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POST #10

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JAN - MAR 2026

Commander's Report

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is hard to believe that 2025 is over and we are rolling into 2026, where does the time go. We made a lot of changes in 2025, new access ramps for easy entrance into the building, new bingo machine and flash boards, upgraded kitchen equipment, and hired a new kitchen manager, Julia Hyatt. If you have not seen the new bingo equipment, stop by on a Friday night and see what it is all about. The new start time for bingo is 6:30 p.m. Also, if you have not met Julia, please stop by and introduce yourself and try one of her delicious dishes.

Looking ahead to 2026 it is shaping up to be a busy and fun-filled year at the Post. There will be numerous events and activities, and I encourage all members to get involved. Your support and participation whether by volunteering your time or simply showing up makes all the difference.

The Post membership drive is in full swing. Be sure to send in your dues so you can enjoy all the benefits and upcoming events. There will be a membership feed on Sunday, March 8, 2026. Do not forget to bring your 2026 membership card it will be required for entry. We will also be hosting an oyster feed on Sunday, March 22, 2026. More details will be coming soon.

Remember to sign the book each week and add a dollar to the box to be eligible for the weekly membership drawing, \$500 if you are present when your name is drawn or \$250 if you signed the book but are not in attendance. The drawing takes place every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. It is a good time to gather with friends, enjoy a meal, and take part in the fun with meat boards, 50/50 raffles, and other drawings.

The Post Oratorical Contest will be held at the Post on January 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., in the event of inclement weather the contest will be held on February 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The winner of the Post competition will complete at the district contest and if successful move on to the state competition. Any questions concerning the Oratorical Contest should be directed to Chase Burnett at 301-991-2554.

Our Post meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., all members are welcome to attend. For the first meeting in January, we will have a meal provided by Mission BBQ for all legion members starting at 6:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy the meal and stay for the meeting to offer your suggestions for new activities and any other improvements that can make our Post home a better place to support our Veterans. The Mission BBQ meal for the Auxiliary

and SAL members will be prior to their meeting in February.

I hope everyone that attended the Post Christmas party had a good time. Thank you for those that participated in the cash raffle and congratulations to the winners. A special thank you to all those that volunteered their time to make the Post a better place in 2025 and going forward. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all the board members, Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, Honor Guard, and everyone who spends their Friday nights keeping bingo running for all to enjoy. Without your dedication, our Post would not be the place we proudly call home.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the food baskets the Post provides each year for Christmas. Because of your generosity, 15 families were able to enjoy nutritious meals this holiday season. It was inspiring to see your dedication to helping those in need within our community. We could not have done it without you, and your kindness reflects the best of what our Post stands for. Pride in our community.

Respectfully,

Kevin Holtz, Commander
commander@boonsborolegion.org

Squadron #10 SAL News

Winter is upon us as we're getting done with Fall where we saw the BHS Warriors make the semifinals in 1A football which was awesome to see those kids give it there all this season and we hope everyone was able to stay warm and safe plus enjoy the club events we had. We hope we did well at the Member Christmas party and I know we only were able to give one set of purses away that night so watch out for Purse things at the bar. We did draw our mailer raffle winners and the winners were contacted and posted at the bar. 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 34k and don't forget the drawings are on Tuesday nights at 7pm with tickets being sold until 630pm (non post 10 members and guests must be signed into the book to qualify for the prizes). We plan to continue the TRAIN GAME with the support of Antietam Firearms so check it out for a chance at \$1000 and a Firearm... planning some adds/changes to this jar in 2026, 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 1st 2026 which is a Sunday and Berkley Springs trading Post is supplying the firearms and they never disappoint. 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's as well as our great staff at the club, 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.

Here are some of the places we give donations to: Operation Second Chance, Gold Star Legacy Fund, North Point Veterans in Hagerstown, BHS, Pleasant Valley ES, Greenbriar ES, Boonsboro ES, BAAA, Titans, Gridiron Club, Boche ball at BHS. If you ever know of a veteran or something in our community in need please reach out and let us know. And if you like come by a meeting if your interested in knowing more about our donations.

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, Bingo, Bonanza's, cornhole, low ball there's always something going on.

Don't forget your dues for your 2026 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 2026 are \$30. Come on by the post and get a good meal and pay those dues to make sure you get your new 2025 membership card, don't forget a train game ticket. We hope to regain the largest SAL in MD title again this year, we had 726 members in 25 so lets hit that 800 mark and catch Ocean City.

I want to remind you that the SAL meetings are in the post on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, typically in the dining room at 7pm but come earlier 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, The Post 10 SAL needs your help to keep up the good things we do.

Be safe and do your best to stay warm as the weather gets colder.

Regards,

Squadron 10 Commander, Nathan P. Semler
salcommander@boonsborolegion.org

Calendar of Events Jan - Mar 2026

January

- 1 - Post Closed - Happy New Year
- 2 - No Bingo
- 3 - Karaoke 8:00
- 5 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 9 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 12 - Blood Drive 1:00 - 6:00
- 13 - Post Meetings 7:00
- 16 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 19 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 21 - Post Oratorical Contest 7:00
- 23 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 30 - Post Bingo 6:30

February

- 1 - Americanism Essay deadline
- 2 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 6 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 7 - Karaoke 8:00
- 10 - Post Meetings 7:00
- 13 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 16 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 20 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 27 - Post Bingo 6:30

March

- 1 - SAL Gun Bonanza - Doors open at 11:00
- 2 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 6 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 7 - Karaoke 8:00
- 8 - Annual Membership Feed 12:00 - 3:00
- 9 - Blood Drive 1:00 - 6:00
- 10 - Post Meetings 7:00
- 13 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 16 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 20 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 22 - Oyster Feed
- 27 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 28 - Elvis Tribute Dinner and Show

News from the Auxiliary

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I wish everyone good health and happiness in 2026!! 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, Veteran's Day events, the Children's Christmas Party, providing gift cards for the North Point Vets, and participating in numerous other Post functions. In addition, we made donations to the following: VA Hospital and Women's Boutique in Martinsburg, the Walter Reed Christmas party, Crop Walk, Breast Cancer Society, Head Start, Wreaths Across America, and several local school & community events.

The Craft/Vendor show held in early Nov. was very successful, tables were sold out. We are planning another one in early Nov. 2026. Watch for future announcements for this event. The annual Children's Christmas Party took place at the Post on December 7. Santa met with each child and gave them a gift, distributing nearly 100 presents in total. Thank you to Toys for Tots and the SAL for their generous donations, and to the Post for supporting the event. Special thanks also go to the Party committee and all the volunteers who planned, decorated, organized, set up, and cleaned up. Your hard work, teamwork, and dedication brought joy to the children and made the party a great success.

The Red Cross has scheduled blood drives at the Post for the following dates: Jan. 12, 2026, Mar. 9, 2026, May 11, 2026, July 6, 2026. Please register ahead of time on the Red Cross website. Remember your donation may save someone's life.

Details regarding the Americanism Essay contest have been distributed to Boonsboro schools, Greenbriar and Pleasant Valley Elementary Schools, Heritage Academy, and the Boonsboro Library. This year's theme is "Celebrating America's 250th Birthday and the Veterans Who Fought For Our Freedom." The contest categories include students in grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, as well as students with special needs. All essays must be submitted by February 1, and winners will be recognized during our April 2026 meeting. Parents seeking further information about contest guidelines and required forms are encouraged to contact their child's school.

The Unit will be sponsoring one or more scholarships this year to a graduating high school senior from Boonsboro High School including Tech High and Barbara Ingram School for the Arts. Eligibility requires one of the applicants' parents, grandparents, or guardian to 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 Apr. 15, 2026. Mrs. Kauffman's phone number is 301-432-6254. Applications will be available at the Post or at the high school around mid-January. Check with the High School for additional information.

Upcoming events include "Sweats for Vets" for the Martinsburg VA during the early weeks of January (sweats of all sizes for both men and women are needed) and an "Elvis" tribute dinner & show Mar. 28, 2026 (details will be out in early January for this event).

The 2025-2026 membership dues are \$35.00 for seniors and \$10.00 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 America,
Kendra Cole, Auxiliary President
(301-465-0239)



Unit 10 Auxiliary Presents "Elvis Tribute Night" Live Performance by Taylor Brown

Saturday, March 28th
\$25.00 per ticket (must be 21 to attend)
Drink Specials / Dinner Included

Doors Open 3:00 ~ Dinner 5:00
Shows at 6:30 & 8:30

Tip Jars, 50/50 and Raffles



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Auxiliary Unit #10 ~ Bridgeview Sectional Sofa Set Raffle
\$5.00 per ticket. Tickets available at bar or from Auxiliary members



Starting at 6:30
beginning January 9th

Legion Riders Report

I hope everyone had a good fall season and got some good riding in or at least enjoyed the warmth while it lasted. As we roll into this winter season we look forward to planning our 2026 events and take a little break. We rode for the Wreaths across America event in Sharpsburg and it was cold but worth it... 22 degrees that morning but that event is very touching. 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 and we couldn't do it without your help and we hope to match that donation or even do better for the 2026 season.

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 2026 as soon as possible along with figuring out our 2026 raffle and Halloween bonanza which should be October 11th. We raffled off a 2009 Harley sportster in 2025 so we hope to do something similar in 2026 to support the riders and post 10.

Don't forget to pay your Legion Rider dues for 2026 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.

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

Honor Guard Members Needed !!!

The Honor Guard is looking for volunteers. This is a valuable service that very few Legions provide anymore for deceased veterans. New members are needed for funerals and to represent the guard at various parades and functions. If you are interested please contact either Bud Price or George Harting.

Christmas Party Raffle Winners

Legion Cash Raffle	SAL Cash Raffle
\$1000 - Richard Garcia	\$1000 - Tim Etzler
\$500 - G. Price	\$500 - Ron Humble
\$250 - Tom McDiffitt	\$250 - Tony Baker

\$100 Legion Lotter Calendar Drawing

Ben Gay, Howard Long, Gary Haugh,
Kimberly Snyder, Gary Haugh

Auxiliary Christmas Wreath Winner
Mike Smith

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

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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 6:30

Annual Membership Feed

Sunday, March 8, 2026 ~ 12:00 - 3:00

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

Guest Tickets - \$5



The annual Children's Christmas Party was held by Auxiliary Unit #10 with nearly 100 children receiving gifts. Thanks to all the volunteers that made it a successful event.

The **CLO-MIC** News

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Legion Officers:

<i>Commander</i>	Kevin Holtz
<i>1st Vice Commander</i>	Dave Letendre
<i>2nd Vice Commander</i>	Cody Moore
<i>Judge Advocate</i>	Kermit Beard
<i>Adjutant</i>	Scotty Werst
<i>Resource Officer</i>	Scotty Werst
<i>Treasurer</i>	Larry Rowe
<i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	Bud Price
<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, Ron Moats, Larry Rowe, Brad Taylor, Terry Walsh, Scotty Werst
<i>Color Guard</i>	George Harting, Al Resh

S.A.L. Officers:

<i>Commander</i>	Nathan Semler
<i>1st Vice Commander</i>	Curt Conway
<i>2nd Vice Commander</i>	Keith Cameron
<i>3rd Vice Commander</i>	Dave Berry
<i>Adjutant</i>	Michael Smith
<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>	Diane Dutrow
<i>Chaplain</i>	Melody Lescallet
<i>Sgt. At Arms</i>	Bella Wade
<i>Color Bearers</i>	Dawn Scofield
<i>Executive Committee</i>	Bonnie Shank
	Cindy Gilroy
	Robin Michaels
	Beth Ward

Legion Riders Officers

<i>Director</i>	Keith Cameron
<i>Asst. Director</i>	Jason Toothman
<i>Road Captain</i>	Ben Rohrer
<i>Asst. Road Captain</i>	Thomas Fraley
<i>Secretary</i>	Marcie Dove
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sabrina Toothman
<i>Membership Chair</i>	Julia Sprecher
<i>Sgt. At Arms</i>	Cody Moore
<i>Chaplain</i>	Daniel Fraley
<i>Historian</i>	Cricket Fraley
<i>Webmaster</i>	Keith Cameron
<i>Liaison</i>	Jim Weaver

Post 10 Staff:

<i>Bar Manager</i>	Tammy Love
<i>Kitchen Manager</i>	Julia Hyatt