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Commander's Report

We welcome the promise of spring's arrival. Some old fashion things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat as we enjoy the improving weather and the sights and sounds of spring. The arrival of spring marks the completion of the Legion year which ends in June with the election of officers for 2023-2024. Our nomination committee is now accepting nominations for the 6/14 election. Want to have a say in how your Post operates, consider accepting nomination for an office to include the Board of Directors for which several openings exist.

American Legion membership continues to be a concern as we continue to lose older veterans. You are encouraged to invite new applicants or renewals as retention is also a concern. However, I am pleased to announce that as of this writing Post 10 is leading District 7 in membership % with only 37 more members to make our goal which hasn't been attained in many years.

As the spring flowers bloom so do Legion activities beginning with the Sat. 4/8 Easter Egg hunt at Shafer Park by the police station followed by an Easter buffet on Easter Sunday. Watch for the information posters for the buffet, Mother's Day and Father's Day dinners.

Volunteers are invited to place flags on the graves of veterans for Memorial Day which will occur on Sat. 5/20 at the Boonsboro Cemetery beginning at 8:30 am. Removal will occur the same time on Sat. 6/3. Consider attending the Memorial Day celebrations in Sharpsburg on Sat. 5/27 and Boonsboro on Sun. 5/28. The Post 10 Honor Guard continues to participate in both of these events.

Post 10 will once again celebrate Flag Day with a flag retirement ceremony and picnic beginning at 1:00 pm at our pavilion on Sunday 6/11.

Upcoming events of interest in addition to those mentioned previously:

- 1) 4/15 Western Maryland Regional Reception hosted by Post 10.
- 2) 4/22 Bobby D. and the Truck Stop Burritos – open to the public
- 3) 5/6 Indoor Yard Sale
- 4) 5/7 Honor Guard Fish Fry. Tickets available at the bar or and Honor Guard member.
- 5) 5/21 Legion Riders Bike Show.
- 6) 5/27 Bobby D. and the Truck Stop Burritos - open to the public.
- 7) 5/27 Post 10 Baseball Team Bash in the pavilion. Tickets available at the bar.
- 6) 6/4 SAL Gun Bonanza
- 9) 6/24 Bobby D. and the Truck Stop Burritos – open to the public.

Please note that you must be 21 to attend the live music events and Karaoke.

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

Squadron #10 SAL News

Spring is upon us as we just got through winter and the lack of snow, which I know made some people happy and some sad but onto the warmer weather. 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 7:00pm with tickets being taken until 6:30pm. We had great turnout and support on our March Gun bonanza and our February Texas hold-em bonanza tournament, we want to say thank you for your efforts to support the S.A.L.

We have our June 4th 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 will have the tickets for sale so reach out to us to get yours because they go fast. 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 plans to do another Texas hold-em Bonanza on June 15th, where players will play Texas hold-em for cash prizes. There is limited seating available so find your active SAL member for tickets. We currently have been doing a wear and carry raffle where the prizes are 5 different pistols that fit the wear and carry size profile, tickets are available at the bar and your active members should have them, we are working with Antietam Firearms in Funkstown on this raffle so the winners will pick up the firearm from their shop so this one is close to Boonsboro. 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 is always doing something at the post, a raffle, an event something to keep things interesting 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 low ball tournament 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 7:00pm but come early for dinner then the meeting. We have elections coming up in June-July so if you want to be a part of the SAL come join us for our meeting and let your voice be heard. 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 Apr - Jun 2023

April

- 1 Karaoke 8:00
- 3 Board Meeting 6:00
- 7 Post Bingo 7:00
- 8 Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 Shaffer Park by the Police Station
- 11 Post Meetings 7:00
- 14 Post Bingo 7:00
- 15 Western Maryland Regional Reception hosted by Post 10
- 17 Board Meeting 6:00
- 21 Post Bingo 7:00
- 22 Horseshoe Tournament 12:30
- 22 Live Music (Bobby D and the Truckstop Burritos) 8:00 11:00
- 25 Legion Riders Meeting 7:00
- 28 Post Bingo 7:00

May

- 1 Board Meeting 6:00
- 5 Post Bingo 7:00
- 6 Indoor Yard Sale 7:00 2:00
- 6 Karaoke 8:00
- 7 Honor Guard Fish Fry 1:00 4:00
- 8 Blood Drive 12:00 6:00
- 9 Post Meetings 7:00
- 12 Post Bingo 7:00
- 15 Board Meeting 6:00
- 19 Post Bingo 7:00
- 20 Horseshoe Tournament 12:30
- 21 National Pike Wagon Train (~12:30 @ Shafer Park)
- 21 Place flags on Veteran's graves (8:30 @ Boonsboro Cemetery)
- 22 Horseshoe Tournament 12:30
- 23 Legion Riders Meeting 7:00
- 26 Post Bingo 7:00
- 27 Sharpsburg Memorial Day Parade 2:00
- 27 Post 10 Baseball Team Bash in the pavilion ?????
- 27 Live Music (Bobby D and the Truckstop Burritos) 8:00 11:00
- 28 Boonsboro Memorial Day Parade 2:00

June

- 2 Post Bingo 7:00
- 3 Pick up flags on Veteran's graves (8:30 @ Boonsboro Cemetery)
- 3 Karaoke 8:00
- 4 SAL Gun Bonanza (Doors open at 11:00)
- 5 Board Meeting 6:00
- 9 Post Bingo 7:00
- 11 Flag Retirement Ceremony 1:00
- 13 Post Meetings
- 16 Post Bingo 7:00
- 19 Board Meeting 6:00
- 23 Post Bingo 7:00
- 24 Horseshoe Tournament 12:30
- 24 Live Music (Bobby D and the Truckstop Burritos) 8:00 11:00
- 27 Legion Riders Meeting 7:00
- 30 Post Bingo 7:00

New Washington County Hospice Program for Veterans

Hospice of Washington County have initiated a veterans committee to honor veterans with an end of life pinning ceremony in the home or at Doey's House. They are looking for some volunteers to join them. If interested call Barry Kerstetter at 301-639-7739 and he can refer you to the Hospice of Washington County volunteer coordinator.

They have also started a vet-to-vet program to ensure our veterans the best possible end of life care. To do this Hospice is seeking veteran volunteers to be companions to other veterans during their end of life journey. For more information about these and other opportunities, please call 301-791-6360 ext 140 or email volunteer@hospiceofwc.org.

News from the Auxiliary

Spring is here and warmer weather is just around the corner. The Auxiliary is looking forward to continuing to support the Post, our local veterans, and our local community.

The Auxiliary held their Americanism essay contest in March. The theme was "What does Patriotism mean to you?". Thank you to all the principals, teachers, and schools who encouraged the students to participate. We had 103 entries this year, so we want to send a special thank you to our judges. Congratulations to the following winners who will be honored at our April 2023 meeting.

Group 1 - 1st - Zoey Eiring; 2nd - Morgan G. Fourr; 3rd place -Isla Hines

Group 2 - 1st - Keira Deckhut; 2nd - Romy Jackson; 3rd - Lucy Matthews

Group 3 - 1st - Lana M. Brown Group 4 - 1st - Dylan Painter

The Auxiliary sponsors a \$1000.00 scholarship each year to a graduating high school senior. This year the Post has given us additional funds to put towards scholarships so we may be able to offer up to four \$1,000 scholarships. 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. Applications and appropriate forms must be returned to the Auxiliary chairperson Cindy Kauffman, by May 1, 2023. Mrs. Kauffman's phone number is 301-432-6254. Applications are available at the Post or at the high school.

The Auxiliary will be assisting the Post with an Easter egg hunt on Apr. 8, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in Shafer Park. Use the entrance to the park by the Police station. Children through age 10 are welcome to attend.

May is "Poppy Month". Poppies are available at the Post and distributed at various activities that Miss Poppy attends. The monies received are used towards the rehabilitation of our Veterans and helping their family's welfare.

The Auxiliary will host an in-door yard sale on May 6, 2023, from 7-2. Tables are \$10.00 each. Contact Micki Price at 301-785-0327 to reserve a table or for information. Breakfast sandwiches will be available for sale. We will also have a baked goods table with lots of goodies for purchase.

The next blood drive at the Post will be on May 8, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please register ahead of time on the Red Cross website. Remember your donation may save a life.

On May 21, 2023, the Auxiliary will be selling hot dogs, snacks, and water at the National Pike Wagon Train event in Shafer Park. Approximate arrival time for Wagon Train is 12:30 p.m.

On Saturday May 27, 2023, Unit #10 will be participating in the Sharpsburg Parade. Events begin at 11:00 with a ceremony at the memorial monuments in town square. The parade begins at 2:00. On Sunday May 28, 2023, Unit #10 will be participating in the annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony in Boonsboro. The Memorial Ceremony will begin at 1:00pm at the Memorial Monument in front of Town Hall and the parade will follow at 2:00pm

The God and Country ceremony at Camp Wes Mar will be on June 11, 2023. Details to follow

The Auxiliary continues to support the VA Center & the Women's Boutique in Martinsburg, WV. Recent donations include money towards Valentine's bags for the Vets, several items requested by the Women's Boutique, and numerous food items. The Post, Auxiliary, and SAL all donated to VA's National Golden Age Games which sends Veterans to Des Moines, IA to compete in swimming, cycling, bowling, and air rifle events. These games assist senior Veterans in an active and healthy lifestyle.

The 2023 membership dues are \$25.00 for seniors and \$5.00 for juniors. If you have not paid, please do so as soon as possible so that your benefits are not disrupted. Over the past few months, we have added a lot of new members and we welcome everyone to join us at our monthly meetings the 2 nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. If you know of anyone interested in joining the Aux. stop in and get an application. Join us and help support our Veterans and Community.

Please remember to say Thank You to our Veterans for their service and pray for our Military, their families, First Responders & Healthcare Workers. God Bless our Veterans and God Bless America!!

Kendra Cole, Auxiliary President (301-465-0239)

Legion Riders Report

Spring is here and the Legion riders are ready for a great riding season. We have resumed meetings from our winter break and are in full swing planning rides and events for the upcoming spring, summer and fall.

The Legion Riders have begun planning our 3rd Annual Bike and Car show on May 13th from 10am-3pm. This has been a great event and we look forward to another successful event this year.

The Legion Riders are very excited to announce that the MD Gold Star Legacy Ride will be making a stop at our Post on June 10th between 9:30am -10:30am with approximately 60-80 motorcycles for anyone that would like to come out and support and meet some of the riders before they hit the road to their next stop in Annapolis. The MD Gold Star Legacy Run is a charity ride to raise money for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship fund. This fund provides scholarships to the children of soldiers killed since 9/11 and to the children of disabled soldiers since 9/11. We are very proud that we have been chosen as one of the Posts on the ride this year!

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 and junior members. The essential requirements mirror numbers 1, 4 and 5 above.

Brad Rohrer ALR Director 301-964-0079

Upcoming Elections

The American Legion, the Sons of the Legion, the Auxiliary Unit and the Legion Riders are all taking nominations for officers. Elections will be held at the June meetings which will held June 13th for all units except the Legion Riders which will be June 27th. If you would like to help make a difference in our Post please consider running for an office. Just reach out to a current officer from any unit. All current officers are listed on the last page of the newsletter.

Easter Buffet Sunday, April 9, 2023 ~ 1:00 - 4:00 Adults - \$19.95; Age 6-10 - \$9.95; 5 & Under - Free

Prime Rib, Oven Roasted Turkey & Steamed Shrimp Mac and Cheese, Steamed Broccoli with Cheese Oven Roasted Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables Cranberry Sauce, Deviled Eggs, Pickled Eggs Salad Bar and Assorted Desserts

Military Display Case

The Post is still looking for items for the display case located in the front entrance by the dining room. If you have any military items or history that you might have and want to share with others please let us know. Donations should be limited to a size that could fit in the case.

Member Honor/ Recognition Board

Did you know that the Post has a recognition board located in the Social Room where you can honor a veteran or present and past Post member (Veterans, SAL or Auxiliary) for a minimum sum? Veterans recognition may include their branch of service, conflict served, medals received, etc. See a Post officer if interested in adding yourself or a loved one to this Honor Board.

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

04/07 - Sirloin Pot Roast

04/14 - Southern Fried Catfish

04/21 - BBQ Ribs

04/28 - Chicken Saltimbocca

05/05 - Corned Beef & Cabbage

05/12 - Bacon Wrapped Scallops

05/19 - Pan Fried Pork Chops

05/26 - Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo

06/02 - 8 oz. Sirloin Steak

06/09 - Stuffed Flounder

06/16 - 1/2 BBQ Chicken

06/23 - Beef Stroganoff

06/30 - 8 oz. Salmon Filet

Live Music

The post will be hosting Bobby D. & the Truckstop Burritos in the ballroom on the following dates:

April 22nd, May 27th & June 24th

There will be a \$5 cover charge and music will be 8:00-11:00.

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Clopper-Michael Post 10 Family Fund

The Family Fund is a committee consisting of representatives from each Post 10 group, Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion, American Legion Riders and Honor Guard. The committee was organized to address immediate requests for assistance from either Legion members or members of our community. The request may be for money, goods (ex: VA Center veteran supplies or bottled water after a disaster) or service (physical help building or maintaining a home/business). Members of this committee are Ron Moats, Kendra Cole, Keith Cameron, Bud Price, Brad Rohrer, Bud Price, Carol Long and Dawn Lowery.

The Family Fund will be holding a Low-Ball Tournament on April 30, 2023, in the Post banquet room. The doors open at 11AM. The Tournament will start at 1PM. Pizza as well as other light fare will be served buffet style. Legion milk and soda are included. A CASH bar will be available. Registration is \$200 per 2-person team (\$100 per person). A sign-up board is in the Bar. ONLY 25 teams will be allowed. If anyone has questions, please see the flyer in the Bar or contact Keith Cameron. This event will fill up fast so don't wait ...SIGN UP!!

Keep an eye out for more Family Fund events and raffles as we move forward.

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Dave Ambrose
Joe Layos
Kevin Holtz

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Bud Price Pat Patterson Al Resh

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2nd Vice Commander
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