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POST #10

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OCT - DEC 2026

Commander's Report

The beginning of fall is here, students are back in school, and cooler weather is just around the corner. The Post will be busy over the next few months with a full calendar of upcoming events and activities. The first Saturday of each month starting on October 3rd, we will have Karaoke in the lounge at 8 pm. Come out and share your singing talents with friends.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped with our September BBQ. It was another successful event, thanks to everyone who helped prepare the food, cook, and fill orders. I would also like to thank all of our volunteers, officers, maintenance crew, kitchen staff, and bar staff whose dedication and hard work keep our Post running smoothly every day. You are the backbone and heart of Clopper - Michael Post 10 and keep everything running smoothly.

I would also like to recognize and thank Tammy Love for her incredible 25 years of hard work, loyalty, and dedication to our Post. Reaching a quarter-century of service is a remarkable achievement, and we are truly grateful for all she has contributed over the years. Her commitment has shaped our team and helped our Post grow. We truly appreciate her steady leadership, her daily support, and the positive mark she leaves on everyone around her. Thank you for everything you do.

Lottery calendars are now available to purchase. These calendars make great gifts as you have 365 chances to win cash from \$25 to \$500. Please consider buying and/or selling them, as it is a significant fundraiser for the Post.

The Post membership for 2027 is in full swing so please renew your membership as soon as possible.

For members who renew early, by October 20th, we invite you and one guest to attend our Early Bird Breakfast Buffet on October 31st in the dining room from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This is our way of expressing our appreciation for your continued support and commitment to the Post.

Early voting will be held in the ballroom from October 22nd through October 29th. Voting equipment will be set up on October 21st, making the ballroom unavailable for other activities during this period. There will be no Cornhole on October 21st or October 28th, and Bingo on October 23rd will be canceled. Please also note that the final Friday Night Bingo of the year will be held on December 18th. Bingo will resume in 2027 on January 8th.

We will be placing flags on Veteran's graves on Saturday, November 7th and removing the flags on November 14th. If you are available to help, we will be meeting at the cemetery at 8:00 a.m. both days. Volunteers are needed for the placement and removing of the flags.

The annual Veterans Day program will be held at the Boonsboro High School on November 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You are encouraged to arrive by 9:30 a.m. to be seated. The guest speaker for the event is First Lieutenant Christopher M. Seidor, who served in the Medical Service Corps during the Vietnam War. Lieutenant Seidor flew unarmed medical helicopters and earned the Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroism.

Post 10 Honor Guard will be participating in the Sharpshooter Veteran's Day ceremony in the square on Wednesday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Auxiliary Unit 10 and Squadron 10 will once again sponsor a free meal for Veterans on

November 11th starting at noon. Thank you to Unit 10 and Squadron 10 for their continued support of our Veterans.

Post 10 will provide Christmas food baskets to persons in need. Requests are due by Monday, December 14th and the baskets will be delivered on Saturday, December 19th. Volunteers are needed to assist with the delivery of the food baskets.

Join us for some holiday cheer at Post 10 Christmas Party on Sunday, December 20th, starting at 5:00 p.m. in the ballroom. Tickets are \$8 per person and will be available at the bar starting in December. Members will receive a refund at the event donations are welcomed. The front bar will close once we transition to the ballroom for the festivities. Come celebrate the season with great company, good cheer, and plenty of holiday spirit.

The Post will also host a New Year's Eve party with a meal, snacks, and music. More details to follow.

You can find details about this information and other Post events on our website at boonsborolegion.org, as well as, on the information boards located in the lounge and ballroom.

The Post will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day so that everyone can enjoy the Holidays with family. The Post will also close at 4:00 p.m. on December 24th.

Wishing you and your family a safe, happy, and enjoyable holiday season, and a healthy, prosperous New Year.

Respectfully,
Kevin Holtz, Commander
commander@boonsborolegion.org
Service Before Self

News from the Auxiliary

Fall is just around the corner, and the hot days of summer will soon be behind us. Over the past few months, Auxiliary members have participated in and volunteered at many Legion and community events. At the Legion, these included the barbecue, bingo, feeds, and the Honor Guard car show. In the community, we took part in Boonsboro's National Night Out and 9/11 parade. We also hosted an Auxiliary Department committee meeting, where members shared ideas for the coming year and made valuable new connections.

At the July Convention and the most recent District meeting, the Auxiliary received recognition for its dedication and service to veterans, children, and the community. We earned 14 awards for our work, support, and donations in Americanism, Cancer Control, Children & Youth Activities, Community Service Activities, Education, Legislative, National Security, Poppy, and Veterans Affairs.

We continue to donate food, clothing, shoes, jewelry, and personal hygiene items to the Martinsburg VA and the Women's Boutique. Flyers are posted throughout the Legion listing the latest VA & Boutique needs. There is a jar at the bar for monetary donations & a box in the hallway for material donations.

The Red Cross has scheduled blood drives at the Post for the following dates: Nov. 9, 2026 & Jan. 11, 2027. Please register ahead of time on the Red Cross website.

This year's Americanism essay theme is "How Can You be a Beacon of Light for our Veterans?" Essay contest rules will be distributed to the schools & library in early October. Essays will be due back from the schools by Jan. 15, 2027. Contact Christi Weaver or Robin Michael with any questions.

The Auxiliary will host a Craft & Vendor Show in the ballroom on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026, from 1 to 5 p.m. A few tables are still available to rent as of this newsletter. To reserve a table, contact Eve Remaley at 240-385-2509. Raffles will feature items donated by vendors. Come out and start your holiday shopping early.

Nov. 11, 2026, is Veterans Day. All Veterans are welcome at the Post for a complimentary meal, courtesy of the Auxiliary and SAL. You do not have to be a member of Post 10 to attend the free meal.

The Auxiliary will be participating in a "Warriors Among Us" Veteran's event at Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ on Potomac St. in Boonsboro on Nov. 13, 2026, starting at 3:00 p.m.

Come join us on Dec. 5, 2026, for our "Deck the Halls with Elvis" event. Tickets will be on sale soon.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Legion on Dec. 6, 2026, from 1 to 4 p.m. for children ages 10 and under. This year's theme is "Cookies and Storytime with Santa." Registration is required. Party details and registration requirements will be posted in early October at the Legion, on our Facebook page, and on our website.

Auxiliary dues for 2027 can be paid now. The cost is \$35.00 for seniors and \$10.00 for juniors. Your dues help us support our Veterans, Children, and Community locally through our essay contests, scholarships, and many donations. Dues can be mailed to Carol Long or dropped off at the Post. Auxiliary applications can be picked up at the bar or from an Auxiliary Officer. Our unit meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We are always looking for innovative ideas to assist us in continuing support for Veterans, Children, and our Community.

Do you know all the benefits of being an Auxiliary member? Check out the Auxiliary website at www.legion-aux.org for more information on the many benefits available (including insurance, discounts on travel, retail discounts, etc). There is an Auxiliary Emergency Fund grant available to those who may need temporary assistance for a financial crisis to pay for food, shelter, & utilities; food & shelter for weather-related emergencies & natural disaster; educational training due to life changes such as the death of a spouse, divorce or separation, etc.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. Please 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)

Calendar of Events Oct - Dec 2026

October

- 2 - Post Bingo
- 3 - Karaoke 8:00 - 11:00
- 4 - SAL Gun Bonanza - doors open at 11:00
- 5 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 9 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 13 - Post Meetings 7:00
- 16 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 17 - ALR Halloween Party 7:00 - 11:00
- 19 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 21 - No Cornhole
- 23 - No Bingo
- 27 - Legion Riders Meeting 7:00
- 28 - No Cornhole
- 30 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 31 - Early Bird Breakfast Buffet 8:00-10:00

November

- 2 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 6 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 7 - Karaoke 8:00 - 11:00
- 7 - Place flags on Veteran's graves (8:00 at the cemetery)
- 8 - Craft and Vendor Show - 1:00 - 5:00
- 9 - Blood Drive
- 10 - Post Meetings 7:00
- 10 - Veterans Day Program at BHS 10:00 - 11:00
- 11 - **VETERANS DAY** (Free meal for all Veterans)
- 11 - Sharpsburg Veteran's Day ceremony in the square 11:00
- 13 - Warriors Among Us Veterans Event (Trinity Church) 3:00
- 13 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 14 - Remove flags from Veteran's graves (8:00 at the cemetery)
- 16 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 20 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 26 - **Post Closed - Happy Thanksgiving**
- 27 - Post Bingo 6:30

December

- 4 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 5 - Karaoke 8:00 - 11:00
- 5 - Deck the Halls with Elvis
Doors open 3:00, Dinner 5:00, Shows at 6:30 & 8:30
- 6 - Children's Christmas Party 1:00 - 4:00
- 7 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 8 - Post Meetings 7:00
- 11 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 18 - Post Bingo 6:30
- 20 - Bar Closes at 5:00
- 20 - Post 10 Christmas Party 5:00 in the ballroom
- 21 - Board Meeting 6:00
- 24 - Bar closes at 4:00
- 25 - **Post Closed - Merry Christmas!**
- 25 - **No Bingo**

January 2027

- 1 - **Post Closed - Happy New Year**
- 1 - **No Bingo**

2027 DUES ARE DUE

Your 2026 dues expire on December 31st. Please pay 2027 by that date

Legion - \$40
SAL - \$30
Junior SAL - \$15
Auxiliary - \$35
Junior Auxiliary - \$10

Squadron #10 SAL News

"HONORING THOSE WHO WALKED BEFORE US"

The mission of the Squadron 10 is to support veterans and their families, the youth of our community and the policies of Post 10, The American Legion. Emphasis and Areas of responsibility:

- 1) Support and care for the veterans and their families in our community.
- 2) Promoting Patriotism and Americanism.
- 3) Teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.
- 4) Preserving American traditions and values.
- 5) Promoting programs which benefit the youth of our community.
- 6) Improving the quality of life for our community's children.
- 7) Supporting our American Legion Post 10 in their needs and promoting membership growth not only in our SAL, but in all branches of our Legion.

Squadron 10 has a pew pew bonanza on 10-4-2026 with Steak, Baked potatoes, green beans and Cole slaw, with help of our members and the volunteering efforts of our legion family to ensure our success.

Squadron 10 has voted to eliminate our June pew pew bonanza, therefore our main income options are our March and October Bonanzas, membership dues as well as our Christmas Mailers.

Our next upcoming events that we are havening or are part of is as follows:

- SAL Gun Bonanza October 4, 2026 \$50 per couple ticket.
- Our October Meeting will be at 7:15pm on October 13 2026. We request membership help in packaging our Christmas mailers after the meeting.
- We will partner with Auxiliary Unit #10 in providing veterans and active military their meals for veteran's day.
- SAL Squadron 10 was presented a plaque for our continued donation to the gold star legacy ride and we received a award for the best SAL in district 7.
- SAL #10 has a meat raffle going on with gift card options for Phil and Jerrys in Smithsburg MD. Flyer and tickets available at bar.

Our Queen Of hearts is growing, we are at \$7,900 for our 9/29/2026 drawing, come out and try your luck if you haven't had a chance yet.

Our Legion Family has gotten stronger over this last year, we will continue to get stronger and support one another in this upcoming year. If you haven't already, please renew you SAL membership as we use that monies to support local veterans and youth programs.

We wish all the SAL members as well as all the legion family members and their families a great return to school and fall/winter sports. Support our local community sports by enjoying their games.

Regards,
Nathan P. Semler
Commander, Squadron #10



2026 Post Everlasting



David Ambrose
Kenneth Angle
Gary Beachley
Edda Brenneman
Elzie Brightwell
Elmer Bussard
Russell Cantler
Gary Eichelberger
Billie Gay
Charles Hutchinson
Richard Long

Robert Martz
Robert Moncrief
George Morrow
Charles Rentzel
Timothy Saunders
Nadine Slifer
Charles Smith
Preston Smith
Millard Stone
Debbie Toms

This is a new feature that we will continue each quarter. If you know of a member that has passed please email cconway20@gmail.com so we can include them.

Legion Riders Report

I hope everyone had a good summer and is ready for the views of fall through the valley. As we roll into this fall season, we will be looking to wind the riding season down sadly, but we will be active doing what we can to support Post10.

We want to thank everyone for their support of the ALR this past year we were able to make a \$7,000 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 4 years running and we couldn't do it without your help and we hope to match that donation or even do better for the 2027 season.

We are the smallest group of Post10, but we try to keep up and help. We are doing a Halloween costume party October 17th doors open at 7:00pm tickets are \$10, you can get tickets at the bar or from an ALR member and there is an online option too just go to our Facebook page and get the QR code.

The other thing we're doing this fall is raffling off 2 Henry guns, one is a legion tribute 357 lever and the other is a 12gauge shotgun, tickets are \$10 each and available online at the bar and from our ALR members.

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. Don't forget to donate to wreathes across America and choose to donate to Sharpsburg National Cemetery then we'll see you at the event in November. 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.

Keith Cameron
ALR Director
(Keithc@wmaelectric.com)

Honor Guard Members & Donations 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, Kevin Holtz or George Harting.

In addition the Honor Guard is looking for donations to buy a new van. No donation is too small. Please help keep this service alive. All veterans deserve this.

Post 10 Lottery Calendars Available

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Honoring Our Veterans

Once again for Veteran's Day (Tuesday, Nov 11th) the Auxiliary and S.A.L. will be providing a free meal to all Veterans. Veterans do NOT need to be a member of the American Legion. ALL veterans are welcome!

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 6:30



Come watch your favorite team at the Post and enjoy our Sunday specials.

1/2 Price Pizza
All You Can Eat Wings
\$2 Draft Beers
\$5 Draft Pitchers



Post #10 Christmas Parties

Children's Party

December 6th ~ 1:00 - 4:00

All children under 10 receive a gift

More info to come

Registration required

Registration forms at the Post from Oct. 10 - Nov. 14, 2025



Post Party

December 20th

Bar closes at 5:00

Party to follow in the social room

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>	Jim Scofield
<i>Judge Advocate</i>	Kermit Beard
<i>Adjutant</i>	Scotty Werst
<i>Resource Officer</i>	Jim Weaver
<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, Bud Price, Larry Rowe, Jim Scofield, Brad Taylor, 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, Jr.
<i>Secretary</i>	Michael Smith, III
<i>Finance Officer</i>	Howard W. Long
<i>Sgt. At Arms</i>	Dave Gilroy
<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
<i>Corr. Secretary</i>	Carol Long
<i>Historian</i>	Diane Dutrow
<i>Chaplain</i>	Melody Lescalleet
<i>Sgt. At Arms</i>	Bella Wade
<i>Color Bearers</i>	Christi Weaver
<i>Executive Committee</i>	Bonnie Shank
	Cindy Smith
	Robin Michael
	Beth Ward

Legion Riders Officers

<i>Director</i>	Keith Cameron
<i>Asst. Director</i>	Jason Toothman
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<i>Asst. Road Captain</i>	Kim Koerting
<i>Secretary</i>	Eve Remaley
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sabrina Toothman
<i>Membership Chair</i>	Keith Cameron
<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 Stotelmeyer