

CLOPPER-MICHAEL
POST #10
BOONSBORO, MD 21713
301-432-5695



CLO-MIC



WWW.BOONSBOROLEGION.ORG

JAN - MAR 2024

Commander's Report

Another year has come and gone. I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We made it to 2024 and things are looking great for this New Year. I hope that everyone had a safe and family-oriented holiday and I wish each of you a Happy New Year.

The Post membership for 2024 is in full swing so make sure you send in your membership dues. This new year, our membership dues will increase to \$40 per member starting July 1, 2024. It was discussed and voted on at the December monthly Legion meeting. The reason for the increase is at the 104th National Convention the delegates voted to increase the National per capita dues rate by \$5 beginning July 1, 2024. Also, new for 2024, there will be Multi-year (3-year) membership option for individual members renewing online. When renewing at the Post, only the single year option is available. National has proposed two dates for the option to go live. Those dates are December 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024. This pilot program is only available for Legion membership and does not apply to Sons of the American Legion.

The Post Oratorical contest will be held at Post 42 on January 23, 2024. This is an excellent time

to see our young men and women give a presentation on our Constitution. The winners of the competition will compete at the State level. Any questions concerning the Oratorical contest should be directed to Ron Moats and Joe Rathvon Post 42 Commander.

Once again, our yearly calendar sale was completed successfully. Many thanks to all of our sellers in making this fundraiser a huge success. Good luck to those who purchased calendars and thank you for participating.

Upcoming is the American Legion baseball 2024 season. Last year our team was very successful in winning the P.O. Faulkner Tournament hosted by Berkeley Post 14 and won the Western MD District Championship for 2023. Please consider coming out to support our teams next year.

Starting January 1, 2024, the Dining room will be open on Fridays from 5-8pm. Consider coming out and enjoying a relaxing atmosphere and good fellowship.

Our 2024 Post Membership Feed will be held on Sunday, March 10th from 12-3pm. You must purchase a ticket at the bar so we can ascertain

the number of attendees. Member's money will be returned upon attendance. Ticket will go on sale soon. Watch our Facebook page for an announcement.

Consider following the Facebook page for the Boonsboro American Legion Post 10. The Legion uses Facebook to promote events, daily food specials and weekly drink specials. It's a great way to stay informed of things happening at our Legion.

Lastly, our Post meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm. We would like to increase attendance at our meetings so please mark your calendars. The Post is here for its Veterans and we encourage you to stop by and enjoy the camaraderie with fellow Veterans.

Although winter has just begun, think positive. Spring is right around the corner.

Yours in Fellowship,
David (DJ) Drawbaugh, Commander
djdrawing@gmail.com

Squadron #10 SAL News

Winter is upon us as we're getting done with a nice Fall and we hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's Eve so on to the cold weather and the chance of snow. Good luck to all the kids heading into their winter sports, we wish you luck in this upcoming season. We would like to remind all our parents that we have Jr memberships for the kids and the Honor Guard is in need of members to assist in their events and parades so let those young guys and gals know that they can help out big time.

The SAL has been continuing the Queen of hearts drawings and would love our members to come check it out and try your luck, The last winner walked away with \$2250 and don't forget drawings are on Tuesday nights at 7pm with tickets being sold until 630pm (2024 QOH will start in February).

We have great reviews on the new handheld pew-pew jar at the bar and we hope to continue that on the regular with the support of Antietam Firearms so check out the TRAIN GAME for a chance at \$1000 and a Firearm, we want to say thank you for your efforts to support the S.A.L.

We had our October Gun Bonanza and we had a good turnout and a great time. Keep an eye out for the next one that will be on March

3rd 2024 and Berkley Springs trading Post is supplying the firearms and they never disappoint. Don't forget about our February 25th Poker Bonanza that's always a good time. 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, it's 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 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. We hope to see everyone around the club in the upcoming months especially for the many events that are at the club, like Bingo, Bonanzas, cornhole, low ball. There's always something going on.

The SAL did have a board member change, Bo Quinn has chosen to step down from 3rd vice and Mike Smith has been elected as the new 3rd vice so congratulate him when you see him.

Don't forget your dues for your 2024 membership which can be paid at the bar, just leave a check or cash in an envelope with your name and address on the envelope. The dues for 2024 are \$25 if paid before 12/31 and \$30 if paid past the discount date. Come on by the post and get a good meal and pay those dues to make sure you get your new 2024 membership card, and don't forget a train game ticket.

I want to remind you that the SAL meetings are in the post on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, typically in the dining room at 7pm but come earlier for dinner then join the meeting. 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, The Post 10 SAL donates over 30K a year so we need your help.

Be safe and do your best to stay warm.

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

Calendar of Events Jan - Mar 2024

January

- 1 - Post Closed - Happy New Year
- 5 - Post Bingo 7:00
- 6 - Karaoke 8:00
- 8 - Blood Drive 1:00 - 6:00
- 9 - Post Meetings 7:00
- 12 - Post Bingo 7:00
- 13 - Live Music - The Mighty Orbits 8:00 - 11:00
- 15 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 19 - Post Bingo 7:00
- 23 - Post Oratorical Contest 7:00
- 26 - Post Bingo 7:00

February

- 1 - Auxiliary Americanism Essays due
- 2 - Post Bingo 7:00
- 3 - Karaoke 8:00
- 5 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 9 - Post Bingo 7:00
- 10 - Live Music - Stone Country Band 8:00 - 11:00
- 13 - Post Meetings 7:00
- 16 - Post Bingo 7:00
- 16 - Live music in the bar - The Tans 7:00 - 10:00
- 17 - Aux/SAL Cash Bonanza - doors open at 5:00
- 19 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 23 - Post Bingo 7:00
- 25 - SAL Poker Bonanza - doors open at 11:00

March

- 1 - Post Bingo 7:00
- 3 - SAL Gun Bonanza - doors open at 11:00
- 4 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 8 - Post Bingo 7:00
- 8 - Live music in the bar - Brian Nichols 8:00 - 11:00
- 10 - Membership Feed 12:00 - 3:00
- 11 - Blood Drive 1:00 - 6:00
- 12 - Post Meetings
- 15 - Post Bingo 7:00
- 18 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 22 - Post Bingo 7:00
- 26 - ALR Meeting 7:00
- 29 - Post Bingo 7:00
- 30 - ALR Daddy/Daughter Dance - doors open at 5:30
- 30 - Easter Egg Hunt at Shaffer Park 1:00

Congratulations Post 10 Legion Baseball team. 2023 Western MD District Champions



News from the Auxiliary

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I wish everyone good health and happiness in 2024!! The Auxiliary is looking forward to another exciting year supporting our Veterans, our community, and the various Post functions.

The Auxiliary was busy over the past few months with Blood Drives; a craft/vendor show; honoring our Vets at Sterling Nursing home with a gift bag, cake, and punch; the Children's Christmas Party; providing Christmas gifts for the North Point Vets; and participating in numerous other Post functions. In addition, we made donations to the following: VA Hospital in Martinsburg including canteen cards for the Vets, the VA Christmas gift shop & VA Women's Boutique, the Walter Reed Christmas party, Crop Walk, Breast Cancer Walk, Head Start, and Wreaths Across America.

The Craft and Vendor show held in early November was very successful, tables were sold out. We are planning another one in early Nov. 2024. Watch for future announcements for this event. The annual Children's Christmas Party was held December 3rd at the Post with 63 children in attendance. Santa visited with each child and 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, thank you to all the volunteers including members from the Post Units, Girl Scouts, and Santa and his Elves. A good time was had by all thanks to the combined efforts of everyone.

The Red Cross has scheduled blood drives at the Post for the following dates: Jan. 8, 2024, Mar. 11, 2024, May 13, 2024, July 8, 2024. Please register ahead of time on the Red Cross website. 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, Rockland Woods Elementary school, and Boonsboro Library. This year's theme is "What Does Freedom Mean to Me?" Categories are children in grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and students with special needs. Home schooled students are also eligible to submit an essay. Essays are due by February 1 and winners will be honored at our April 2024 meeting. Parents can check with the child's school for the information or contact Cindy Kaufman at 301-432-6254.

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 Unit #10 chairperson Cindy Kauffman, by May 1, 2024. 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.

Upcoming events include "Sweats for Vets" for the Martinsburg VA during the early weeks of January, a combined SAL/AUX money bonanza in February, Easter egg hunt 3/30/24, and a yard sale in early April.

Thanks to everyone who continues to support the Auxiliary's program and projects by purchasing tickets for our 50/50's, jar raffles and other miscellaneous items on Thursday & Friday nights. The 2023-2024 membership dues are \$35.00 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 7:00 at the Post home. Join us to help support our Veterans, Children and Community!!

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

Kendra Cole
Auxiliary President
(301-465-0239)

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.

We were also able to participate in the 91st annual Brunswick Veteran's Day parade on November 5th.

We were 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. Wreath clean-up will be Saturday, January 13th at 10am with a snow date of January 20th. If anyone is available and willing to help with wreath clean-up it would be much appreciated.

The ALR is busy planning our next event, the 3rd Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance which will be held on Saturday, March 30th. Dad's grab your daughters and get dressed up for An Evening in the Secret Garden. 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 in January! Check out our Facebook page for more details and to follow the link to purchase your tickets.

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 Director
301-964-0079

SAL & Auxiliary "Date Night" Bonanza

February 17, 2024
\$40 per couple

Includes Dinner, Legion Milk, Soft Drinks,
Drawing and Dance

(Tickets available at bar)

Kitchen News

Sunday:

Large Thin Crust Pizza - Half Price
AYCE Wings \$13.00
Noon - 7:30p.m.

Monday

AYCE Wings \$13.00
Domestic Draft Beers \$2.00

Tuesday

Taco Tuesday

Wednesday

Burger Night

Thursday

Steak Night

Friday

Weekly Bartender's featured drink specials
Dining room open 5:00 - 8:00

Friday Specials

01/05 - Marinated Pork Shank
01/12 - Shrimp Stuffed Mahi
01/19 - Chicken Saltimbocca
01/26 - Prime Rib
02/02 - BBQ Ribs
02/09 - Tropical Haddock
02/16 - Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo
02/23 - Sirloin Pot Roast
03/01 - Pork Chops in Mushroom Gravy
03/08 - Stuffed Flounder
03/15 - 1/2 BBQ Chicken
03/22 - Beef Stroganoff
03/29 - Bacon Wrapped Scallops

New Years Eve Celebration

\$35 per person
Includes Dinner, Legion Milk, Soda
Champagne toast and snacks at Midnight
Music by Joe Brown

(Tickets available at bar)

Membership Feed

Sunday, March 10, 2024 ~ 12:00 - 3:00
\$5 Ticket Required (Members will be reimbursed at door)

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 13th - The Mighty Orbits
February 10th - Stone Country Band

The **CLO-MIC** News

POST PAPER OF
CLOPPER-MICHAEL POST #10
AMERICAN LEGION
710 N. MAIN ST.
BOONSBORO, MD 21713

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 127
Hagerstown, MD

Legion Officers:

<i>Commander</i>	Dave Drawbaugh
<i>1st Vice Commander</i>	Dave Letendre
<i>2nd Vice Commander</i>	Kevin Holtz
<i>3rd Vice Commander</i>	Patrick (Chase) Burnett
<i>Judge Advocate</i>	Ron Moats
<i>Adjutant</i>	Joe Layos
<i>Service Officer</i>	Kevin Holtz
<i>Treasurer</i>	Larry Rowe / Joe Layos
<i>Historian</i>	Dave Leever
<i>Chaplain</i>	Jason Stover
<i>Sgt. At Arms</i>	Al Resh
<i>Board of Directors</i>	Ronda Poffenberger, Dave Drawbaugh, Gary Haugh, Kevin Holtz, Dave Letendre, Terry Walsh, Tim Wheeler, Dave Diaz, Larry Rowe
<i>Color Guard</i>	George Harting, Al Resh

S.A.L. Officers:

<i>Commander</i>	Keith Cameron
<i>1st Vice Commander</i>	Curt Conway
<i>2nd Vice Commander</i>	Nathan Semler
<i>3rd Vice Commander</i>	Michael Smith
<i>Adjutant</i>	Dave Berry
<i>Secretary</i>	Dave Gilroy
<i>Finance Officer</i>	Howard W. Long
<i>Sgt. At Arms</i>	Brad Rohrer
<i>Chaplain</i>	Charles "Skip" Kauffman
<i>Historian</i>	Loren Norris
<i>Membership</i>	Wayne Lowery

Auxiliary Officers:

<i>President</i>	Kendra Cole
<i>1st Vice President</i>	Cindy Smith
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	Dawn Lowery
<i>Treasurer</i>	Cindy Kauffman
<i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	Carol Long
<i>Secretary</i>	Kim Letendre
<i>Corr. Secretary</i>	Carol Long
<i>Historian</i>	Dawn Lowery
<i>Chaplain</i>	Georgette Price
<i>Sgt. At Arms</i>	Cindy Gilroy
<i>Color Bearers</i>	Dawn Scofield Melody Lescalleet
<i>Executive Committee</i>	Cindy Kauffman Cindy Gilroy Kim Letendre

Legion Riders Officers

<i>Director</i>	Brad Rohrer
<i>Asst. Director</i>	Keith Cameron
<i>Road Captain</i>	Glenn Sanders
<i>Asst. Road Captain</i>	Paul Rohrer
<i>Secretary</i>	Alex Rohrer
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sabrina Toothman
<i>Membership Chair</i>	Open Position
<i>Sgt. At Arms</i>	Cody Moore
<i>Chaplain</i>	Daniel Fraley
<i>Historian</i>	Cricket Fraley
<i>Webmaster</i>	Alex Rohrer
<i>Liaison</i>	Cody Moore

Post 10 Staff:

<i>Club Manager</i>	Greg Bishop
---------------------	-------------