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**JAN - MAR 2023** 

## Commander's Report

Welcome 2023 !!!

I hope that everyone had a joyous holiday season and were able to celebrate with your family.

The new year finds the Post active on weekends with community activities in our Social Room. Thank you to the many volunteers and staff that make this happen. The Post activities are usually slower this time of year, not withstanding the weekly cornhole, Queen of Hearts drawing, Thursday night weekly drawing and Friday night bingo.

Some of the Post activities already scheduled are the membership feed which will be held on Sunday, March 26th from 1 until 4 pm. A \$5.00 reimbursement ticket is required, guests tickets are non-refundable. We will be having an AYCE Shrimp & Crab Leg Feed on January 22nd. Tickets are available at the bar. In addition, at the request of some members the Post is offering live entertainment once a month. Your attendance and support will allow the Post to continue to offer live music.

Additionally, other Post Units have scheduled activities which are advertised in the Clo-Mic, on Facebook, on our website and electronic sign as well as notices posted throughout the Post. Your support of these activities is greatly appreciated.

The past quarter has seen us busy with the usual fall activities to include a BBQ, Veterans Day programs, honoring deceased veterans with placement of flags on their graves, providing Christmas boxes to the less fortunate and along with the other Post Units we provided Christmas gifts to 20 veterans at the North Point Home. Other Post Units have been active as well which is noted in their Clo-Mic articles. Post 10 recognizes and appreciates the participation and cooperation displayed by all. We are truly a Legion family.

We have been meeting our membership goals, but still have a ways to go to become a Four-Star post. A 2023 paid up membership provides you access to Post functions to

include the Post membership feed. Consider renewal if you haven't already done so. The National Commander's platform this year is "Be The One" which emphasizes suicide prevention. Each of us can do our part by keeping in contact with and supporting veterans who are experiencing issues related to their military service. A simple phone call or personal interaction can mean so much to those in need. A veteran in crisis, or family and friends may access assistance by calling 988 and pressing 1, or text 838255. The VA Crisis Line website is also available.

Want to see your Post thrive, become involved, attend Post activities and meetings. We all benefit from an active and friendly Post. Officer nominations and elections will be conducted in the Spring. Are you supportive enough to become involved? We hope so!!!

Yours in Fellowship, Ron Moats, Commander roromo@comcast.net

## **Squadron #10 SAL News**

Winter is upon us as we just got through New Year's and the holidays, the kids are waiting for snow to have a little winter vacation from school so happy new year to all. The SAL has been continuing the Queen of hearts drawings and would love our members to come check it out and try your luck, drawings are Tuesday nights at 7pm with tickets being taken until 630pm. We had great turnout and support on our holiday mailer raffle, we want to say thank you for your efforts to support the S.A.L. The Christmas Party was a good time, we hope you were able to go and enjoy yourself. Hopefully you won some cash in the mailer raffle or won the safe or a rifle that we raffled off that night. Ticket sales for the Safe raffle were excellent as well so thank you for helping us out with that fundraiser. Congratulations to our mailer raffle and safe/gun raffle winners below:

Mailer Raffle Winners:

\$1,000 - Donnie Wagner \$ 500 - Beth Marshall

\$ 250 - Terry Walsh

Gun/Safe Raffle Winners: Safe - Nathan Semler Ruger AR-15 - Jason Toothman Great Lakes AR-15 - Eddie Sobisky The October SAL Gun bonanza went very well, we have our March 5th Gun Bonanza coming up and we hope to see you there, Berkley Springs trading Post is supplying the firearms and they never disappoint. SAL members have the tickets for sale so reach out to us to get yours. We can always use volunteers for our events so please show up and give us a hand just give an officer a heads up, so we know you're coming. I would like to thank those that helped at the last Bonanza its much appreciated, we get SAL Auxiliary and legionnaires all together helping, it's great to see how we can come together and help as a unit.

The SAL has some upcoming events coming so look at our event calendar, The SAL has a new bonanza coming February 5th, it's a Texas holdem bonanza where players will play Texas holdem for prizes. There is limited seating available so find your active SAL member for tickets. There is the annual Valentine's Day cash bonanza coming up as well on February 11th so don't miss this one either it's always a good time, tickets will be at the bar. The SAL has a very informative Facebook group going so if you're not a member please look us up and join (American Legion Post-10 SAL), we give reminders to our events as well as just general events at our post.

The SAL plans to do some gun raffles this year with some twists so make sure you stop in from time to time to see what we have going on and check out the Facebook page as well which is a good way to get our monthly details of what's going on at the post. The Family fund will have some interesting events as well like the legion Olympics event in the spring so keep an eye out.

Don't forget your dues for your membership should be paid prior to the end of the year for the discount but if you forgot its ok you can still pay your 2023 dues, but it will cost \$30 instead of the discounted early bird special of \$25. Come on by the post and get some Queen of hearts tickets and good meal and pay those dues to make sure you get your new 2023 membership card, so you don't miss out on anything this year.

I want to remind you that the SAL meetings are at the post on the 2nd Tuesday of the month typically in the dining room at 7pm but come early for dinner then the meeting. We focus on helping Veterans and the children of our community so please come and show your support.

Respectfully, Keith Cameron, SAL Commander keithc@wmaelectric.com

## Calendar of Events Jan-Mar 2023

#### <u>January</u>

- 1 Post Closed Happy New Year!
- 2 Board Meeting 6:00
- 6 Post Bingo 7:00
- 7 Karaoke 8:00
- 9 Blood Drive 1:30 7:00
- 10 Post Meetings 7:00
- 13 Post Bingo 7:00
- 16 Board Meeting 6:00
- 20 Post Bingo 7:00
- 22 Shrimp & Crab Legs Feed 1:00 4:00
- 24 Legion Riders Meeting 7:00
- 27 Post Bingo 7:00
- 28 Live Music (Bobby D and the Truckstop Burritos) 8:00 11:00

#### **February**

- 3 Post Bingo 7:00
- 4 Karaoke 8:00
- 5 SAL Texas Hold'em Bonanza
- 6 Board Meeting 6:00
- 10 Post Bingo 7:00
- 11 SAL Valentine Bonanza -Doors open at 5:00
- 14 Post Meetings 7:00
- 17 Post Bingo 7:00
- 18 Live Music (Bobby D and the Truckstop Burritos) 8:00 11:00
- 20 Board Meeting 6:00
- 24 Post Bingo 7:00
- 28 Legion Riders Meeting 7:00

#### March

- 3 Post Bingo 7:00
- 4 Karaoke 8:00
- 5 SAL Gun Bonanza (Doors open at 11:00)
- 6 Board Meeting 6:00
- 10 Post Bingo 7:00
- 11 Live Music (High Tide) 8:00 11:00
- 13 Blood Drive 1:30 7:00
- 14 Post Meetings
- 17 Post Bingo 7:00
- 20 Board Meeting 6:00
- 24 Post Bingo 7:00
- 25 ALR Daddy/Daughter Dance
- 26 Membership Feed 1:00 4:00
- 28 Legion Riders Meeting 7:00
- 31 Post Bingo 7:00

#### ... News from the Auxiliary continued

The 2022-2023 membership dues are \$25.00 for seniors and \$5.00 for juniors. Reminders will be sent out from our National Headquarters in January. Auxiliary applications are available at the bar or from an Auxiliary Officer. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Post home. Join us to help support our Veterans and Children in the community!!

Please remember to say Thank You to our Veterans for their service and continue praying for our Military and their families, First Responders, & Healthcare workers.

God Bless our Veterans and God Bless America!! Kendra Cole, Auxiliary President (301-465-0239)

## **News from the Auxiliary**

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. I wish everyone good health and happiness in 2023!! The Auxiliary is looking forward to another exciting year supporting our Veterans, our community and supporting the various Post functions. The Auxiliary was busy over the past few months with Blood Drives, a yard sale, a craft/vendor show, hosting the Western Md. District meeting, the Children's Christmas Party, providing gifts for the North Point Vets, contributing to the food bank & homeless shelter needs at Boonsboro Family Worship and participating in numerous other Post functions. In addition, we made donations to the following: VA Hospital in Martinsburg including the Christmas gift shop & the new Women's Closet, the Walter Reed Christmas party, Crop Walk, Breast Cancer Walk, Head Start, Wreaths Across America, Boonsboro Middle School's Positive Behavior Incentive Plan (PBIS), the Department Children & Youth project "Believe in Tomorrow's Children's House" at John's Hopkins, and to various

The yard sale & craft vendor show were both very successful. Tables were sold out for both events!!

The annual Children's Christmas Party was held December 4 at the Post home with 74 children in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the magic show by the Wacky Wizard (Michael Brezler). The children were delighted by a special arrival by Santa on a Firetruck. Our jolly Santa then visited with each child & presented them with a gift. Thank You to all who donated to the party (local businesses, Post Units, member donations, and especially the Friday night bingo players). Also, a big Thank You to all the volunteers, Santa & his Elves, and Post 10 staff. The party would not have been a success without the combined efforts of everyone.

The Martinsburg VA continues to be closed to volunteers but through the generous donations of our members & the Units of the Post we have provided canteen cards, socks, sweats, pajamas, thermals, Christmas cards, and various toiletries.

A delicious meal was served to Veterans and their families on Veterans Day. We also provided a meal and cake to those who participated in the Veterans Day program at Boonsboro High School

The Red Cross has scheduled blood drives at the Post for the following dates: Jan. 9, 2023, Mar. 13, 2023, May 8, 2023. Please be sure to register ahead of time on the Red Cross website. Masks are optional currently. Remember your donation may save someone's life.

The Americanism Essay contest details have been delivered to the schools, Boonsboro, Greenbriar and Pleasant Valley Elementary, Boonsboro Middle School, Heritage Academy and Boonsboro Library. This year's theme is "What Does Patriotism Mean to You?" Categories are children in grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and students with special needs. Essays are due by February 1 and winners will be honored at our April 2023 meeting. Parents can check with the child's school for the information.

The Unit sponsors a \$1000.00 scholarship each year to a graduating high school senior. To be eligible for this scholarship one of the applicants' parents, grandparents or guardian must be a member of Clopper Michael Post 10, Auxiliary Unit 10, or SAL Squadron 10 consecutively for the past two (2) years. The candidate must request and return an application and appropriate forms to the Unit# 10 chairperson Cindy Kauffman, by May 1, 2023. Mrs. Kauffman's phone number is 301-432-6254. Applications will also be available at the Post or at the high school after the first of the year. Check with the High School for information.

Upcoming events include "Sweats for Vets" for the Martinsburg VA during the early weeks of January and a combined SAL/AUX Valentine's bonanza in February.

Thanks to everyone who continues to support the Auxiliary by purchasing tickets for our jar raffles & our various miscellaneous items on Thursday nights.



### **Legion Riders Report**

The Legion Riders had a very successful year and we were able to go on several rides this past riding season. The ALR was also able to hold many successful fundraisers this past year!

We were thrilled that we could come together with the other units of the Legion to be able to donate Christmas gifts to the veteran's at Northpoint. This is something that the ALR is very proud to be able to be a part every year.

The ALR held their 2nd annual Bike and Car show on October 9th. We had beautiful weather and are looking forward to holding our 3rd annual show next year. We appreciate everyone that came out to support that event.

We were also able to participate in the 90th annual Brunswick Veteran's Day parade on November 6th.

We were also honored to help escort the Wreaths Across America truck alongside the Leatherneck MC (Veteran riding group), as it made its way from Williamsport to Antietam National Cemetery. They had a wonderful ceremony and we were able to help lay just over 3200 wreaths to honor our veterans. For anyone willing to help, the wreath cleanup day will be January 14th at 10am with a rain/snow date of January 22nd.

The ALR is busy planning our next event, the 2nd Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance which will be held on Saturday, March 25th. Dad's grab your daughters and get dressed up for An Enchanted Evening. Tickets will include light refreshments and a photo op. Cash bar will be available along with several raffle items for both Dads and

Daughters. Tickets for this event will go on sale at the end of January!

The ALR rides on the 2nd Saturday and 4th Sunday of every month. Please see an ALR member for more information.

Currently, the ALR has 26 active members and we are always looking to grow our chapter. Like to ride and wish to show support for our veterans? The ALR chapter meets at the Post on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except during the winter. We are welcoming new members that meet the Chapter's eligibility requirements. The core conditions are as follows:

- 1. Must be a member in good standing with The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion.
- 2. Must own a legally registered motorcycle or be the legally registered owner's spouse within the state of registration. The motorcycle must be at least 650ccs.
- 3. All operators must be properly licensed and insured per state laws.
- 4. Cannot be a member of another ALR group.
- 5. Pay \$15 dues.

If you don't own a motorcycle, the Chapter also welcomes supporting, non-voting members. The essential requirements mirror numbers 1, 4 and 5 above.

The ALR recognizes children are our future. Junior membership is a way for them to learn about the ALR and our mission. Boys and girls from birth to the age of 18 are eligible through an ALR family member who is in good standing. Junior members shall pay dues in the amount of \$1. Their membership runs on the same fiscal year as the ALR. Junior members shall not hold an office or have voting rights.

The ALR runs on a fiscal year from July 1st to June 30th. Proof of eligibility is required annually by each member.

On behalf of the American Legion Riders, I would like to wish all Post 10 members a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Warmest Regards, Brad Rohrer ALR Post 10 Director 301-964-0079

#### **Logos Needed for New Mural**

Military Unit Patches can still be added to the Event Hall mural. Cost is \$40 per application. Please send email requests w/ jpeg attachment to: crprice587@gmail.com

#### Kitchen News

#### **Sunday Breakfast**

8:00a.m. - 11:30a.m. Full Breakfast Menu available

#### **Sunday:**

Large Thin Crust Pizza - Half Price Noon - 7:30p.m.

#### **Monday**

AYCE Wings \$13.00

#### **Tuesday**

Taco Tuesday

## Thursday

Steak Night

#### Friday Specials

01/06 - Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo

01/13 - Bacon Wrapped Scallops

01/20 - Homemade Meatloaf

01/27 - Pan Fried Pork Chops

02/03 - Herb Roasted Chicken

02/10 - Stuffed Flounder

02/17 - 10 oz. Prime Rib

02/24 - Half Rack Ribs

03/03 - Chicken Cordon Bleu

03/10 - Crab Cakes

03/17 - Stuffed Peppers

03/24 - Stuffed Pork Chop

03/31 - Baked Haddock

## **Upcoming of Events**

#### **Live Music**

The post will be hosting live music in the ballroom. There will be a \$5 cover charge and music will be 8:00-11:00.

January 28th - Bobby D & The Truckstop Burritos February 18th - Bobby D & The Truckstop Burritos March 11th - High Tide

#### **AYCE Shrimp & Crab Legs Feed**

Sunday, January 22nd 1:00 - 4:00

\$50 per person (Tickets available at bar)

#### **Texas Holdem Bonanza**



February 15, 2023 \$50 per player Entrance Fee must be purchased prior to 2/3/2023

#### Valentine's Bonanza



February 11, 2023 \$40 per couple (Tickets available at bar) Includes Dinner, Legion Milk, Soft Drinks, Drawing and Dance

#### **Membership Feed**

Sunday, March 26th 1:00 - 4:00

\$5 Ticket Required (Members will be reimbursed at door)

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