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Commander's Report

Board of Directors - Gary Haugh, Kevin Holtz, Dave Leever, Dave Letendre, Larry Rowe (Board Treasurer). Brad Taylor, Terry Walsh, Scotty Werst, Ron Moats.

If anyone is interested in being more actively involved in the operations of the Post and would like to join the Board of Directors, please see or contact me.

The installation of Officers will be held on Thursday, July 24th with social hour starting at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm, and the installation starting after the meal. Please join us and meet your leadership team for the upcoming year.

The Post meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the ballroom, except for the month of July. We do not have a meeting in July because of the convention and installation of officers meeting. Come out and share your ideas on making improvements to our Post.

I would like offer our congratulations to the following for 50 years of membership at our

> Melvin A. Degrange, Gary P. Gordon, Gary E. Baker, David W. Litton, and Barry L. Taylor.

Please call or send me an email so that we can arrange a celebration in your honor.

As a reminder the Post membership renewal begins July 1st. The Post ended 2025 year with 541 members and missed our goal of 575 by 34 members. So please renew your 2026 membership early and encourage any veterans who are not currently a member to join and so that they can be part of the camaraderie of Post 10. Dues are only \$40 per year.

The Post placed flags on our veteran's graves for the Memorial Day weekend, I would like to thank everyone that helped with this endeavor in honoring our veterans. Our next placement of flags on graves will be in November for Veteran's Day. We also had our first BBQ of the year on May 31st which resulted in sales of almost \$3,000. Thank you to all that supported our BBQ by either volunteering or purchasing the pit beef, ribs, and/or chicken.

I want to thank our bartenders, kitchen staff, and all of our volunteers for their efforts in providing a great service to all our members. They do an amazing job! Thank you, again!

I wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July.

Kevin Holtz, Commander commander@boonsborolegion.org

We are half way through the year and the hot days of summer are already here, the first official day of summer was June 21st and the temperature was in the 90's. It is going to be another hot summer. Things are in full swing at the Post with a number of events like the Wednesday night corn hole tournament, Thursday weekly membership drawing, Friday bingo, and Legion baseball. I would like to thank Chad Coulter and the other coaches for the job they are doing, best of luck for a successful season.

The membership drawing is held every Thursday night at 6:30 pm. Members need to sign the book and donate a \$1 in the weekly drawing box to be eligible for \$500 (if present) or \$250 (if not in attendance at the time of the drawing). Please join us for a nice dinner and a chance at the \$500 prize.

The officers for the 2025 - 2026 year are as follows:

> Commander - Kevin Holtz 1st Vice Commander - Dave Letendre **2nd Vice Commander** – Cody Moore Judge Advocate - Kermit Beard Adjutant – Joe Layos Service Officer – Scotty Werst Treasurer – Joe Layos Historian - Dave Leever Chaplain - Bud Price Sgt. At Arms – Al Resh

Squadron #10 SAL News

Summer is upon us as we're getting done with a nice spring so on to the heat and vacation weather. Congratulations to all of the BHS graduates. We hope you do great things moving into adulthood and congratulations to all of the kids moving up to the next levels of schooling. Freshman and 6 th graders have a whole new challenge ahead of them as well as those going to

college so good luck.

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 on Tuesday nights at 7pm with tickets being sold until 630pm. We had great turnout and support on our June Gun bonanza and we want to say thank you for your efforts to support the S.A.L which is the 2 nd largest SAL in Md. with 721 members registered by the state deadline, Post 166 in Ocean city doubled there membership this year so lets catch them in 2026. The Post S.A.L thanks you for being the great community that you

Don't forget about our October 5th Gun Bonanza and 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 Train game has been going well so stop in and check it out, you can win cash, gun safe (while in stock) or a pistol of your choice from our inventory so make sure you come by the bar and check out the display case. 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.

This year we only had two new nominations for officers, which was Nathan Semler for Commander and Keith Cameron for 2nd Vice commander which was approved at our June meeting. In saying that I want to thank everyone for your support for my 3 years as commander I have had an outreach of thanks and sadness to me stepping down but I have some life tasks that need some attention so I needed a little less responsibility so I'll be around still doing my thing... I'm Post-10 proud. Thank you to Nathan for stepping up as the 2025-26 Commander. We

appreciate your time that you give to the post and the members.

Don't forget your dues for your 2026 membership should be paid prior to the end of 2025, you can start paying for 2026 dues after August 1st. The cost is \$30 for the 2026 dues. Come on by the post and get a good meal and pay those dues to make sure you get your new 2026 membership card. Email me with any issues that you have with your membership, we recommend renewing at the post and not online.

I want to remind you that the SAL meetings are in the post on the 2nd Tuesday of the month typically in the Ballroom or the pavilion if its nice out at 7pm but come early for dinner then 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.

Travel safe over the summer and enjoy the weather.

Respectfully, Keith Cameron, SAL Commander salcommander@boonsborolegion.org

Calendar of Events Apr - Jun 2025

July

- 4 Post Bingo 6:45
- 5 Poker Run
- 7 Board Meeting 6:00
- 7 Blood Drive 1:00 6:00
- 8 NO Post Meetings
- 11 Post Bingo 6:45
- 18 Post Bingo 6:45
- 19 Horseshoe Tournament 12:30
- 24 Installation of Officers 5:00
- 21 Board Meeting 6:00
- 25 Post Bingo 6:45
- 26 Auxiliary Bake Sale
- 26 Honor Guard Car Show
- Registration 9:00 12:00 ~ Awards 3:00
- 27 Honor Guard Car Show Rain Date
- 29 ALR Meeting 7:00

August

- 1 Post Bingo 6:45
- 4 Board Meeting 6:00
- 8 Post Bingo 6:45
- 9 Horseshoe Tournament 12:30
- 12 Post Meetings 7:00
- 15 Post Bingo 6:45
- 18 Board Meeting 6:00
- 22 Post Bingo 6:45
- 26 ALR Meeting 7:00
- 29 Post Bingo 6:45

September

- 1 Board Meeting 6:00
- 5 Post Bingo 6:45
- 6 Post BBQ 12:00 -3:00
- 8 Blood Drive 1:00 6:00
- 9 Post Meetings 7:00
- 12 Post Bingo 6:45
- 13 Horseshoe Tournament 12:30
- 15 Board Meeting 6:00
- 19 Post Bingo 6:45
- 20 Poker Run 12:30
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October

5 - SAL Gun Bonanza - doors open at 11:00

Legion Board Member Needed

If your are interested in serving on the Board of Directors please contact Kevin Holtz (commander@boonsborolegion.org)

Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Monday each month at 6:00

2025 Scholarship Winners

SAL (\$2,000 each)

Jackson Burker
Jakob Davidson
Ava Eby
Madison Faith Henson

Auxiliary/Post 10 (\$3,000 each)

Jakob Davidson Ava Eby

News from the Auxiliary

Summer is here and a new year is starting for all the Post Units. I'd like to welcome back all the returning Auxiliary Officers and thank the new ones for accepting positions. The listing of Officers for the coming year can be found at the end of the newsletter. I look forward to working with everyone in the coming year & seeing what new ideas we come up with for the Unit.

The Auxiliary has been busy helping with the various Post functions, attending the May Mayor & Council meeting, attending District meetings, providing food at the Wagon Train event, helping put/take flags off Veterans graves for Memorial Day.

A few of our other donations from the past quarter include Sharpsburg Elementary Destination Imagination competition, Boonsboro Fishing Derby, BHS Drama Club, Moms for Movers (CASA), Backpacks for Kids, Feed My Lambs, the Post maintenance fund, as well as numerous donations to the Martinsburg VA, including the National Golden Age Games, and items for the Women's Boutique. We thank everyone for their support in our various raffles, 50/50's, etc. Monies we make from these efforts support our Post, Veterans, and our community/children.

The Unit's 2025 Americanism Essay Contest Winners were listed in the last newsletter. In addition to winning at the Unit level, Cheyanne Reynolds won first place in Class I; Eliana Deckhut and Adelyn Barnette won 2nd place in Class II and III, respectively, and Jackson Burker won 3rd place in Class V. Congratulations again to all the winners and the proud parents and teachers.

Our 2025 Scholarship Recipients are: Ava Eby and Jacob Davidson who will both attend Hagerstown Community College. With support from the Post, both students were awarded a \$3,000 scholarship. Thanks to all the applicants for your interest in our scholarships.

Thank you to our beautiful Miss Poppies, Allie Smith, and Lilly Demers, and their drivers for their participation in both the Sharpsburg & Boonsboro Memorial Day parades and for distributing Poppies at various functions over the past several months. Thank you to Carol Long for organizing the Boonsboro parade and to all the Units/Organizations who participated.

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives at the Post on July 7, September 8, and November 10. Please register on the Red Cross website. Limited walk-ins are available. Currently there is a critical need for Type O blood. Also, on occasion the Red Cross offers incentives for donating. Check their website for the incentives in particular months.

Upcoming events include ALA convention in Ocean City in July; Bake sale at the Honor Guard car show on July 26, 2025; Vendor & Craft show Nov. 1, 2025 – check out the electronic advertising board and flyers for more details on these and other upcoming events & raffles. Also, check out our Facebook page: American Legion Post 10 Auxiliary for news & updates.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the 50/50 for the Friday night bingo. Contact any Officer to sign up for an upcoming Friday. It only takes about an hour of your time.

The 2025-26 Senior Auxiliary membership dues will be \$35.00 and Junior dues will be \$10. Pay as early as July for an Early Bird stamp! Our membership continues to grow & we welcome everyone to attend our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Post Home.

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

God Bless America, Kendra Cole, Auxiliary President (301-465-0239)

Legion Riders Report

I hope everyone had a good spring and is ready for the riding weather. I know we are ready to ride. As we roll into this summer season, we will be looking to do some cookouts at the pavilion so keep an eye on the calendar for those and our Facebook page. We want to thank everyone for their support of the ALR this past year we were able to make a \$7000 donation to the gold star legacy ride/fund which gives the proceeds to the veterans and children fund and the Maryland chapter has been the lead donator for 3 years running and we couldn't do it without your help and we hope to match that donation or even do better for the 2026 season, currently there close to 200K and wanted to hit 235k but that's really good for the small state of MD to do in 1 year. They will be close to 1 million in 10 years of doing the ride and that's impressive.

We had our daddy daughter dance and a cookout already this season which had a good turnout, and we also sponsored a cornhole tourney along with a murder mystery dinner which the proceeds went towards the BHS Drama club to help support a student trip to Scotland that there doing this year. The ALR is a growing group here at Post10 and we can always use help at our functions and would love to grow the group so if you like to ride come by and join the group.

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.

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 2026 and have NO BAD DAYS!

Keith Cameron ALR Director Keithc@wmaelectric.com



Bluegrass in the Pavilion

Saturday, August 23rd 6:00 - 9:00

All Grassed Up Bluegrass Band

\$2.00 Draft Beers ~ \$5.00 per person

Come out for a great time!



Post BBQ during Boonsboro Days

Saturday, September 6th Noon - 3:00 (or sold out)

Pit Beef, BBQ Chicken, and Ribs

Ollie's Army Customer Loyalty Program

On the first Tuesday of every month all Veterans, Active Duty Military and their dependants get 10% off your entire purchase.

- Valid Proof of U.S. Military Service Required
- · Must be an Ollie's Army member
- https://www.ollies.com/pages/ollies-army-recruitment-office

Kitchen News

Sunday Breakfast (8:00 - 11:00)

Every Sunday

Sunday Specials (Noon - 7:30)

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

Monday

AYCE Wings \$18.00

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

Come Join Our Weekly Events held at the Post

Tuesdays - Queen of Hearts drawing at 7:00

Wednesdays - Cornhole (random draw for partners) at 6:30

Thursdays - Weekly drawing at 6:30 (make sure you sign the book)

Fridays - Bingo at 6:45



Post #10 Honor Guard Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show



Saturday, July 26th Rain date: Sunday July 27th Registration 9:00 - 12:00 ~ Awards at 3:00

Benefits Honor Guard & Veterans Programs

Baked Goods to be provided by Auxiliary Unit #10



Legion Baseball Crab Feed

Saturday, July 12th ~ \$50 per person

Doors open at Noon

Food served at 1 pm, Crabs from 2-5 pm Includes: Crabs, crab soup, hot dogs, corn on the cob and hush puppies, legion milk and sodas

*** AYCE on premises, no takeout. ***

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