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OLDEST AND BEST

Newsletter

99 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

We started the Fall season with a very successful Crab Feast on September 22. Kudos to all who helped make this event a "must-do" on so many people's calendars.

November and December will be very busy months:

- On November 3rd, the Ladies Aux. Unit #7 will hold its annual Wine and Cheese Party. It's really fun!
- In mid-November, solicitation for candidates from local high schools begins for the Oratory Contest held in late January and early February.
- We are once again sponsoring the Marine Corps' Toys For Tots drive. Last year we collected over 250 toys; let's beat that record!
- We will also welcome the Travis Manion Foundation volunteers for a fall clean-up community service event in early November.
- We are also queuing up Winter Projects to prepare your Post for the 2019 Centennial Year.

With the addition of Connie in our Business Office, we are better leveraging our automated accounting systems to improve our financial accounting and budgeting.

As reported below, Post 7 will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Our annual Eggnog Party will be on December 24 from 1-4 pm. Plan to attend! Post 7 will be open Christmas Eve and New Year's Day without food service. And please celebrate New Year's Eve at the Post with great food and the always-popular Gary and the Groove band.

For God and Country,
Jason O'Neil
Commander



Sons of the American Legion Squadron 7

S.A.L. Commander's Comments:

Sunday Breakfast - We resumed the S.A.L. Sunday breakfast in October. It's the first Sunday of each month (8:30 – 11am). The price remains \$8.00 per person. What a DEAL!!!

Commander:
Mike Holmes

1st Vice Cmdr:
Leroy Whitney

2nd Vice Cmdr:
Rusty Sears

Adjutant:
John Ogle

Historian:
Steve Holmes

Financial Officer:
Vacant

Sergeant-at-Arms:
Jim McDonough

Chaplain:
Paul Bartone



Scrambled & Fried Eggs

Omelets

Sausage

Bacon,

Home Fries

Pancakes

Biscuits

Toast

Chipped Beef

Sausage Gravy

Coffee, Juice & Fruit

Toys for Tots – We will be sponsoring our annual Toys For Tots Drive. We will work with the US Marine Corps to handle the pickup and distribution of these gifts. Last year was a banner year for the Post as you donated 258 gifts! We will have boxes placed before Thanksgiving. Your contribution directly affects a child's Christmas morning. My wife and I have had the opportunity to be part of the distribution process and I can't tell you the expression of joy these families have for the gifts that are provided. All gifts you donate go to Anne Arundel County children. So, please do what you can and remember that the economy may not be robust for all.

Bull Roast – Although it's early, plans are underway for the Bull and Oyster Roast in March. Details of this event will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

Thanking you in advance and wishing you and yours the best for a safe and Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and the best in the coming New Year!!

Mike



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 Happenings

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, please come join us and let us welcome you in the next newsletter!



For the 2nd year, the Auxiliary once again worked with the wonderful folks from the Travis Manion Foundation (TMF) in support of the Annapolis 9/11 Heroes Run (held each year to remember and honor the sacrifices of the heroes of September 11th and the wars since: veteran, first responder, civilian and military). On September 8th we hosted our friends from TMF, along with volunteers from the Red Cross, as we packed 1,600 SWAG bags (Stuff We All Get – in case you were wondering) and sorted T-shirts in record time thanks to the fantastic volunteers! We are so happy to join with the TMF in the name of two Annapolis Naval Academy graduates, Travis Manion

and Brendan Looney, who lost their lives serving their country. In November, TMF will be at Post 7 to provide some much needed help with some rather big tasks for which we are very thankful. If you are wondering about the Travis Manion Foundation, you can learn more here:

<https://www.travismanion.org>.

Members of the Auxiliary once again joined with our Legion (and S.A.L.) members to help host the Annual Crab Feast from set-up to clean-up and everything in between. During the event, some of our fabulous ladies stood by the always popular cake wheel providing fun and desserts while raising funds for a number of future projects that serve our veterans and communities. Our sincerest thanks to all who donated cakes and treats! Now that the S.A.L breakfasts are back, our ladies will be working beside them to make each Sunday breakfast a warm and welcoming event.

Currently, we are working on planning our second annual wine tasting and raffle event to be held on November 3. We will be offering a full variety of wines for tasting, each with a specially paired light hors d'oeuvres for a very fun and delicious fund raiser.

The holiday season of giving will bring the return of our partnership with the Sons of the Legion's Toys for Tots Campaign. We are planning on hosting another Toys and Dinner for Tots event, and hope to surpass the huge heartwarming success we had last year. We will continue our support of Welcome Home Maryland through the donation of "welcome home" cards.

Please keep in touch through our website at www.amlegionpost7md.org and on our Facebook Page American Legion Post 7, Annapolis, Maryland. You don't have to have a Facebook account to visit our page. That is where we will post information about new projects and events as they come up.

Finally, as we move into November and December we want to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!

ANNOUNCEMENTS | (WHAT'S HAPPENING)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOVEMBER - DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 2nd – S.A.L. Breakfast 8:30-11am.
- November 3rd - Auxiliary's Annual Wine Tasting Event (Tickets \$10).
- November 11th – Veteran's Day Ceremony at Crownsville Cemetery.
- November 22nd – Thanksgiving Day - Post is CLOSED.
- December 4th – S.A.L. Breakfast 8:30-11am.
- December 24th – Christmas Eve Egg Nog Party 1-4pm (Kitchen open 11-3) Post closes at 8pm.
- December 25th – Christmas Day - Post is CLOSED.
- December 31st – New Year's Eve Party at 7pm (Gary & the Groove Band)
- January 1st – New Year's Day – Bar open at 11am (No Kitchen Service).

SHARE YOUR SERVICE PHOTOS (INCLUDING FIRST RESPONDERS)

SHOW US WHAT YOU or YOUR FAMILY MEMBER LOOKED LIKE WHEN IN UNIFORM



Please share your Military, Police, Firefighter, and First Responders photos in uniform with the name, service, date and any information about the photo you want to share. Envelopes are provided in the bar area in the PHOTO BOX by the pool table. Your photo will be scanned and added to American Legion Post 7 photo album that will be viewed on our digital photo frame located in the bar area. ALL PHOTOS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE OWNER. Currently we have photos that are more than 100 years old and are of veterans who served in Mexico and in France during WWI. It is our hope that you

will allow the Post to share your family's treasured memories. If your photos are already digitized (i.e. already scanned) email them to sooze001@comcast.net.

VETERANS CEREMONY

Join us at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery on November 11th. Afterwards head back to the Post for snacks.

ENTERING THE POST

All Members should have their membership card on their person when at the Post. Anyone ringing the bell to gain admittance to the Post must show their membership card to the bartender 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 to all personnel except 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

◀ October		November 2018					December ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1 Bingo 7 – 10 pm Open Menu	2	3  Annual Wine Tasting Open Menu	
4 S.A.L. Breakfast 8:30 – 11 am Bingo 1-4 pm Open Menu	5 Sliders Open Menu S.A.L. Meeting 7:30 pm	6 Pizza Nite Open Menu Legion Meeting 7:30 pm	7 Wings Open Menu	8 Bingo 7 – 10 pm Open Menu	9	10 Open Menu USMC Birthday	
11 Veterans Day Ceremony 11 am Bingo 1-4 pm Open Menu	12 Sliders Open Menu	13 Pizza Nite Open Menu	14 Wings Open Menu	15 Bingo 7 – 10 pm Open Menu	16	17 Open Menu	
18 Bingo 1-4 pm Open Menu	19 Sliders Open Menu	20 Pizza Nite Open Menu Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	21 Wings Open Menu	22 Happy Thanksgiving Post Closed 	23	24 Open Menu	
25 Bingo 1-4 pm Open Menu	26 Sliders Open Menu	27 Pizza Nite Open Menu	28 Wings Open Menu	29 Bingo 7 – 10 pm Open Menu	30		

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30 Bingo 1-4pm Open Menu	31 New Years Eve Party 7:00 pm						

The Veteran's Voice

Veteran's Benefits by State

To see a list of veterans benefits by state, click here: <https://www.legion.org/veteransbenefits/state>. This link was furnished by the American Legion Nation Headquarters. It is provided as our Post membership spans from Maine to Hawaii and we hope it is of some assistance to those who may need help or guidance.

Veterans Property Tax Credit Legislation

Anne Arundel County Executive Steve Schuh, along with Councilman Pete Smith, signed bill 76-18 on October 4, 2018, establishing a 15% property tax credit for retired veterans in the County. The ordinance allows a retired veteran who owns a home with an assessed value of \$500,000 or less to apply for the credit. The credit would be worth 15% off the property tax owed on a home. It takes effect in 45 days (Nov. 19, 2018). The Department of Finance is developing the application form. Retired veteran means an individual who is at least 65 years old and is a retired member of the uniformed services of the United States as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 101, the military reserves, or the National Guard. Uniformed services means Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service. Basically, you are retired if you are receiving a retirement benefit from the armed forces. Residents must apply for the property tax credit by April 1 to be eligible for the 2019 credit.

Burn Pit Exposure

Burn pits were a common way to get rid of waste at military sites in Iraq and Afghanistan. Toxins in burn pit smoke may affect the skin, eyes, respiratory and cardiovascular systems, gastrointestinal tract and internal organs. Veterans who were closer to burn pit smoke or exposed for longer periods may be at greater risk. Health effects depend on several factors. Health concerns? If you are concerned about your exposure to burn pits, talk to your health care provider or contact your local VA Environmental Health Coordinator (<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/coordinators.asp>) to get more information. Join the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry (<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/registry.asp>). Veterans may file a claim for disability compensation for health problems they believe are related to exposure to burn pits during military service. VA decides these claims on a case-by-case basis.

Change in Cemetery Rates for Eligible Dependents Effective October 29, 2018

Burial Costs. An eligible veteran receives a burial plot, a grave liner, headstone and interment services at no expense. Other expenses incurred in the preparation or transportation of the remains, including funeral costs, is borne by the veteran's next-of-kin, legal representative or estate. A veteran's dependent will be buried in the plot assigned to the veteran after payment of an opening and closing charge of \$762 (this cost is inclusive of casketed and cremated interments and liner cost for dependent spouse(s) or children). Read more at: <http://veterans.maryland.gov/cemetery-and-memorial-program>

