

# Veteran's Voice



## *The Commander's Corner....*

I am truly fortunate to be mentored by two past Commanders, **Ben Miles** and **Larry Morrison**. Ben will remain the Adjutant and Larry will serve as the Finance Manager. The three of us are committed to the same quality service as are all of your 2016-17 officers that has been the hallmark of Post 7.

Speaking of service, our food and beverage service has gained a stellar reputation throughout the county. Lunches, Friday night dinner specials and periodic roasts are all great opportunities to enjoy the cuisine and fellowship.

Our summer American Legion baseball team, the Admirals, is comprised of young men from both the Annapolis area and Ft. Meade. Post 7 is the only post in the county working with an active military base.

In an era when many of our senior Legionnaires have passed on, maintaining our membership becomes critically important. Fortunately, through the diligent work of several of our executive staff, Post 7 had a 100% renewal this past year. We will strive for a repeat performance in 2016-2017.

Finally, we're updating our website. It will soon be filled with important announcements and lists of upcoming events. We plan to gradually phase out our monthly newsletter. If you request a hardcopy, we'll be glad to mail it to you.

For God and Country,

*Jason*

Jason O'Neil

New 100th Year Double  
Calendar on Pages 5  
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ELECTED POST OFFICERS FOR 2017-17

Commander	<b>Jason O'Neil</b>
First Vice	<b>Patrick Guibao</b>
Second Vice	<b>Wilbur Wagner, Jr.</b>
Third Vice	<b>Dan Adams</b>
Adjutant	<b>Ben Miles</b>
Finance Officer	<b>Larry Morrison</b>
Service Officer	<i>OPEN</i>
Judge Advocate Gen.	<i>OPEN</i>
Historian	<i>OPEN</i>
Chaplain	<b>Tom McAndrews</b>
Sgt.-At-Arms	<b>Guy Champion</b>
Exec. Com 3rd Yr	<b>Andy Raddie</b>
Exec. Com. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr.	<b>Tom Goloski</b>
Exec. Com. 1 <sup>st</sup> Yr.	<b>Frank Gay</b>

*From The*

*Ladies Auxiliary....*

Our Auxiliary has had their election of officers for 2016-17:

President	<b>Mary Holmes</b>
First Vice	<b>Kim Hayden</b>
Second Vice	<b>Eileen Gay</b>
Secretary	<b>Kim Hayden</b>
Treasurer	<b>Betty Barilla</b>
Historian	<b>Deborah Lentz</b>
Chaplain	<b>Kimberly Wade</b>
Sgt.-At-Arms	<b>Sue Morris</b>

We are looking forward to a wonderful year.

We have some activities planned for the upcoming year and hope you will join us. The Auxiliary meets monthly on the third Tuesday. Already we

have kicked off our promising year with a very successful Wine and Cheese Tasting Party held on August 13<sup>th</sup> to a sold out attendance. As it is said, "A good time was had by all" and there's more to come!

Auxiliary members, we are updating our records and need your new address, cell phone and/or home telephone number[s] and, please, give us your email address too.

The Legion's annual Crab Feast is September 10<sup>th</sup> and the Auxiliary will be operating a Cake Wheel. We would greatly appreciate your kind donation of cakes, brownies and cookies.

Sincerely,

*Mary*

Mary Holmes

Auxiliary President

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**Crab Feast is September 10<sup>th</sup> and Volunteers Are Still Needed**

Persons to handle the myriad of tasks associated are still needed for the daylong event. A Sign Up sheet is on the counter near the entrance.

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS FOR THE 2016-2017 YEAR**

Commander	Mike Holmes
First Vice	Edwin Whitney
Second Vice	Rusty Sears
Adjutant	John Ogle
Finance Officer	Ray Boyer
Sgt.-At-Arms	Mel Casey
Chaplain	Daniel Adams
Historian	Steven Holmes
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
Third Year	Ollie Holmes
Second Year	Wendell Myers
First Year	Jim Wade

**Website Now Available**

At long last Guy C. Parlett Post 7 has a website up and running again. Patsy Brent, an office employee and Membership Coordinator, has worked long and hard to bring this project to reality.

The new site, [www.amlegionpost7md.org](http://www.amlegionpost7md.org) contains Post news, events and other activities. It has been nearly two years since the Post has had this vital communications element and joins other Department of Maryland units who have similar sites.

Also, the Post has a presence on Facebook and can be found at the

social network site and by searching American Legion Post 7.

**Veteran's Voice Moving towards and Online Edition with January as Target**

The *Veteran's Voice*, the official communications organ for Guy C. Parlett Post 7, is moving forward to have an online edition with January 2017, being the target date for the conversion.

With widespread email usage and the costs for printing and mailing, distributing over the internet is truly the best possible solution to insuring Post 7 news gets to its members in a prompt, timely fashion while reigning in production costs explained **Patrick Guibao**, publication editor and First Vice Commander.

This does not mean those who don't use electronic mail will cease to receive the newsletter. Any member who wishes to continue receiving a printed copy can send a note to the Post at 1905 Crownsville Rd., Annapolis 21404-1861 or telephone 410.573.0004. Conversely, if you wish to receive the Voice electronically, and don't know whether Post 7 has your email address, send us a note or give the Post a telephone call.

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**Post 7 Reaps Rewards at Ocean City Department Convention in July**

At the annual gathering of American Legion Posts comprising the state or Department of Maryland, many posts reap rewards for their major activities during the preceding year. Guy C. Parlett was not left out of the ceremonies.

First the Post was cited for its exemplary contributions to the yearly Special Olympics program. Members and the Post have contributed time and money to support this excellent program designed to enhance life experiences for the physically challenged.

It was also cited as one of many Posts to grow in numbers over previous periods. Called The Rehabilitation Award the Post's members were presented a plaque for its progress and achievement.

**Sons Breakfasts Return**

Mark October 2<sup>nd</sup> on your calendars for the return of the Sons of the American Legion monthly breakfasts. These gatherings have drawn many to Post 7 for the omelets, pancakes, creamed chip beef on a biscuit and

the normal accompaniments to breakfast and at the reasonable cost of \$8. Hours are from 9 to 11:30 am.

**Member Retention Hits the First Mark for the Recruitment Year**

The American Legion assigns benchmarks to Posts for recruitment and retention from July 1 to June 14 with 50 percent by September 13<sup>th</sup> being the first plateau.

A Progress Report issued by the Legion's Southern Maryland District shows Post 7 to attain 55 percent of its membership goal for 2017. Further, the Post is one of five in Anne Arundel County to hit the mark vaulting the county consisting of eight posts into first out of six counties comprising the District.

"While we are ecstatic over our achievement," said **Jason O'Neil**, Post 7's Commander "we need to be cautious and understand it is only going to be harder to meet our in the months to come."

Post 7's goal for 2017 is 647 members. To date it has brought in 362 persons and has surpassed its October target.

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## THE VETERAN'S VOICE



### Have a Great Idea for a Post Social Event? Contact Your Second Vice Commander

Throughout the year Post 7 conducts events designed to create enjoyment for its members. Parties ranging from such holiday celebrations as the Egg Nog Party on Christmas Eve to St. Patrick's Day and the Halloween extravaganza. And let's not forget our cookouts on Memorial, Independence and Labor Days/

While this could be seen as a pretty heady schedule for the calendar year, Second Vice Commander **Wilbur Wagner, Jr.** is not one to rest on the Post's laurels. He and the other officers comprising Post 7's Executive Board of Directors want more suggestions to further improve the social agenda. If you have an idea no matter how wacky (keep it clean, please. We are a family driven organization) contact the Second Vice Commander Wagner by calling the Post, (410) 573.0004 or better yet, tell him in person at a monthly Membership Meeting. You can also find him at Bingo on Sundays and Thursdays. He would welcome you as a player or as a volunteer.