



# Guy C. Parlett

## American Legion Post 7

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September - October 2018

Newsletter

OLDEST AND BEST

99 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, STATE AND COMMUNITY

### Post Officers

Commander: Jason O'Neil

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr: Will Wagner

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr: Andy Raddie

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr: Paul Bartone

Adjutant: Ben Miles

Service Officer: Jim Rooney

Finance Officer: Larry Morrison

Historian: Sue Flanagan

Judge Advocate: Pat Guibao

Chaplain: Tom McAndrews

Sergeant-at-Arms.: Mike Blackwell

Exec Comte 3<sup>rd</sup> yr: Frank Gay

Exec Comte 2<sup>nd</sup> yr: Dan Adams

Exec Comte 1<sup>st</sup> yr: Vacant

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

**Membership - It's time to renew your annual membership. It's a real bargain at \$40.00 for the services your Post provides. Be an Early Bird and enjoy our free celebration supper.**

**Bingo - Under the leadership of our First Vice Commander, Wil Wagner, on average 45 folks enjoy the game and the food twice weekly on Thursday and Sunday. Try it; you'll like it!**

**Crab Feast - On September 22, we host our annual Crab Feast. The event sells out fast, so get your tickets early.**

**Entertainment - On October 6, Harry Evans, the Steel Guitar Mania, will play in the lounge. And on October 20th, Gary and the Groove return, always a very popular band.**

**Fall Clean-up - Your Post has wide variety of walkers, canes and other aids for seniors. Just stop by and pick out one at no cost.**

**Oratory Contest - Do you know of a high school sophomore or junior who could be a contestant in our Annual Oratory Contest in January and February? The topic is always about the U.S. Constitution, and the prizes**

**are lucrative. Please call me at 703-627-7300 (M) for details.**

**Centennial Celebration - On March 19, 2019, Post 7 will officially celebrate our Century Anniversary. However, we'll have related events in February and March. So, please stop by the Post to learn more and join in the fun!**

**The Admirals – The 2018 season found the Admirals a much better improved team over last year. They finished the season with a .500 record which was an improvement over the .285 of 2017. It's important to note that winning is not only the benchmark of a team, but it's the teamwork, camaraderie and work ethic that will define these young men in their future endeavors.. As they say in Brooklyn "wait till next year**

**For God and Country**

**Jason O'Neil  
Commander**

## A Date That Will Live in Infamy

By Jocelyn Bartone



On August 7, 2018, Post 7 became the proud owner of the original front page from a Honolulu Star-Bulletin

Newspaper printed on December 7, 1941 in an “Extra” special addition. Joan Lanier (owner of Washington National Realty Inc.) presented the historic gift to Commander Jason O’Neil in honor of her mother, Bessie (Evkovich) Anderson, during a brief ceremony in the Guy C. Parlett lounge. Just before they hung the framed page on the wall in its new home, Ms. Lanier shared some very special memories of her mother with those present. Ms. Lanier’s mother, Bessie, became one of the very first women to work at the Pentagon when in 1941, after passing her US Civil Service Ratings Exam, she left her home in West Virginia to be a Senior Stenographer to the head of the Army Ordnance Department located. Construction officially began on the Pentagon building with the ground breaking ceremony on September 11, 1941. Ms. Lanier revealed that, “many times her mother recounted how being one the first civilians to work in the Pentagon that was still under construction, was extremely difficult as there was no working HVAC. By midafternoon the air was so hot and stagnant that she was often sick to her stomach.” She also shared that her brother, David, (a Vietnam Veteran) remembers their mother telling them about having lunch at the Pentagon Canteen with General “Vinegar Joe” Stillwell, who led troops out of Burma, sitting next to her.

Her story continued. As with many of these young stenographers, Bessie Evkovich met David Anderson, a young Navy man from the farmlands of Pennsylvania, who was stationed in Washington D.C. after the war and married him. Ms. Lanier’s father and mother remained together in D.C. until her death in 1997. Throughout her life, Bessie Anderson was keenly interested in items of historic interest. She

collected and preserved many over the years. The Newspaper’s front page announcing the bombing of Pearl Harbor was one of them. Ms. Lanier said, “My brother and I feel strongly she would be very proud to know that the paper has found a home with the American Legion Post 7.” Our deepest thanks to Ms. Lanier for honoring the American Legion’s Department of Maryland Guy C. Parlett, Post 7 with such an extraordinary artifact. May it serve for many, many years to come as a special tribute and memorial to all those who died on the “date that will live in infamy” and during all the days of WWII.



## The Battle for Baltimore



As events unfolded in Bladensburg and [Washington](#), Baltimore's citizens, including free blacks, worked feverishly to establish defenses in Baltimore. More than a mile of earthworks stretched north from the harbor to protect the approach from the bay. Hulls were sunk as barriers to navigation. A chain of masts extended across the primary entry to the inner harbor. Fort McHenry, the star-shaped fort that protected the water approach to Baltimore, was seen as the cornerstone of the American defense.

On September 12, 1814 Americans observed in terror as the British fleet approached Baltimore at North Point near the mouth of the Patapsco River. About 4,500 British troops landed and began their 11-mile march to Baltimore. As the troops marched, the British warships moved up the Patapsco River toward Fort McHenry and the other defenses around the harbor. The ships opened a 25-hour bombardment of the fort, but failed to force its commander, Major George Armistead, and the other defenders to surrender.

As the British fleet withdrew down the Patapsco, the garrison flag, now known as the Star-Spangled Banner, was raised over [Fort McHenry](#), replacing the smaller storm flag that flew during the bombardment.

On land, after a skirmish referred to as the Battle of North Point, there were heavy British casualties including Major General Robert Ross. The British troops reached Baltimore's impressive defensive earthworks, manned by 15,000 Americans. Hearing of the failure to take Fort McHenry, the British prudently decided to withdraw. With this defensive victory for the Americans, the Chesapeake Campaign essentially ended.

Beanes and Key had witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry from onboard the truce vessel. Key was so moved by the scene of the battle that he composed a poem that eventually became the National Anthem. Key chose the tune, "To Anacreon in Heaven" by John Stafford Smith, because it was a popular American and British melody and he had previously adapted it to another poem.

Key, Beanes, and the other Americans were released as the British retreated, and that night Key worked on his poem. Handbills of the poem were quickly printed and copies distributed to every man who was at Fort McHenry during the bombardment. Key's poem was first printed on September 20, 1814, in the Baltimore *Patriot and Advertiser* under the title "The Defense [sic] of Fort McHenry." By the end of the year, the poem and the tune were printed across the country as a reminder of the American victory. In 1931, the U.S. Congress enacted legislation that made "The Star-Spangled Banner" the official National Anthem.

**Note:** An in depth account of the battle can be found at the Army Historical Foundation website <https://armyhistory.org/battles-that-saved-america-north-point-and-baltimore>

# ANNUAL CRAB FEAST SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

1:00 TILL 5:00 PM



\$40.00 UNTIL Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

\$45.00 AFTER Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

**ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE  
SOLD!!!!**

**HOT STEAMED CRABS AND CORN  
ON THE COB**

**Served from 2:00 TILL 5:00 pm**

**HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS,  
POTATO SALAD, COLE SLAW  
BAKED BEANS, CRAB SOUP,  
DRAFT BEER, BOXED WINE,  
SODAS AND BOTTLED WATER**

**MUSIC BY ED DAVINO**

**3 - 6 PM**



**Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**From 8:30 - 11 AM**

**All you can eat for only \$8.00 per  
person....WOW!!!**

**SCRAMBLED & FRIED EGGS,  
OMELETTES, SAUSAGE, BACON,  
HOME FRIES, PANCAKES, BISCUITS,  
TOAST, CHIPPED BEFF  
OR SAUSAGE GRAVY  
COFFEE, JUICE & FRUIT**

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**Mark YOUR CALENDAR**  
**September - October UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September 8<sup>th</sup> - Help Pack Swag Bags for the 9/11 Heroes Run – 9 AM**

**September 16<sup>th</sup> – 9/11 Heroes 5K and 1 mile Fun Run**

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Crab Feast 1 – 5 PM**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> - Harry Evans, the Steel Guitar Mania**

**October 20<sup>th</sup> – Early Bird Appreciation Dinner AND Gary and the Groove**

**October 27<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Party and Costume Contest**

**Music for the above dates will be from 7 – 10 PM and the kitchen will be open till 9 PM!!!**



**FRIDAY NIGHT PITCH 7 PM**

**Random Draw Teams**

**Single Elimination**

**Multi Match**



**To all Post members**

**All Members should have their membership card on their person when you're 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.**



## **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 - President's Corner**

**The new membership year is getting underway. A very sincere welcome to all our new Auxiliary members! It's time to renew your membership if you haven't already had the opportunity. Our Membership chair, Beth Pena is ready and waiting to give you your card for 2019. Renewal is \$30.00 for the year. Please renew and come join us in person as we work together to serve our veterans and our community.**

**We are in the midst of planning our second wine and cheese/light h'ordeuvres 5-7pm on Saturday November 3, 2018. Tickets will be limited and will be available behind the bar. You can watch our Facebook page for announcements at - American Legion Post 7, Annapolis, Maryland**

**We are partnering once again with the Travis Manion Foundation by hosting and lending many wonderful hands at Post 7 to help with the packing of over 2,000 swag bags that are given to every registered runner of the TMF 9/11 Heroes Run at the Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis. We will be packing the bags with folks from the TMF foundation on September 8th beginning at 9:00 am. Come and lend a hand or two if you can! There is no registration necessary for helping with packing the swag bags on Sept 8th! Just come.**

**The 9/11 Heroes 5K and 1 mile Fun Run will happen on September 16th at 2:00 pm. at the stadium. It is a wonderful experience. Post 7 will have an information booth in the vendor area to let people know about the American Legion in general and Post 7 in particular to let people know who we are and what we do. Helping with community events that honor our military members and first responders is just one of the many things we do. Come and be a part of this great effort! If you want to run, or if you would like to volunteer to help with the run on September 16th, the registration process takes about 5 minutes. Please go to their website to register at... <https://www.travismanion.org/community-engagement/911-heroes-run/2018-annapolis-md/>. If you would like help registering please don't hesitate to contact Jocelyn Bartone at [jocelynbunit7@gmail.com](mailto:jocelynbunit7@gmail.com), or send a message through our Facebook page, or flag her down at the post.**

**And finally, our next Auxiliary meetings are Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00 pm. Please plan to join us for some fun and camaraderie! Remember, this meeting is for YOU our MEMBERS, so we hope to see you there!**

For Kimberly Holmes, President

## Post 7 Bulletin Board

### 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

1<sup>st</sup> Monday SAL 7:30 PM  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Legion 7:30 PM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Auxiliary 7:00 PM

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

### Bingo

Thursday Night 7 – 10 PM  
Sunday 1- 4 PM  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

### Hall Rentals

#### For Celebrations of Life Gatherings

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.

### Help Wanted

Our Bingo team is looking for someone to help and assist with Bingo on Thursday and Sunday. The personnel you'll be working with are the best around, plus you will get the chance to meet some new folks and enjoy yourself in the process!!

Please contact Wil Wagner for questions. Call (410) 320-7762).

### Bingo

Well it's yime to get outdoors and head to Post 7 for Bingo every Thursday from 7 – 10 PM and Sunday from 1 – 4 PM. Cost of admission is just \$3.00!! with the costs going to the 50/50 Prize, Super Duper Prize, and the rest gets you multiple chances to win a Special Games Packet and Bingo Dabbers.

Our kitchen will be open on Thursday till 8 PM and Sunday till 4PM to handle your HUNGRIES. Complimentary water and coffee are provided.



*Open to the public*

| ◀ August  |  | September 2018  |   |   |   |  | October ▶ |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|--|-----------|
| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu                                       | Fri   | Sat  |           |
|   |  |   |   |   |   | 1<br>Open Menu   |           |
| 2<br>Bingo<br>1 -4 PM<br><br>Open Menu                                | 3<br>Sliders<br>Open Menu                            | 4<br>Pizza Night<br>Open Menu<br><br>Legion Mtg<br>7:30 PM  | 5<br>Wings<br><br>Open Menu                       | 6<br>Bingo<br>7 – 10 PM<br><br>Open Menu  | 7<br>Buffet Dinner<br>Fried Chicken /<br>Liver & Onions<br>Open Menu  | 8<br>Help Pack Swag<br>Bags for the 9/11<br>Heroes Run –<br>9am  |           |
| 9<br>Bingo<br>1 -4 PM<br><br>Open Menu                                | 10<br>Sliders<br><br>Open Menu<br>SAL Mtg<br>7:30 PM | 11<br>Pizza Night<br><br>Open Menu                          | 12<br>Wings<br><br>Open Menu<br><br>Defenders Day | 13<br>Bingo<br>7 – 10 PM<br><br>Open Menu | 14<br>Shrimp Night<br>Open Menu                                       | 15<br>Open Menu  |           |
| 16<br>9/11 Heroes 5K<br>& 1 mile Run<br>Bingo<br>1 -4 PM<br>Open Menu | 17<br>Sliders<br><br>Open Menu                       | 18<br>Pizza Night<br>Open Menu<br><br>Auxiliary Mtg<br>7 PM | 19<br>Wings<br><br>Open Menu                      | 20<br>Bingo<br>7 – 10 PM<br><br>Open Menu | 21<br>Lasagna<br>Open Menu  | 22<br>Crab Feast<br>1-5pm<br> |           |
| 23<br>Bingo<br>1 -4 PM<br><br>Open Menu                               | 24<br>Sliders<br><br>Open Menu                       | 25<br>Pizza Night<br><br>Open Menu                          | 26<br>Wings<br><br>Open Menu                      | 27<br>Bingo<br>7 – 10 PM<br><br>Open Menu | 28<br>Buffet Dinner<br>Fried Chicken /<br>Liver & Onions<br>Open Menu | 29<br>Open Menu  |           |
| 30<br>Bingo<br>1 -4 PM<br><br>Open Menu                               |  |   |   |   |   |  |           |



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|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|------------|
| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |            |
|   | <b>1</b><br>Sliders<br>Open Menu<br>SAL Mtg<br>7:30PM | <b>2</b><br>Pizza Night<br>Open Menu<br>Legion Mtg<br>7:30 PM | <b>3</b><br>Wings<br>Open Menu<br>Pizza Night<br>Open Menu | <b>4</b><br>Bingo<br>7 – 10 PM<br>Open Menu  | <b>5</b><br>Spaghetti &<br>Meatballs                            | <b>6</b><br>Harry Evans, the<br>Steel Guitar<br>Mania<br>Open Menu              |            |
| <b>7</b><br>SAL Breakfast<br>8:30 – 11 AM<br>Bingo<br>1-4 PM<br>Open Menu | <b>8</b><br>Sliders<br>Open Menu                      | <b>9</b><br>Pizza Night<br>Open Menu                          | <b>10</b><br>Wings<br>Open Menu                            | <b>11</b><br>Bingo<br>7 – 10 PM<br>Open Menu   | <b>12</b><br>OCTOBERFEST<br>(Brats &<br>Sauerkraut)             | <b>13</b><br>Open Menu  |            |
| <b>14</b><br>Bingo<br>1-4 PM<br>Open Menu                                 | <b>15</b><br>Sliders<br>Open Menu                     | <b>16</b><br>Pizza Night<br>Open Menu<br>Aux Mtg 7pm          | <b>17</b><br>Wings<br>Open Menu                            | <b>18</b><br>Bingo<br>7 – 10 PM<br>Open Menu   | <b>19</b><br>Buffet Dinner<br>Fried Chicken /<br>Liver & Onions | <b>20</b><br>Early Bird<br>Appreciation<br>Dinner AND<br>Gary and the<br>Groove |            |
| <b>21</b><br>Bingo<br>1-4 PM<br>Open Menu                                 | <b>22</b><br>Sliders<br>Open Menu                     | <b>23</b><br>Pizza Night<br>Open Menu                         | <b>24</b><br>Wings<br>Open Menu                            | <b>25</b><br>Bingo<br>7 – 10 PM<br>Open Menu   | <b>26</b><br>Hot Roast Beef<br>or Hot Turkey<br>Platter         | <b>27</b><br>Halloween Party<br>& Costume<br>Contest<br>Open Menu               |            |
| <b>28</b><br>Bingo<br>1-4 PM<br>Open Menu                                 | <b>29</b><br>Sliders<br>Open Menu                     | <b>30</b><br>Pizza Night<br>Open Menu                         | <b>31</b><br>Wings<br>Open Menu                            |  |   |   |            |



# THE VETERAN'S VOICE



**The Battle for Baltimore in the War of 1812 - Courtesy of the Army Historical Foundation.**

**<https://armyhistory.org/battles-that-saved-america-north-point-and-baltimore>**

**Women Veteran Suicide - Connectingvets.com article**

**VA Medical Center in DC Seeking Volunteers**

**VA Information on Cancer Screening**

**Air Force and NASA seek potential medical collaboration, Health.mil article**

**Soldiers test Army's newest transport telemedicine technology, Health.mil article**

**Cyber Fitness for Everyone, Health.mil article**

**Limit Placed on GI Bill Benefits, Armed Forces News**

**Defense Health Agency to Run Medical Centers, FEDweek article**

**AARP and U.S. Postal Inspection Service Fighting Scams - Operation Protect Veterans**

**VA and USAA Educational Foundation Help with Budget Planning**

**American Legion Survey Addresses Suicide Issues, FEDweek article**

**VA Dietitian on Safe Summer Cookouts**

**VetLex - Legal Assistance for Veterans Pilot Program**

**How to Tap Into the Veteran Entrepreneurship Network, Small Business Administration**