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Nov – Dec 2019 Newsletter **OLDEST AND BEST**

100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, STATE AND COMMUNITY

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Commander:

Jason O'Neil

1st Vice Commander:

Wil Wagner

2nd Vice Commander:

Andy Raddie 3rd Vice Commander:

Dan Adams

Adjutant:

Ben Miles

Service Officer:

Jim Rooney

Financial Officer:

Larry Morrison

Historian:

Vacant

Judge Advocate:

Pat Guibao

Chaplain:

Tom McAndrews

Sergeant-at-Arms:

Cynthia Campise

Exec Comte 3rd Yr:

Vacant

Exec Comte 2nd Yr:

Frank Gay

Exec Comte 1st Yr:

Vacant

Wine and Cheese Party. November 2 from 5-7:00 PM. Plan to attend this annual event organized by your Auxiliary. It's educational and fun!

<u>Parking Lot Grant Request</u>. On November 14, Post 7 will support its Grant Request for partial funding of the resurfaced parking lot. Pat Guibao will lead our delegation as we attempt to convince Maryland officials to provide a grant for partial reimbursement of our parking lot project. Funds support over 20 projects; let's hope we are one of them!

<u>Bingo</u>. Wil Wagner and his Bingo Team (Sally, Liz, Beth, Terry, Wendy, Paul, Connie and Andy) do a wonderful job on Thursdays and Sundays. Kelley and the kitchen staff add to the fun with tasty meals. So, plan to attend soon. The large jackpot is \$1,199!

<u>Holidays</u>. We'll have traditional holiday celebrations this year by providing evening entertainment around Thanksgiving, an Eggnog Party at Christmas, and Gary and the Groove Band on New Year's Eve. Please plan on attending and celebrating with your fellow members.

<u>2020 Projects</u>. Your Executive Committee is researching initiatives for the New Year. Foremost in our plans is the pay-off of our building's mortgage by June 2020. Other projects include the walk-in cooler replacement, updating our kitchen appliances, tent replacement, resealing the deck, purchasing new deck furniture and retractable awning, and lastly, a new electronic billboard sign on Crownsville Road for vibrant, real-time visibility of our events and services.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

For God and Country, Jason O'Neil

From the Auxiliary:

The Crab Feast was great and the Auxiliary's Cake Wheel was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated the wonderful cakes, spent time (and money) at the wheel, and who shared in the good time. We couldn't do it without each one of you!

Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members all pitched in to help the Travis Manion Foundation prep swag bags for their annual run in Annapolis. The Foundation hosts runs across the country to empower veterans and families of fallen heroes. We are proud to help them in this endeavor.

If you have not yet paid your 2020 dues of \$30.00, you can drop a check in the mail or put it in the Auxiliary mailbox at the Post. If you have not received your bill, please contact me.

Monthly meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday and begin at 7:00 pm. If you would like to get involved, please join us!

Beth Pena, President.

From the SAL:

We serve breakfast the first Sunday of every month from 8:30 till 11:00 a.m. We had to increase the price to \$10 because of the switch from Styrofoam to paper and the increase of food costs. However, where else can you get eggs to order, bacon or sausage, toast, pancakes, coffee, and support a worthwhile cause for \$10?! If you have not made one of our breakfasts, join us November 3rd and December 1st!

Mike Holmes, President.



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY TOYS-FOR-TOTS FUNDRAISER

The SAL and the Auxiliary are sponsoring a fundraiser dinner on December 7, 2019, from 5-7 p.m. The menu includes salad, spaghetti, and a roll. Price for admission? Simply bring a toy with a value of at least \$10 or make a cash donation at the door.

PARKING LOT - BEFORE / AFTER PHOTOS



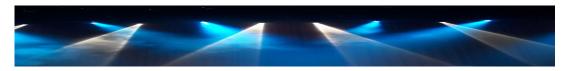


Our parking lot was in dire need of resurfacing. This cost over \$45k!!! So far we have raised \$15k internally---THANK YOU for those who have donated. Please consider contributing towards the cost by sending a check directly to the post (please note that it is a donation for "resurfacing"). Remember, we are a non-profit organization so your donation is tax-deductible!



DECEMBER 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BREAKFAST 8:30-11am \$10 Bingo	S.A.L. Meeting	Legion Meeting	4 Wings- Open Menu	5 Meatloaf- Open Menu Bingo	6 Steak Night	7 Toys-For- Tots Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner 5- 7pm
1-4pm	7:30 pm	7:30 pm		7-10pm		
	9 Sliders- Open Menu	10 Pizza Night	11 Wings- Open Menu	12 Meatloaf- Open Menu	13 Scallops	14
Bingo 1-4pm				Bingo 7-10pm		
15	16 Sliders- Open Menu	17 Pizza Night	18 Wings- Open Menu	19 Meatloaf- Open Menu	20 Prime Rib	21
Bingo 1-4pm		Aux Meeting 7 pm		Bingo 7–10 pm		
22	23		25	26	27	28
•	Sliders- Open Menu	Egg Nog Party 1-4 pm CHRISTMAS EVE		Meatloaf- Open Menu	ТВА	
Bingo 1-4pm			POST IS CLOSED!	Bingo 7–10 pm		
Open Menu	30 Sliders- Open Menu	NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY! Come groove with Gary and			Merny G	hristmas A
Bingo 1-4pm		the Groove!		1 200		





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

James (Jason) Charles O'Neil Post Commander

What do we really know about our commander? We see him around the Post often but do we KNOW him? We have over 1,000 members so, let's get to know one another...starting with our Commander!

The Early Jason

Born in Milwaukee in 1943, Jason was raised outside of Chicago. He demonstrated his leadership skills immediately in Ela-Vernon High School as class president, class salutatorian, the football team's quarterback, and the baseball team's leading pitcher. At Coe College in Cedar Rapids, he again served as class president and played football and baseball. After graduating cum laude in Economics, he was commissioned a 2LT in the USMC. He received a deferment from active duty to attend graduate school at the University of Denver and the Max Planck Institut of Geophysics in Heidelberg, Germany where he obtained his Master's Degree in International Business in 1967. Jason then reported for duty the next month.

Captain O'Neill

Assigned to the Second Marine Division, Captain O'Neill served as a Convoy Commander for 15 months in Vietnam's Northern Sector. After 3 years of honorable service, he returned to Denver. That, however, did not last long.

Space Industry Executive Jason
Jason soon married and honeymooned in
Tehran, Iran where he accepted a position as
an automation specialist. Two years later, they
moved to DC and Jason became the MIS
Director at the Fairchild Space and Electronics
Company. During his 25 year career as a

space systems business developer, he travelled to 80 countries winning more than 35 satellite-based systems for communications and direct broadcast applications. This landed him in the "Who's Who" as a leading space industry executive. As if that was not enough interesting factoids about our Commander, you should know that he was also knighted as a Knight of Malta by the Catholic Church in 1999!

Commander O'Neil

In 2016, Jason was installed as our Commander. His goals for 2019-2020 are:

- Make our Post a destination venue through modernization:
- Provide prudent financial management;
- Foster cooperation between the Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL; and
- Build a Next-Generation Management Team to continue the progress.

Author O'Neil

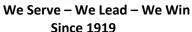
One last fun fact: Jason, in all his spare time, managed to author seven books! Bald Eagle Vision describes a plan for the elimination of the federal debt. His next three were a trilogy about a anti-gravbity device that revolutionaizes travel on Earth and in space. Tough Sale describes dozens of sales processes beginning with the easiest and ending with the most difficult. In Sincecure he uncovers the seeds of the tragic demise of the American democracy (e.g. a greedy Congressman who reaps the benefits while the national economy collaspes. When Baldie Cries details how coerced equality and welfare greed destroy the American Republic. Lasty, A Necessary Coup is a novel about declaring independence from socialism in America.

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THE VETERAN'S VOICE







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

<u>Hall Rentals</u>: 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? It is very important to us that we keep track of our membership. Please feel free to send an email to <u>legion post 7@verizon.net</u> or mail your changes to American Legion Post 7, 1905 Crownsville Road, Annapolis, MD 21401.

<u>Bingo!</u> 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.