



Caroline Post 29

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NEWSLETTER FOR March and April 2023

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Earnest Hawkins ***Post Commander***

I hope that everyone enjoyed their winter and once again spring is upon us. Renovations have started taking place at American Legion Post #29 to repair damage from the storm last July. During the renovations, the restrooms in the bingo hall/dining area are closed for these repairs, and we would like for everyone to be patient while the renovations are taking place.

Once again, I would like to thank the Legion, ALA and SAL members that work tirelessly behind the scenes keeping our hall rentals and functions running smoothly.

Thanks for doing what's good for the American Legion Post #29.

P.S. Some photos from our CPR Training!



Jack Smith ***First Vice Commander***

The 2022 membership year expired as of 31 December, so anyone not paid

for 2023 has an expired membership. Based on approval of our membership, expired members have no privileges at Caroline Post 29. If you have any issues regarding your membership, please contact the post.

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
Caroline Unit 29, President

Our national organization voted to raise their portion of the senior membership dues by \$6.00 in 2024. At this time our unit keeps \$5.00 per senior member of the \$25 we collect. This increase forces us to discuss a change in the cost of dues starting in 2024. I am putting that discussion on the agenda for our April 6th membership meeting. Please try to attend this meeting to voice your views on an increase.

Our monthly Auxiliary membership meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

We are looking for high school juniors to participate in the Girls State program for July 2023. If you know any girls that are eligible, please have them contact me. Our unit pays 100% of the tuition. This is a wonderful program and does not require the attendees to be members of the ALA. Any female high school junior is eligible! This was Margaret Ann's baby, and we want to honor her by sending as many girls as we can.

Please join me in wishing the American Legion a happy birthday in March. We will celebrate their birthday on March 18th with a covered dish social. We will provide the hors d'oeuvres, meat and rolls. So, bring your favorite covered dish (either a side or a dessert) and come party with us! Social hour will start at 1 pm, dinner will be at 2 pm. All members of the Post 29 family are invited! That includes Legionnaires, ALA, SAL members and their families.

If you have not paid your 2023 membership dues yet, you are no longer a member! Please make arrangement to pay them ASAP. We don't want to lose you!

Junior dues (under 18 years old) are \$5.50, and Seniors (18 & older) are \$25.

You can mail your dues to us at:
ALA CAROLINE UNIT #29, PO BOX 517,
DENTON, MD, 21629

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

The Auxiliary Friday Night Dinner for March will be on March 24th (a week early due to the Fish Fry) and the April dinner will be held on the April 28th. For the March dinner, we will be serving Shrimp Alfredo with a Caesar Salad. In April, we will be serving Pork Loin with apples and onions. We serve from 5 - 7 pm. The cost is \$8.00 and always 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 he sees all day.

Donna Howeth, President,
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Chuck Pittinger
SAL Squadron 29 Commander

I give a right-hand salute to the members of Squadron 29 for achieving 100% in membership for 2023. Membership is the life blood of every organization, and I am very proud of our group.

Upcoming events include our corned beef, cabbage and potato dinner on March 17, our spring turkey shoot on

April 2, and a lasagna dinner on April 21. Also, in April our chicken barbeque crew may be firing up the grill pit, so keep your ears open for news of this. As always, we look forward to seeing everyone at our various events.

Chuck Pittinger, Commander



Caroline County
Department of Emergency Services
**Fundraising Partnership with
Caroline County EMS**

The Caroline County EMS has embarked on a project to install Automatic Emergency Defibrillators (AED) at every park or ball field in the county. These AED are similar to the one we have at our post, except that they are housed in a climate-controlled station to protect the equipment from environmental conditions, so that they are ready to be used any time, night or day, and in any weather.

This is due to the number of success stories of AED saving lives, in particular where incidents happen at areas, such as parks and recreation areas, where there may not be ready assistance for someone suffering from a cardiac event.

The partnership will allow donations to be made to this project with the funds being collected at/through Caroline Post 29 and earmarked for the purchase and installation of AED. This will alleviate the need for EMS to try to allot staff (who would otherwise be dedicated to EMS roles) to deal with the day-to-day tracking of donations and managing the funds. Each device costs about \$2500. Donations should be made out to Caroline Post 29, with Memo field stating Caroline EMS AED Project.

Caroline Post 29 is happy to support our community in this way, and we encourage our members to donate to this worthy effort!

American Legion Birthday

March 15 is the designated birthday of The American Legion. On that date in 1919, the first American Legion caucus, held by members of the American Expeditionary Force, convened in Paris. Much as the birthday of the United States is celebrated on July 4 - for the date in 1776 when patriots declared the independence of the British colonies and the spirit of America was born - March 15 is the date when The American Legion came to life.

This year, our post will be holding an American Legion Birthday Celebration on Saturday, March 18th, beginning at 1 PM. Thanks to our American Legion Auxiliary, we will have a covered dish dinner (please bring your favorite side or dessert), where hors d'oeuvres and the meat will be provided. Cocktail hour will begin at 1 PM, followed by dinner and fellowship with our entire American Legion Family.

Please come out and join us for this celebration!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ON SUNDAY MARCH 12

Don't forget to set your clock forward an hour when you go to bed on Saturday night, March 11. It's that time of year that days start getting longer and yard work is not far behind! Don't be the person showing up at the end of church service on Sunday morning!

MAY THE LUCK OF THE IRISH BE WITH YOU!

March 17th is Saint Patrick's Day. Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick (Irish: Lá Fhéile Pádraig, literally 'the Day of the Festival of Patrick'), is a cultural and religious celebration held on the 17 day of March, the traditional death date of Saint

Patrick (c. 385 – c. 461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, céilithe, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks. Christians who belong to liturgical denominations also attend church services and historically the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol were lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption.

Saint Patrick's Day is a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador (for provincial government employees), and the British Overseas Territory of Montserrat. It is also widely celebrated in the United Kingdom, Canada, United States, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand, especially amongst Irish diaspora. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival. Modern celebrations have been greatly influenced by those of the Irish diaspora, particularly those that developed in North America. However, there has been criticism of Saint Patrick's Day celebrations for having become too commercialized and for fostering negative stereotypes of the Irish people.

"To all the days here and after, may they be filled with fond memories, happiness and laughter."

"May your heart be light and happy, may your smile be big and wide, and may your pockets always have a coin or two inside."

"Always remember to forget the things that made you sad. But never forget to remember the things that made you glad."

Dept. Service Officer Contact Info

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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:
March-April 2023**

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS

**Do not be anxious, said our Lord,
Have peace from day to day
The lilies neither toil nor spin,
Yet none are clothed as they
The meadowlark with sweetest song
Fears not for bread or nest
Because he trusts our Father's love
And God knows what is best.**

- Helen Steiner Rice-

**Here to serve God, country and all whom I can.
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!

<https://www.legion.org/emergency>

Department of Maryland – <http://mdlegion.org> American Legion National – <https://www.legion.org>
Department of Maryland Current Newsletter – <http://mdlegion.org/Forms/fsw.pdf>

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