



Caroline Post 29

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NEWSLETTER FOR July and August 2023

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Earnest Hawkins **Post Commander**

I would like to commend the incoming 2023-2024 Legionnaires, SAL and ALA members voted in the latest elections and all delegates that represented American Legion Post #29 at their State Conventions.

The summer is upon us and let's continue making Buddy Checks on our members who are under the weather. Buddy checks were made on SAL member Kimberly Kimberly Bornos, Past Post Commander Kenny Smith who attended the reception for past post commanders and SAL member Mike Fry Made a buddy check on Legionnaire Karl Milligan who still highly motivated and in good spirits.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members and civilians who tirelessly work behind the scenes for hall rentals, bingo, bar lounge, breakfast, funeral repasts, and events that sometimes appear at the last moment.

I also want to pass along a brief message from our American Legion National Commander Vincent J. Troiola:

One hundred years ago this past June the American Legion's Americanism

Commission called for the first national flag conference. Representatives from 68 patriotic, fraternal, civic, and military organizations gathered in Washington, D.C. to join the Legion in an effort to distill various traditions and customs relating to the U.S. flag into a set of standards guidelines.

The purpose, President Warren G. Harding told those in attendance, "is to bring the flag the becoming use by civilians of America. Harding's expectations were not only met but has triumphed as the nation's flag protocol for a century and counting".



Jack Smith **First Vice Commander**

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their support during this year, as I served as First Vice Commander and as the membership chair. It was a very challenging year, due to some accounting practices at our National Organization, requiring us to meet higher than expected numbers to achieve 100% of our membership goal.

The good news is we reached our goal, but we can't simply rest on that accomplishment. We need to actively see out fellow veterans who are not members and encourage them to join the American Legion, our country's largest veterans service organization. The American Legion is a strong advocate for legislation to recognize and, when appropriate, compensate veterans for some of the hardships they endure because of their service to the nation.

So, thanks and keep up the good work. I hope you'll all give the incoming 1st Vice Commander, Ernie Rowe, strong support as he takes on this vital role.



Donna Howeth
Caroline Unit 29, President

At the June 1st meeting an election of officers was held. Here are the new officers for ALA Caroline Unit #29:

President – Donna Howeth
1st Vice President – Donna Lewis
2nd Vice President – Jenny Gellen
Secretary/Treasurer – Pam Thompson
Sargent at Arms – Sandy Breeding
Chaplain – Mary Leavell
Historian – Vacant

Executive Committee Members
Chris Surette, Linda Webb, Joann Lawton
(All Past Presidents are now automatic members of the Executive Board due to change made in the Bylaws).

The Post will be holding an Installation in August 19th. All Members of our Post are invited to attend. Social hour will be 4 PM, ceremony will be at 5 PM, and dinner will follow.

We are currently without a Historian. A historian keeps a record of what our organization does during the year. Any ALA member interested in serving as our Historian, please contact me.

Our monthly Auxiliary meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7 PM. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. New faces and new ideas appreciated!!!

We are collecting school supplies in the month of July to donate to the Caroline school board for distribution. With the current price of food and gasoline, families will really need help with this so please give what you can. There will be a box in the Game Room for those items. Our community service chairman, Jenny Gellen is continuing the collection of personal hygiene items for local families and to send to the VA Hospitals.

The Auxiliary Friday Night Dinner for July will be held on the 28th. We will be offering a Taco Bar. The price for this dinner will be \$8.

The August dinner will be served on the 25th. We will be serving Crab Cakes with French fries and Cole slaw. The cost

of this dinner will depend on the price of crab meat. Blough's in Denton usually gives us their best price so I'm hoping to do it for \$12-14 per dinner. Both dinners include dessert, and we serve from 5 - 7 PM (unless we sell out). The public is always welcome, carry-outs will be available.

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Chuck Pittinger
SAL Squadron 29 Commander

I am pleased to introduce our newly elected officers for 2023-2024:

Commander - Chuck Pittinger
1st Vice Commander- Mike Fry
2nd Vice Commander- Curtis Short
Adjutant- Chuck Pittinger
Finance Officer- Alan Lord
Chaplain- Bill Leavell
Sergeant at Arms - Gary Geisel

You may notice this year that we have a change in names at the finance officer position. Mr. Fordie Brown, after 43 years of dedicated service in that office, has decided it is time to take a break and has passed the torch to Mr. Alan Lord. Through the years Fordie has done an excellent job of keeping our financial records. He has also worked hard as our acting chairman of our turkey shoots and our Henry rifle raffle. It was Fordie who originally came up with the idea to have a gun raffle and each year it has been a huge success. There are many other contributions Fordie has made to the Squadron that are too numerous to mention here, and although he will not be holding an office, I know he will still be dedicated to our organization and continue to contribute to it. Thank you, Fordie Brown from Squadron 29, for your years of service, and we hope you enjoy your "retirement".

Our July 21st dinner will be French Dip and our August 18th dinner will be soft crab sandwiches. We are also holding our chicken barbecue on the 2nd

Saturday of each month throughout the summer, so come out and enjoy.

PHOTO CORNER



Past Commanders Dinner, with past Commanders L to R Gary Vogt, Earnest Hawkins, Wendell Davis, John Mason, and John Scudder, Seated Kenneth Smith and Jim Howeth.



Post Adjutant Bernie Liswell at Beulah for Memorial Day Event



Swearing in of new First Vice Commander Ernie Rowe, and Post Staff Judge Advocate Gary Blades



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 like 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, where incidents happen at areas, such as parks and recreation areas, where there may not be ready assistance for some-one 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!

INDEPENDENCE DAY

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had

been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain's rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author.

While Jefferson consulted extensively with the other four members of the Committee of Five, he largely wrote the Declaration of Independence in isolation over 17 days between June 11, 1776, and June 28, 1776, from the second floor he was renting in a three-story private home at 700 Market Street in Philadelphia, now known as the Declaration House, and within walking distance of Independence Hall.

Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, removing Jefferson's vigorous denunciation of King George III for importing the slave trade, finally approving it two days later on July 4. Historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed.

Americans celebrate independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress. By a remarkable coincidence, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two signatories of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as presidents of the United States, both died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected president, also died on July 4, 1831, making him the third President who died on the anniversary of independence. The only U.S. president to have been born on Independence Day

was Calvin Coolidge, who was born on July 4, 1872.



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American Legion Post 29 Officers (2023-24)

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| Commander | Earnest Hawkins |
| First Vice Cdr. | Ernie Rowe |
| Second Vice Cdr. | Vacant |
| Adjutant | Bernie Liswell |
| Finance Officer | John Scudder |
| Judge Advocate | Gary Blades |
| Sergeant At Arms | Roland Boggs |
| Chaplain | Don Reynolds |
| Historian | Vacant |
| Service Officer | Yvonne Liswell |

ALA Unit 29 Officers (2023-24)

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| President | Donna Howeth |
| First Vice Pres. | Donna Lewis |
| Second Vice Pres. | Jenny Gellen |
| Secretary | Pam Thompson |
| Treasurer | Pam Thompson |
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CAROLINE POST 29, AMERICAN LEGION

Chaplain's Corner - July-August 2023

JESUS IS WORTHY
I accept you as Savior
Acknowledge You as Lord
Praise You as King; Bow to You as Master
Adore You as Prince Of Peace;
Run To You As Comforter
Call on You as Deliverer
Trust You as Counselor,
Walk with You as Friend.
You Lord Jesus are my Savior!
John 14:6
- Louisa McQuillen-

**Hope all of you have a blessed Fourth Of July
and continue to enjoy our God-given FREEDOM!**

Don Reynolds, Chaplain 410-924-6404

May and June 2023



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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