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Newsletter

100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, STATE AND COMMUNITY

Post Officers

Commander: Jason O'Neil

1st Vice Cmdr: Wil Wagner

2nd Vice Cmdr: Andy Raddie

3rd Vice Cmdr: Paul Bartone

Adjutant: Ben Miles

Service Officer: Jim Rooney

Finance Officer: Larry Morrison

Historian: Vacant

Judge Advocate: Pat Guibao

Chaplain: Tom McAndrews

Sergeant-at-Arms.: Mike Blackwell

Exec Comte 3rd yr: Frank Gay

Exec Comte 2nd yr: Dan Adams

Exec Comte 1st yr: Vacant

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Team 100. Post 7 is participating in the National Commander (Brett Reistad)'s Centennial Initiative to get 100% membership renewals. If you have not already renewed your membership for 2019, please do so ASAP. Also, be sure to obtain a new Key Card for entry into the Post if you need one.

Baseball. Our Post 7 team starts 2019 with batting practice on January 21. We're also competing to host the State Tournament on July 28-August 2 in Annapolis. This is an exciting opportunity for the Post to get statewide recognition as well as make money from advertising and ticket sales. We have already received requests for advertising in the Program and on our new Baseball Website.

Used Clothing Drop-off Shed. Post 7 has accepted a shed from Turnkey Enterprises which partners with non-profits to provide clean used clothing to veterans. Clothes, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets and stuffed toys are accepted in plastic bags. Receipts are at the shed for this tax-deductible donation.

Jason Myers. Our Bar and Restaurant Manager, Jason Myers, has been experiencing debilitating health issues. He has served our Post for over 9 years as a faithful professional! Now he is on administrative leave to stabilize his health. Please remember Jason in your well-wishes and prayers.

For God and Country

Jason O'Neil
Commander



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7

Welcome to all our newest members of the Auxiliary! We are so happy you decided to join us. We keep busy and can always use more hands. So, if you are reading this and qualify for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary, and have not yet filled out an application or renewed your membership from last year, please come join us and let us welcome you in the next newsletter!



We hope you were one of the lucky people who joined us for our fantastic wine tasting event at the beginning of November. The ladies of the Auxiliary had great fun pouring the wine for our guests to accompany the perfect paired hors d'oeuvres. We had a capacity crowd, many of whom became the lucky winners of some very festive raffle prizes. It was so much fun; we are even talking about the possibility of holding a third annual wine tasting. If we do, you won't want to miss it!

In November, the Auxiliary delivered "Welcome Home Cards" created during the Travis Manion Foundation's Operation Legacy day of service at Post 7 in honor of Veterans Day. Thanks to the volunteers who answered our call for cards, we delivered them to the incredible volunteers at Operation Welcome Home Maryland at BWI Airport to include in every gift bag given to each of our military service and family members returning from overseas duty. If you have never been a part of the group welcoming our service members home, you have missed an extraordinarily heartwarming experience. You can check them out at www.operationwelcomehomemd.org. In the months ahead we will continue to support this wonderful effort.

December has brought us back to once again support both the Toys for Tots Christmas toy drive, and the annual Wreaths Across America project with our donation to provide wreaths for the Crownsville cemetery as we support the American Heritage Girls as they participate in the national effort to remember and honor those who have gone before us.

The new year will bring new projects and new efforts as we go forward. If you have ideas for how we can continue to serve our veterans and community, consider sending them through a message on our Post 7 Facebook page. In the meantime, we wish you the happiest Christmas and the very best of health and happiness in the New Year ahead.

Chaplains' Corner

During this Christmas season, amidst all the hustle and bustle of shopping and traffic, let us pause to remember our deployed troops who are unable to be with their families. We are thankful to all our service members, veterans, and first responders, for their readiness to sacrifice to protect our families, communities and nation. We are also grateful to their families for all their support and love.

The American Legion Post 7 is a family too, and we take care of each other. Our Post 7 Legion, Squadron and Unit chaplains are here to provide spiritual support and assistance to our membership. If you are aware of any member who is seriously ill or injured, or is dealing with the loss of a loved one, please let us know so that we can offer prayers and support.

As we say in the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution, we "consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness." Those are good words to live by now, and throughout the year. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season, with all the blessings of freedom and family!

Tom McAndrews, Legion Chaplain (443) 994-1831

Paul Bartone, S.A.L. Chaplain (410) 533-1463

Nancy McDonough, Auxiliary Chaplain (410) 903-7991



MARK YOUR CALENDAR – JANUARY/FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 2nd – Legion Membership Meeting
- January 6th – SAL Sunday Breakfast
- January 7th – SAL Membership Meeting
- January 15th – Auxiliary Membership Meeting
- February 3rd – SAL Sunday Breakfast
- February 4th – SAL Membership Meeting
- February 5th – Legion Membership Meeting
- February 16th – Valentine's Day Dinner
- February 19th – Auxiliary Membership Meeting

Toys for Tots: Your support for the recent Toys4Tots effort was another outstanding success! Together, we contributed over 200 gifts---thank you!

SAL Breakfast: Our breakfast time is 8:30 – 11 AM and the cost is just \$8.00 per person. Plus, it is all you can eat---what a deal! Thank you for continuing to support us on these Sunday mornings.

Entering the Post: All Members should have their membership card when at the Post. Anyone ringing the bell must show their membership card or sign in as a guest. Please remember to have your guests sign in and that the guest must leave when you leave. We must do this to comply with AA County Liquor regulations! The area behind the bar and the kitchen are off limits except by employees, officers performing their duties, volunteers helping the staff, or committee members servicing the function.



Post Hours

Open Daily at 11:00 am – 10 pm
Kitchen Hours Mon – Sat 11:00 am – 8:00 pm
Kitchen Hours Sun 11:00 am – 4 pm

Membership Meeting Times

1st Monday S.A.L. 7:30 pm
1st Tuesday Legion 7:30 pm
3rd Tuesday Auxiliary 7:00 pm

These are YOUR membership meetings! Please plan to attend and participate in the governing of your respective Legion organization.

Hall Rentals

Post 7 is an ideal place for family, friends and guests of the Post to meet for a celebration of a life gathering. The Post can provide services for weddings, retirements, birthday parties and all other events with specific attention to your personal needs. For details contact (410-224-5754)

Moving

Please notify the Post if you move or change email providers. It is very important to us that we keep track of our membership. Please feel free to send an email to the address listed in the masthead of this newsletter or mail your changes to American Legion Post 7, 1905 Crownsville Road, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Bingo

Head to Post 7 for Bingo every Thursday from 7 – 10 p.m. and Sunday from 1 – 4 p.m. Cost of admission is just \$3.00!! The kitchen will be open on Thursday till 8 p.m. and Sunday till 4 p.m. to handle your HUNGRIES. Complimentary water and coffee are provided.



Open to the public

JANUARY						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pizza Night Open Menu New Year's Day!	2 Wings Open Menu Legion Meeting 7:30 pm	3 Open Menu Bingo 7-10 pm	4 Pork and Sauerkraut	5 Open Menu
6 S.A.L. Breakfast 8:30 – 11 am Open Menu Bingo 1-4 pm	7 Sliders Open Menu S.A.L. Meeting 7:30 pm	8 Pizza Nite Open Menu	9 Wings Open Menu	10 Open Menu Bingo 7-10 pm	11 Seafood Platter	12 Open Menu
13 Open Menu Bingo 1-4 pm	14 Sliders Open Menu	15 Pizza Night Open Menu Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	16 Wings Open Menu	17 Open Menu Bingo 7-10 pm	18 Stuffed Chicken Breast	19 Open Menu
20 Open Menu Bingo 1-4 pm	21 Sliders Open Menu MLK Jr. Day!	22 Pizza Night Open Menu	23 Wings Open Menu	24 Open Menu Bingo 7-10 pm	25 Roast Beef	26 Open Menu
27 Open Menu Bingo 1-4 pm	28 Sliders Open Menu	29 Pizza Nite Open Menu	30 Wings Open Menu	31 Open Menu Bingo 7 – 10 pm		

FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Roast Pork	2 Groundhog Day!
3 S.A.L. Breakfast 8:30 – 11 am Open Menu Bingo 1-4pm	4 Sliders Open Menu S.A.L. Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Pizza Open Menu Legion Meeting 7:30 pm	6 Wings Open Menu	7 Open Menu Bingo 7-10 pm	8 Crab Cake	9
10 Open Menu Bingo 1-4pm	11 Sliders Open Menu	12 Pizza Open Menu	13 Wings Open Menu	14 Open Menu Valentine's Day Bingo 7-10pm	15 Fried Fish	16  Steak and Shrimp Dinner
17 Open Menu Bingo 1-4pm	18 Sliders Open Menu President's Day!	19 Pizza Open Menu Aux Meeting 7 pm	20 Wings Open Menu	21 Open Menu Bingo 7-10pm	22 Shrimp Selection	23
24 Open Menu Bingo 1-4pm	25 Sliders Open Menu	26 Pizza Open Menu	27 Wings Open Menu	28 Open Menu Bingo 7-10 pm		

The Veteran's Voice

Find Your Benefits with This Prescreening Tool: The Benefits.gov Benefit Finder can provide you with a list of government benefits you may be eligible to receive. Answer questions and receive your results in just a few minutes. <https://www.benefits.gov/benefit-finder>

Check Your New Increased 2019 Benefit Rates: Good news! Compensation and pension benefit rates have increased 2.8% based on the cost-of-living adjustment effective December 1, 2018. The new 2019 rate for your benefits in January begins with your December 31 payment. https://www.benefits.va.gov/COMPENSATION/resources_comp01.asp

Free Tickets: Vet Tix provides tickets to all branches of currently-serving Military and Veterans, including immediate family of troops KIA. Vet Tix secures tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation. If you are interested, sign up online and once your service is verified, you can request tickets to events that interest you. Note: There is a small delivery fee. <https://www.vettix.org/>

New Federal Veterans ID Card Now Available: A Veteran ID Card (VIC) is a form of photo ID you can use to get discounts offered to Veterans at many stores, businesses, and restaurants. When you have this card, you won't need to carry around your military discharge papers or share sensitive personal information to receive discounts. If you have a VIC, you don't need to request another type of photo ID card to prove you're a Veteran or to get retail or business discounts. <https://www.va.gov/records/get-veteran-id-cards/>