



# Caroline Post 29

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NEWSLETTER FOR November and December 2022

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### ***Earnest Hawkins*** ***Post Commander***

Greetings Legionnaires, SAL and ALA. I would like to thank all for their great efforts in working on obtaining our membership objectives, food drive for the needy and keeping Buddy Checks on our sick and shut-in members. I had the privilege to attend the opening ceremony of the Gold Star Tribute Wall commemorating the 7,000 plus troops killed in the Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan at American Legion Post #60 Laurel Maryland with the Department of Maryland 1st Vice Commander Ruth Higgins.



The SAL is doing a great job with their Turkey Shoots and Friday night dinners along with the ALA. We have two new employees I would like to introduce, and they are Tiffany and Stephanie our latest bartenders at Post 29, and I understand they are doing a fantastic job. Service Officer Liswell has helped a member of

the Betterton American Legion and Hurlock American Legion with their disability claims and pensions once they reached out to post #29 for assistance.

Winter is upon us so let's be sure to give our support to the ALA Unit #29 Craft Show that's coming up very soon. Upcoming Days to remember:  
Nov 10th - Marine Corps Birthday  
Nov 24th - Native American Heritage Day  
Dec 7th - National Pearl Harbor Day  
Dec 13th - US National Guard Birthday.

### ***Jack Smith*** ***First Vice Commander***

The new membership drive for our next membership year is well underway. We are not quite getting our members renewing as quickly as last year, so we are just slightly ahead of our targets for getting everyone renewed. Dues are still only \$35 for the year. To renew your membership for the next membership year, you have three ways to do it:  
1 - You can send a check via US Mail to our address listed at the top of the newsletter.  
2 - You can always stop by the Post during our operating hours and pay your dues by cash, check, or by credit card.  
3 - You can go to MyLegion.org and pay your dues online!

Please reach out to fellow veterans who are not yet members and encourage them to join us. You can pick up some blank membership applications at the Post, just ask the bartender or one of the post officers.

**NOTE** - Some **renewal notices** from American Legion Headquarters have the **WRONG YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP**. Don't worry, your years of membership are **correct** on your membership card and in the computer system, it's a printer error.

### ***David Baker*** ***Second Vice Commander***

I want to thank everyone for their inputs on various entertainment for the Post, and as you can tell, we've tried to have some new options for you to enjoy. Please feel free to continue with suggestions, and I'll do my best to work out details, just bear in mind that we really do not charge a cover charge for entertainment (except New Years Eve), to make our events accessible to all our members without cost to them.

This year, we are fortunate to have booked a great band for our New Year's Eve celebration, and we'll be having Kickback performing for you. Tickets will be on sale soon, so make plans to come out and join the Legion family in ringing in the New Year here at Caroline Post 29!



**Donna Howeth**  
**ALA Unit 29 President**

Our Annual Craft Show is coming up the first weekend in November (the 5th & 6th). We will need goodies for our Bake table. You can drop your item(s) off Friday or when you come in on Saturday and Sunday to check out all our crafter's tables. We are also looking for silent auction items if you have anything you want to donate. Our Door Prize this year is a 3-day stay at a condo in Ocean City. The tickets are available now from Joanne Weis, at the Post and will be at the Craft Show. Drawing will be at the conclusion of the Craft Show.

The **Children's Christmas Party** will be on Sunday, December 4th. We need to have the names, ages of all children attending so they can receive a present from Santa. The Post's bar has a signup sheet, or you can call Post 29. We will need to have the child's name, boy or girl, age and the member signing them up. All children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Post 29 members between newborn and 12 years old will get a present if they are signed up in advance. Older children are welcome to come to party. Just let us know how many so we will have enough snacks. Please sign them up before November 24th, so our elves have time to shop and wrap! The Post 29's telephone number is (410) 479-2708. The party starts at 1 pm! Volunteers are needed to help with the food and games too.

Our **annual Christmas Party** for the adults will be December 10th. Our social hour will start at 3 pm and Dinner will be ready at 4 pm, fun time starts after dinner. All members of the Post 29 family (AL, ALA & SAL) are invited! It is a covered dish dinner so bring your favorite side dish or dessert! (Appetizers and meat will be provided) We will do a gift exchange after dinner. Participation in gift exchange is not mandatory. Bring a wrapped gift, (men bring a man's gift; women bring a woman's gift,) to participate in the gift exchange. The limit is \$5.00 so you have to use your noodle to keep it under that amount. Its lots of fun seeing what

everyone brings! Come with or without a gift. There will be door prizes and games as well as the gift exchange. I look forward to seeing you there!

Our monthly Auxiliary membership meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. If attending meetings is not your thing...that's ok. We have things that can be done outside of a meeting and even in your own home. Let me know if you are interested in volunteering. We need more help in the kitchen with our catering events coming up. Give me a call at 410-310-4117.

There won't be any Auxiliary Friday Night Dinner in November or December. We will start back up in January. Let me know if you have any suggestions for a meal.

As we go into this holiday season, let us not forget those less fortunate than us. We have a box at the Post for donations for several food banks. Please stop in and drop off any non-perishable you can. (Toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, dryer sheets or dish soap is also needed). Your donation could prevent a family from having to choose between groceries/supplies or heat. Let's do our part to keep them warm and fed.

By the way, if you are reading your Legionnaire's newsletter but are not a member of our Auxiliary, WE WANT YOU! Come join us and be a member of one of the largest veterans' support organizations. Please contact me or our membership chairman, Donna Lewis (410) 482-8867). To our current members, if you have not paid your 2022 membership dues, please contact Donna before the end of the year about ways to pay! Don't let your membership expire. We don't want to lose you! Donna is also collecting 2023 dues too!

Since this newsletter covers both November and December, I would like to wish everyone A Happy Thanksgiving, A Very Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year. Please remember our servicemembers in your prayers.

Until next time... Give a stranger one of your smiles. It might be the only sunshine they see all day. Start a smile train!  
Until next time,

Donna Howeth, President  
ALA Caroline Unit 29  
410-310-4117



**Chuck Pittinger**  
**SAL Squadron 29 Commander**

As of now everyone should have received their annual dues notification letter, and I'm happy to report that 55% of our members have already paid their 2023 dues. As for the rest, you have until December 31 to pay your dues before you are considered delinquent.

Please remember our upcoming turkey shoots and our Henry rifle raffle. During our turkey shoot on November 20 we will draw for the Henry rifle, so make sure you have your tickets in by then. If you need additional tickets they can be obtained at the post lounge or at the day of the shoot. It's a beautiful rifle, so don't miss out on your chance to win!



Our last turkey shoot of the year will be on December 18, so come out and try to win something to compliment your Christmas dinner.

As for our Friday night dinners, we will serve burgers and fries on November 18, and on December 16 we will serve grilled chicken breast with veggies.

Let us please remember Veteran's Day on November 11, and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on December 7. Also to note is the U.S. Marine Corps birthday on November 10, and the U.S. National Guard birthday on December 13.

In closing Squadron 29 wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Chuck Pittinger, Commander

## Holiday Food Drive



At this holiday season, let's not forget those less fortunate than most of us. Many families struggle to have enough food, and we can help with that. We have always had a generous Legion family and have provided significant resources to many families in our community.

Please take a little time out to think about what sort of donation you can afford to make to help someone else have a better holiday season. We are seeking non-perishable food items to make donation boxes for these families. Almost all canned goods are just fine, along with things like cereals, rice, instant potatoes, etc. Some folks have even donated several canned hams in the past to provide a central protein for someone's holiday meal. We will also accept paper goods, laundry soap, dish soap, etc.

The donation box is in the Post game room, so please help out and let's get that box overflowing!

### LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOLD YOUR SPECIAL EVENT?

Don't forget, Caroline Post 29 does offer some of our facility for rent to hold your special occasion. We have provided space for charity events, wedding receptions, baby showers, dances, class reunions, anniversary celebrations, birthday parties, and more! We offer a discounted rate for members of the American Legion Family, or if the ALA caters the event. Available dates can fill up fast. Details, to include our contract and addendums are on our webpage at: <http://legion29.org/index.php?id=47> Or you can call the post to inquire.

## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DECEMBER 17, 2022

Each December, on National Wreaths Across America Day, the group Wreaths Across America coordinates and helps implement their mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach with coordinated wreath laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, and over 2,500 other locations across the United States, at sea and abroad.

I think we all understand we have Veterans Day in the fall and Memorial Day in the spring, but our service members sacrifice their time and safety every single day of the year to preserve our freedoms. In many homes, there is an empty seat for one who is serving or one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. There is no better time to express our appreciation than during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Maybe you will join in at any of the more than 2,500 participating locations to show veterans and their families that we will not forget.

If you can't join in and participate in the activities, you can always participate by making a donation to Wreaths Across America, by visiting their webpage at: <https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org>

Just click the little wreath symbol at the top of the page, and you can donate \$15 to sponsor one wreath, or you can donate more, if you are so inclined. It's a wonderful way to provide a physical reminder that we remember the individual sacrifices by our veterans at the many cemeteries across the world during the holiday season.



### GOT PHOTOS OR INPUT?

Just a reminder that we are always looking for inputs for the newsletter, or your photographs of things related to our Legion family. Don't be shy, let your inner photographer come out and share those great photos!

### Dept. Service Officer Contact Info

**Adrian Gamboa** can be reached at [adrian.gamboa@va.gov](mailto:adrian.gamboa@va.gov) or

Telephone **410-230-4420** and Fax 410-230-4421

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### American Legion Post 29 Officers (2022-23)

Commander	Earnest Hawkins
First Vice Cdr.	Jack Smith
Second Vice Cdr.	David Baker
Adjutant	Bernie Liswell
Finance Officer	John Scudder
Judge Advocate	Jim Howeth
Sergeant At Arms	Roland Boggs
Chaplain	Don Reynolds
Historian	Tim Dignen
Service Officer	Yvonne Liswell

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### ALA Unit 29 Officers (2022-23)

President	Donna Howeth
First Vice Pres.	Donna Lewis
Second Vice Pres.	Jenny Gellen
Secretary	Pam Thompson
Treasurer	Pam Thompson
Sergeant At Arms	Sandy Breeding
Chaplain	Mary Leavell
Historian	Vacant

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### SAL Squadron 29 Officers

Commander	Chuck Pittinger
First Vice Cdr.	Mike Fry
Second Vice Cdr.	Curtis Short
Adjutant	Chuck Pittinger
Finance Officer	Deford Brown
Chaplain	Alan Lord
Sergeant At Arms	Gary Geisel
Historian	Vacant

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### Recurring Meetings

Post 29 Regular Business Meeting is on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM

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Chaplain Corner: November- December 2022

**THE POWER OF ONE**

People think it takes an army of many to get things done.  
But I think there is something to be said for the power of one!

One courageous act (can inspire great change).

One righteous life (can show us the way)

One kind word (can lift someone's spirit).

One heartfelt apology (can help with forgiveness).

One thoughtful deed (can brighten someone's day).

One loving family (can deal with the challenges of life).

One true friend (loves you even though you are flawed).

One peaceful, caring world (still a dream to come)...

One precious baby born (Son of God is He).

One solitary life (Jesus Led each day).

One crucifixion (Jesus sacrificed for our sin).

One glorious bodily resurrection (the Father's Amen).

One soul saved (washed by His blood).

*One True Power - Power of One*  
*Diana Dean*

Praying that we all will have a great Thanksgiving  
And Christmas....

Don Reynolds, Chaplain 410-924-6404

**NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION**

**DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**8 PM - 12:30 AM**

**With Live Music Entertainment**

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Come and join us to ring in the New Year here at Caroline Post 29 with all our friends and family! Admission is only \$20 or \$35 for a couple. Bring your own snacks/treats, enjoy a complimentary glass of champagne at midnight, and party favors are provided.

**Members lounge will close at start of event**