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NEWSLETTER FOR January and February 2023

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Earnest Hawkins ***Post Commander***

I would like everyone to take a moment of silence for the Legionnaires, ALA and SAL members that transitioned on to Post Everlasting in 2022. In 1919 the American Legion was founded on four pillars: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation; National Security; Americanism; and Children and Youth.

American Legion Post 29 has been achieving our goals with the help of the SAL, ALA and many post volunteers that often go without any recognition.

2023 is upon us so let's continue to work on membership, Buddy Checks, and reaching out to our members that are sick and shut in. Our last District 1 meeting was held on December 11, 2022 with 7 Legionnaires representing Post 29. Our presence has always been the largest at District meetings and I recommend attending them to learn what is going on in the American Legion at the Department and District levels.



Adjutant Liswell and Service Officer Liswell have helped numerous veterans apply for service-connected disability from their active-duty years and to get registered in the Veterans Administration Health Care System at the Cambridge VA Medical center.

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of assisting the widow of a past member apply for a military marker for his grave at a non-veteran cemetery and the family appreciated our generosity. I wish everyone a happy New Year and let's attack 2023 with doing what's good for the American Legion!

Semper Fi!

Jack Smith ***First Vice Commander***

The 2022 membership year expired as of 31 December, so anyone not paid for 2023 has an expired membership. Thank you to all of our members who have already renewed their membership. However, several members have not renewed yet. If this is you, please get your dues paid as soon as possible!

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.

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!





Donna Howeth
ALA Unit 29 President

A special thank you goes out to Joanne Weis. Due to the all the hard work by her and her helpers, we had a very successful Craft Show in November. Thank you to everyone that sent in items for our bake table and silent auction.

Our Children's Christmas party was held on December 4th and I am happy to report that the kids had a blast! We had a fabulous couple playing Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you, Amy Geisel, for doing the gift shopping. The kids loved the toys she picked out. I also want to thank Aimee Bradley and John Scudder for helping me with the event. I couldn't have done it without you. Not to mention our gift wrappers! Thank you, Wanda & Joyce and Rusty & Ernie for doing the tree at the last minute. Beautiful Job!

The Post 29 Christmas party was held on December 10th, and I think everyone had a great time. Thank you to all that helped with this event and all who pitched in with clean up. Jenny Gellen did a wonderful job decorating the hall as usual. All the covered dishes were delicious. I loved trying the different dishes, but I didn't have room for dessert! We had a ball with the gift exchange and games too. If you were not there, you missed a great time.

We have a box in the game room for food items for the local food pantries. Please pick up a couple of extra items on your next shopping trips and drop them off at the Post. It's a hard thing to have to choose between heat and food when your money is tight. Let's always keep those less fortunate in our hearts.

If you have not paid your 2023 membership dues yet, you only have until the end of January before your membership expires!! Junior dues (under 18 years old) are \$5.50, and Seniors (18 & older) are \$25. You can send your dues to:
ALA CAROLINE UNIT #29, PO BOX 517,
DENTON, MD, 21629

or drop them off at the Post. (You can even pay them by credit card at the Post), If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Membership Chairman, Donna Lewis at (410) 482-8867.

Our monthly Auxiliary meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Auxiliary Friday Night Dinner for January will be on the 27th and we will be serving Soup and Sliders. The February dinner will be held on the 24th and we will be serving Shepherd's Pie. We serve from 5 - 7 pm. The cost is \$8.00 and includes dessert! Carry outs welcome! Public is also welcome! Spread the word about our dinners!

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
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Chuck Pittinger
SAL Squadron 29 Commander
Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great holiday. We are very happy with the success of our turkey shoots as well as our rifle raffle. Our neighbor and grass cutter Mr. Bill Neal was the proud winner of the Henry Golden Boy rifle. Thanks to him and all those who purchased tickets and also to those who participated in the shoots.

As of writing this article our membership stands at 84% which is great for this time of year. I'm confident we will once again make 100%, but we do need for those who have not paid yet to get their dues in to us. Remember that if you're not paid up by the first of the year you are considered delinquent by our national organization.

Our dinner on January 20 will be French Dip and on February 17 we will serve grilled pork chops.

Chuck Pittinger, Commander

Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day is the commonly used name for the federal holiday originally and officially called Washington's Birthday. It celebrates the life and achievements of George Washington, the first President of the United States (1789-1797) and "The Father of his Country". The day is often used to honor and remember all past US presidents, in particular Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson.

Washington's Birthday was created as a national holiday in 1879 and was first celebrated in 1880. It was the first federal holiday to be created in honor of an American citizen and was originally held on Washington's actual birthday (February 22), but in 1971, as part of the Uniform Holiday Act, it was changed to the third Monday of February (placing it between February 15 and 21 - which means it can never occur on Washington's actual birthday anymore).

The Uniform Monday Holiday Act also included a provision to combine the celebration of Washington's birthday with that of Abraham Lincoln, which fell on February 12. Lincoln's Birthday had long been a state holiday in places like Illinois, and many supported joining the two days as a way of giving equal recognition to two of America's most famous statesmen.

The main piece of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act passed in 1968 and officially took effect in 1971 following an executive order from President Richard M. Nixon. Washington's Birthday was then shifted from the fixed date of February 22 to the third Monday of February. Columbus Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day were also moved from their traditionally designated dates. (As a result of widespread criticism, in 1978 Veterans Day was returned to its original November 11 date.)



Post 29 Christmas Party 2022



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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

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

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

Chaplain Corner: January-February 2023

NEW BEGINNINGS

How often we wish for another chance

To make a fresh beginning
A chance to blot out our mistakes
And change failure into winning.
And it does not take a New Year
To make it a brand-new start
It only takes the deep desire
To try with all your heart.

To try to live a little better
And to always be forgiving
To add a little "Christian love"
To the world in which we are living.
So never give up to despair
And think that you are through,
For there is always a tomorrow
and a chance to start anew.

--Helen Steiner Rice--

Let us all go forward together in 2023!
Don Reynolds, Chaplain 410-924-6404



The National Emergency Fund provides direct, immediate cash grants for veterans in the aftermath of major catastrophes, such as tornadoes, floods, wildfires, or hurricanes.

The Fund depends upon donations from members and our Posts. Support the NEF Today!

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