



# Caroline Post 29

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NEWSLETTER FOR May and June 2023

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

The American Legion four Pillars are just as vital today as they were when the organization was founded in 1919.

1. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
2. National Security
3. Americanism
4. Children and Youth

American Legion Post #29 would like to thank the following companies for their work on our post and keeping it in compliance with the Caroline County office of Permits and Code Enforcement: MJH Construction; JR Smith Construction; Choptank Electric; and Scott Holden Plumbing. Oyster Wednesday was a success in March, with oysters provided by Mr. George Haddaway. We look forward to more of this type of event in the near future.



The latest SAL Turkey Shoot was tremendous and set an event record of 42 rounds of firing for gifts, cash, and prizes. Thanks to the SAL for a job well done! Participants come from Washington DC, and surrounding counties on the western shore to participate.



1st Vice Jack Smith has gone above and beyond the call of duty in our 2023 membership drive in renewing membership and signing new members to Post 29. Some of the new members are, Frank Sykes USMC Vietnam, Darryl Brown US Army 82nd Airborne Vietnam, Wayne Moore USMC Vietnam Era, Ben Coleman

US Army 2nd Infantry Division Korea, and Tyrone Harris US Air Force.

The Summer months are upon us, and Legion Baseball is fast approaching under the guidance of Post Adjutant Bernard Liswell, who is also a counselor for the Legion Boys State Program with Jack Smith, Gary Blades, and Commander Hawkins.



Lastly let's not forget our members who are sick and shut in or buddy checks on them when time in your schedule permits.  
**SEMPER-FI!!**

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

The 2022 membership year expired as of 31 December. Anyone not paid for 2023 has an expired membership. We are still short of meeting our goal for the year, so please renew if you haven't yet. Dues are still only \$35 for the year. To renew your membership, 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.



**Donna Howeth**  
**Caroline Unit 29, President**

Spring has Sprung and I am happy to see it! I love the longer daylight hours!

At our April meeting we had to discuss our dues since the National organization has increased their portion for 2024. Our Department of MD organization will be discussing raising their portion in 2025 by at least \$2 at this year's convention. All members present at the April meeting voted to increase our yearly dues to \$35 to cover these increases.

Speaking of membership, I am proud to announce that our unit was the first unit in our district to make "Goal" and we have also made Goal Plus. I want to thank all the members that have paid their dues and welcome all our new members. A special thank you goes to our Membership Chairman, Donna Lewis! She does a great job keeping it all straight! All members are encouraged to attend the monthly membership

meetings on the 1st Thursday each month at 7 pm, where our members can decide how our organization conducts ourselves.

On May 20th, we are hosting a **Past Commanders, Past Presidents, and Past Squadron Commanders Dinner** to honor all that have served in these positions over the years. All members of the Post 29 family are invited (Legion, Auxiliary and Sons). It will be a **covered dish** dinner. The Auxiliary will provide hors d'oeuvres, meat, and rolls, and asks attendees to bring their favorite side or dessert. Social Hour starts at 3 pm with dinner at 4pm. Please come and help honor those that have led our Post 29 family in the past.

Our June 1st membership meeting will include Elections of Officers and Delegates. If you are interested in running for an office or being a delegate to the Department Convention, please contact our Nominations chairman Joann Lawton at 443-904-7431. Please try to attend this meeting which starts at 7 pm.

In June, as we celebrate Flag Day, let's all show our American pride and fly our flags proudly all month long, not just on Flag Day. The Post is planning a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Ridgely Airport again this year on June 10th. If you didn't attend the one last year, you should plan to come this year. It was a wonderful ceremony with the parachuters and the Cub Scouts. If you have any flags to be retired, please bring them to the Post before then.

Our Community Service chairman, Jenny Gellen, is collecting personal hygiene items for the months of May and June. Please bring items to the Post and place them in the collection box in the Game Room. The items should be for both men and women.

The Auxiliary Friday night dinner in May is on the 26th and we are serving hot roast beef sandwiches with mashed potatoes, gravy, and peas. The June dinner is on the 30th and we are serving spaghetti with a garden salad and garlic bread. The cost for the dinners is \$8.00 and includes dessert. Dinners are from 5-7 pm. The public is welcome at all Friday night dinners, and we offer carry-outs! Spread the word! Come have dinner with us and stay for the entertainment!

Until next time, give a stranger one of your smiles; it might be the only sunshine they see all day.

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

Greetings all.

I am pleased to report that our Squadron has not only reached 100% membership, but we have also reached our 4-star level. The Squadron now stands at 163 members strong. I congratulate, as well as thank, all of our members who have made this happen.

As for upcoming events, we will be hosting an additional turkey shoot on May 7. On May 19th our Friday night dinner will be burgers and fries, and our June 16th dinner will be Carolina styled pulled pork sandwich.

We are continuing our famous Chicken BBQ, with upcoming dates for it on May 13<sup>th</sup>, and on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and support our Squadron and get a delicious chicken dinner for only \$10! It's a half of a chicken, pickle, and chips, and it's a great deal!

**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!

**If you're interested in helping to provide articles, or even help edit the newsletter,** please let us know! Send a note to [legion29@outlook.com](mailto:legion29@outlook.com) or speak to Commander Hawkins.



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!

### Memorial Day

Memorial Day is on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. It is a day of remembrance for all those who have died in service of our country. There is some understandable confusion about the differences between Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, and Veterans Day.

Armed Forces Day is a day to recognize those currently serving our country in the armed services. Veterans Day is a day to recognize veterans of the armed services. Memorial Day is the most sacred, set aside to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

The observances this year are to be held at 1:30 PM on May 30<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday after the Federal Holiday, and the traditional Memorial Day) at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery (Beulah). Volunteers will be putting flags on the graves in the cemetery on May 27<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8 AM, so any members wishing to participate in this effort would be greatly appreciated.



### Flag Day Celebration

Given the success of last year's Flag Day observance hosted by Caroline Post 29 at the Ridgley Airfield, we are planning a similar event this year.

The event will be held 1 PM on June 10<sup>th</sup>, and we will again be having the parachute team, **Jump For Valor**. For interested persons, it may be possible to participate as a tandem jumper. If you're interested, please let us know by sending an email to: legion29@outlook.com

Alternatively, you can let one of the post officers know the next time you are at the Post home.

As part of the festivities, Caroline Post 29 will host a Flag Retirement

Ceremony. The ceremony will accord appropriate respect to the many, well-loved and well-worn flags that members and local residents have brought to the Post for proper, dignified disposal.

Refreshments to follow the ceremony. Please make plans to attend this event!

### Dept. Service Officer Contact Info

**Adrian Gamboa** can be reached at adrian.gamboa@va.gov or Telephone **410-230-4420** and Fax 410-230-4421

Offices are located at 31 Hopkins Plaza, Federal Building, Baltimore, MD 21201.

### 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 (2022-2023)

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 – MAY-JUNE 2023

**THERE IS... by Roy Lessin**

**For every hectic workday there is a quiet rest.**

**For every painful experience, there is a healing touch.**

**For every negative feeling there is an abiding joy.**

**For every disappointment there is a certain hope.**

**For every turbulent storm there is a sure foundation.**

**For every doubting thought there is a calm assurance.**

**For every hurtful action there is a forgiving love.**

**In all these things we are more than conquerors through  
Him (Jesus Christ) who loved us. Rom. 8:37**

**Here To Serve, 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>

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Department of Maryland Current Newsletter – <http://mdlegion.org/Forms/fsw.pdf>

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