm.
- Don't forget Pappy's Pit Beef every Saturday 1:00pm-4:00pm.

On another note Post 128 hosts bingo on the first Wednesday of every month at Perry Point and we could truly use some volunteers, it starts at 1:00pm. So don't be shy let me know if and when you would like to volunteer.

John Luque, Lounge Manager

## Sons of the American Legion



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

Plans are being made for the Halloween Dance on November 2nd, 2019. Each ticket is \$10.00. Free beer and sodas will be provided, as well as free food (appetizers). Mixed drinks are not free. A DJ will provide music and entertainment. In addition to buying tickets, there will be a raffle held for tickets (50/50). A license has been applied for the raffle with the Harford Co. Sheriff's Office.

Plans are underway to set up another Pizza Party at the VA Hospital in Perry Point. No date has been set at this time. However, if we can, the Sons would like to make this a quarterly event.

At our last meeting, Mr. Bill Heagy, District Vice Commander for the Sons, was present and left tickets to be sold for the Special Olympics. This event will take place on June 28, 2020. Cory Erbay, Chaplin and 3rd Vice Commander, underwent surgery on October 7th. To the best of my knowledge, he is recovering well.

The SAL members are keeping Rev. Geigan in our prayers and wish him a speedy recovery.

This is all the information that I have at this time. Mike Johnson, 1st Vice Commander for SAL is handling the dance arrangements. He is doing a fantastic job and should be commended for his hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Tobin, SAL Commander

## Sick Call & Post Everlasting

### POST SICK CALL

Richard Vanderhenst Jerry Sexton  
Curtis Diering Sr Allen Pritt Sr  
Rev. Lewis Geigan



### SAL SICK CALL

Rick Bruno Shawn Day

### UNIT SICK CALL

None

*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!*

# November

## Nov 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

### Post 128 Calendar of Events, Holidays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1 8 pm - Halloween Party	2
3 Daylight Saving 6 pm - Bingo	4 7 pm - SAL Meeting	5	6 1:30 pm - PPH Bingo	7	8	9
10 1 pm - NCD Meeting 6 pm - Bingo	11 Veterans Day 11 am - Ceremony 7 pm - Unit Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17 6 pm - Bingo	18 7 pm - Post Meeting	19	20	21	22	23 7 pm - Karaoke w/ Kemi Brown
24 6 pm - Bingo	25 7 pm - ALR Meeting	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

# December

## Post 128 Calendar of Events, Holidays

## Dec 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 6pm - Bingo	2	3	4 1:30pm - PPH Bingo	5	6	7 12pm - Children's Christmas Party
8 6pm - Bingo	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 1pm - Department Christmas Party 6pm - Bingo	16	17	18	19	20	21 7pm - Karaoke w/ Kemi Brown
22 6pm - Bingo	23 3pm - Post Xmas Party Pot Luck	24 Christmas Eve Post Closed	25 Christmas Day Post Closed	26	27	28
29 6pm - Bingo	30	31 New Year's Eve Post Closed	1	2	3	4



# Bernard L. Tobin Post 128



## KING OF HEARTS



### RULES

**60% to the WINNER – 40% to the POST  
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

**IF YOU ARE NOT PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE DRAWING AND IF THERE IS NO PRESELECTED NUMBER WRITTEN ON YOUR TICKET, THE MODERATOR WILL TRY TO CONTACT YOU BY THE PHONE NUMBER ON YOUR TICKET. IF THE MODERATOR IS UNSUCCESSFUL AFTER 30 MINUTES, YOU WILL BE AWARDED THE MINIMUM PRIZE FOR THE WEEK!!**

**TICKETS ARE \$5.00 EACH**

**DRAWINGS WILL START WHEN 200 TICKETS HAVE BEEN SOLD.  
DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAYS AT 9:00PM.  
THE WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER WILL PICK ONE (1) CARD!**

### PRIZE PAYOUTS

WEEKS 1 THRU 10		WEEKS 11 THRU 25		WEEKS 26 & BYOND	
2 – 10	\$50.00	2 – 10	\$100.00	2 – 10	\$150.00
J, Q, K, A	\$100.00	J, Q, K, A	\$150.00	J, Q, K, A	\$200.00
JOKER	\$200.00	JOKER	\$250.00	JOKER	\$300.00

**MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO PLAY  
OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS**

**IF THE KING OF HEARTS IS NOT DRAWN, THE REMAINING 60% WILL ROLLOVER TO THE NEXT WEEK AND BE ADDED TO THE CURRENT WEEK'S SALES, INCREASING THE KING OF HEARTS PRIZE EACH WEEK,**

**UNTIL THE KING OF HEARTS IS DRAWN!**

**IF THE PRIZE REACHES \$100,000.00 WE WILL CONTINUE THE WEEKLY DRAWING UNTIL THERE IS A WINNER, EVERY CARD DRAWN WILL BE AWARDED THE CARDS VALUE**



*You're invited to The American Legion Family*



# CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 - 1PM - 5 PM

HOSTED BY:

Sykesville Memorial Post 223  
7327 Slacks Road  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784-7107



**Holiday Attire / Ugly Sweater Contest / Dancing / 50/50 Raffles**

Department Officers Trivia

Appetizers / Dessert / Cash Bar

**TICKETS: \$8.00 Per Person (Adults 21 and Older)**

### FOR TICKETS CONTACT:

2<sup>ND</sup> Vice Commander Ronald Holcombe | Sykesville Memorial Post 223  
(443) 854-0990 (410) 7995-7242



**RSVP By: December 2, 2019**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

Sykesville Memorial Post 223, 7327 Slacks Rd, Sykesville, MD 21784-7107

C/O: Commander John Ridgley

I Will Attend \_\_\_\_\_ How Many People \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please attached a list of NAMES who will be attending)





## KEY DATES

### November 2019

Nov 1.....Halloween Party, 8 pm - 12 am  
 Nov 4.....SAL Meeting, 7 pm  
 Nov 10.....NCD Meeting, 1-3 pm  
 Nov 11.....Veterans Day, 11 am  
 Nov 11.....Unit Meeting, 7 pm  
 Nov 18.....Post Meeting, 7 pm  
 Nov 25.....ALR Meeting, 7 pm  
 Nov 28.....Thanksgiving Day

### December 2019

Dec 2.....No SAL Meeting  
 Dec 7.....Children's Christmas Party, 12 - 3 pm  
 Dec 9.....No Unit Meeting  
 Dec 16.....No Post Meeting  
 Dec 23.....No ALR Meeting  
 Dec 23.....Post Christmas Party, 3-7 pm  
 Dec 24.....Post Closed  
 Dec 25.....Christmas, Post Closed

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

### POST 128 OFFICERS • 2018-2019

Meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Every Month – 7:00 pm

Commander.....David Heredia Jr.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander.....Michael Armijo  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander.....John Luque  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 • 2018-2019

Meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Every Month – 7:00 pm

Director.....Greg Wood  
 Assistant Director.....Vacant  
 Secretary.....Deborah Heredia  
 Treasurer.....Susan Beckwell  
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Michael Johnson  
 Road Captain.....David Heredia Jr.

### SAL128 OFFICERS • 2018-2019

Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Every Month – 7:00 pm

Commander.....Jay Tobin  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander.....Michael Johnson  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander.....Evan Sacrey  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander.....Corey Erby  
 Adjutant.....Robert Hanson  
 Finance Officer.....Glenn Holcomb  
 Chaplain.....Corey Erby  
 Historian.....Brian Eustace  
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Robert Reader  
 Advisor.....Glenn Holcomb

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 FACEBOOK PAGE:.....<https://www.facebook.com/Post128>  
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### UNIT 128 OFFICERS • 2018-2019

Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Every Month – 7:00 pm

President.....Linda Geigan  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.....Kim Werner  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jean Jacobs Debbie Heredia  
 Kim Webb Kim Werner  
 All Past Presidents

If you would like to receive our newsletter by mail, please send a letter to:

**Bernard L. Tobin Post 128**  
**44 N. Parke St.**  
**Aberdeen, MD. 21001**

or call the Post at: **410-272-9822**



**The American Legion Family**  
**Come Join Our Family!**