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JAN - MAR 2025

Commander's Report

Another year has ended and a new one is beginning. I hope everyone had a joyous and safe holiday season and that 2025 is a special and successful year for you. My first few months of being the commander of Post 10 has been quite the experience which I have enjoyed and have learned what it means to be the commander. I have had the pleasure of getting to meet and know more of the membership. I look forward to continuing to meet more members and enhance my knowledge of legion activities. We have had some struggles with equipment failures, building repairs, and other opportunities but we came together as one legion and turned these issues into success. Thank you to all that assisted in making Post 10 our home that everyone can enjoy.

Our solar panel project has been progressing, as of this writing, we have made the electrical tie in to our main panel and the lights have been installed along the structure to illuminate our parking lot. There is still additional work to do, installing the decking under the panels, painting, etc. but the system is now producing electricity. The energy that the panels produce will help to control our electrical costs.

The post is sponsoring the oratorical contest on January 21, 2025 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in our dining room. Please come out to see and support our contestants.

We will be having our annual membership feed on March 16, 2025 from noon to 3:00 pm. You must purchase a ticket at the bar so that we can determine the amount of food that is needed for the number of attendees. The cost of the ticket will be five dollars and will be returned upon attendance at the feed.

The Honor Guard fish fry is scheduled for April 6, 2025 from noon to 3:00 pm. The tickets will go on sale in March. If you still have not paid your dues for 2025, please do so soon, membership cards will be checked at the feed and other post activities.

We have a few changes that will be occurring next year; first, we will start emailing copies of the Clo-Mic to members in the second quarter of 2025. We will not be mailing out copies but will have copies available at the post for members who do not have email. If we do not have your email address yet, please send a request to legionboonsboro@gmail.com so that you do not miss out on any updates.

To comply with the State of Maryland smoking regulations of not permitting smoking of any type within 25 feet of building openings. We will be establishing a designated smoking area under the roofing of the solar panels, once the project has been completed. We will have a table, butt cans, and trash can available in this area. Anyone using this area must help to keep the area

clean. We want all tobacco users to be able to enjoy the area, so please no food or drinks in this area. It is for tobacco users only.

Our Post meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month and all members are welcome to attend. We are always looking for suggestions for new activities and ways to make improvements that will be cost effective for the post. Please feel free to bring your ideas to a meeting or share them with a board member. We continue to look for ways to make improvements that will support our Veterans.

I would like to thank all that have supported me these past months and have offered their guidance to assist me with making improvements at the post. There are too many to list in this newsletter but I would like to thank a few that continue to spend countless hours at the post to ensure it is being run for our memberships' enjoyment. A special thank you from me goes out to Tammy Love, Summer Moore, Micki Price, and Curt Conway for their countless hours in supporting their post.

Kevin Holtz, Commander
commander@boonsborolegion.org

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 7:00pm with tickets being taken until 6:30pm. 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 on the 22nd was a good time, we hope you were able to go and have enjoy yourself. Hopefully you won some cash in the mailer raffle or won the safe or rifle's that we raffled off that night. We have some new adds to the club coming this year so keep an eye out for those and we would also like to apologize for the parking issues we had due to the Solar installation, but it's almost done.

The October SAL Gun bonanza went very well, we have our March 2nd 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 so look at our event calendar, We will have a Poker bonanza and February date night bonanza coming up early this year, tickets will available from Auxiliary and SAL board members. 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 will be looking to add a pool table to the post and have league play with the APA of Maryland.

Don't forget your dues for your membership should be paid prior to the end of the year but if you forgot its ok you can still pay your 2025 dues, but it will cost \$30 for the renewal, we have also made the dues a solid \$30 and they

won't go up \$5 after the new year. 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 2025 membership card, so you don't miss out on anything this year. Keep in mind that you must be a paid member with your dues card/receipt to claim a Queen of hearts prize or forfeit the winnings.

I want to remind you that the SAL meetings are at the post on the 2nd Tuesday of the month typically at 7:00pm 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
SALCommander@boonsborolegion.org

Calendar of Events Jan - Mar 2025

January

- 3 - Post Bingo 6:45
- 4 - Karaoke 8:00 - 12:00
- 6 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 10 - Post Bingo 6:45
- 13 - Blood Drive 1:00 - 6:00
- 14 - Post Meetings 7:00
- 17 - Post Bingo 6:45
- 20 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 21 - Oratorical Contest 7:00
- 24 - Post Bingo 6:45
- 26 - BABI Quarter Auction
- 28 - ALR Meeting 7:00
- 31 - Post Bingo 6:45

February

- 1 - Americanism Essays due
- 1 - Karaoke 8:00
- 3 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 7 - Post Bingo 6:45
- 9 - Super Bowl Sunday
- 11 - Post Meetings 7:00
- 14 - Post Bingo 6:45
- 15 - SAL/AUX Cash Bonanza
- 17 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 21 - Post Bingo 6:45
- 22 - SAL Poker Bonanza
- 25 - ALR Meeting 7:00
- 28 - Post Bingo 6:45

March

- 1 - Karaoke 8:00 - 12:00
- 2 - SAL Gun Bonanza - Doors open 11:00
- 3 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 7 - Post Bingo 6:45
- 8 - Boonsboro Titans Bonanza
- 10 - Blood Drive 1:00 - 6:00
- 11 - Post Meetings 7:00
- 14 - Post Bingo 6:45
- 16 - Membership Feed 12:00 - 3:00
- 17 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 21 - Post Bingo 6:45
- 22 - BAAA Gun Bonanza
- 25 - ALR Meeting 7:00
- 28 - Post Bingo 6:45
- 29 - ALR Daddy / Daughter Dance

Newsletter Going Digital Only

This will be the last copy of this newsletter that will be mailed out. Beginning with the next issue it will be available by email only or some hard copies will be available at the post. If you want to receive the newsletter via email please send your request to LegionBoonsboro@gmail.com

News from the Auxiliary

Welcome 2025!!! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. The Auxiliary is looking forward to another exciting year supporting our Veterans, community, and Post functions.

During the last quarter, the Auxiliary was busy with Blood Drives, a craft/vendor show, the Children's Christmas Party, and participating in various functions at the Post.

The Auxiliary appreciates the support from everyone for our various raffles & functions. We continue to support the VA Hospital in Martinsburg including canteen cards & bingo, the Christmas gift shop Women's Boutique, the food pantry, and the Christmas Wishlist. In addition, we have donated to the Walter Reed Christmas party, Crop Walk, Head Start, North Carolina hurricane victims, Wreaths Across America, North Point Vets, the Post's maintenance needs & other community & school functions.

The Craft/Vendor show held in early Nov. was very successful, tables were sold out. We are planning another one in early Nov. 2025. Watch for future announcements for this event.

The annual Children's Christmas Party was held Dec. 8 at the Post with 80 children in attendance. Santa visited with each child & presented them with a gift. The Children enjoyed many games and received a goodie bag, coloring books, & Texas Roadhouse coupons. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event successful through donations (especially the SAL) & purchasing raffle tickets & 50/50 tickets. A big thank you to those who planned & executed the event including members from the Post Units, Girl Scouts, and Santa & his Elves.

The Red Cross has scheduled blood drives at the Post for the following dates: Jan. 13, 2025, Mar. 10, 2025, May 12, 2025, July 7, 2025. 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 and Boonsboro Library. This year's theme is "What Does America the Beautiful Mean to Me?" Categories are children in grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and students with special needs. Essays are due by February 1 and winners will be honored at our April 2025 meeting. Parents can check with the child's school for the information.

The Auxiliary sponsors a \$3000.00 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. Applications will be available at the Post or at the high school by Jan. 31, 2025. Applications and appropriate forms must be returned to the Auxiliary chairperson, Cindy Kauffman, by May 1, 2025 (phone # 301-432-6254). Check with the High School for information.

The Auxiliary sponsors the annual Girls State program. Information for Girls State will be at the high school early in 2025. Girls State is a civic & leadership program for girls in the junior year of high school, private school, or home school. The program is a hands-on application of our democracy. Dates for the 2025 program are June 15-20 at Salisbury University. The application deadline is May 1, 2025. An orientation class is required. For further information, please contact Dawn Lowery at 301-331-7251.

The 2024-2025 membership dues are \$35.00 for seniors and \$10.00 for juniors. Dues reminders will be sent out from our National Headquarters in January. New member 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.

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

Legion Riders Report

I hope everyone had a great fall and Holiday season. As we roll into this winter season, we look forward to getting our Daddy Daughter dance setup and ready as well as plan our spring events. We want to thank everyone for their support of the ALR this year we were able to make a \$7000 donation to the gold star legacy ride/fund and we couldn't do it with your help and we hope to match that donation or even do better for the 2025 season.

The ALR slows down when it starts to get cold but we were able to get a few capture the plaque rides in and also got to escort the wreath truck into Sharpsburg Antietam National Cemetery for the wreaths across America event where we helped to unload the truck and place wreaths on the graves of veterans. This is a great event and if you have never attended you should try to this year.... It's an emotional event but worth it.

We did have a few cookouts at the pavilion and the attendance was great. We sold cheap burgers and dogs with \$2 drafts and sold tip jars which helps us raise funds for our yearly donations to our community , North Point Veterans home, Operation second chance, Gold Star Legacy Ride to name a few. These cookouts were a blast and we will be posting dates for the ones we're doing in 2025 as soon as possible and hopefully we can make 1 of them an Olympics event with games and teams.

Don't forget to pay your Legion Rider dues for 2025 by December 31st. 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 (Nov-Dec-Jan-Feb). 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.
- 6)

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.

Thank you to all of our Post-10 members who show us support and attend our functions... lets ride into 2025 and have NO BAD DAYS!

Keith Cameron, ALR Director
Keithc@wmaelectric.com



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Kitchen News

Sunday Breakfast Dates (8:00 - 11:00)

01/12 and 01/26
02/09 and 02/23
03/09 and 03/23

Sunday Specials (Noon - 7:30)

Large Thin Crust Pizza - Half Price
AYCE Wings \$18.00

Monday

AYCE Wings \$18.00
Domestic Draft Beers \$2.00

Tuesday

Taco Tuesday

Wednesday

Burger Night

Thursday

Chef Special

Friday

Weekly Bartender's featured drink specials

Friday Specials

Friday Specials will be updated weekly on the website.

The Ballroom and Dining Room are available for members to rent at a discounted price. For information you can email Barmanager@boonsborolegion.org

Membership Feed

Sunday, March 16, 2025 ~ 12:00 - 3:00

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

Guest Tickets - \$5

SAL & Auxiliary Cash Bonanza

February 15, 2025
\$40 per couple

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

The Post 10 American Legion Family Fund

Baby it's cold outside!! And for some, it may be cold inside too. Do you know a veteran, and active military family or community member in need of assistance with keeping the heat on this winter? The Family Fund is here to help! Our purpose is to assist with immediate needs within our community. If you have questions or need help please contact any of the Post Commanders.

The Post 10 Family Fund Committee
Kevin Holtz, Kendra Cole, Keith Cameron, Bud Price, Carol Long and Dawn Lowery

The CLO-MIC News

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<i>3rd Vice Commander</i>	Kermit Beard
<i>Judge Advocate</i>	Scotty Werst
<i>Adjutant</i>	Joe Layos
<i>Resource Officer</i>	Chase Burnett
<i>Treasurer</i>	Larry Rowe / Joe Layos
<i>Historian</i>	Dave Leever
<i>Chaplain</i>	Bud Price
<i>Sgt. At Arms</i>	Al Resh
<i>Board of Directors</i>	Gary Haugh, Kevin Holtz, Dave Leever, Dave Letendre, Terry Walsh, Scotty Werst, 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>	Dave Berry
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<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
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<i>Secretary</i>	Kim Letendre
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Legion Riders Officers

<i>Director</i>	Keith Cameron
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<i>Asst. Road Captain</i>	Thomas Fraley
<i>Secretary</i>	Karessa Cameron
<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>	Open / Keith Cameron
<i>Liaison</i>	Cody Moore

Post 10 Staff:

<i>Bar Manager</i>	Tammy Love
<i>Kitchen Manager</i>	Summer Moore