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COMMANDER'S CORNER BY MARK GILBERT



With my year as Commander of the Detachment of Maryland coming to an end I think back several years ago to when I first decided that I would like to lead this great organization.

My decision was based on the people around me. The Past Detachment Commanders, the officers at that time and the dedicated members. I thank the Past Detachment Commanders for their leadership and guidance which inspired me to follow in their footsteps. And I thank the members whose commitments make the Sons such a vital part of the Legion Family.

This year the Detachment of Maryland has donated

over \$130,000 to Legion Programs. The top three programs were Fisher House with over \$38,000 donated, Casey Cares over \$18,700, and Special Olympics over \$50,000. In a time of financial hardship for many, our members continue to amaze me.. In addition to the monetary donations the Sons also gave thousands of hours of their time. I can't thank you enough.

The incoming Commander and officers have the

experience and knowledge to keep our Detachment committed to the Legion Programs. They can count on my support.

I have enjoyed my travels around the State. Each and every stop I have been welcomed with open arms. It has been an honor for me to lead the Greatest Detachment in the Nation.

Yours in Legion Service,
Mark Gilbert
Detachment Commander
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ADJUTANT'S CORNER BY BILL MATOSKA

I want to begin by welcoming everyone to this 37th Annual Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Maryland. Your Time & Place Chairman, Bill Stem, did a fantastic job finding a first class location for your convention here at the Marriott Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn and I know we will all enjoy our stay here. I want to personally thank Bill for all of his hard work and due diligence in

securing the convention hotel and the event locations for all of our family members to enjoy.

Meeting Session: The meeting sessions will take place here at the hotel in the Maryland Ball Rooms III & IV. These rooms will be opened up into one large room to facilitate our business and awards sessions. The convention will convene Saturday at 8:00 A.M. and will recess at

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY TOM DEAL

Well another great year has come to the end and here are the totals at the end of May; Detachment is at 95.2% and finished the reporting year 213 members behind last years' numbers. Congratulations to South Eastern Shore District for achieving 3 Star status. I know all districts are doing their part to catch up as we were at one time this year over 500 members behind last years' totals. Even though the reporting year has ended we still have another goal of 105% by July 28, 2010. We need to get the rest of the members renewed and get to another all time high. Maryland has had all time highs in membership since 1984. The renewal rate is 84.76% for 2010 and we have 2382 members who have not renewed yet this year. Remember, WOW THAT'S A LOW PRICE, and get those members renewed, don't delay do it today! Call them, e-mail them, visit them, ask them why not? Do it for the Veterans!! Do it for the kids! Just do it! National Totals have us in 28th place 94.755% as of June 1. We are fourth in the East Region.

Congratulations to the 4 Star squadrons: Towson 22, Dundalk 38, Harford 39, Rosedale 180, Slate Ridge 182, Parkton 256, Jackson & Johnson, 263, Clopper-Michael 10, Francis Scott Key 11, Carroll 31, Hesson-Snyder 120, Gold Star 191, Hampstead 200, Sykesville Memorial 223, Glen W. Eyer 282, Guy Carleton Parlett 7, Harry White Wilmer 82, Henderson-Smith-Edmonds 86, Severna Park 175, Gray-Ray 220, Brandywine 227, Jameson-Harrison 238, Wheaton 268, Arick L. Lore 274, Howard L. Turner 276, Barton 189, Grantsville 214, Stanley Cochran 16, Wicomico 64, Corporal Herman Hughes 87, Synepuxent 166, Dor Wic 218, Cecil 15, Jeff Davis 18, Susquehanna 135, Mason Dixon 194, C Henry Price 246, Kent Island 278 and Benedict A. Andrew 296. Congratulations



to the 3 Star squadrons: Walter Green 14, Northeastern 285, Edgewood 17, Joseph L. Davis 47, Overlea-Perry Hall 130, Joseph C. Herbert 222, Antietam 236, Patrick Henry 34, Cheverly 108, Colmar Manor 131, Ridge 255, Dorchester 91, Oliver T. Beauchamp, Jr. 94, Duncan-Showell 231, Spring Hill 237, Hurlock 243 and Frank M. Jarman 36.

Membership Theme for 2009-2010 was Vineyards of Maryland. Now for the final totals: 1st place goes to South Eastern Shore District, 2nd place Northern Central District, 3rd place goes to North Eastern Shore District, 4th place goes to Western Maryland District, 5th place goes to Baltimore District, 6th place goes to Southern Maryland District and 7th place goes to Mountain District. I trust everyone had a little fun with this. NCD Commander Saunders sure should have as he earned 4 bottles from me during the year. In the end it is SESD Commander Jones who takes the final bottle and finished first in the race. It was close and back and forth for a while, I thank everyone for helping to get membership in. I also congratulate everyone on your hard work from all the districts. Again, don't give up now, let's get those final members renewed and make another all time high.

National recruiter pins are still available also for anyone who recruits 5 new members, forms are on the National web site.

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Membership Chairman
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CHILDREN & YOUTH CHATTER BY KEN JENKINS

It's hard to believe how fast this year has gone. It seems like just yesterday that we were at Post 130 for the Organizational Meeting. And it seems like just yesterday that we were holding our Detachment Seminar. And it seems like just yesterday that Team Maryland was jumping into the frozen Chesapeake Bay and raising over \$18,000.00 for MD Special Olympics. And it seems like just yesterday that the Detachment of Maryland was given a special award at the Casey Cares Foundation Gala for all the donations and service that we have given to help the children in need.

At the judging of reports on Sunday June 6, 2010, it was hard to believe the numbers that were reported for donations

made to the many charities that we support and the many hours of service that our members performed for the children and youth of our communities. We should all be proud of what we have accomplished this past year.

I look forward to working with each of you next year and hope that we will do even better.

Maryland Commitment,
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COMMANDER'S PROJECT

BY PDC ANDY DADDS

Fisher House provides a friendly environment for families to stay while their love ones are being treated in the various military hospitals. This is Commander Mark Gilbert's project this year. We have had great support from all members of the Legion Family, Veterans Groups and individual donations. With these donations we have made Commander Mark proud knowing we care about the families of our injured troops.

Commander Mark, thank you for letting me chair your project this year. It has



been a pleasure working with you and others to promote this wonderful program. You know Fisher House is close to my heart when I picked it for my project while serving as your commander. I am proud of everyone who helped make this project successful. Thank you.

Yours In Service
Andy Dadds, PDC
Commanders Project Chairman

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT BY BOB TRUEBLOOD

The year is drawing to a close and the time for reports is at hand. What a successful year we had especially working many projects in our Communities. Even though the winter months were particularly hard, we managed to pile up the service hours.

Both cook-outs and barbeques at the Fisher Houses at Andrews Air Force Base and Bethesda Naval Hospital were highly successful. In the Fall, we cooked steaks and baked potatoes, which were highly enjoyed and greatly appreciated by those who were staying at Andrews Air Force Base, thanks to the expert cooking of Project Chairman Andy Dadds, Bill Hill and his wife Michele.

The cook-out at Bethesda Naval Hospital had a taste of Maryland theme, which was enjoyed by the residents. Although the residents staying at the Fisher House were busy visiting their family members, the food was prepared for them to enjoy when they returned from their visits. Many thanks go out to those that came and helped make this a

special occasion. Tommy Deal came all the way from Perryville, MD to cook the barbeque chicken (which was cooked to perfection. O.K. Eleanor, Tommy knows how to cook. Put him to work!) Buddy Mastin made the Crab Cakes and broiled them just right (I didn't know that Buddy could cook so well. He should open a seafood restaurant). Jeff and Julie Seiler brought the cole slaw. Bob Filippi took pictures and we even had help from Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post #86 Commander, Colleen Mahoney. Many thanks to all who made this a successful project, this year. We will be planning a similar project for next year. Whether you see it happening, or not, You are making a difference in your communities.

In Service to Our Veterans and Community
Bob Trueblood
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NORTHEASTERN SHORE GAZETTE

Thanks to all the Squadrons in the district who participated in the worthy causes that the Sons promote. With the economy still not doing well, it only means we have to work harder.

IF you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, you may contact me at 410-829-9974 or email me at jkj44@aol.com.

4 Star Squadrons

C. Henry Price Squadron # 246
Kent Island Squadron # 278
Jeff Davis Squadron # 18
Mason Dixon Squadron # 194
Benedict A. Andrew Squadron # 296
Susquehanna Squadron # 135
Cecil Squadron # 15

3 Star Squadrons

Frank M. Jarman Squadron # 36

Yours in Service,
Ken Jones
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AMERICANISM REPORT BY BILL HILL

Well our year is drawing to an end, so this means it's time to reflect and what better way to help me do this than by referencing our annual reports. We've asked for your support throughout the year and you've stepped up to the task. The officers and advisors of our squadrons and districts listened and took the opportunity to brag about what the "Blue Cap" members have done, when it comes to supporting the programs of the entire American Legion Family. It was very impressive to see the numerous programs this Detachment supports, when reviewing the consolidated reports.

Flag Replacement Program

Under the Flag Program we did an amazing job showing how proud we are of the symbol of our country. There was over 700 standard flags replaced, we conducted 25+ retirement programs,

spent over \$4500 to support this program. I would also like to thank Jim Alexander for a great job in promoting and chairing this program.

Community Affairs

We supported just about everything you could imagine, from community food banks, church kitchens, cleaned up around the post, ball fields, play grounds and if memory serves me correctly we even adopted-a-highway. To help give you a great understanding of what the Detachment did let me just say there was 53,000 Community Service hours on the consolidated reports, plus roughly \$100,000 in general donations. You can't mention this program, without also saying thank you to Santa (Bob) for another successful year.

This is just one outstanding Detachment. It would take at least two extra pages in

this article to list everything we supported this year. So, I'll skip the list and let you hear about how well everyone did at our convention. Let me also extend congratulations to all of the squadrons and districts who submitted their consolidated reports, and to the winner of each category under Americanism. You deserved it! I would also like to extend my appreciation to all of the sub-committee chairman for your support this year.

Thank you to every member of the Detachment and all of our Legion Family members for supporting the programs, which fall under Americanism.

Yours in Service to Legion Programs,
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CASEY CARES BY DAVE HULLIHEN

It is now the end of the year and time for our final push to make our goals. Everyone feels that his or her cause is the best one to make a donation to. After all that is their job to raise as much as possible. I think the same way about Case Cares, but in the long run, they are all very worthy causes, and we can only do the best we can. We will try right to the very end. I did not set a goal this

year. I wanted to just raise as much as possible, and I do believe that it was a very successful year. Bear did a great job again with the bike ride. As of this writing, I do not have a total for the year for donations or the ride, but up till now it has been very good year. I am going to make one more push towards the end and ask once again. This is the time to make one last effort for donations. I will

accept them all the way up to and including at convention. Thanks to all who have made donations to The Casey Cares Foundation.

Chairman of Casey Cares Foundation Committee
Dave Hullihen
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CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION BY LARRY FORD

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's purpose is: "To contribute to the physical, mental emotional and spiritual needs of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and their programs." "To make wider, more effective use of the knowledge already possessed by well-established organizations to the end that such information will benefit youth and be

more adequately used by society."

To raise money for the Child Welfare Foundation this year we are selling 2010 CWF Coins. The coin is a great collector item. The CWF Coin is very handsome looking and we are selling them for \$10 a piece. You have opened your wallets and gave generously for a good cause. Many worth while programs have been sponsored with the money that has been raised for the Child Welfare Foundation.

I want to thank everyone who donated to CWF. Your support is greatly appreciated!

This year we will be bringing back "Pounds for Pennies" to raise money for CWF. There will be information about this program in the near future.

Yours in Service,
Larry Ford, Chairman
Child Welfare Foundation

SOUTHERN MARYLAND TIMES

It's that time of the year again when we stop and reflect on the year that has gone by. I am very proud of what we as a District have accomplished and all the money we have raised for our Legion Family programs. I would like to thank all the Squadrons for doing a great job of sending in their membership. This has been a great year all around for our District and it is nice to see all the new members getting involved. Keep up the good work and remember, you are the ones who make it happen.

Congratulations to our incoming District Commander, Don 'JR' Hall from Glen Burnie Squadron #40. I look forward to another great year in our District with 'JR' at the helm. Congratulations also go out to all our other incoming officers. If you give 'JR' all the support you have given me this year we will have another banner year in our District. I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to have served as your District Commander. You have made my job easy and I will carry with me the

knowledge and friendships I have gained as Commander.

I hope to see everyone at our Detachment Convention, and don't forget to stop by our District hospitality room.

Serving Those Who Served
Tommy Bryant
Commander
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NATIONAL CAMPAIGN BY BEAR WEINZIRL

In August, at the upcoming National Convention in Milwaukee, our own Joe Gladden should be installed as National Vice-Commander of the Eastern Region. The Eastern Region is the largest Region in the country, comprised of over 130,000 members from the Detachments of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia and even France.

In order for a National Vice-Commander's year to be successful, an extensive amount of traveling is required. From his previous track record, we all know that Joe will do whatever it takes to make his year successful. But this will also be a very expensive undertaking and he will need our continued financial support to accomplish this.

I want to thank all Squadrons and Districts that have made donations to our National Campaign Fund thus far. And thanks to you, our 6-Month Calendar Book Fundraiser was extremely successful. I want to thank everyone throughout the Detachment who helped by selling and/or purchasing

them. We will be doing another 6 month book that will start January 1, 2011. At \$20, these books will make excellent Christmas gifts for family and friends, providing them with a chance to win a portion of the \$10,000 payout. Books should be available in September.

Please consider holding a fundraiser of your own to assist our candidate for National Vice-Commander. If planning an event and you would like Joe to attend, please contact me at [410] 642-2659 or nesdsal@aol.com and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

I'm certain that Joe will do an excellent job as he serves in this high office and that he will make our entire Detachment proud. Let's continue to do what we can to assist him in this endeavor. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Larry "Bear" Weinzirl

National Campaign Chairman

Past Detachment Commander

WESTERN MARYLAND TRIBUNE

Greetings from The Western Maryland District! I would like to Congratulate the following Squadrons 10,11,31,120,121,191,200,223,282 for achieving Four Star Status and the following Squadrons 222,236 for achieving Three Star! Also, I would like to Congratulate Carroll County for

achieving Four Star! I would also like to Congratulate William Spurrier, the incoming Western Maryland District Commander and wish him luck next year. I also can't forget about our representation at Detachment level and wish Bill Hill the best of luck in the upcoming year. I would like to say Thank

You for allowing me to serve as your District Commander for 2009-2010.

Yours in Service,
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VAVS VARIETY

Well another year is ending, and it still amazes me how time after time we as an organization step up to help take care of our veterans. This year in helping our veterans in the Detachment we volunteered over 22, 295 hours, donated over \$112,391.00 and in-kind donations of \$174,795.00. We also assisted 382 veterans on Veteran's Assistance Day and that is with 50% of our Squadrons turning in reports. Imagine what the other 50% could add to our numbers.

I had a great experience visiting Charlotte Hall and McVet this year. It's really nice to get to talk to our veterans' one on one. They have some great stories to tell and they enjoy the camaraderie. We can also be helping our veterans during the summer. If you have an older veteran at your Post or in your neighborhood, maybe you could help by cutting the grass or doing other chores around the house for them.

BY BUDDY MASTIN

Thanks again to everyone who helped support our VAVS programs this year. You are what makes the American Legion Family great. Remember we are "Proud possessors" of a priceless heritage" and that heritage is our veterans. I hope to see everyone at convention.

Yours In Service,
Buddy Mastin
Detachment VAVS Chairman
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Loch Raven VA Community Living Center

On May 29, 2010 the Center held its 3rd annual car show on the much reduced parking lot. In addition, the Northern Central District held their annual cookout. It was a great day all around. Lots of cars, good food, music and a lot of good visiting took place. I know the veterans appreciated the day as I know

I did.

Coming up in the very near future is Parkville Squadron 183's annual Fathers Day cookout on June 20, 2010. Another good time is planned. As I write this article I have just left the facility and can report that construction has started on an addition to the main building. This construction will add much needed expanded floor space for many current areas and will enable the Center to better serve the needs of the veteran patients.

In closing I would like to thank all you helped at the center in the past year. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated.

Bob Filippi
VA Representative
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CASEY CARES BIKE RIDE BY BEAR WEINZIRL

Once again this year, motorcycle enthusiasts from around the state will join together for a day of fun and riding at the 6th annual SAL Detachment of Maryland's "Ride for Casey Cares". This year's ride will be held on Saturday July 31st [rain or shine] and will begin at Harford Post 39 in Bel Air with opening ceremonies commencing at 9:00am. Riders are requested to arrive at 8:00.

On this day, we will be taking a nice scenic ride through Harford and Cecil Counties. We will be stopping at Slate Ridge Post 182 in Whiteford, Mason Dixon Post 194 in Rising Sun, Susquehanna Post 135 in Perryville, and Joseph L. Davis Post 47 in Havre de Grace before arriving back at Harford Post 39 for food and

beverages. This year's ride will also be a "Poker Run". The donation to participate in this ride will be \$25 per rider and \$25 per passenger. Cars are also welcome at the same rate. Please



help us spread the word about this ride to riders throughout the state.

Let's make this year's ride a huge

success as we raise monies to assist the Casey Cares Foundation in providing uplifting programs with a personal touch to critically ill children and their families. For registration forms, sponsorship sheets or more info, please contact me at [410] 642-2659 or e-mail me at nesdsal@aol.com. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you on July 31st.

Larry "Bear" Weinzirol
*Past Detachment Commander/Ride Chairman/
Casey Cares Foundation Board Member*

MARYLAND SPECIAL OLYMPICS BY JR HALL

I have started wrapping up this year with the Special Olympics and WOW! what a year we had as a Detachment. Our Polar Bear Legion Plunge Team topped a little over \$19,500.00 as a team. Commander Gilbert broke the \$4000.00 mark and Buddy Mastin was chasing him with over \$3800.00. That is Great. I want to thank you guys for leading the team. When I think of Awesome, I think of Squadron 15 that recently raised over \$32,000.00 for Cecil Counties Special Olympics with their Ice Splash. Now that's AWESOME!!!! With these two event and other Squadrons that gave locally, we topped over \$50,000.00 this year raised for the great athletes in the Special Olympics. What a year!

While we had a great year raising money, we also had another great year with volunteer hours too. Lead by Wayne Berbig, always taking his crew of volunteers around the state for Special Olympics competitions, there were hundreds and hundreds of hours worked by volunteers all over the

Detachment. This past year we lost our number 1 Special Olympics volunteer "Mr. Peanut" and he will be missed forever by all of The Legion Family.

When I look back on this year and see numbers like over \$50,000.00 raised and all the hundreds of hours worked, I understand why the Detachment of Maryland is the Best. I would to thank everyone that helped the athletes of the Special Olympics this year. Please get on line now and sign up for next year's plunge in January. Our Plunge Team for next year is already been formed and ready for you to join. Let's top last year's numbers this year...I know we can do it.

Please remember our Soldiers, Veterans and Children,

Yours In Service

Don JR Hall Jr

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NATIONAL EMERGENCY FOUNDATION BY KEN JONES

The National Emergency Fund has kept posts from closing and enabled Legion family members to begin to rebuild their homes and their lives.

A Special Thank You to Squadrons #82, #11, #64 and #77 for their financial assistance to heal the wounds of catastrophe and help save Legion Family

members' homes in the wake of disaster.

Yours in Service,

Ken Jones

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BOYS STATE BY KEN JONES

As we begun our convention, Boys State is winding down. A Special Thanks to the American Legion and the Sons who volunteered their week as counselors to make Boys State a success.

This Legion program had to be very rewarding to those young men who chose to participate.

Their week included legislative sessions, law enforcement presentations, assemblies and recreational programs.

NORTHERN CENTRAL NEWS

The Year 2009-2010 has come to an end and I just want to say that I am proud to have been your Commander and had a chance to keep Northern Central District strong and proud. You have done an outstanding job with membership and showing your support for our programs. Each and every member has made the Northern Central District the Greatest District in Maryland. Once again we have another committed slate of Officers that will continue to make NCD grow and grow. We need for members to step up and get active. Squadron Officers and Advisors attending the **DISTRICT** and **Detachment** meetings is a great way to start.

The Ronald McDonald House was my Commander's Project and we raised approximately \$4,000.00 for them. A Job well

done! We also raised more this year for most of our other commitments such as the VAVS programs, Children and Youth programs.

Past NCD and Detachment Commander (**Joe Gladden**) is running for National vice East Commander for the Year 2010-2011 and we need to give him all of our support.

God Bless all of You, God Bless our Troops and God Bless America !

Yours in Service;

NCD Commander

Jerry Saunders

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NEC NEWS BY ANDY DADDS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN

I bring you greetings from National Commander Mark Arneson. May 1-2, 2010, the Detachment of Maryland traveled to Indy to attend the NEC, where the members sat in the various commission and committees meetings. Our Vice Commanders took the NMI classes 1-3 and with Tom Deal graduating from NMI 3.

Membership in the Eastern Region is not doing so well, we are still in last place with a 94.687%. We are standing at 94.045% which is behind the May 10th target date. We still have a lot of work to do in collecting dues. Please contact your members and stress the

importance their membership is to the Legion Family, we need the support in helping our Veterans and Children.

National convention is just around the corner. The 39th National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 27-29, 2010. Preliminary planning for this National Convention is in process.

Tentatively, the Sons National Convention will be held in Ballroom "D" of the Midwest Airlines Convention Center, downtown Milwaukee, WI. The great city of Milwaukee also offers many downtown amenities such as a shopping mall, many stores, and local restaurant.

If you are going now is the time to book travel and let the Dept. of Maryland know you are going in order to guarantee you a room in the Dept. Hotel. Please let your District know you are going so they can let the Detachment know as well.

I wish the Detachment of Maryland a successful convention. Have fun and celebrate a wonderful year and may the following year be just as great.

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NEC Committeemen
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ADJUTANT'S CORNER BY BILL MATOSKA

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approximately 11:00 A.M. and then re-convene on Sunday at 9:00 A.M.

Junior Convention: The Junior members will be released to attend their activities session after the opening of the convention and will be under the guidance of PNC Bill Sparwasser and Commission Chairman George Grossnickle. The Junior activities will take place in the Garden Room which is just down the hall from the main meeting area.

Bowling Tournament: The Harmison Whitney Bowling Tournament is being held at the Timonium Lanes located at 2165 York Road, Timonium, Md. 21093. Chairman Danny Robinson said the tournament is scheduled to begin at 12:00 P.M. sharp and will start on time with or without all those that registered.

Pool Tournament: The 8 Ball Double Elimination Tournament will begin at

12:30 P.M. at Johnny Cs Arcade & Billiards located at 22 Church Lane, Cockeysville, Md. 21030. Tournament Chairman Jerry Saunders requests everyone to be on time so that the participants can draw their first match and begin without delay.

Superstars & Horseshoes: These activities will be located at Oregon Ridge Park at 13401 Beaver Dam Road, Cockeysville, Md. 21030 and is scheduled to begin at 4:30 P.M. Jim Alexander is chairing the Horseshoe Tournament and Bill Sparwasser is chairing the Superstar Events. Parents, your help is needed and appreciated for the Superstar events. For everyone's convenience the Detachment of Maryland will provide hamburgers & hot dogs for all family members in attendance at Oregon Ridge **free**. Coolers of ice water will be on location and a half keg of a libation for those over 21 years of age. If you have any special needs or

would like something else to eat or drink feel free to bring it with you. When you enter Oregon Ridge proceed to the Westinghouse Pavilion area. The S.A.L. does have a beer and wine permit for this function. Beer must be in cans or keg only.

Sunday: At 8:00 A.M. the Past National Champion Color Guard from Essex Squadron No. 148 will perform a demonstration of a competition routine for our enjoyment and to generate interest for other squadrons to create their own groups. This will take place just outside the Convention Center Area facing Shawan Road. The Memorial Service under Chaplain Ken Jones' guidance will begin at 8:30 A.M. back inside in the Maryland Ballrooms. The business session is then scheduled to re-convene at 9:00 A.M. Yours In Service,
Bill Matoska