



# “The Pride”

Detachment of Maryland

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## Commander’s Corner

Greetings Fellow Sons,

As I embark on my journey as Detachment Commander, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the trust placed in me to assume this honored position. I look forward to the coming year, traveling and meeting many of you across our great Detachment of Maryland. I think we are looking at an exciting and successful year ahead, but it all starts with your support. We just completed a fantastic membership year, and I know you will work just as hard for Vice Commander Fayer’s program as well. The group of officers elected this year are ready to support your efforts in membership retention, supporting our programs and of course fundraising. Remember to send Bear your event flyers and he will be sure to post them on the website. This year our project is in support of Veterans programs that reach across the generations of Veterans in our community. Robert Hill of Squadron 191 has taken on the Project Chairman position and will be bringing you updates and coordinating our fundraising activities for the year. We think you will find these worthwhile programs to support.

Three separate programs have been selected:

**Charlotte Hall Veterans Home-** Charlotte Hall is the only Veterans home operated by the State of Maryland. This home serves our older veteran community providing safe living conditions with the care they need. The Sons of the American Legion have a long relationship with Charlotte Hall and have supported them on the Squadron, District and Detachment levels. Our primary

fundraising effort will be to meet a need the facility has for the Memory Unit. They are requesting that we assist in purchasing a retractable awning and having it installed so that these patients will be able to enjoy the outdoors in inclement weather and during summer to be shaded from the sun. There are several other needs we can assist with as well depending on fund-raising totals.

**Catch A Lift Fund- Catch a Lift (CAL)** is a Lutherville, MD based non-profit founded by the family of Army Corporal Chris Coffland, a Baltimore native, who was killed in Afghanistan in November 2009. Since its founding in 2010, the Catch A Lift Fund has helped thousands of post- 9/11 combat wounded veterans regain their mental and physical health through gym memberships, in home gym equipment, personalized fitness and nutrition programs and a peer support network. Veterans participating in CAL programs are seeing and feeling results including dramatic weight loss, reduction in medications, improved sleep patterns, and strengthened relationships with family and friends, thanks to their healthier lifestyle.

Veteran testimonials attest that CAL has "saved their lives"; the greatest impact of all.

**The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation (formerly Endowment Fund)-** The Veterans and Children Foundation provides funding for the training of Service Officers, a vital link between the Veteran and the Veterans Administration. Service Officers work with individual veterans to help get the benefits due to them, expedite cases and assist the Veteran in getting claims properly worked. The Veteran and Youth foundation also provides funding for the Temporary Financial Assistance program. The TFA

provides financial support to children of veterans and active duty who have experienced financial hardships (example: The Coast Guardsman who were affected by the partial government shutdown). Grants of up to \$1,000 are provided to those who qualify for the support.

Fundraising Goals:  
**Fundraising Goal for Charlotte Hall Projects- \$ 50,000.00**

**Fundraising Goal for catch A Lift Fund- \$ 10,000.00**

**Fundraising Goal for TAL Veterans & Children Foundation- \$ 10,000.00**

**Total Goal for 2019-2020- \$ 70,000.00**

All donation checks should be made out to: **Detachment of Maryland** and earmarked **Commanders Project**. Donations are encouraged to be presented at a DEC meeting, or can be mailed to:

**Detachment of Maryland  
3115 Orchard Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21234.**

Robert Hill and I will be providing updates as the year progresses in the Pride and the Detachment Website and Facebook page as well. See you September 14<sup>th</sup> at Post 282 in Woodsboro MD for the DEC meeting.

“Generations of Service to Our Veterans”

Yours in Service,  
Bob Manzo  
Detachment Commander  
Sons of The American Legion

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## Adjutant's Corner

**D.E.C. :** The next Detachment Executive Committee Meeting will be called to order by Commander Manzo, on September 14, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. The meeting is being hosted at Glen W. Eyer Post 282, located at 101 W. Elizabeth St., Woodsboro, MD 21798

### Campout & Commander Retreat

We are hosting a weekend Camp Out at The American Legion's Southern Maryland District Youth Camp, 9201 Surratts Rd., Cheltenham, MD 20623 from Friday September 27 to Sunday September 29. This is an opportunity for all to come together and gather some additional insight into this year's plans, so since you're coming for that, why not make it a weekend. There are sleeping facilities available (bring your own blankets and etc....), as well as areas for tent camping and campers (no hookups). We will have activities for our Junior members and we are providing meals all three days. Just bring your beverage of choice and your children or grandchildren.

This year we are honored to have some residents from Charlotte Hall's Veterans Home visit with us and participate in our bingo event and share a meal with us. Once again the Detachment Commander and the Vice-Commanders will hold a US Flag retirement ceremony. In conjunction with all of the activities planned for our families and youth, the Detachment has secured two bounce houses for our youth to enjoy.

For additional information, please contact the Past Detachment Commander, Dave Hullihen for details around lodging and events for the weekend.

Email: DaveH.195@hotmail.com

### 100th Anniversary :

The American Legion realized some notable changes to the organization during the celebration of the 100th Anniversary this past year. The greatest I think is when lawmakers approved the LEGION Act. This legislation means that more than 1,600 servicemembers who were killed or wounded in previously undeclared war eras now truly get the recognition they deserve. It also opens up all benefits of American Legion membership to an additional 4.2 million veterans. In essence, what the Legion Act did was make any honorably discharged veteran that served in the Armed Forces since December 7, 1941 with no current closing date eligible to become a member of The American Legion. This not only impacts the Legion's potential for membership growth, but significantly assists the Sons of The American Legion and The American Auxiliary recruiting new members. On that note I want to congratulate Past Detachment Commanders Brett Beall and Bill Hill who have now become dual card members thanks to the Legion Act. Also notable is that American Legion -supported legislation won the long fight for Blue Water Navy veterans to receive VA disability benefits for illnesses linked to exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. The law, signed by President Trump in June, will extend disability benefits covering medical conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure to those who served on ships off the coast of Vietnam.

Noteworthy on a local front was on June 20, in a landmark decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 7-2 in favor of The American Legion, allowing the Bladensburg World War I Veterans Memorial to remain where it has stood since 1925. The

cross-shaped memorial honors 49 World War I veterans who never returned home to their community in Prince George's County, Md.

There have been many reasons to celebrate our achievements of the past year — and the past 100 years. One way to do so is to purchase a special keepsake American Legion centennial coin. Only two organizations a year are selected by the U.S. Mint to strike a special commemorative coin. The selection of The American Legion as one of those two this year shows how well-respected our organization is throughout the nation. The coin sales will terminate at the end of this year so be sure to get your collectibles before it's too late. The coins are just one way to celebrate our first century of service to America. Departments and posts held their own special events. And, of course, our national convention this month will be another way to celebrate.

### National Convention:

The Detachment of Maryland was well represented at the National Convention this year hosted at the National Headquarters location of the Legion Family in Indianapolis, Indiana. Maryland had over 30 members and spouses in attendance. The newly elected S.A.L. National Commander for the administrative year 2019-2020 is Clint Bolt from the Detachment of Virginia and the newly elected National Vice Commander East is Gary Nelson from the Detachment of New Jersey. Maryland extended congratulations to these two deserved individuals and hope they have the opportunity to visit Maryland this year and meet our members so that they may understand why Maryland is revered as the best Detachment in the nation.

Yours In Service,  
Bill Matoska  
Detachment Adjutant  
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## Membership !

As we start our new year, there is some good news for The American legion family. With the passing of the Legion Act and the president's signature there is opportunity for the entire family to gain in membership. As your post starts getting their members make sure to check and see if they have any family members that are eligible for the SAL.

For those that may not know what the Legion Act is: The Legislation changes the dates for membership in the American Legion to those that served from April 6th, 1917 to November 11th, 1918, and from December 7th, 1941 till a time later determined by the federal government. This will open the door for approximately 6 million veterans to join the legion.

The first report has come out and the Detachment is off to a good start. The North Eastern Shore District has stepped into first place with NCD in second. Commander Edwards and the South Eastern Shore must have taken a break from working the mines last year and are coming in third place, followed by Southern Maryland, Western Maryland, Mountain, and Baltimore.

I encourage you to keep working on renewing membership and getting some new members as well. I will be unveiling my membership theme at the DEC meeting and we will have some fun with it seeing who can get to the top or stay at the top all year. Get busy now and get rid of those goose eggs before the DEC meeting.

Mark T Fayer Sr  
Membership Chairmen  
1st Vice Commander



## Americanism Report

The Americanism Commission was created in 1919 during the National Convention held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As a Detachment we have always been and continued to support all programs listed under this commission. Our success this year will truly rely on our blue hats to support our *Community*,

*State, and Nation*. Just reach out to a local organization and ask what we can do to help. As we continue our year the programs under Americanism will need your help. With the Hurricane seasons upon us remember NEF (National Emergency fund). Flag Replacement is an ongoing program. Start thinking about purchasing flags to place on graves of our veterans. Make sure to track your efforts. Keep in mind to sponsor a young man to Boys State. Donate to a local Scout Troop in your area. Last but not least, Community Affairs always need your support. Volunteer for a program in the months to come.

As Chairman of this Commission I would like to thank every member of the Detachment and all our Legion Family members for supporting the programs under AMERICANISM

Yours in Service,  
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## Boys State

The American Legion Department of Maryland 2019 Boys State is completed for this year. The staff would like to say "Thank You" for your support this year. The staff had a great time and the boys had a learning experience that will last a lifetime. A total of 175 boys attended this year. Maryland's Boys State has zero unemployment and 100 percent voter turnout.

Registration for this program is done completely online and Department Headquarters monitors the status of these applications. The staff and posts get an updated listing by email of those applicants and their application status. The online application process is working but that Post or Squadron who is sponsoring that boy should be in contact with him and letting him know to get that application done by the deadline.

The cost of sending a boy is still \$350.00 dollars. You can go out into the community and solicit funds from businesses or alumni of this program to get sponsors for Boys State. Within the post you can hold a 50/50 raffle, have a fundraiser, or with the Post's permission put a jar in the lounge.

The objective is for each Post in the state with the help of their squadron should be to send one boy to this program. If your Post or Squadron cannot afford the donation, do not quit there. Have that boy complete his on application. The Boys State Committee will find a Post, Squadron, or somebody to sponsor him.

The program is still looking for a few young men to join the Boys State staff. If you think you might have what it takes, please feel free to email or call me. Thank you to all who donated to Past Detachment Commander Jim Alexander Commander's project Boys State.

Dennis J. Renehan  
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Boys State Staff  
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## National Emergency Fund:

I'm back!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Once again, it's my honor to serve as NEF chairman. So that means I'll be asking for money. Last year we tried for 50 cents a member or a goal of \$8,000. Although we are making headway, we haven't quite got there. Let's strive to make that goal this year.

Disasters are affecting every corner of this great country and members of our Legion Family are left devastated. Do your part to help those in need.

Eligibility & Application requirements

May be found at:

[www.legion.org/emergency/apply](http://www.legion.org/emergency/apply)

For God and Country,

Bill Stem (PDC)

NEF Chairperson

## Community Affairs:

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. The annual Fisher House Bethesda picnic will be on Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> around 11am. We are looking for volunteers and donations to assist us with preparing the food and funding this

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annual event. We usually prepare steaks, burgers, dogs along with plenty of sides. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me so I can get you on the base access list.

Also, remember to get involved with your community. Assist a veteran by mowing their grass or weeding their garden. You can also help any of your elder or disabled neighbors with any work that is needed around their house or yard. They will appreciate your assistance and dedication to making their lives easier.

Community Affairs Chairman

Joe Lohman  
Squadron60@verizon.net

### **Flag Replacement**

We are beginning our 2019/2020 year, with Detachment Commander Bob Manzo. Let's do our best to make him proud of this program. Same rules as last year but the Awards haven't been decided yet. I will inform everyone when it is official. But in the meantime, let's get started in replacing or placing our Country's Flag. Forms can be found on our website mdsal.org. More information in our next newsletter.

Last year's winners are as noted:  
1<sup>st</sup> Place-Squadron 183  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Squadron 135

Thanks again to everyone that participated for a job well done!

Jerry Saunders Sr.  
Program Chairman

### **Five-Star Program:**

PNC Bill Sparwasser does an outstanding job on teaching our 5 Star and 10 Ideals program at convention. He and his team will come to your district and teach when set up ahead to do so. If you are interested reach out to PNC Sparwasser and plan a program to succeed.

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH CORNER**

I am looking forward to a great year serving as your Children and Youth Chairman for 2019-2020 under the guidance of Commander Manzo.

Remember that our children are our greatest resource and with the help of every member we can make this a banner year helping the children of our community. Every Squadron should pick at least one, if not more, Children and Youth program that they can and will support throughout the year.

If you have any questions or ideas about our Children and Youth programs, please contact me or the appropriate Committee Chair. I am looking forward to working with this year's team of guys and providing you with as much information as possible about the Children and Youth programs.

Yours in Service,

Children & Youth Chairman

Larry Ford

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Perry Hall, MD 21128-9448

## **Special Olympics— Maryland**

The Detachment of Maryland, Special Olympics Maryland continues to provide its athletes with sporting events year-round. After Summer Games wrapped up in June, they had their Kayaking Championship on August 24th in Chestertown. Coming up on September 29th is The State Golf Championship in Queenstown, Fall Sports Festival, October 19, in Emmitsburg, and State Soccer Tournament, October 27th in Fruitland.

There are also numerous fundraising events happening around the state like the "5k on the Runway" September 29 in Frederick and "The Rockfish Open" October 26 in Riva to name a few.

Lots of things to get involved with. Go to SOMD.ORG, pick an event, register to volunteer or sign up to participate, and HAVE FUN.

Too hot for ya?? The Polar Bear Plunge is just 5 months away! For Information on other opportunities to donate money or time, just contact me.

Helping others makes your Heart feel good,

Eddie Souder ~ Chairman

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## **Casey Cares Newsletter**

Casey Cares Foundation has been a program that the Sons of The American Legion has supported for years. We help enhance the lives of children and their families as they suffer through hard times.

In the upcoming year please plan a donation in your budget, maybe set up a pajama collection for your meeting or post or hold a raffle to raise money. Any donation will certainly help change the lives of a Casey Cares Family.

If golf is your life you can register now for Casey Care golf tournament on October 7th. Prizes will be given for ladies and men. The tournament will be held at a and new location – Cattail Creek.

On the SAL Detachment of Maryland website there is a [link](#) for Casey Cares if anyone is interested to read more about the Casey Cares Foundation and all their fund-raisers. You can also go to CaseyCares.org for all your info.

If you need any information on the Casey Cares Foundation, please contact me and I will do my best to get you the information you need or put you in contact with the person that can. Robert Keys (Bob)

Chairman – Casey Cares

Cell: 443-756-1152

## **Toys For Tots**

As you all know, the Sons of The American Legion has actively supported the Toys for Tots organization for many years. This organizations mission "is to collect and distribute new toys as Christmas gifts to children in need in our community. For more than six decades, the U.S. Marine Corps has distributed over 452 million toys to more than 209 million children." They rely heavily on the generosity and support of individuals and organizations.

I would like to see the SAL be an even stronger part of the Toys for Tots success. Therefore, I challenge each and every squadron to the following:

Collect either 100 new and unwrapped toys OR donate \$100 towards the Toys for Tots organization. If all of the 110 squadrons meet that challenge we

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could potentially collect 11,000 toys or \$11,000. You can turn in monetary donations at any District or DEC meeting. To help streamline the toy collection process I ask that each squadron arrange a pick up or drop off on their own and turn in their final collection count to myself or their District Representative, who can turn the count into me at a DEC meeting. You can find local pick-up / drop off locations on the Toys For Tots website ([www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)).

I hope that everyone keeps Toys for Tots in mind ALL year long and not just at Christmas time. Once this year's collections have been turned in you can start collecting for the following year.

Toy for Tots Chairman  
Tom Clavell

## **DOUG HENLEY MEMORIAL LAPS OF LOVE**

At our next SAL Convention, we will be having our annual Laps of Love to raise money for 3 charities: Special Olympics, Casey Cares & Child Welfare Foundation

The monies that are raised are split equally between the 3 charities. Please come out and support this worthy cause in June 2020.

For information contact PDC JR Hall at [dhall1967@verizon.net](mailto:dhall1967@verizon.net)

## **Boy Scouts**

As far as Boy Scouts go, we need to continue to support them, it still takes about \$ 450.00 to send 1 boy to camp each year. As you know that was my project back in 2017 as Detachment Commander.

Well we managed to give Broad creek \$ 10,000.00 for their rifle range which is almost complete. I have been contacted about a grand opening for this, they want to do a dedication to the Sons for our contribution. As soon as I here when I will let everyone know when so as many as wants may attend. This will be a good thing for the SAL from what I am hearing they want to put this in the paper and have some VIP's there as well. So, stay tuned. I also have heard Southern Maryland youth camp which

we also gave Money to is also close to being finished, again as I hear I will pass this on.

Remember please continue to donate to the Scouts program. They have been a program of The American Legion since 1919, let's continue this.

Thanks  
Chairman  
PDC, Dave Hullihen

## **Legislative Alert!**

I want to start this year by thanking everyone for contacting your representatives. The President signed 2 of The American Legion's Legislative Priorities so far this year. The Blue Water Navy act extending benefits to Vietnam War veterans exposed to Agent Orange while at sea and the Legion Act opening up membership dates, the period of April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918; or any time after December 7, 1941 eligibility dates remain open, all active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to join The American Legion at this time, until the date of the end of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States. This means many more sons should be eligible to join the Sons of The American Legion as well. Hopefully you have been able to get familiar with the legislative alerts when they come out and have clicked on the box and sent a message to your representatives.

Congress.gov has all the information about any bill or legislation. The American Legion website is <http://www.legion.org/legislative> scroll down to LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER and go to the Take Action page. I will still send out e-mails when I get them but most of the time, we need to act fast and e-mails are not the way to do business. We still need to help protect and fight for our veterans benefits that they have earned. Get to know who your representatives are and ask what they are doing about our Veterans and their needs. Every year we hear about the budget and proposed cuts, we need to remain strong in our support for our veteran's benefits. Get involved, take action, stand up and be counted fighting for our Veterans.

For God and Country

Tom Deal  
Legislative Chairman  
[tom.deal@verizon.net](mailto:tom.deal@verizon.net)

## **VAVS Variety**

General VA news

As of October 1, 2019, tobacco use of any kind will not be permitted on any VA campus across the country for patients, visitors, vendors, volunteers and contractors.

As the summer months begin to end and we begin a new year supporting VAVS programs, I want to express my gratitude towards this opportunity to represent the Detachment of Maryland as your VAVS chairmen for the 2019-2022 year. It's going to be a fun yet busy year with all of the VAVS projects we support.

I would like to mention that we started off the year early with several Detachment officers having the opportunity to wash the Vietnam Wall on July 6, 2019. It was an honor and humble experience to have the ability to volunteer at this weekly event. Laurel Post 60 hosted their annual MCVETS picnic on Saturday September 7th. Over 200 veterans were brought to post 60 for a free lunch and entertainment. Veterans enjoy playing bingo and a chance to win prizes such as new backpacks, clothes and more. Veterans also participate in horseshoe and corn hole tournaments along with a softball game between Post 60 and the MCVETS veterans.

Please note that the Perry Point Fall Festival will be on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm. It will be located at the Perry Point Gym (Bldg 314). This event is geared towards inpatient veterans and their family members. The deadline for requesting a booth was on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. However, they are still looking for volunteers to help out with this event.

Our annual Fisher House picnic will be on Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am to 2pm. This event will be at the Fischer House located at the NSA Bethesda. We are looking for volunteers who may be interested in setup or food prep around 9am. If you plan on volunteering, please email me at [squadron60@verizon.net](mailto:squadron60@verizon.net) no later than September 14<sup>th</sup> to ensure we can add you to base access. If your squadron wishes to donate towards food and supplies for this picnic, please make checks payable to Laurel Squadron 60 (they will be purchasing the food) and mail the check to 2 Main Street Laurel MD 20707. Make sure you make a copy of the check for your records.

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Enjoy the rest of your summer and look forward to seeing you at the DEC meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

VAVS Chairman

Joe Lohman  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander  
Squadron60@verizon.net

## Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

*"the only Veterans Home in the state"*

The Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Service Organization Liaison Committee (CHVH SOLC) will sponsor the annual carnival at the CHVH on September 14. Squadron 82 members will be cooking lunch for the volunteers. Groups from service organizations (American Legion, VFW, AMVETS, etc.) set up tables in the multi-purpose room and the residents play different kinds of games and win prizes. Everyone residents and volunteers, has a great time. If you are interested in making a donation, checks should be made out to CHVH SOLC and sent to CHVH SOLC, P.O. Box 441, La Plata, MD 20646, with a copy to Detachment Adjutant Matoska.

The Southern Maryland District continues to hold a bingo at the CHVH on the third Monday of each month. Two hundred dollars are given out to residents at each bingo. The residents enjoy the games and love winning. The bingos hand out \$2,400 a year, so please consider making a donation. If you are interested in volunteering your time, give me a call or just show up at the CHVH multi-purpose room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30. Additional help is always welcome. To make a monetary donation, send checks to SMD Finance Officer, 2 Main St., Laurel, MD 20707, with a copy to Detachment Adjutant Matoska.

The CHVH is the only Veterans Home in the state of Maryland and has residents from all over the state and deserves support from all across the state. If you would like to make a donation, check out the website, [www.charhall.org](http://www.charhall.org). Copies of the Resident Wish List will be available at the meeting.

Dave Tatman  
CHVH Representative  
[tatman\\_david@comcast.net](mailto:tatman_david@comcast.net)  
301-645-1537

## Loch Raven Medical Center

Loch Raven news

We have a new Recreation Therapist at the Center  
Martin (Marty) J McFadden CTRS,MS  
410-605-7000 x54619

He is located in the Recreation Therapy Clinic room 132

Please consider making a donation to the Greenhouse Repairs; Including, evaporate cooling, gable glass, aluminum shades, humidifiers, etc.

Make check payable to VAMDHCS, earmarked to Greenhouse Acct 1092

Mail to Loch Raven MC

3900 Loch Raven Blvd

Baltimore, MD 21218

Bob Filippi

Loch Raven Representative

## WARRIORS STANDING STRONG

Warriors Standing Strong is a fairly new organization, A group of volunteers created this organization to help all veterans with their issues. We have applied for our 501c-3 tax exempt status with the IRS. We are working on improving our website, working on our Pay-Pal account and have just finished our mission statement.

"Warrior Standing Strong, Inc. is an organization founded on the principle of support, aid and comfort for America's warriors who have served our country, paying a physical or mental price for such service",

Please spread the word, a Bike Ride fundraiser benefiting Warriors Standing Strong will be held Sunday, Sept 22nd at Johnny's Tavern, located in East New Market, located between Cambridge and Hurlock, Maryland. Registration starts at 10.am, Kick stands up at noon. Best hand wins \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place and \$150 for third place. \$20 per bike / \$10 for riders, Cars \$20 / passengers \$10 each. Hope to see everyone there.

On behalf of our board members, we "Thank" everyone for their support, and we will continue to keep you informed as too further fundraisers and other events.

Ray Edwards

President

Warriors Standing Strong, Inc.

(410) 215-9354

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## Commander's Project

Greetings and congratulations on an amazing past year we just had! My name is Robert Hill and I am the new Commander's Project Chairman for the upcoming year. This year's projects we will be focusing on **Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home, Catch-A-Lift, and the American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation**. These are amazing projects that are doing wonderful things for our Veterans and their children in their time of need. We have Commander's Project T-Shirts on sale (first come, first served).

Commander Manzo and I are always available for any questions or upcoming Events that your Post/Squadron/Auxiliary are having. Please let us know if you need anything at all, and we are more than willing to help! If you are having any fundraisers, no matter the size, please let myself or the Commander know, and we will try our best to be there!! At our Annual Southern Maryland District Youth Camp weekend, we will also be having Charlotte Hall Veterans coming out to play Bingo with us. That will be an amazing weekend so make sure to come out and have a great time!! What an amazing start to the year already!!

Laurel Squadron 60 donated \$5,000, Susquehanna Squadron 135 donated \$6,775 and Perry Hall Squadron 130 donated \$1,000.

Thank you for your generous donations!!!!

My info is as follows...

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Thank you for your support and looking forward to another amazing year with the Detachment of Maryland!!!

"Generations of Service to Our Veterans"

Robert Hill  
Chairman

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## Chaplin's Corner

Gracious Father grant us the strength and courage to "from the heart" just give it a start to set new goals and achieve greater heights. Be with us as we go in Thy Name to work in service for God and Country and programs of the American Legion and The Sons of the American Legion

In thy name we Pray. AMEN

Please remember to forward me names of those who are sick or those who have passed.

For God and Country,  
William Yeagy, Chaplin  
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## Time and Place Committee

Our 46th Annual Convention was a great event and now it's time to start planning for our 47th Annual Convention. Yes, our **47th Annual Convention!!!**

It was nice being back at Hunt Valley, where we could all be under one roof to enjoy the hospitality our of fellow SAL members, as well as members from our entire Maryland Legion Family. As well as then being able to stay in the same location to attend our meetings. Since we liked it so much, we're heading back to Hunt Valley, with all of the same arrangements.

Initial details will be provided at the upcoming DEC, with final requirements and qualifications to follow by the middle of September.

Details for the hotels, bowling and other events will be detailed in the convention packages being distributed shortly after the new year and will be updated on our website [www.mdsal.org](http://www.mdsal.org).

For God and Country,  
Bill Hill  
Chairman

## Western Maryland Tribune

It's good to be back again as Commander for WMD I'm looking forward to a great year working to help raise money for the commander's project and to make sure that our membership is as strong as it ever has

been. Our first WMD meeting is at Hampstead Legion in the pavilion September 22, 2019 at 1:00, our second meeting is at Westminster Legion Post #31 November 24, 2019 at 1:00, third meeting is at Clear Spring Legion Post 222 Saturday February 15, 2020 at 1:00 and the fourth and final meeting will be at Emmitsburg Kumps Dam pavilion tentative date of May 3, 2020. This year I would like to see more SAL members attend the meetings. They're is very important information at these meetings and it would be nice If you could attend and get informed. I'm looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you. Until then, enjoy your rest of Summer see you in September.

Best,  
Tom Clavell  
WMD Commander

## South Eastern Shore News

A tough challenge lies ahead for our district this year. The SESD finished 107% last year in membership. We have plenty of room for growth. Hard work, determination and dedication will pull us through as the leader. We are kicking off the year with our "Luck of The Draw" Lottery raffle. If interested, please see one of our officers. \$10.00 per chance. We hope everyone enjoyed their time in Ocean City and will enjoy the rest of the summer and fall. We will see everyone at the ocean in January. Thank you for all the support in the past and I hope to benefit from it this coming year.

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## North Eastern Shore Times

First and for most allow me to introduce myself, I'm William (Buster) Blackiston recently elected as your Commander of NESD. I accept this office as an honor.

I am from Squadron 228 Sgt. Preston Ashley Post Rock Hall, Maryland were I serve as Commander of their SAL. I was

1st Vice Commander last year of the NESD, and I would like to thank the NESD for their excellent job with our membership dues. I remind you that the dues to be sent in to Detachment this coming year 2019/020 has been raised to \$15.00 a member, the last dues increase was in 1982. There are several items that I would like to see accomplished during the coming year. There are more communications from the NESD Squadron in usage of their events being listed on our website. PDC Bear Weinzirl, has put a lot of time and effort in keeping the site updated and it is a great communications tool.

We the NESD are to be Thank full for the quality/resources we have administratively. Please use these resources to assist you in the coming year with your operational questions to assist you with concerns within your squadron. I will be asking the NESD Squadrons for ideas of how we can increase our membership with new members of all ages, and what we can do to retain all memberships. I'm looking forward to the upcoming year. The next NESD meeting will be August 25, 2019 at Post 15 Cecil, Elkton Maryland.

I would like to give a right hand salute to Squadron 77 for placing second in the American Legion William C. Kesting Memorial Golf Tournament. The team members were Rudolph Russell Sr., Randolph Jr., Freddie Taylor and George Wilson. Reminders to every one of some upcoming events you can attend are: Squadron 296 Queenstown, MD. , will be holding a Crab feast will be October 12, 2019 from 2-6 PM.

Post 194 3<sup>rd</sup> annual gun raffle will be held on October 6, 2019. Information about the Gun raffle can be found on their website. Also Post 194 Shrimp dinners will start in October. The dinners will be held on the second and fourth Sunday for the following months October, November 2019, and January thru March 2020 from 1-5 PM...

The next NESD meeting will be August 25, 2019 at 10:30 am at Post 15 in Elkton.

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To our Veterans

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**2020 Membership Target Date:**

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019	10%
OCTOBER 9, 2019	25%
NOVEMBER 14, 2019	35%
DECEMBER 11, 2019	45%
JANUARY 15, 2020	60%
FEBRUARY 12, 2020	75%
MARCH 11, 2020	80%
APRIL 8, 2020	90%
MAY 13, 2020	100%
*JULY 29, 2020	105%

\*Delegate Strength Target Date

**Detachment of Maryland Meeting Schedule 2019—2020**

**Summer D.E.C. Meeting**

September 14, 2019 (Saturday)/ Glen W. Eyler Post 282 @ 1pm

**Campout / Commander Preparatory Retreat**

September 27<sup>th</sup>—29<sup>th</sup> 2019

Southern Maryland Youth Camp

**Fall D.E.C. Meeting**

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Saturday) / Caroline Post 29 @ 1pm

**Mid-Term Squadron Officers Training** at The Grand Hotel

**Special Olympics Maryland** Draw Down @ Post 166

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Winter D.E.C. Meeting & Training Session**

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 / Synepuxent Post 166 @ 12pm

**Detachment Commander's Project Drawdown**

February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 / Susquehanna Post 135 @ 6pm

**Spring D.E.C. Meeting**

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 / Disney-Bell Post 66 @ 1pm

**47th Annual Detachment Convention**

June 26<sup>th</sup>st to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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