

# Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 – Aberdeen, MD

44 N. PARKE STREET

## AMERICAN LEGION



## News

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015

### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings All,

Fall weather is settling in, and Football is back in town. Come on into the Canteen and check out the game on the big screen. We have had a lot of activity going on: Yard sales, Fish Fries, Poker Runs, Karaoke and more. November and December will surely bring a lot more activities, come out and get involved. October was busy with the Think Pink Aberdeen campaign, we really enjoyed doing our part to support this great cause. We helped the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce with the City of Aberdeen raise over \$5000 for this great cause.

November and December bring the holiday season, and all the craziness to go along with that. Please take a little time to make someone else's holiday a little brighter. We will have events to support the Shop with a Cop, as well as supporting the Toys for Tots. Come in and help us help others. On November 13<sup>th</sup> we will host an Early Bird Pot Luck Dinner, the Post is providing either Chicken or Beef and you bring your favorite covered dish, this is to thank all of those who have renewed their

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Ladies,

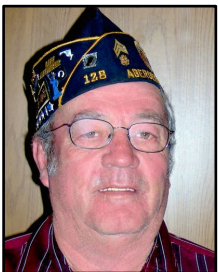
Hope this news letter finds you enjoying the crisp fall weather and the beautiful changing colors of the trees. Unlike the trees who are preparing to sleep throughout the winter months we the Legion Family are making plans to do exciting things to promote the rebuilding of our post. Just to mention a few, Friday night dinners, early bird dinner to honor our members who paid their dues early, and up dating our canteen, (new TV, jukebox, darts). Our goal is to make our post a place where are members can come and support as well as enjoy all the benefits we can offer our Veterans, Sons, Riders, and Auxiliary. I'm asking my ladies to stand with me and support the changes so we can make our Legion a place we can all be proud to belong to.

Several of our Auxiliary plans for the next few months are: the Fall Conference in Ocean City Maryland, to host the luncheon after the Veterans Day Service, Thanksgiving Day baskets, Bingo and Christmas wrapping for our Veterans at Perry point, Shop with a Cop and our

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### Adjutant's Desk



Dear Comrades,

As winter approaches our membership goal is drawing closer and as always we are just a little behind our membership from last year. If at all

possible, try to pay your 2016 dues as soon as you can (if you have not already done so) so we can catch up to our last year's goal. On that note National Headquarters has raised their portion of the dues we collect \$5.00 and Department Headquarters will probably increase their portion by \$2.00, so there may be increase here at the

Post come the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. So, if possible pay your dues now to avoid the increase that may happen on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

There are a lot of new good things happening here at the Post such as good dinners which are very inexpensive. So come out and join us in the fun and the comradery and bring your friends.

Yours in Legion Service,

Bob Hanson, Adjutant

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membership early, please stop by the Canteen and sign up. November 20<sup>th</sup> we are going to have a Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck Dinner, we are asking you to bring a covered dish, this event will start at 5:30pm, and there is a signup sheet in the Canteen.

We are still making a lot of changes around the Post, we have paid to have the roof patched in hopes this will end the leaking, and give us more time to research getting the roof replaced. We are also looking into upgrading the lighting in the post. This will allow us to save money on the monthly electric bill.

Our Honor Guard Captain Roger Dunn is retiring from the position, so I am looking for a replacement. Roger has performed superbly as our Captain, and I am grateful to him for his service to our Post. If you know of anyone who can take over this very prestigious position, please have them contact me. We have hired one new bartender, and Amanda seems to be settling in well.

We have a lots of ideas to continue the growth of our Post, and we will need extra help to accomplish this. We are looking to start having more dinners after the first of the year, and are looking for volunteers to help out.

Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce has a program going where you can purchase an American Flag as a memorial for a loved one that served our country. This flag will be flown in the Festival Park on Memorial Day. As a Post, I plan to ask for us to purchase one for Bernard L. Tobin. The cost is \$50, you can go to the Chamber's website for more details.

I am continually happy to see the people stepping up to volunteer for the many things needed to be done around the Legion. I am eternally grateful to every one of you who have volunteered. So far this year we have logged more volunteer hours than the last several years during this time period. We have made an impact in the post and community with these hours. I look forward to working with everyone as we move forward. We are more involved in our community than we have been in a very long time. I look forward to watching our Post grow into the shining light with in the community we should and used to be. I encourage everyone to attend the monthly membership meetings, this is where to discuss moving forward. You can have a say in the direction that OUR Post is going. I hope you all have a safe and Happy Holiday season. I am excited about the New year and what it brings for us.

Yours in service,

Andy Powell, Commander

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annual Children's Christmas party. All these events need volunteers to make each one of success. I just want to thank you ladies in advance for all your support and for all your time which you give to make our auxiliary a blessing to those we serve.

Remember: Teamwork Makes The  
Dream Work

Linda Geigan, President  
443 829 4320



The Post was decorated for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Aberdeen "Think Pink" Breast Cancer Awareness Day on October 17-18, 2015.

### Welcome New Members!

#### Welcome aboard to our newest members:

David K. Hunter, Barbara Drummond,  
Michael S. Goins, Joseph Bray, James M. Jack Jr., and  
Patrick T. Hayden Jr.

**New Paid up for Life Member:** David A. Spivey

**Transferred Members:** Michael F. Kelly,  
Samuel K. Berry, and Thomas W. Demonja

**Reinstated Member:** Dale A. Simpkins

[Welcome to the Post!](#)

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

# Potluck!

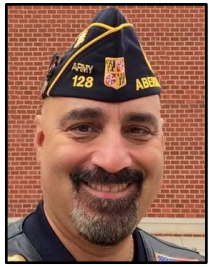


**Friday, November 20, 2015**  
**5:30 – 9:00 pm**

Bring in your pot luck dishes. Open to all family members  
and friends. Come in and sign up.



## 1st Vice Commander's Message



Greetings Legionnaires, Auxiliary (AUX), Sons of the American Legion (SAL), American Legion Riders (ALR), and family members. It's been an exciting summer, and the new leadership is looking forward to what we feel is going to make our post better than ever.

As winter approaches our membership goal is drawing closer, and though we are still on track to meet our membership goals from last year, we need your help in getting new members. If you haven't paid your 2016 dues, remember that National has raised their dues by \$5.00 and Department will most likely increase their portion as well, causing us to increase to make up the difference. Please pay online or come see our adjutant before January 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid the increase.

The post is having our "Early Bird Pot Luck Dinner" Friday, 13 November starting at 6 PM. The Post will provide the main dish and nonalcoholic drinks. We are asking our Early Bird members to bring a covered dish. Also, we have a lot of activities that we would like to get going to attract new members and bring back some of our current ones. We are looking at doing some family oriented events to attract new members who have families. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

We kicked off September with some cooking in the kitchen. Other events we are looking to have involve entertainment in the canteen and a spaghetti dinner after the Aberdeen Christmas Parade sponsored by SAL, starting at 3:30 December 5th, just to name a few. This is why we need **volunteers** to help make these events GREAT. Speaking of volunteers, we have four new committees started under the House Committee. They are: Interiors – Chaired by Connie Johnson, Kitchen– Chaired by Sandy Powell, Activities/Events– Co-Chaired by Jim Osborn and Richard Davis, and Entertainment– Chaired by Jerry Lacey. If you would like to find out more information about joining one of these committees, please contact the chairperson. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know.

Our two major fundraising events were a BIG successes, starting with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shop With a Cop "SWaC" charity. Our Legion Riders teamed up with the Aberdeen Police Department (APD) and American Legion Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 to raise money so support underprivileged children in the local area. This annual event lead by our Legion Riders is in two-parts, beginning with a Poker Run held in early September. The second part will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer for this awesome event and help make a child's

Christmas one to remember for them and their family, contact Richard Beckwell, ALR Director.

Our next BIG charity event was ThinkPinkAberdeenMD. For this charity we raised funds for cancer patients and their families; Bernard L Tobin American Legion Post 128 joined forces with the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, Aberdeen Rotary Club, and The Lions Club Aberdeen. This fundraising event ran the entire month of October. I would like to thank our Legion Riders for all their hard work and dedication to ensure that this event was a success. Thanks also go to our Post Commander Andy Powell and his wife Sandy for all the support they provided the Legion Riders. They volunteered their time to ensure we had everything needed to make both the Poker Run and 5K Run/Walk a success.

For all of these events, we need volunteers. We can only be successful if we have your support, so please plan on joining us to make 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](mailto:1stvicecommander@aberdeenpost128.org).

We are truly looking forward to working with you!

Thank you.

David Heredia, Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander



1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander David Heredia presents the Commander Award to Past Commander Glenn Holcomb

# Fish Fry!

Only **\$8.00**

**Fri, Nov 6 & Fri, Dec 11, 2015**

**5:30 – 9:00 pm**

Sides: Coleslaw and French Fries  
Choice of Whiting or Catfish



## A Word From the Chaplain...



Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus,

I just want to thank you once again for all of your prayers, cards and phone calls. Also those who visited during my time of illness. I am improving each day. I was able to teach a Chaplain Training

Class at the post on October 10th. I also participated in the Aberdeen cancer awareness program on the 17th and 18th. Blessings of the bikes on the 17th and praying for the 5k runners on the 18th. I also preach a funeral on the 15th. I will be teaching a Chaplains Training Class throughout the department of Maryland in November and December.

My wife and I will be taking the plunge again this year for Special Olympics. We need sponsors! We also are asking you to join our team and take the plunge with us. We are trying to have a team from our post.

Again let me say thank you, and remember:

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life".

Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrated his own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us".

God bless,

Pastor Lew Geigan  
Assistant Department Chaplain

## SAL Commander's Message



"All hands on Deck" on December 5th the SAL is having a Spaghetti Dinner after the Christmas Street Parade in Aberdeen. We need volunteers to sell tickets, cook, serve, and clean up. This will be a fun event it will start at @ 4pm till 6pm and afterwards we will have a DJ in the canteen for everyone to sing their favorite Christmas carols. See me or Bartenders for tickets cost \$7 adults \$ 5 children under 14.

New membership is moving great with 10 new members with Kyle Lacey leading the way with 5 new members!!!!

Tuesday game night is still in the planning but should kick off in December, if all goes well, with corn hole and darts.

Important: Our November meeting will be held November 11 Veterans Day 7 pm.

For God and Country,

Jerry Lacey, SAL Commander

## Sick Call & Post Everlasting

### POST SICK CALL

Lewis Geigan Jerry Sexton

### SAL SICK CALL

None

### UNIT SICK CALL

Betty Hale Ruth Romanuk



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

### POST EVERLASTING

Donald Pyle

### SQUADRON EVERLASTING

Dennis Brogan

### UNIT EVERLASTING

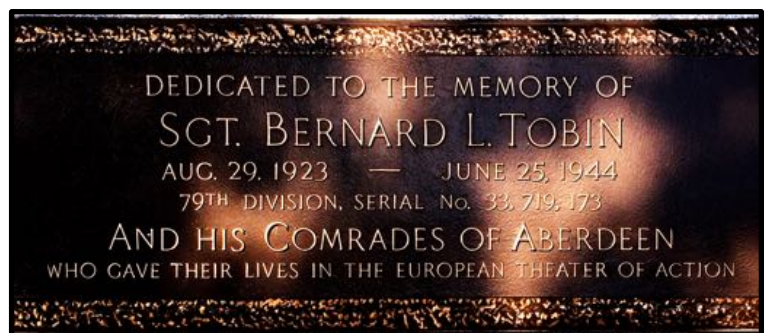
Pauline Felix



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



Commander Andy Powell and Chaplain Lewis Geigan dressed for the 1st Annual Aberdeen "Think Pink" Breast Cancer Awareness Day.



This is a monument, dedicated to Bernard L. Tobin, and is located at the highest point on a hilltop in Bel Air Memorial Gardens.



# Message from American Legion Riders



"Rain, rain, go away, come back another day!" Remember that little ditty from our youth? Well it became a real utterance at our "Shop With a Cop" poker run on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The sky was gloomy and the threat of rain loomed over our heads. Even with that being said, 13 riders braved the conditions and we raised enough money to sponsor 3 more children. The first half of the run was visited with a few drops of rain, but the second half was quite different. The heaviest falling during the last 10 miles (go figure). Being hardy sorts, it didn't dampen our spirits and a good time was had by all.

Hurricane Joaquin, well, what can I say other than stuff happens. Our scheduled "Think Pink" poker run was scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, along with the 5k run/walk. We were left with a decision to reschedule or go forward. If Joaquin hit land, we were square in its path. If it didn't, we still had a 50/50 chance of having some sort of weather event. If we chose wrong we would be placing people in harm's way. We chose caution and even though we were spared the storms devastation, it was a vile and nasty day. So, we rescheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of October. As of the time of this writing, it is still in the future, so I'll let you know how it turns out.

I wish to invite all of our post membership to come out to the Aberdeen Memorial Park on November 11<sup>th</sup> to honor all veterans on Veterans Day. On December the 5<sup>th</sup>, don't forget the Youth Christmas Party at the post, followed by the Aberdeen Christmas parade, and finishing with a Spaghetti Dinner back at the post. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, we host the "Shop With a Cop" event, along with the Aberdeen Police Department. You are invited to come out and support our local children and police officers.

Alas, summer is now "Officially" over and many of my fellow riders have put their rides up for the winter months. This leads us to do things using more wheels than we would like to. As my fellow riders and I know that during the winter you occasionally go to the garage and look at your ride and wish for April. I invite you to fill those hours with a trip to the post and partake in the activities there. If you haven't already done so, go to <http://aberdeenpost128.org/calendar.html> and see what is happening at the Post.

Best of wishes to you and your families over this holiday season.

Richard Beckwell, ALR Director

## POST 128 OFFICERS • 2015-2016

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

Commander.....	Andy Powell
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander.....	David Heredia Jr.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander.....	Kenneth Lathrop
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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     Bruce Gerdorn  
All Past Commanders

## UNIT 128 OFFICERS • 2015-2016

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

President.....	Linda Geigan
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President.....	Betty Bain
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President.....	Deborah Heredia
Secretary.....	Deborah Heredia
Treasurer.....	Connie Johnson
Historian.....	Vickie Adams
Chaplain.....	Deborah Heredia
Sgt-at-Arms.....	Janet Peightal
Color Bearers.....	Kim Webb, Anna Sissum

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kim Webb     Anna Sissum     Mona Oldland  
All Past Presidents

## ALR 128 OFFICERS • 2015-2016

*Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 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

## SAL128 OFFICERS • 2015-2016

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

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

## KEY DATES

### For November 2015

Nov 4.....Bingo Party at Perry Point, 2 pm  
Nov 6-8.....Fall Unit Conference, Ocean City  
Nov 6.....Fish Fry, 5:30-9 pm  
Nov 8.....Northern Central District Meeting, 1 pm  
Nov 9.....Unit Meeting, 7 pm  
Nov 10.....AL Riders Meeting, 7 pm  
Nov 11.....Veterans Day Ceremony/Luncheon, 11 am  
Nov 11.....SAL Meeting, 7 pm  
Nov 13.....Early Bird Pot Luck Dinner, 6-11 pm  
Nov 16.....Post Meeting, 7 pm  
Nov 20.....Pot Luck Thanksgiving Dinner, 5:30-9 pm  
Nov 26.....Thanksgiving Day – Closed  
Nov 30.....Christmas Wrapping at Perry Point, 10 am

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### For December 2015

Dec 1.....Christmas Wrapping at Perry Point, 10 am  
Dec 5.....Children's Christmas Party, 12-2:30 pm  
Dec 5.....Aberdeen Christmas Parade, 3 pm  
Dec 5.....SAL Spaghetti Dinner, 4-6 pm  
Dec 6.....Shop With a Cop, 10 am  
Dec 7.....SAL Meeting, 7 pm  
Dec 8.....AL Riders Meeting, 7 pm  
Dec 11.....Fish Fry, 5:30-9 pm  
Dec 12.....SAL District Meeting, 1 pm  
Dec 14.....No Unit Meeting  
Dec 21.....No Post Meeting  
Dec 25.....Christmas Day – Closed  
Dec 31.....New Years Eve

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



## ***Karaoke Night***

***Every Friday Night***

**DJ Sammy K**

Starts at 8 pm - 12 am in the Post Lounge

Come out and join the Fun!

Sing along with the oldies!

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