

# Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 – Aberdeen, MD

44 N. PARKE STREET

## AMERICAN LEGION



## News

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016

### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings to all,

Greetings to all. I hope you are enjoying the summer, we are really having a hot one! The American Legion Department of Maryland Annual Convention was held in Ocean City in July, it was a great year for our Post. We received several awards, the

Chaplain's Award, **Best Newsletter and Website Award**, Blood Drive Award, 100% Membership Award, and a Special Olympics' Award. I want to thank everyone who helped out through the year! The National Convention is being held in Cincinnati, Ohio this year, and Dave Johnson and our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice David Heredia will be attending.

We have continued to have changes around the Post. New carpet in the canteen, the SAL has installed a new TV to use as our Video Board. We are planning to use this to promote upcoming events, as well as show pictures of past events, and Past Commanders, and Madam Presidents. As we continue to move forward it is imperative that more people step up and volunteer. Several people are here every time things need done, the problem is those people eventually burn out and things quit happening. We have a lot of events coming up, and will need your help to get through.

I want to send out a VERY large thank you to Jim Weber. Jim has helped us for the last couple of years, and is moving on. Without his business mind and sparkling personality, we would not have made the amount of progress we have made. Jim brought a ton of knowledge that will continue to help us grow for years.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Ladies,

Well our 2015-2016 year is now officially over and it was a great year of accomplishments for our Unit. The Convention in Ocean City was great and we received a reward for making 100% in membership. At the Northern Central District meeting in August, our Unit received five first-place Awards and two second-place Awards. A big thank you to all the ladies for making this year such a success. Be sure to check out our Auxiliary wall in the canteen to see all our Certificates.

I am looking forward to working with all our members to make the 2016-17 year full of accomplishments. Plans are being made to continue our services to our Veterans, Children and Youth, Community and Country. We are also planning several fun fundraisers in order to help our post with the renovations of the legion. Don't you just love the new look and there's more to come.

Reminder Ladies to get your membership dues in early so you can be an early bird. Also I'm asking each lady to hopefully recruit at least one new member each month. Let's make this a contest! Will you be the one who brings in the most members?

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

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work,

Linda Geigan, President  
443-829-4320

from the

### Adjutant's Desk



Dear Comrades,

We are embarking on another Legion year I know that the dues have gone up in price by \$7.00 and it may be a stretch to some to have to pay this increase, here at the Post

we are trying to work off of the same margin due to the increase that the Post must pay to the National Headquarters this year. So please take this in to consideration when paying your dues this year. Don't let \$7.00 sway you in to not paying

your dues in our great organization The American Legion.

On another note there are a lot of things going on here at the Post, our dinners are going great, our SAL Cmdr. Jerry Lacey is planning a few bus trips which are always fun and the SAL is starting a Corn Hole tournament here at the Post on Tues nights. So pay your dues and come out and join in on the fun.

Yours in Legion Service,

Bob Hanson, Adjutant



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Upcoming event: September 11<sup>th</sup> is the first regular season Ravens Football game, come on out and start the season off with us. We are hosting another Yard Sale September 17<sup>th</sup>, if you have items you want to donate bring them to the Post. October we will be working with the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce with the Paint the Town Pink. Their 5K run/walk is October 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can get more information from the website [www.thinkpinkaberdeemmd.org](http://www.thinkpinkaberdeemmd.org).

We will be having the Early Bird Dinner on the first Friday in November. November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5pm social hour, dinner at 6pm. Get your dues paid now to be an Early Bird. November 12<sup>th</sup> the Maryland Conservatory of Music will be hold a Piano concert in our Hall, titled Music for our Military. All proceed will go toward a program that is using music to heal our Military and Veterans. November 19<sup>th</sup> we are having a Luau and Pig Roast, break out those grass skirts.

I am feeling more confident every day that we have great things to come in our future! We can do many things as long as we pull together as a family, and all work toward a common goal. We are a private club made up of Veterans and their families. Our goal is to help Veterans and their families, and to promote Patriotism. There are many ways we can accomplish this mission. First is with mutual respect, and team work! I am considering setting up a town hall meeting, where all members of the family can come and discuss our post and our future. If you agree that this is a good idea let me know, you can contact me through the phone or email. Thanks to all of you that have jumped on board to improve things, and get the Post moving forward. I look forward to working with all of you that join the team to keep our Post growing. Thanks again, God Bless American, God Bless Our Troops, and God Bless the American Legion.

Yours in service,

Andy Powell, Commander



Richard Davis receives the Certificate of Achievement Award

## 1st Vice Commander's Message



Greetings Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders, and family members,

As I begin my second year as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, I would like to thank you for the honor of representing our post at all Legion events.

We made our membership goal of 100% for 2016, and we are looking forward to achieving our goal for 2017. We hope to exceed our membership goal in order to reach 500 plus members. We cannot meet these goals unless we have your support. I would like to continue 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. Lastly, we started our membership campaign for 2017 with a recruitment drive in Freedom Park on the third Fridays of July and August. This was a productive membership drive held with members from the Auxiliary and Legion Riders. As we look forward to making this a monthly event, I would like to encourage you to join me in spreading the word and recruiting new members. So, if you would like to volunteer to help recruit new members, let me or Commander Powell know.

Patricia Crow, the daughter of WWII Veteran Petty Officer Third Class (PO3) Thomas Long, requested an Honor Guard for her father's funeral this past June. Since this came at such a short notice, we were not able to provide an Honor Guard. However, the Legion Riders were able to provide an escort. The Legion Riders were able to honor the Long family by escorting PO3 Long to his final resting place. For this I would like to thank ALR Director Richard Beckwell and Post Commander Andy Powell for accompanying me on this escort.

Lastly, since the inception of the American Legion Legacy Scholarship in 2001 following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the American Legion has offered its support to the children of fallen post-9/11 service members through this scholarship. Beginning with the 2017 award year, the American Legion expanded the scholarship to include 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.

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander David Heredia presents Gold Star Challenge Coin to Patricia Crow daughter of PO3 Long

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So, through its American Legion Legacy Scholarship in working with our Legion Riders, we designed this beautiful coin that we are offering 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. Our goal is to represent our post by donating the sales of this Challenge Coin with a check to the Legacy Scholarship Fund at this year National Convention in Cincinnati.



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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](mailto:1stvicecommander@aberndeenpost128.org).

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

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

# Tuesday Night Game Night!

at the  
**American Legion**  
**Bernard L. Tobin Post 128**  
44 N. Parke St., Aberdeen, MD

from  
**6:30 pm – 10 pm**

**Featuring open  
Dart Boards and  
Corn Hole**



## Tuesday Night is Game Night!

Tell your friends! Starting July 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday Night is Game Night!

Come out and enjoy and watch the Orioles!

This fall we will be starting a Dart League and having Corn Hole Tournaments!! Come on out and enjoy the fun with us on Tuesday Night Game Night! You might be the next Winner!!



## A Word From the Chaplain



Greetings Legionnaires,  
Food For Thought:

The Bible tells us in 2nd Timothy Chapter 3 that in the last days there will be perilous times and perilous men. "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come". The definition of perilous is

dangerous, hazardous, risky, unsafe, etc.

From tornadoes to terrorist, we are constantly seeing something on the news that makes us fearful. Fear is one of the ways Satan robs us of the joy God intends for us to have. When we spend our time worrying about what might happen, we can't spend our time enjoying what God has given us. There is a verse in the Bible that assures us that there is nothing that God cannot handle. Hebrews 13:6 "So we say with confidence, the Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" 2nd Timothy 1 verse 7 says, "for God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. I am so thankful to serve a God who not only handles all my fears but takes them totally away. With this thought I will close Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding in all your ways submit to him and he will guide your steps."

God Bless You All,

Rev. W. Lewis Geigan, Chaplain  
443-829-6972

## Message from American Legion Riders



I would like to start out by announcing the newly installed Officers of The American Legion Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 Legion Riders: Director: Richard Beckwell, Assistant Director: David Heredia, Secretary: Deborah Heredia, Treasurer: Susan Beckwell, and Sgt-at-Arms: Richard Davis

With that being done, it was suggested to me that I should use this space to let my fellow Legion family members know what we Riders have been up to over the last Legion year.

**Veterans:** We supported two funerals as escorts, two veteran Honor Bus escorts, and the Memorial Day Gold Star dinner which was part of the Rolling Thunder activities. In addition, we participated in the Maryland Public Television's LZ Maryland honor ride that honored the veterans from the Viet Nam era as well as the 1017 Marylanders who were either killed or listed as MIA.

**Children and Youth:** Last year we supported the Post's "Shop With a Cop" program with a poker run and fund solicitations. The program was able to support 9 families and 19 children. The American Legion Legacy Fund is near and dear to the Riders. As a result, we have many activities throughout the year in the Department to raise money. We attend some functions as participants, and in some, we take a more active role. Last year several of our members participated in the Legacy Scholarship Run that started in Indianapolis, Indiana, traveled over 1300 miles and ended in Baltimore. The total funds raised were in excess of \$1.25 million. To assist in raising that number this year, a group of riders, from several chapters (including David Heredia, the Assistant Director here) formed a committee to organize the first "Maryland Gold Star Legacy Run". This run was conducted on June 10, 11, and 12, 2016, took three days and covered nearly 800 miles. To date, that effort has raised over \$13,000 with more coming in. In addition, a special "Gold Star" coin was designed and procured by David Heredia that was sold during this period as a fund raiser with all proceeds going to the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

As I stated above, last year's Legacy Scholarship Run ended in Baltimore on a Wednesday and many riders wanted to remain for the Parade that was to be held on Sunday. What to do? Several Riders organized activities to keep them occupied. Three rides were put together and over the next three days were conducted: Thursday, a "Maryland Covered Bridges" ride; Friday, a run to Ft. McHenry (David Heredia as the lead); Saturday, a ride to see the monuments in D.C. On Sunday, the Legion Riders led the National American Legion Convention Parade in Baltimore.

**Community:** Last year we were partners with the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Lions Clubs. to orchestrate the "Paint the Town Pink" 5k run. The riders had a Poker Run to bring Cancer Awareness as well as garner funds for Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation.

## Sick Call & Post Everlasting

### POST SICK CALL

Jerry Sexton

### SAL SICK CALL

None

### UNIT SICK CALL

Ruth Romanuk Marge McKinney  
Jewel Hall

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



### POST EVERLASTING

Raymond Harris Shannon W. Brown  
Charles W. McKinney

### SQUADRON EVERLASTING

None

### UNIT EVERLASTING

None

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





# American Legion Riders



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In support of our post: We participated in two parades, worked the yard sales, assisted with the Boy Scout dinners, participated in the Aberdeen Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, assisted in the cleanup and painting of the kitchen, and helped out in Havre de Grace selling pit beef. We also have attended multiple community and Legion fund raisers to show our Post's support for them. As a result of all of these efforts, we have volunteered well over 1792 man-hours of service to our Community, State, and Nation.

Richard Beckwell, ALR Director

## SAL Commander's Message



I am looking forward to another great year as Commander of the Son's of the American Legion with a great group of officers including 2 two new members, Mike Humphreys (Chaplain) and Sean Foley (Sergeant-at-Arms). The upcoming events the SAL are hosting for the Legion Family include: September 17<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest bus trip, December 3<sup>rd</sup> Spaghetti Dinner and December 10<sup>th</sup> Army Navy Game Party. Note our next meeting is Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>. (Labor day is Monday) For God and Country,

Jerry Lacey, SAL Commander

# Fish Fry!



Only **\$9.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of Each Month**

**5:30 – 9:00 pm**

**Sides: Green Beans, Coleslaw and French Fries  
Choice of Whiting or Catfish**



Lewis Geigan receives the Special Olympics Award

## Welcome New Members!

### Welcome aboard to our newest Post Members:

Dan Augustyniak, Louis F Markey, Cory Blackburn, Raymond E Bent, Thomas E Clark, Richard D Huether, Travis Dunaway, and James H McClelland

### Paid Up For Life Member: James E Riley

**New SAL Members:** Charles R Green Jr, Joseph J Augeri, Ray A Sheely Jr (reinstated) Murel E Bledsoe, Gary E Barnoff, William N Bell Jr, Craig C Nelson Jr, Jason M Easton, Michael S Humphreys, Mitchell C Stone, Larry Swallows Lawrence E Sabin II, John D Casper Jr, and Jamahl D Ralls

[Welcome to the Post!](#)

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

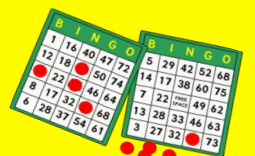


## SAL Receives Membership Award

Post 128's SAL was presented with the Richard Lukanbeel Trophy for membership growth at the SAL State Detachment Convention. A special shout out to Kyle Lacey for his outstanding efforts in recruiting 37 SAL Members along with numerous regular Members. He did this by simply asking men he came in contact with if they or their parent served and inviting them to join our Post. Great Job Kyle!

# Bingo!

**COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!!**



**Sunday Bingo** — starts at 6:30 pm

**Thursday Bingo** — starts at 6:00 pm



# KEY DATES

## September 2016

Sep 5.....Labor Day  
 Sep 6.....SAL Meeting, 7 pm  
 Sep 11.....Ravens Opening Day  
 Sep 12.....Unit Meeting, 7 pm  
 Sep 17.....Yard Sale, 8 am – 3 pm  
 Sep 17.....Oktoberfest Bus Trip, 4 pm – 9 pm  
 Sep 19.....Post Meeting, 7 pm  
 Sep 26.....ALR Meeting, 7 pm

## October 2016

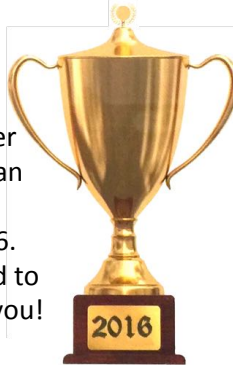
Oct 3.....SAL Meeting, 7 pm  
 Oct 10.....Unit Meeting, 7 pm  
 Oct 17.....Post Meeting, 7 pm  
 Oct 24.....ALR Meeting, 7 pm

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

## 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 contributed to  
 this Newsletter. This honor belongs to you!



## LAST NEWSLETTER MASS MAILING

If you do not have internet access and 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**, and let us know that you  
 wish to receive the newsletter by mail.

Our Newsletter is always available on our website at:

<http://aberdeenpost128.org/newsletter.html>

or you can send your email address to:

[post128@aberdeenppost128.org](mailto:post128@aberdeenppost128.org)

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## POST 128 OFFICERS • 2016-2017

*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.....Andy Powell

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jim Osborne Chad Prutko Bruce Gerdorn  
 All Past Commanders

## UNIT 128 OFFICERS • 2016-2017

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

President.....Linda Geigan  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.....Connie Johnson  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.....Kim Webb  
 Secretary.....Deborah Heredia  
 Treasurer.....Joyce Steininger  
 Historian.....Janet Peightal  
 Chaplain.....Connie Martin  
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Janet Peightal  
 Color Bearers.....Anna Sissum, Elizabeth Hewitt

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kim Webb Sigrid Vigus Jean Jacobs  
 All Past Presidents

## ALR 128 OFFICERS • 2016-2017

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

Director.....Richard Beckwell  
 Assistant Director.....David Heredia Jr.  
 Secretary.....Debbie Heredia  
 Treasurer.....Susan Beckwell  
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Richard Davis  
 Road Captain.....Vacant

## SAL128 OFFICERS • 2016-2017

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

Commander.....Jerry Lacey  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander.....Kyle Lacey  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander.....Richard Brinney  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander.....Richard Bruno  
 Adjutant.....Randy Conlon  
 Finance Officer.....Michael Lindecamp  
 Chaplain.....Vacant  
 Historian.....Gary Gerdorn  
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Sean Foley  
 Advisor.....James Osborne