



“The Pride”

Detachment of Maryland

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Commander’s Corner

To all let’s continue to support all Legion, SAL and ALA projects the rest of the year and beyond. My chairman Joe Weik is doing a great job so far. Thanks Joe. If you have any events that you want me or Joe to attend, please let us know and we will do our best to get there. Keep in mind we still have T shirts for sale.

The meeting in OC was fantastic and we had a great time. There was a lot of money donated to various projects and I thank you all for that. Everyone has been very busy raising money and working hard on membership with a great job by everyone.

I want to take this time to thank everyone at Perryville # 135 for a great job at the drawdown it was fantastic and we raised around \$18,000 dollars for my project. What a terrific job by everyone involved from people selling raffles to people working the cake wheel, thank you all. I think everyone has been doing a great job all year so far, keep up the good work.

It is with sadness that we must report the MD Special Olympics was cancelled because of no snow. I really feel for the athletes who could not go.

Want to thank all who attended the Washington conference trip and to those who were able to go to the Tomb of the Unknown soldiers and to the Korean and WWII memorials.

We have decided to continue the Commander’s challenge this year and we will give plaques for the **Persian Gulf Wars**. Tom Deal has stepped up and decided to be our chairman for this project. Thanks Tom.

Our next DEC meeting will be at Post #82 in La Plata MD. On Sunday April 15th at 1:00 pm. There will be some of us going down on Saturday night to spend time with our friends at the post on Saturday night everyone is welcomed to join us. There is a Holiday Inn Express that we will be staying at. Hope to see you all there.

Thank you and bless you all for a job well done.

“Sons Helping Scouts Become Leaders”

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Adjutant’s Corner D.E.C. :

The next Detachment Executive Committee Meeting will be called to order by Commander Hullihen, on April 15, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting is being hosted at Harry White Wilmer Post 82, located at 6330

Crain Hwy, LaPlata, MD 20646. The post phone number is 301-934-8221.

The Squadron Consolidated Report Forms have arrived and will be available for distribution before the D.E.C. Meeting. The CSR will be the topic of our Spring Training Session which will commence at noon prior to the meeting. We will review Consolidated Reports and how to complete them. Bring your finance reports, meeting minutes and questions. We’re positive there’s not a question about the Consolidated Report that you can ask, that can’t be answered. Try and stump the trainer!!

Detachment Committees and Commissions will convene at 11:30 AM. This is the last D.E.C. Meeting for this administrative year and the last opportunity to make your squadron’s donation for a program of your choosing on the floor.

Remember, close of business on May 25, 2018 is the cut off date for the Detachment Awards, Reports and your Convention Registration. For your convenience you can print a copy of the convention or golf tournament registration from the Detachment web site. Please have your convention ads in by May 18, 2018.

Yours In Service,
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Commander's Project

Boy Scouts of America

Commander Dave Hullihen' Project this year is the Boy Scouts of America. His main goal is to provide the means for scouts throughout the 7 Districts in the Detachment of Maryland to be able to attend a camping event over the next year. To do that we need your help with reaching out to your local Scout Troops, so they know about the project and can apply for the "Camperships". Also, we will fulfill the request to fix up the shooting range at Broad Creek. The American Legion SMD Youth Camp hosts many Boy Scout Events every year and is also hoping to set up a shooting and archery range. Volunteers and money are always needed so please contact myself, Commander Dave, your District Commander, or any of the following five District POC's Leon Miller – SESD, Mark Fayer – NESD, Tim Culp – NCD; Drain Plummer - Baltimore, and Bill Hill – Mtn & WMD if you know of any requests.

The Detachment held its Annual Draw Down and Night at the Races on March 3rd at the American Legion Post 135 in Perryville, Maryland. The food was excellent, and a good time was had by all. The Event and Donations raised more than \$17,000 for Dave's Project. It is still not too late if you wish to host and event...just let us know so Dave and/or myself will try to attend.

We will have a meeting in April, Date and time to be determined, to review requests received and finalize the distribution between the three main Councils of the Boy Scouts of Maryland. Please contact us if you wish to attend so we can pick a central location? There are still a few t-shirts left but sizes are limited. The cost is just \$20.00, and all proceeds go to Dave's Project. I hope you have a Great Spring and look forward to seeing you at our April DEC meeting.

"Sons Helping Scouts Become Leaders"

Yours in Service,

Joe Weik

Project Chairman

Trucking for Membership !

Attention truckers, you guys did an outstanding job this year delivering memberships. I know it's been a long lonely road, we came across a lot of bad weather and some bumps in the road, but you kept the pedal to the metal. You were determined to meet your monthly goals and deliver 100% of your membership by the end of this year.



It got exciting to watch NCD Trucking start out fast at the beginning of the year. Then NESD Trucking came out of nowhere and passed NCD Trucking and never looked back. Western Maryland Trucking surprised a lot of truckers because they started off slow then they shifted gears and started passing the other companies. Southern Maryland Trucking was doing a lot of passing and so was SESD, Mountain and Baltimore Trucking but haven't led this convoy so far. With all the passing and shifting of gears I have fun working with you guys this year.

I would like to congratulate you and thank you for all your hard work this year getting membership delivered. The year is not over, remember always to recruit and retain membership.

Keep on trucking.

Jim Alexander
Membership Chairmen
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Americanism Report

Boys State – Time is running out for any eleventh-grade male to consider applying to be able to attend Boys State for the 2018 year. Please consider

helping to make the opportunity for any of these young men to attend possible by making a donation of \$350. The Boys State program gives the attendees a chance to see how our government should be working on all levels. For more information contact The Boy's State Chairman Dennis Renehan.

NEF – The disasters just keep coming, hurricanes, fires, mud slides and snow storms in the North East. The National Emergency fund is here to help in these times of need. Donations to those affected by these disasters are made possible by the generosity of lots of people. I ask that each squadron please consider making a donation to this great cause. For more information contact the NEF Chairman PDC Bill Stem.

Flag Replacement – After the most recent wind storm, keep an eye out for any unserviceable flags around and see if you could offer a replacement for it. Remember to get the form filled out so you can get proper credit for your work. Forms can be found on the website or on the back table. The top two squadrons will receive an award at the convention in June.

Yours in Service,
Mark T. Fayer Sr.
Americanism Chairman

Flag Replacement Program:

As published on the website, The Detachment of Maryland will present awards to the top two Squadrons for their support of the Flag replacement program. Same rules apply as last year, make sure that the size of the replaced flag is indicated on the replacement form (3x5 flags will count as 5 points and smaller flags will count as 1 point). Flag replacement form can be downloaded at mdsal.org/. Also, forms will be available at the next DEC Meeting.

It is very important to get out there and replace the torn/faded Flags when possible as well as placing flags in your community where there is none but only with permission. This can be done through your Squadron or District as

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long as the funds permit. It will show our respect to our Country and mainly to our Veterans.

If I can assist you in any way you can contact me at saljerry@comcast.net or at 443-807-1131

Jerry Saunders, Sr.

Flag Replacement Program Chairman

Boys State

The staff and posts get an updated listing by email of applicants for MD Boys State. The online registration of boys for the program as of 13 March 2018 has 128 applications and some with no information. Ask the post to forward this listing to your squadron if you are sponsoring a boy. If you know the name or names of the boy(s) from your area that you have been talking to you can see their status of their application. The online application system is working, and the Department of Maryland Headquarters staff is getting the information about the boys, but that doesn't mean the Posts can just sit back and wait.

Department Headquarters has seen the list grow about 15 a week over the last few weeks. We hope the list continues to grow faster in the coming weeks. Reach out to your contacts at the schools, JROTC, Scouts, SGA, or anywhere these boys can be found. We need more boys to apply to this great program. We are looking to get close to 200 this year, and we need a concerted effort from your squadron and post to get there. For those that don't know there is a deadline of April 15th for the applications to enter their data online. Then the post will meet with the candidates and forward the tuition of \$350.00 per candidate by the May 15th deadline.

Now is the time for the squadron to ask their Post, what can we do to assist in sending a boy (s) to this great program. If your squadron sponsors a boy(s) here are some ideas. Have a fundraiser, a 50/50 raffle, or put out a jar in the Post's lounge with the Post's permission. Also, don't forget you can go out in your community and solicit funds from businesses or alumni of this program to get sponsors for Boys State.

How many squadrons know who their Post's Chairperson for Boys State is. That person is usually very knowledgeable about the program and you may find out that person is on the

Boys State staff. Also, they are the liaison between the post, schools, and the Boys State Committee.

Remember if you give your Post a donation to sponsor a boy to this great program, please bring a copy of that check to the next Detachment meeting so your squadron gets credit and don't forget to report the amount on your squadron consolidated report. Remember to earmark your check MD Boys State.

The objective 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 the boy send in his application. The committee will find a post or squadron or somebody to sponsor him. If you need information concerning Boys State, please contact to boysstate@mdlegion.org.

Dennis J. Renehan
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National Emergency Fund:

Last year the American Legion National Emergency Fund gave out close to \$370,000 to help Posts and individual Legion family members to recover from devastating natural disasters.

Melbourne Post #81, in Florida, had their roof damaged by Hurricane Irma. The NEF granted their application and help put a new roof on the Post.

Naples, Post #135, also in Florida, had extensive flooding to the extent of 8 to 10 inches of standing water, ending up causing water and mold damage. They also received a grant from the NEF and are rebuilding.

Just think if any of these disasters hit your Post and there was no money in the NEF to help you. It is time to contribute.

Those of you that have, my thanks. Those of you on the fence, now is the time to make a decision. The Detachment of Md. has close to 16,000 members. If each Squadron gave \$1 for every member, we could do a world of good.

As we get to the end of the year let's make a difference.

Eligibility

Eligibility open to Legionnaires and Sons of The American Legion members (up to \$3,000) Legion Posts (up to \$10,000).

Applicant must have been displaced from their primary residence due to a declared natural disaster and provide proof of out-of-pocket expenses. Not meant to replace or repair items, only to meet most immediate needs (i.e., temporary housing, food, water, clothing, diapers, etc.)

Does not cover insurance compensation or monetary losses from a business, structures on your property (barns, tool sheds, etc.) equipment or vehicles.

Membership must be active at time of disaster and the time of application.

Application requirements

Application must be received within 90 days of disaster.

Disaster must be a "declared" natural disaster for Legion Family members.

Supporting data (photos, receipts, repair estimates, etc.) should be included if at all possible or statements (testimony) from post/district/department officers attesting to damages.

Only one grant per household.

Post grants must derive from a declared natural disaster and substantiating documentation must provide that The American Legion post will cease to perform the duties and activities in the community due to losses sustained.

Yours in Service,
Bill Stem (PDC)
NEF Chairperson

CHILDREN & YOUTH CORNER

Greetings fellow Sons,

Spring is now here, even though winter tried to hang around longer than expected. As the weather starts to warm we need to remember that the youth of our communities are starting to play outdoors, so let's keep a sharp eye out when we are driving. This is also a good time to reach out to the local recreation

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councils and help sponsor Little League baseball and Softball teams. These sponsorships help to ensure that the youth players can participate in healthy team activities and gets them out of the house. Community service is part of our mission, and besides, a little PR never hurt us either.

The Polar Bear Plunge was a great success raising millions for Maryland Special Olympics. Once again Team Legion did its part, and our SAL donated \$18,000 for the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament. This event is sponsored by the Detachment and is a vital part of the SOMD program. Remember the yellow raffle tickets that were distributed are to support this Bowling Tournament, don't let these athletes down, send in your raffle tickets today!

The Winter Games were unfortunately cancelled due to bad weather, by that I mean warm temps and rain. But the Summer Games will be approaching soon, so there will be another chance to support the athletes as they compete for Gold!

Casey Cares continues to be an important project supported by the Detachment and many Squadrons, chairman Bob Keyes has more information in his article. Please remember the good work this organization does and consider donating.

5-Star Chairman Bill Sparwasser reminds everyone that this program is available for all SAL members regardless of age, our Junior members can participate in separate training at the Detachment Convention. The Five-Star award program is for all members of The Sons of The American Legion who show dedication and knowledge in the Five-Point program of service consisting of the following: Patriotism, Citizenship, Discipline, Leadership and Legionism. Finally, Chairman Hall is preparing for

the annual Laps of Love walk that will again take place at Laurel during the Annual Convention. As many know, this fundraiser is used to promote Casey Cares, Special Olympics and the Child Welfare Foundation. These are all well-known programs that have been long supported by our Detachment.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the next DEC meeting. Until then, remember that all of us can improve the lives of our Children and Youth, just reach out and become an important part of your community.

Children & Youth Chairman
Bob Manzo

Special Olympics— Maryland

The Winter Season for Special Olympics started with a Great Splash but unfortunately went out quietly. The Polar Bear Plunge was a great success raising over \$2.5 million. The American Legion Family raised \$11,863. By the time Winter Games came around, however, Mother Nature had a different plan and sent a warm, rainy spell that forced it's cancellation. What a shame for those athletes who trained and planned on competing. Upcoming events include the state basketball tournament, April 7-8, at Hood College in Fredrick, and of course Summer Games, June 8-10, in Towson. Please consider attending one of these events or find one in your county to support.

Helping others makes your Heart feel good,

Eddie Souder ~ Chairman
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Casey Cares Newsletter

The Casey Cares Foundation sends a big thank you for supporting Casey Cares and the critically ill children. Thank you for creating little moments and lasting memories for the children and their families.

With everyone's support they were able to provide 15,195 programs activities in 2017. Some of the amazing opportunities last year included going to movies with a Ravens player Ronnie Stanley, playing

baseball with Orioles Chris Davis and attending training practice for the Eagles. They sent the families on weekend getaways to Hershey Park and Great WolfLodge. In 2018 please consider and continue supporting this program. If anyone wishes to schedule a speaker at one of your meetings you can email

Dawn@CaseyCaresFoundation.org or call their office at 443-568-0064. You can reserve tickets or sponsorship for the following. There is a fishing tournament June 1st at The Inn at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club, A golf tournament June 18th at the Hunt Valley Golf Club, Orioles 5K July 14th at orioles Park at Camden yards. If anyone interested, you can contact Caroline Bauerle at Caroline@CaseyCares.org.

Robert Keys (Bob)
Chairman – Casey Cares
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DOUGLAS HENLEY MEMORIAL

LAPS OF LOVE

Spring is here and with Summer on its way we all need to get ready for the Doug Henley Memorial Laps of Love. As many seen last year one of the new ways of helping us raise money is by sponsoring the event even if you do not plan on walking at the event. For \$200.00 you can have your Squadron, Unit or Post name on the back of the t-shirts that the participants get if the raise 75.00 by June 10th. If you are interested in becoming one of our sponsors, please make sure you send your check into us before the June 10th deadline.

Remember this helps children for three different programs. Casey Cares, Special Olympics of Maryland, and Child Welfare Foundation all receive part of the money raised in the one-day event. So why not sign up to walk? You can go around the field as many times as you would like, maybe just once, but either way the children will benefit. You can have a sheet sent to you by emailing Dhall1967@verizon.net or signing up online at www.sallapsoflove.com. If you want to make a team it is easy to do just follow simple instructions on the site. We will have more information at our

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DEC meeting in LaPlata. If you have questions, please just send us a email and we will get back to you. We hope to see everyone at the convention and on the field helping us raise money for the children.

For information contact me at
dhall1967@verizon.net

Kids Are our Future,

JR Hall
Chairman

Legislative Alert!

The Washington Conference was February 25-28, 2018. The wreath laying tours on Sunday February 25 were awesome. National Commander Danny Smith laid a wreath at the tomb of The Unknown Solder at Arlington National Cemetery at 9:15 am. He was accompanied by members of the Sons and Legion family members from across the country to lay wreaths at both the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the World War II Memorial. Members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, friends and families showing respect for the sacrifices made by our Nation's military in the defense of liberty and freedom. For the first time we had 2 buses for the tours and what a turnout, we had 96 legion family reserve seats on the buses.

I did attend the Legislative meeting on Monday February 26 and the Commanders call on Tuesday. The Legislative agenda was presented and the priorities are as follows: *Support VA's suicide prevention efforts; Limit outsourcing, unify VA's programs; Fully fund a superior national defense as the global war on terror continues; Create lifetime electronic health record; Reclassify cannabis for medical research; Institute gender-specific health care for women veterans; Support those who care for wounded veterans; Defend veterans education benefits; Repeal unfair offsets that penalize disabled veterans and widows; Provide mandatory end-of-service exams for reservists; Ensure those returning from active duty retain re-employment rights; Continue funding programs to end veterans homelessness; and Protecting the American Flag. I am asking you to*

contact your senators and congressmen and pass on these priorities. I have more detail in a pamphlet and available on the National web site. I have sent e-mail with Priorities and point papers attached. The Legion web site is: <https://www.legion.org/legislative/>. More information is available at: www.congress.gov. The information is sometimes overwhelming however it is easily accessible and you can find any current legislation. Using the web site above you can look up your representatives and send them e-mails or call them. Schedule a meeting with them and sit down for a few minutes and ask questions about their support for our veterans.

For God and Country

Tom Deal
Legislative Chairman
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VAVS Variety

Where has the year gone. We still have a lot of work to accomplish and not much time left in this year to get it done. Every time you turn on the news you hear about homeless Veterans living on the streets, Veterans and their families being evicted from their homes and not getting proper care in the VA hospitals; so that's why we need to continue to work hard and support our Veterans and the men and women serving are great country today. Let's get our donations in, so we can do the work to help our Veterans!

Perry Point Hospital

An important date is June 10th from 1 – 4 pm there will be Car Show held outside the gym. Please try to attend. Also, Perry Point could use comfort items for the Veterans. Monetary donations or items themselves are appreciated.

Loch Raven VA Hospital (LR VA)

LR VA Needs List:

*Body Pillows w/Removable/Washable Cases
Fleece Blankets
Body Wash
Electronic Toothbrush
Coffee Cart Supplies
Snack Food (Commercially Packaged)
Restaurant Gift Cads (Like McDonalds)
VA Canteen Books*

Schedule a cookout or other activity. Please consider donating to the listed items and/or monetary donations are

appreciated.

Caregiver Support Network: This is a statewide project.

Learn how you can help a Veteran in your own neighborhood by spending some time with him or her. For more information contact Jessica Donnelly Voluntary Services @ 410-605-7000 x4613

We can make a difference. Please consider donating now to the Veterans Centers, Hospitals, Homes and Veteran Programs.

Together We Can Make A Difference!

Yours in service,

Larry Ford, VAVS Chairman
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Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

"the only Veterans Home in the state"

The CHVH has been proudly "Serving Those Who Served" since 1985 with a 168 bed assisted living program and a 286 bed skilled nursing program. As the only Veterans Home in the state, residents come from all over the state.

If you are interested in donating to the CHVH, a "Wish List" is available on the website, www.charhall.org. Monetary donations are always welcome. If you don't have a specific program or project in mind, donations can be made to the Veterans' Assistance Fund which assists residents as needs arise such as dental and optometry costs, Final Honors arrangements, and activities both inside and outside of the Home. Donations should be accompanied by a Donation Form which can be found at www.charhall.org/donations.htm. Copies of the donation form will also be available at the meeting.

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 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 3rd

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Friday 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 Bill Matoska.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering at the CHVH, contact Ashley Radano, Director of Volunteer Services & Community Outreach, at 301884-8171 ext. 664, or via email at aradano@hmrmd.com. Last year over 22,000 volunteer hours were recorded.

For God and Country,
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EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Mission Statement of the Veterans Employment and Education Commission is: "To assist The American Legion in ensuring that America's Veterans have the opportunity to provide, with honor and dignity, the economic necessities of life for themselves and their families."

When you leave the military, the biggest question is "what's next?" It's a scary job market right now, but the skills that our veterans received in the military make them highly marketable.

The American Legion sponsors dozens of "Hiring Our Heroes" job fairs each year, and their employment experts also provide tips for writing resumes, networking and making a strong impression in the interview process. Our commission is utilizing the National Vice Commanders, Detachment Adjutants and NECs to assist us in distributing the dates and locations of these hiring fairs down to the detachments, districts and squadrons.

This is where we need your help. When you receive an email announcing a job fair near you, please print out the flier and put it up in your post and in other places where our veterans will see it.

Also, place it on your websites and Facebook pages as well as in your newsletters. You can also assist by going online and doing your own search for job fairs in your area.

Please help the VE&E Commission to ensure that no veteran is ever unemployed.

Larry "Bear" Weinzirl
National VE&E Chairman

Chaplin's Corner

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not Want.
Psalm 23:1

Be humble and never Think that you are better than anyone else.

"For dust you are, and unto dust you shall return.
AMEN.

Please remember to contact me with your illnesses and your passing of comrades to Squadron Everlasting.

For God and Country

William "Bill" Yeagy
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Time and Place Committee

~ 45th Annual Convention ~

We're heading back to Laurel for the 45th Annual Convention!

Each notification within the "Time and Place Committee", which outlines the location, date and times for the convention, are considered "Official Announcements" to all eligible members in good standing within the Detachment of Maryland. Therefore, you have been advised if you are reading this article.

Now with that said, let the planning begin. Each squadron should begin to look at their accomplishments to-date, so they may capture them on their "Consolidated Report Form", along with determining who is attending as a delegate from their squadron.

Delegate Allowance: Article V – Legislative Body

Section 3. -- In the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Maryland Convention, each Squadron in good standing with at least ten (10) active members shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one additional delegate for each additional twenty-five (25) members.

Reminder, that a "Delegate at Large from your Squadron is only a member who is either a; **District Commander, Elected Detachment Officers or a Past Detachment Commander .**

Also, each squadron is required to pay for their "full delegate fees" in order to receive their "new" membership cards, as well as submit a 2018–2019 Squadron Certification form, which identifies your new officers. "No Exceptions" Membership cards "Will Not" be issued, without a Squadron Cert & Fully Paid Delegate Fees.

If you have any questions, recommendations or general suggestions about OUR convention, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

For God and Country,
Bill Hill
Chairman

Southern Pride

Greetings from the Great Southern Maryland District,

I hope everyone survived the Wind Storm of 2018 and is ready for spring. As the warmer weather gets closer, we can look forward to fun activities with family and friends. But, it also means it is time to think about the 2018 Consolidated Report. Now is the time to organize your donations and volunteer hours. Time spent now will make completing and turning in the Report Form that much easier come May. We are available to provide assistance if needed... just call me or your assigned DEC.

I am happy to report that as I write this article the Southern Maryland District is currently in 2nd place at 88.11% well ahead of the March 14th goal of 80%. We have 3371 members and are +36 members from this time last year... Great Job!! In fact we only need 73

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members to reach the April 11th goal of 90%. I know we can do it! A special "Thanks" goes out to all my DEC Men who are reaching out to their Squadrons and working so hard to get it done. I am proud to say we got rid of our last "goose egg" and have several 3-Star and 4-Star Squadrons. Patrick Henry #34 and Severna Park #175 have made 4-Star and Cissel-Saxon #41, Laurel #60, Damascus #171, and Arick L. Lore #274 have each made 3-Star... Congratulations and "Well Done"

Since my last update I have the opportunity to visit 5 more Posts & Squadrons. I was able to attend the mid-winter at OC on January 27th and 28th. The training and seminar was standing room only. The SMD was well represented and everyone that took the test received a certificate for successfully passing the course. I would like to thank the Squadron and American Legion Family of Post 60 for hosting my Winter SMD Meeting on February 11, 2018.

Our Annual Shrimp and Beef Feast will be held on April 14, 2018 at Severn Post #276. Flyers and tickets are available so see your assigned DEC or a SMD officer for tickets. The cost is only \$30.00 with \$5.00 "Joe Bucks". On the menu is Shrimp, Beef, Chicken, mashed potatoes, and green beans. I guarantee that a good time will be had by all and no one will leave hungry.

Our Spring SMD meeting will be held on April 22, 2018 at Cheverly Post #108 starting at 1pm. All Squadrons should have their Commander or his assigned representative in attendance. Please invite your Squadron Advisor or Post Commander as well. I hope to see you soon.

Yours in Service,

Joe Weik

Southern Maryland
District Commander

Northern Central News

Greetings from Northern Central District.

The NCD Legion Family held the annual Membership Rally on February 23rd and recognized everyone with 90 % and above paid membership.

Congratulations to the following Squadrons who achieved 90% or higher for the event: Harford 39, Dewey Loman 109, Reisterstown 116, Liberty 122 and Jackson and Johnson 263.

On Sunday February 25, the NCD Annual Pool Tournament was held at Rogers House Tavern in Havre de Grace. The first, second and third place winners were awarded cash prizes. It was a great turnout with 23 pool shooters participating. Thank you, Past Commander Jerry Saunders, for chairing this annual event which raises funds for the Commanders project.

Our next event is the Commanders Project Casino Bus Trip, scheduled for May 12th. We will be returning to Hollywood Casino at Charlestown this year; the price is \$40 per person. Anyone wanting to go on the bus trip please contact Bill Matoska or Bob Keys. There will be \$20 cash back for gambling, a snacks and drinks on the bus, all included in the price of the ticket. The bus will start at the Park in Ride lot in Carney and stop at August J Raveio Post 195 on the way up and back.

May 19th will be the date for the annual District VAVS Spring Cook-out at Loch Raven VA. Please contact Jim Sullivan at 410-761-1890 if you are interested in participating in this great event. We also need food and soda donations to make this annual event a success.

Our next NCD meeting is on Sunday April 8th at 1:00 pm at Harford Post 39. Please bring all your donations as this is the last official meeting before the District Rally and Elections in June.

As our Detachment Convention is just around the corner, your squadron donation toward the Hospitality Room would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours in Service,

Bob Manzo
NCD Commander

North Eastern Shore Times

Hello Comrades,

As we approach the end of the year, and what a year it has been. Karl Kibler, the Detachment Tactical Membership & Retention Chairman and I would like to Thank You for your commitment to membership. Great job! As of March 15th we are at 97.88%, so thanks to each squadron reaching the 90% goal for March.

Guys we need 31 more paid members to reach 100%. I realize this is the hardest time of the year to get membership, I know we can do it. Also, let's give Commander Joe Weik of the Southern Maryland District a "right-hand salute" for stepping up to the challenge and his innovative ideas toward membership.

This year the NESD lottery was a great success. Please give PDC Tom Deal a "Right Hand Salute" for the great job. We will be having the raffle again and thank you all for your participation. We will be able to provide our hospitality room at this year's SAL Convention, the funds that we received. Please join us this year at the convention, beginning June 22nd through June 24th.

Election of New Officers will be held at our June meeting. If you would like to be nominated for a position, please send me a letter or email with your preference of office.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 30th: Blake Blackston Sqd. 77 – Annual Fish Dinners 11am, until sold out \$13.00

April 14th: Sqd 296 in Queenstown is having a Fish Fry at the Post Pavilion 4pm-8pm, \$30. Per person Squadron 228 in Rock Hall will be starting their Pit Beef Sandwich functions, beginning April 21st. This is held bi-weekly for the summer at \$8.00 each, you can't go wrong. For more info call 410-70-6541

Kent Island Sqd 278 will Open their Crab Palace on Saturday, July 7th, 2018 and will be Open on Saturdays and Sundays the rest of the summer. For the best Crabs on the shore, call 410-643-4490.

FREDDIE Taylor

Commander: N.E.S.D.



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2018 Membership Target Date:

September 13, 2017	10%
October 12, 2017	25%
November 15, 2017	35%
December 13, 2017	45%
January 18, 2018	60%
February 14, 2018	75%
March 14, 2018	80%
April 11, 2018	90%
May 9, 2018	100%
* July 18, 2018	105%

Delegate Strength Target Date

Detachment of Maryland Meeting Schedule 2017—2018

Spring D.E.C. Meeting

April 15th, 2018 / Harry White-Wilmer Post 82 @ 1pm

45th Annual Detachment Convention

June 22nd to 24th, 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton

15101 Sweitzer Ln, Laurel, MD 20707