



AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER – September, October, November 2017
Commander’s Message to Our Legion Family

Fellow Legionnaires:

Thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me Commander for 2017-2018. I plan to continue the direction the Legion has been on for the past many years. Thanks to Cid Reyes & Staff for their great work for our Legion. As many members know, Carroll County is slowly working toward a veteran’s center at the Army Reserve Building in Westminster. The center will need financial support from the veteran community. I would like to pledge \$5,000 from our post. Please give me some input about this goal. Food, Liquor & Beer prices have increased to the point where we may have to make a modest increase in our prices. Our Finance Committee & Bar Chairman are reviewing our costs. There are approximately 15,000 veterans in Carroll County, only 3,116 are Legion members. Please encourage your veteran friends, relatives & acquaintances to join our post.

I look forward to a productive year of helping our veterans & veteran families. Thank you all for making our post the best in the state.

For God & Country,
Bill

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**Membership from Chairman, Bill Nash    Questions: 410-833-1600**

Beginning January 1, 2018, our dues to the American Legion Department of Maryland will increase \$3.50 to \$29.00 per member. If at all possible, please send in your dues, before November 30, 2017 so we can save over \$2,000 this year. This savings allows us to continue to pay the dues for members over 80 years old.

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Dues can be paid NOW for 2018:

- American Legion: \$35.00 (80 years old and older, the post now pays your dues)
- Auxiliary: \$25.00
- Sons of the American Legion: \$25.00
- Juniors (SAL or Auxiliary): \$7.00

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**Golf Tournament (rescheduled)**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament that was scheduled for Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to heavy rains. The Tournament has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2017 at Oakmont Green Golf Course. Tee off time is at 1 pm.

There are openings for additional golfers and sponsors. Contact Jerry Reese at 410-239-4946 or Dave Reese at 443-375-8417 for further information.

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Does anyone remember?

Does anyone remember a wooden WWI and WWII war memorial at the corner of Mt. Carmel and Falls Roads on the corner at Sparks Store? We remember it as being blue with white letters. We are looking for a picture of it or better yet maybe someone knows what happened to it and it might still be around in someone’s basement. If you have a picture, could you share it so that we can make a copy? Thanks for your help. Contact Bill Nash 410-833-1600



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

September, October, November 2017

Membership: is progressing – and once again if you have paid your dues and you get a notice from Department, **PLEASE** disregard it. Dues are to be submitted no later than December 1st.

Membership is up to 80.

Kathleen Twigg Scholarship: Kathleen Twigg was one of the founders of our Auxiliary in May of 1950 and was instrumental in organizing the charter and creating many of the programs that we still do today. Two students, Alyson Bittinger and Jessica Becke have been selected from Manchester Valley High School and each will be given \$500.00. We wish them both well in their future.

July:

12,13,14 Convention in Ocean City -

- . Our new Department President is Alta Glotfelty and is very informative, plus has a strong staff of Officers to back her up.
- . There were also a good many guests who were very appreciative of our help throughout the year.

August:

- 5 DEC Meeting – going through the Budget
- 7 Unit Meeting
- 19 Crab Feed for the SAL
- 20 Crab Feed for the American Legion

September:

- 11 Unit Meeting
- 15 POW/MIA Service (Practice on the day before (14th) at 6:30 pm)
- 17 District Meeting – #96 Brunswick
- 22-24 Fall Conference

October:

- 7 & 8 Ocean City Bus Trip
- 9 Unit Meeting

**Don't forget to order your delicious subs during Auxiliary's
October Sub Sale.**

November:

- 5 DEC in DorWic #218
- 6 Unit Meeting
- 12 Free Veterans Dinner in Upstairs Hall (2 seatings 1 pm and 3:30 pm) Need to be signed up!
- 18 Commander's Feed
- 19 District Meeting - #168 Thurmont

We learned that the MCVET Center in Baltimore was beginning to have monthly ice cream socials for the veterans they care for. The approximate cost each month is around \$150. The auxiliary donated \$150 for one of their ice cream socials.

Also at the convention we learned about an organization dedicated to helping veterans with their high rate of suicide called Platoon 22. **So named because we lose 22 vets a day to suicide.** There will be a "Rally in the Valley" in October at the Frederick County Fairgrounds to entertain and benefit these vets. The cost to send 22 vets to this event is \$484. The auxiliary donated this amount to help 22 veterans to know that they really do have a reason to live. It is our duty to help those who have given up so much for our freedom.

You've Got What It Takes !

FOR GOD & COUNTRY

President, Mary Jane Wickline



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION September, October, November, 2017

Greetings to All Your Sons of the American Legion Squadron 200 is fully staffed and looking forward to continued service to our Veterans and their families and further supporting our Community and the concerns of Post 200.

We are blessed with a wealth of experienced and dedicated volunteers filling these S.A.L. positions. Much of our strengths lie with active Past Commanders, Officers and Members that remain actively involved and promote service beyond self. I am most proud of this diversity and unity that forms your S.A.L. Squadron at Post 200 and their ability to identify and address the concerns, as comrades united.

Membership now exceeds 300 Sons and we remain a 4 Star Post. As part of the Legion Family, we look forward to continued coordination of our combined strengths with the Legionnaires, Our Auxiliary and the Legion Riders. Our combined Family at Post 200 will soon exceed 1,500 members. We are indeed blessed by the Compassion and Comrades that form our Legion Family.

We are presently awaiting the Annual Crab Feeds.... and then we begin our new and old agendas...make a meeting it matters!!

* Our September meeting begins at 7p.m. {check and mark your Calendars} -- The 6th Annual P.O.W./M.I.A. Candlelight Vigil is at 7p.m.at the Pavilion on Sept. 15th

* The Fall D.E.C. Meeting is Nov. 18th at Blake-Blackston Post 77 in Eastonthe goal of D.E.C. Commander Dave Hullihen is "Sons helping Scouts become Leaders" -- we will be assisting Tom Clavell (1 of 5 D.E.C. Chairmen) and the Detachment of Md. Sons of the Legion to send Maryland Scouts to the 2018 West Virginia American Legion Jamboree and local Scouts to Broad Creek for leadership skills.

Additional Goals this Year -----

* Post Improvements - We will continue Pavilion Development plans and assist in needed Post Improvements

* Add and update First Aid Kits to the Post and address the Health Concerns of our Local Veterans {17% of All U.S. Veterans are believed to be infected with Hepatitis C -- which has a 95% cure rate}

* Assist with the Carroll Co. Homeless Veteran Program and Center being developed in Westminster

* Begin a Membership Recruitment Program for Eligible Sons & Active Members and develop ideas of Service

* Continue our Flag Education and Retirement Program

* Continue our Charity and Assistance to our Veterans and their Community - Children & Youth Programs

* Support and Assistance to our Active Service Personnel and their Families

* Assist our Legion Family in their endeavors and share the smiles that develop

We need assistance in completing the Tool Raffle presently going on !! Purchase a \$5 holder or 2 and gain the ability to fix or repair anything. Purchase a Chance and help us fund our Goals....also play Plum Crazy on Wednesdays at 7:30

Enjoy the Crab Feeds and be sure to Check out our Flag Display from Major Jeff Painter back from his 4th deployment !!!!

God Bless & Thank You for Your Support

Charles E. Bevard

S.A.L. Commander



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS,
September, October, November, 2017

With the arrival of the true 'Riding Weather' it has been the Riders goal to have an Activity/Ride planned for each month. In **June** we attended the Annual Chicken Feed at Camp West-Mar on June 18th. Twenty bikes with a total of 27 folks made the trip to Camp West-Mar which is located in the Catoctin Mountains in Sabillasville, MD. It was a day of good food, great riding and awesome camaraderie.

Our **July** event was a ride led by our own Cid Reyes, on July 30th. Fourteen bikes with 19 folks headed to the Loch Raven area for stops at Iron Horse Tavern for lunch, Boordy Vineyards, Palmisano's for ice cream and snowballs, and the Silver Spring Mining Company before returning to the Post. The weather was beautiful and more than one participant claimed this the 'best ride ever!'

For **August** we will have a ride led by Gary Topping to the Waynesboro. PA area with a stop for lunch at Frontier Barbecue and a water hole/pit stop at the Biglerville, PA Post 262. The date is Sunday, August 27th meeting at the Post at 10:30-KSU 11:00. The rain date is set for Sept. 10th.

In other news there were 2 rides led by other Posts Riders which included stops at Post 200. *July 8th* was the Towson Post 22 'Annual Motorcycle Riders for Hero Dogs' event. The group stopped by and we provided snacks for them to enjoy. Their ride was able to raise approx.. \$8700 towards the Hero Dog cause. *July 23rd* was the '1st Annual York County Veterans in Need Ride' organized by Glen Rock Post 403. A couple of our members participated to represent Post 200 Riders.

UPCOMING Events:

Bob Gerst Memorial Ride-Saturday, September 23rd (rain date September 24th)

- Registration begins at 9:00 am
- \$15 per Rider (includes 1 lunch sandwich coupon)
- KSU 10:30 am
- Destination is *Big Falls Inn* where a memorial stone will be dedicated in Bob's name on the Fallen Bikers Wall.
- To pre-register alrpost200@gmail.com

We have had a few new members come on board this spring and summer. Shout out and welcome to Jim C., Doug G., Shelby S., and Tim S. We also said hello and a very sad goodbye to Donnie Bailey-beloved cousin of MaryAnn, Bob , Tim and Shelby Schestag. 'Cousin Donnie' joined us in June and died in a motorcycle accident on August 5th. Our sincere condolences go out to the Schestag family. The Riders participated in a ceremony at Schimenuk Funeral Home in Nottingham, MD that included the placing of an American Legion Riders pin by our Chaplain Bob Schestag. Farewell our fellow Rider.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00. Visitors are most welcome. You can post and check for 'ride opportunities' with our Yahoo account. If you need any assistance with the Yahoo account contact Terrie at tottomano@mcDaniel.edu.

Ride Safe,
Tony Ottomano
ALR Director

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**As seen on a T Shirt: Thank my brothers that never came back. Don't thank me.**  
Let us pray for all our military that they stay safe while in harm's way.

# OUR AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY OFFICERS 2017-2018



## AMERICAN LEGION

## AUXILIARY

## SONS

## RIDERS

|                             |                                      |                                      |                                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>COMMANDER:</b>           | <b>PRESIDENT</b>                     | <b>COMMANDER</b>                     | <b>DIRECTOR</b>                    |
| Bill Nash                   | Mary Jane Wickline                   | Charles Bevard                       | Tony Ottomano                      |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> VICE</b>  | <b>1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> VICE COMMANDER</b> | <b>ASST. DIRECTOR</b>              |
| Tim Reger                   | Sharon Prajzner                      | Steve Unkart                         | Geno Antonelli                     |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> VICE</b>  | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> VICE</b>           | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> VICE</b>           | <b>RECORDING OFFICER:</b>          |
| Dan Martin                  | Patty Sater                          | John Armacost                        | Teresa Ayres                       |
| <b>ADJUTANT:</b>            | <b>SECRETARY:</b>                    | <b>ADJUTANT:</b>                     | <b>TREASURER:</b>                  |
| Teresa Ayres                | Liz Armacost                         | Roger Falsis                         | Michele Burton                     |
| <b>JUDGE ADVOCATE:</b>      | <b>TREASURER:</b>                    | <b>FINANCE OFFICER:</b>              | <b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>                 |
| Marvin Frush                | Joni Love                            | Eric Cellitto                        | Terrie Ottomano                    |
| <b>FINANCE:</b>             | <b>CHAPLAIN:</b>                     | <b>HISTORIAN:</b>                    | <b>SGT. at ARMS:</b>               |
| Bill Wright                 | Mary Maness                          | Darwin Sater                         | Joe Parks                          |
| <b>SGT. at ARMS:</b>        | <b>HISTORIAN:</b>                    | <b>CHAPLAIN:</b>                     | <b>HISTORIAN:</b>                  |
| Steve Swam                  | Elinore Frush                        | Joe Prajzner                         | Michelle Mattheu                   |
| <b>CHAPLAIN:</b>            | <b>SGT. at ARMS:</b>                 | <b>SGT. at ARMS:</b>                 | <b>CHAPLAIN:</b>                   |
| Jim Maness                  | Josie Bowersox                       | Robert Utz                           | Bob Schestag                       |
| <b>HISTORIAN:</b>           | <b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>                   | <b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>                   | <b>PUBLIC INFO OFFICER:</b>        |
| Harry Smith                 | Bev Martin                           | Bryan Jones                          | John Sharp                         |
| <b>SERVICE OFFICER:</b>     |                                      |                                      | <b>RIDE COORDINATOR:</b>           |
| John Bowersox               |                                      |                                      | Tom Kurtz                          |
| <b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>          |                                      |                                      |                                    |
| Bill Nash                   |                                      |                                      |                                    |
| <b>D.E.C.</b>               |                                      |                                      |                                    |
| John Sharp                  |                                      | <b>D.E.C.</b> Tom Clavell            |                                    |
| <b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:</b> |                                      |                                      |                                    |
| Cid Reyes                   |                                      |                                      |                                    |
| Jim Brown                   | <b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:</b>          | <b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:</b>          |                                    |
| Robert Schestag             | Janet Griffith                       | Charles Bevard                       |                                    |
| Dennis Verdecchia           | Cathy Martin                         | Roger Mazzone                        |                                    |
| John Fedarcyk               | Bev Martin                           | Darwin Sater                         |                                    |
| <b>HOUSE COMMITTEE:</b>     |                                      | Steve Unkart                         |                                    |
| Dennis Cullison             |                                      | John Armacost                        |                                    |
|                             |                                      |                                      |                                    |
| <b>Meetings</b>             | <b>Meetings</b>                      | <b>Meetings</b>                      | <b>Meetings</b>                    |
| First Monday of Month       | First Monday of Month                | First Monday of Month                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Month |
| 7 pm                        | 7 pm                                 | 7 pm                                 | 7 pm                               |

Check us out on Facebook at; Hampstead Post 200

Visit us at [www.alpost200.org](http://www.alpost200.org)

## **We Need Your Help....**

Every year before Memorial Day, Post 200 as well as the other posts in the county puts flags on veteran's graves in Carroll County. Cemeteries range in numbers from 6 graves to over 100. In the past, volunteers have done it sometimes alone, with a partner or as a family or a group. Perhaps you'd like to take over the cemetery at your church. Some of us can no longer do this and we are asking for your help. Your children can get service hours this way too. Scout troops, school clubs or other groups could take this on as a project.

The Carroll County Commissioners supply us with the flags every year. You would come to the Post to pick up the amount of flags for the cemetery that you chose to decorate. The flags would be put on the graves sometime (at your convenience) the week before Memorial Day and then are taken back up after Memorial Day also at your convenience.

We supply the flags and an up to date list of all veterans that we know of in each cemetery. There is a gentleman in the county who keeps the list current and gives us that information with the flags so we can update our lists. Once you take over the cemetery, you will update your list, keep a copy and give a copy back to the Post for our files.

When the flags are taken up, you would make sure they are in good condition and are dry. You then wrap them in bundles of 12 and return them back to the post for storage until next year. Any damaged or broken stick flags should be brought back to be disposed of properly. We look forward to hearing from some new members who would like to take part in this very meaningful time when we honor those who have fought and given so much for the freedoms we enjoy today.

If you are interested please contact Marvin or Elinore Frush at 410-374-4466 or email at [efrush@live.com](mailto:efrush@live.com).

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We Recycle!

When you sit and drink at the tables in the lounge, please put all of your cans (beer and soda) in the blue trash can beside the POW/MIA table. Recycled cans last year brought in approximately \$500.00. Thanks for your help.

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## **Good News To Share....Carroll County's Multi-Winner**

Seventeen year old, Robyn Anzulis, sponsored by Mt. Airy Post 191 won the Legion's oratorical contest at the post, county, district and state levels. She then went on to compete at the National Oratorical Contest in Indianapolis, Indiana where she came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Nation! We are very proud of our girl from Carroll County.

Robyn went on to register to attend Girls State in Salisbury, Md. where she was elected as a senator. She then went on to Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. where she ran on the Federalist Party for President. She lost her bid for President, but was sworn in as ALA Girls Nation Chief Justice. Robyn has been taking college courses since she was 13 and expects to earn her associates degree before entering South Carroll as a senior this coming year. She wants to be a constitutional lawyer. She sure has "the right stuff" and we wish her the best in the future.

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The legacy of Rosie the Riveters, the American women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II, many of whom produced munitions and war supplies, will be honored with a simultaneous bell-ringing in cities across the United States and Europe at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5.

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Turkey Dinner	2 VJ Day: Japan signed formal <u>surrender 1945</u> Karaoke
3	4 <u>Labor Day</u> Picnic at the Post <u>1-4 pm</u> National "Ring a Bell for Rosies" at 1 pm.	5	6 Plum Crazy 7:30	7	8 Baked Fish	9
10 Grandparents Day	11 Legion, Aux. SAL Meetings 7 pm Patriots Day	12	13 Riders Mtg 7 pm Plum Crazy 7:30	14 Practice for Candlelight Vigil <u>6:30 pm</u> Star Spangled Banner written 1814	15 POW/MIA Candlelight Vigil in pavilion 7 pm Lasagna/Salad	16
17 ALA WMD Mtg at <u>Brunswick #96</u> US Constitution Approved 1787	18 US Air Force Est. 1947	19	20 Plum Crazy 7:30	21	22 Crab Cake ALA Fall Conference in <u>Boonsboro #10</u> Autumn Begins	23 ALA Fall <u>Conference</u> Riders Memorial Ride for Bob Gerst (regist.) 9am
24 ALA Fall <u>Conference</u> Gold Star Mothers Day	25	26	27 Plum Crazy 7:30 House/Executive Meeting 7 pm	28	29 Meat Loaf	30

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Order your delicious subs- Aux. October Sub Sale!	2 Legion, Aux, SAL Meetings 7 pm	3	4 Plum Crazy 7:30	5	6 Pork Chop	7 Karaoke Hampstead Fall Fest Ocean City Bus Trip
8 Ocean City Bus Trip	9 Columbus Day	10	11 Plum Crazy 7:30 Riders Mtg 7 pm	12	13 US Navy Birthday Steamed Shrimp	14
15	16	17	18 Plum Crazy 7:30	19	20 Turkey Dinner	21 Calendar Feed 1-3
22	23 Carroll County Meeting at Sykesville Post #223	24 United Nations Day	25 Plum Crazy 7:30	26	27 Baked Fish	28 Halloween Dance/Party in lounge
29	30	31 Halloween				

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Plum Crazy 7:30 House/Executive Meeting 7 pm	2	3 Lasagna/Salad	4 Karaoke in the lounge
5 AL WMD Meeting at <u>Brunswick #96</u> ALA DEC Mtg. at <u>Dor-Wic #218</u> Daylight Savings Ends	6 Legion, Aux, SAL Meetings 7 pm	7	8 Plum Crazy 7:30 Riders Mtg 7 pm	9	10 Crab Cake US Marine Corps Birthday	11 Veterans Day Armistice Day WWII
12 Veterans Day Dinner in Upstairs Hall 1pm & 3:30 pm	13 Newsletter Deadline	14	15 Plum Crazy 7:30	16	17 Meat Loaf	18 Commander's Feed. Karaoke in the lounge
19 ALA WMD Meeting at <u>Thurmont #168</u> SAL DEC Mtg. at Easton #77	20	21	22 Plum Crazy 7:30	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 Pork Chop	25
26	27	28	29 Plum Crazy 7:30 House/Executive Meeting 7 pm	30		

Pray for our sick....*may they be healed.*

Bobby and Cathy Martin Tom Green
Elyse Weckesser Grace Dutterer
Diane Harroll Richard Hess
Caroline Marschall Brenda Rohrbaugh
Carolyn Evans Jackie Russo
Joan & Phil Wilson Mark Smith
Bill Wright Fran Stonsifer
Faye Dell Sue Erb
Janet Griffith Liz Watson
Strengthen them in their struggles and bring them deep and lasting peace and make them well again.

Post Everlasting

May they know everlasting peace.

Stephanie Wardenfelt
John Price
Walter Driver
John Tedder III
Donnie Bailey

Note: Although we try to make sure everything is correct, there might be changes to the dates, times and information that appear in the newsletter after its printing.

Dates to Remember

November 12, 2017, Free Veterans Dinner in the Hall (2 seatings 1 pm and 3:30 pm)
November 18, 2017, Commander's Feed
December 3, 2017, Auxiliary Senior's and Children's Christmas Parties in the hall
December 16, 2017, Post 200 Christmas Party in the lounge