



“The Pride”

Detachment of Maryland

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Commander's Corner

Greetings Fellow Sons,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Years with family and friends. It's hard to believe that half my year is behind me, it's flying by and I am enjoying every second representing the great Detachment of Maryland.

Since the last article the Vice Commander's and I had the opportunity to represent the Sons of The American Legion at the Special Olympics of Maryland Regional Bowling Tournament in Ellicott City and the State Finals in Gaithersburg, always a rewarding experience. I also attended along with other Detachment members the American Legion Family Christmas Party, it was an outstanding event.

Thinking ahead we have a lot of exciting things coming up in 2020. The Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge, the Special Olympics Drawdown and our DEC Mid-Winter meeting in Ocean City, all happening the weekend of January 24 thru 26. The Detachment is honored to have our National Commander Clint Bolt from Virginia, as well as the Leading Candidate for National Commander Michael Fox from California in attendance that weekend.

I would like to thank our 1st Vice

Commander Mark Fayer for his outstanding job in membership, as of the time I am writing this article we stand at 63.5% of goal. Keep climbing that ladder as we reach for 100% membership.

Set your resolutions to make a difference in a veteran's life in 2020. One way to help is by supporting my Project, which is veteran centered. Your support will go a long way in helping our veterans at Charlotte Hall, those with physical needs through the Catch A Lift Fund and our veterans and children of veterans. I wish to thank my Project Chairman Robert Hill for his hard work in helping us reach our goals. There will be a cash raffle and a quilt raffle coming in 2020 in support of the project. Of course, we are accepting donations for the project throughout the year. 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.

Our last DEC will be on April 5th at Disney-Bell Post 66 at 1 PM.

Looking forward to seeing you at the DEC and in my travels.

“Generations of Service to Our Veterans”

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

Adjutant's Corner

D.E.C. : The next Detachment Executive Committee Meeting will be called to order by Commander Manzo, on January 26, 2020 at 12:00 P.M.

The meeting is being hosted at Synepuxent 166, located at 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD 21842.

Winter DEC & Training Session:

The following Detachment Executive Committee Meeting will include Mid-Term Squadron Officers Training at The Grand Hotel and Special Olympics Maryland Draw Down @ Post 166 January 25th, 2020.

46th Annual Convention:

PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 2: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DETACHMENT OF MARYLAND, TO BE HELD JUNE 26, 27 & 28, 2020, AT THE DELTA HOTELS BY MARRIOTT-BALTIMORE HUNT VALLEY.

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A CONVENTION AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED WITH DELTA HOTELS BY MARRIOTT—BALTIMORE HUNT VALLEY. ROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$122.00 PLUS 14% TAX PER NIGHT (KING-DOUBLE). ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. ALL SQUADRONS AND/OR INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR OWN RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL. THE DELTA HOTELS BY MARRIOTT—BALTIMORE HUNT VALLEY IS LOCATED AT 245 SHAWAN ROAD, HUNT VALLEY, MD 21031. THEIR PHONE NUMBER IS 410-785-7000. CHECK-IN TIME IS 3:00PM. (NO EXCEPTIONS), CHECK-OUT TIME IS NOON. THE CUTOFF DATE TO GUARANTEE A ROOM IS MAY 25, 2020. PAYMENT BY CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE HOTEL BY NO LATER THAN MAY 25, 2020. THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE FORM OF PAYMENT WILL BE CASH OR CREDIT CARD AFTER MAY 25, 2020.

USE GROUP CODE "SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION" WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS.

DELEGATE, ALTERNATE AND GUEST REGISTRATION FEES ARE \$25.00 PER PERSON. ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST BE REGISTERED AS A DELEGATE, ALTERNATE, OR GUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY EVENTS AND WEARING AN IDENTIFICATION BADGE TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO THE CONVENTION HALL.

Yours In Service,
Bill Matoska
Detachment Adjutant
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Membership !

Our membership is the driving force for what we do. As we get to the halfway mark of Commander Manzo's year, our membership is a little behind last year. Now is the time to put an extra effort into getting our renewals and looking into some new members that may be possible from the Legion Act. There are some tools on the website that

may be useful to assist in getting those holdout members.

I received the following information from our National membership chairman Joseph Navarrete:

Congratulations on all the hard work, we fell a little bit short of our fourth target date goal with 44.75%, however our renewal efforts are proving to be positive, with the increase of membership throughout the month of November we look to continue that momentum throughout the end of the year. We did manage to move more than 4,001 members ahead of where we were this same time last year!

Congratulations to the Southern, Western, Central, and Midwest Regions and the 35 detachments that met or exceeded the target! We were one of the detachments that hit the goal.

By the time you receive this issue of the pride our next membership goal will be February 12, 2020 at 75%. Just a reminder that as of 1 January 2020 all 2019 dues cards are expired. Let's keep pushing forward to beat our total membership from last year.

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 Winter season 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 Boys 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,
William Yeagy
bizybill@hotmail.com
443-619-8797

Boys State

As of 31 December 2019, the Maryland Boys State program had 27 applicants that have started the online application process for the 2020 Maryland Boys State program.

We are behind last year's online applicants. Squadrons and squadron members, if you know of a boy who will complete his junior year in high school this May and will be a senior when school starts back up in late August or early September that boy should attend this program.

These boys can be from a public or private high school or home schooled. Check with your local

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scouts, JROTC units also. Let him know about this program and what it is all about.

To get him started have him go to boysstate@mdlegion.org.

We need the next class of citizens filled up by 15 April 2020. Also, if their parents are veterans, let them know that the program is in need of staff members and to know more go to boysstate@mdlegion.org for more info. We need your help Squadrons and squadron members. Thank you.

Dennis J. Renehan
Committee Chairman
Boys State Staff
Fort City CIC
dawgtrucker@yahoo.com

National Emergency Fund:

Winter is upon us with the possibility of major snowfall, winds and ice. There will be instances of roofs collapsing, power outages, and destruction of property. The chances of members of our Legion family being in need of help from any of these is real. The Detachment of Maryland is asking for a small donation of 50 cents a member to help fund the National Emergency Fund to assist those who will have a need this coming year. Our goal is \$8,000, give what you can, and we thank you in advance.

For God and Country
Bill Stem PDC and NEF Chairman
If you need assistance please contact...

[WWW.LEGION.ORG/
EMERGENCY/APPLY](http://WWW.LEGION.ORG/EMERGENCY/APPLY)

Community Affairs:

Community Affairs –Although most

of our recent weather has been rain, snow is sure to come this winter. This would be a good time to help your neighbors, especially those who are elderly that need assistance with snow removal or getting supplies from the store. Keep in mind that some of the elderly may not have family in the area and we should occasionally check in on them to ensure they are ok. Another way to help your community is to donate to your local food bank. They are always looking for food donations especially this time of the year. I recommend checking with your local food bank before you deliver to see what restrictions they may have on the type of food they may accept.

For additional information regarding
Community Affairs Chairman

Joe Lohman
Squadron60@verizon.net
Flag Replacement

The Detachment continues to sponsor an award to the top squadron for flag replacement. Make sure you track your efforts and keep a record of the replaced Flags. Make sure that the size of the replaced flag is indicated on the replacement form (3x5 flags counts as 5 points, and smaller flags count as 1 point). Replacement forms can be downloaded at mdsal.org/. Also, forms will available at the next DEC Meeting

It is Important to get out there and replace torn/faded flags when possible. This program shows respect to our country and 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.
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

For the year 2019-2020, the Detachment of Maryland would like to make a continuous effort to achieve the goals of our Children and Youth programs of the American Legion Family. This is not something that one squadron should do alone. We need the support of all squadrons, if we are to have an outstanding year. It is indeed a great privilege to have been given this opportunity. I would like to thank Commander Bob Manzo for the honoring of chairing this commission. Below are listed some of our larger programs, but anytime a child is in need you can be sure the Sons of the American, Detachment of Maryland will be there to help.

Child Welfare Foundation (CWF)

Child Welfare Foundation's foremost philanthropic priority is to provide other nonprofit organizations with a means to educate the public about the needs of children across this nation. Though created by The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is a separate 503(c)3 corporation. The Sons of the American Legion is the single largest contributor to CWF. For more information about the Child Welfare Foundation, visit their website at www.legion.org/cwf

Special Olympics

By the time most of you read this another Polar Bear Plunge will be in the books and the Legion Family Plunge Team will be nearly back to normal body temps (and their parts back to normal size and placement).

February begins a busy winter season for Special Olympics with plenty of volunteer opportunities. From Strength and Conditioning in Wye Mills to Indoor Bocce in Hagerstown and of course Winter Games at WhiteTail Ski Resort, there's

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something for anyone looking to get involved. Volunteer signup is easy online at SOMD.org. The Legion Family always represents well at Winter Games but there's always room for new volunteers. If available February 23-25 and interested, please contact me.

If you're looking for other ways to get involved check out the County program in your area.

Springtime is just around the corner so get involved now to be sure to clear your calendar for those outside events.

Eddie Souder
eddie.souder@verizon.net

Casey Cares Foundation

Casey Cares Has become a large program of our Detachment over the last few years and PNC Joe Gladden also sits on the Board of Directors. Casey Cares Foundation provides uplifting and heartwarming programs with a special touch in order to enhance the lives of critically ill children and their families. All critically ill children under the age of 18 are eligible to participate. For more information about the Casey Cares Foundation visit their website at www.caseycaresfoundation.org

Please plan a fund raiser, collect pajamas or make monetary donations to Casey Cares. If you would like to have some children and their families attend your fund raiser you may call Dawn at Casey Cares Foundation. She is very helpful. You may contact her at Casey Cares 443-568-0064

Robert Keys (Bob)

Chairman – Casey Cares

Cell: 443-756-1152

Yours in Service,
Larry Ford
Detachment Children & Youth Chairman
lafld@comcast.net
443-413-4710

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

Boy Scouts

As a PDC most or all of you know my project was Boy Scouts in which we all did a great job raising funds for and I thank you all for that. But as most of you also know we can't stop there, Boy Scouts continue to need our help, and I also know you all will continue your support.

As far as our donations go up in Harford county at Broad creek the shooting range is now complete. I went there approx. 4 weeks ago to take a look. Turned out pretty good. They even have a building they use right on the front lines where we can install our donation plaque. The plaque has been ordered and as soon as it comes in, I will set a date and time with the Scouts to do a small ceremony.

Also, the shooting range is almost complete down at the Southern Maryland Youth Camp, they are looking for Volunteer's to finish installing the roof. When that is complete, we will do the same. I will keep everyone alert as to what we are doing.

Thanks
Chairman
PDC, Dave Hullihen

Legislative Alert!

I want to start by thanking everyone for contacting your representatives in the past. Last year was a very good year for our veterans. However, we are not done. We need to stay in contact with our representatives and let them know our veterans come first. The President signed bills last year that made difference and we need to make sure he gets more bills to sign to help out veterans this year. 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. Again, 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. Washington Conference is March 8-11, 2020 this year. The tours of memorials on Sunday March 8 and meetings and "know before you go" Monday and Tuesday.

For God and Country

Tom Deal
Legislative Chairman
tom.deal@verizon.net

VAVS Variety

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. Now that the holidays is over and we begin 2020, it's time to get back to work supporting our veterans throughout the state of Maryland. Please consider donating or volunteering at any of the VA centers in our state. Your support is important to the daily lives of our veterans. Make some time in your

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schedule to be there for them.

The Holiday Gift giving event at the Perry Point Veterans Center was huge success with a large number of volunteers showing up to pack and deliver the Christmas gifts. The Holidays is over but don't forget our veterans always need uplifting cards, visits and comfort items all year long.

February 9 - 15 is salute to Veterans week for Valentine's day, events all week.

Heroes Haven will have their 2020 Cash Base on Saturday March 28th from 6pm to 10pm. The Event will be held at the Sharptown Fireman's Memorial Center. You can purchase tickets or obtain additional information at Heroeshaven.org. Make sure you check out our Detachment website for additional VAVS programs in our area.

VAVS Chairman

Joe Lohman
3rd Vice Commander
Squadron60@verizon.net

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

"the only Veterans Home in the state"

The annual CHVH Service Organization Liaison Committee (SOLC) Christmas Ice Cream Social at the CHVH on December 14 was a lot of fun for the residents and volunteers alike. In addition to ice cream each of the fifty residents who attended received a Christmas card with a \$5 inside.

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 3rd 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. "As a benefit of residing in a certified State Veterans Home, veterans who need nursing home or assisted living care are entitled to receive a per diem grant from the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs towards their cost of care. The benefit is used to lower the veterans out of pocket expenses."

If you would like to make a donation to the CHVH, check out the website, www.charhall.org. Copies of the Resident Wish List and the CHVH Donation /Volunteer Acknowledgement Form Dave Tatman
CHVH Representative
tatman_david@comcast.net
301-645-1537

Loch Raven Medical Center

The greenhouse looks great after all the work was completed. New cooling system and humidifiers along with painting and power washing the floor and fixing the leaky roof. In addition, they provided a large storage unit outside. Two smaller units which need to be assembled this winter and plantings in the patio. Some of the plants will be over wintered in the green house for spring planting.

The annual Volunteer Holiday Party for volunteers was held on December 19, at Gunpowder VFW 10067. I was in attendance.

With the Holidays over and winter approaching think of doing something to cheer the veterans. You can call Voluntary Services at 410-605-7000 x5-5877 to get ideas for an event and/or schedule one.

Bob Filippi

Loch Raven Representative

WARRIORS STANDING STRONG

Happy New Year to all of our supporters! We finished the year strong acquiring our 501-c3 from the Internal Revenue Service. We are in need of donations for the construction of new deer stands. We will be starting construction on these stands the first week in February 2020. We have put together a very aggressive plan for the start of the 2020 hunting season, starting in September.

We have been in contact with the Army at Fort Behavior in Virginia about developing a relationship to help those in the military who have been wounded and their families. Stay tuned for more information. We are working on our first fundraiser for late spring. We will be announcing the details once we finalize the event on February 1, 2020.

We have T-shirts for sale. We may have some at the beach. Thank you for support!

Ray Edwards

President

Warriors Standing Strong, Inc.

(410) 215-9354

rayjred@verizon.net

Commander's Project

Happy New Year to everyone! We've had a very successful first half of the year, and there's plenty of time left in 2020 to make it an all-time great year!! There are only two meetings left before Convention, so please let the Commander or I know if you would like us to attend any event!! Don't forget that the National Commander for the SAL will be at our January Meeting in Ocean City, so make sure you bring your checks!! Make Maryland and our Commander proud and show your support. Here are a few events that are in the

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coming months...

Commander's 50/50 Raffle
(Commander's Project)-tickets will
be on sale at the Ocean City Training
Seminar/Meeting weekend.

Commander, All Vices and myself
will have tickets available for sale.
The Drawing will take place on the
Saturday night at our Detachment
Convention in Hunt Valley (June)

Susquehanna Post 130 Commander's
Drawdown, February 29th, 2020 in
Perryville, MD

The April DEC will be the last time to
present checks until our Detachment
Convention, and one month before
our Consolidated Reports are turned
in. Make sure to make copies of al
checks and send them to Adjutant
Bill Matoska before the May cut-off.
We want to make sure everyone gets
credit for making the Commander's
Project a success this year.

"Generations of Service to Our
Veterans"

Robert Hill

Chairman

BigRob90@msn.com

Chaplin's Corner

I hope all of you and your
families had a very Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year.

With the year passing and our new
endeavors in place....

Remember, we are God's people
(Children of God) and that comes
with the protection of God and his
blessings. As our Glory, the Lord
gives us honor and dignity. He
encourages us through his holy
spirit. As our deliverer, he gives us
peace in times of chaos!

PRAYER (LET US PRAY
TOGETHER)

Father God, how I love you
and your word.
Thank You



For being my
protector, defender and deliverer!
Give me

Wisdom as I seek to do your will
each day.

This is for your glory.

AMEN

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

For God and Country,
William Yeagy, Chaplin

bizybill@hotmail.com

443-619-8797

Time and Place Committee

47th Annual Convention!!!

That's right, our 47th Convention is now
just around the corner. May seem like
it's a ways off, but my recommendation
is to start to making plans to be there....

You'll get an opportunity to catch up
with old friends, or make new one. Too
hear about how we as a Detachment
support the various programs of the
American Legion, and do it with great
Pride and respect to "Our Priceless
Heritage".

Specific dates are on our

Detachment website

www.mdsal.org
or follow the event set up on our

Detachment Facebook page

Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Maryland

Also, consider submitting a Convention
Ad as early as you want. We'll take them
at anytime between now and May 20,
2020.

More details will be provided at the
upcoming DEC, with final requirements
and qualifications to follow by the
Winter DEC in Ocean City.

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.

For God and Country,
Bill Hill
Chairman

Western Maryland Tribune

I hope everyone had a great holiday.
Here is a reminder for the upcoming
W.M.D meeting at Clearspring Legion,
Post 222 on Saturday, February 15th at
1:00pm. We have a lot of business that
needs to be discussed. One of the main
topics discussed will be membership. We
are the largest district but are falling
behind. Everyone's help with this is
greatly appreciated. One other big topic
is that of the nominations for officers.
These need to be presented at this
meeting. We are also looking for new
leadership and ideas to represent
Western Maryland, as we have seen
many of the same faces year after year.
This is encouraged to prevent a stagnant
atmosphere. I hope to see a

representative from each squadron there
Best,

Tom Clavell

Western Maryland District

Commander

South Eastern Shore News

With the new year arriving, we are
preparing for the polar bear plunge, Our
team is planning a splash this year. We
would like to Thank all of the American
Legion's and their members in the South
Eastern Shore District with the piggy
banks distributed, we have collected
over \$250 so far, for the Child Welfare
Foundation.

We have started our annual Wagon of
Cheer raffle to be given away at the
Convention in June. We have a new korn
hole board raffle to benefit a Children
and Youth program select by our district
Historian, Hunter Stubbs.

At our district Christmas gathering, Past
Detachment Commander, John Dale
Smack 1984-1985, was presented his

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Past Commander's Club Jacket as a token of our appreciation.

We have another surprised for him at the winter DEC meeting on the 26th of January.

Happy New Year!

Regards,

Leon Miller
Commander
South Eastern Shore District
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Southern Maryland

I Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas or other holiday of their faith and a Happy New Year! It is now time to get back to supporting our veterans, community and all our great American Legion Family programs. We would like to thank everyone who supported our SMD Drawdown on Dec. 7th at Clinton Post #259. We raised a lot of money to support our great programs. A big thank you to Squadron Commander Dave Hutchison, the entire Squadron and Post family who helped and supported our Drawdown. Our next big function is our Annual SMD Shrimp Feast at Howard L. Turner Post #276 on April 25, 2020.

Once again, we are looking for your support to make this successful. Hope to see you there. Our next SMD District meeting is Sunday Feb. 9th at Wheaton Post #268 at 1pm. Don't forget that we have the 2020 Polar Bear Plunge right around the corner on Friday JAN. 24th. I have signed up to plunge and need your help if I'm to make my goal! Please check out the web page if you care to make a donation. After the Plunge we will head up to our Mid-winter Training and DEC in O.C. MD on January 25th and 26th.

Membership is the life blood of the SMD and its Squadrons. Thanks to our squadrons for their continued submissions of membership. Throughout this year SMD has been able to meet the periodic membership target dates and are frontrunners in weekly membership submissions. Keep up the good work. As of writing this article SMD is in 4th place at 60.3 %. We look forward to seeing many SMD Squadron officer in Ocean City

Serving America's Veterans Every Day

Buddy Mastin
District Commander

North Eastern Shore Times

First off, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Here we are in a brand-new year already. I ask that we take and keep our National Commander, Detachment and Squadron Commander's in our thoughts and continue giving them support that we have in the past. I wish to thank Detachment Commander Bob Manzo in attending the NESD meeting held on December 1, 2019 at Post 18 Centreville, Maryland and his positive comments. I would like to give a right-hand salute to all NESD squadrons in keeping the district in first place with our dues. Starting January 1, 2020, we need to remind members that have not paid your dues that they are in a delinquent status.

Please show Commander Manzo your support in any way you can with his participation in the Polar Bear Plunge on January 24, 2020 at Sand Point State Park.

Cold weather is coming and snow, please check on our Veterans and make sure they are ok.

Squadron #228 Sgt. Preston Ashley sends congratulations to their new SAL member Clarke Creighton. Clarke was born on November 21, 2019 he is the son of SAL member Aaron Creighton, and Grandson of Jerry Creighton director of ALR #228 and Charter Member.

When you receive chances to sell for the Detachment or District please try to get them sold as soon as possible and return them to Tom Deal or the person that you received them from. These raffles are very important in the administrative operations of NESD and Commanders.

Please note the following events with the NESD:

January 24, 2020 Squadron #246, Wounded Warrior Hunt and Dinner Person	February 15, 2020 Squadron #296 Wildlife Dinner 4-8 PM \$30.00 per Person
February 21, 2020 Squadron #29 Dinner (Stag) & Event FREE Will accept donations	February 29, 2020 Squadron #15 Wildlife Cecil County Ice Splash Charlestown, Maryland

Denton, Maryland

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Yours in Service
Buster Blackiston
Commander NESD

SAL Preamble Update:

The American Legion changes have a direct impact on the Sons of The American Legion.

Upon the approval of Resolution 1, it authorized the changing of the 5th sentence of The American Legion's Preamble; "To preserve the memories and incidences of our associations in the Great Wars." "The Great Wars" has been stricken from the Preamble, and it now reads "To preserve the memories and incidences of our associations in all wars." The SAL preamble has "The Great Wars" in the first and fourth sentences.

The first sentence, "Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars," and the fourth sentence: "to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our forefathers in the Great Wars." In both sentences, "**The Great Wars**" must be removed and replaced with "**All Wars.**"

Please make note of these changes until publications are made available by the National Organization.

Bill Hill (PNVC/PDC)
Sr. Assistant Adjutant
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Due to scheduling conflicts, please note that the Spring DEC Meeting date has changed from April to May 17, 2020 and is still being hosted at Post #66.



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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

Mid-Term Squadron Officers Training at The Grand Hotel

Special Olympics Maryland Draw Down @ Post 166

January 25th, 2020

Winter D.E.C. Meeting & Training Session

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

Detachment Commander's Project Drawdown

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

Spring D.E.C. Meeting

May 17, 2020 / Disney-Bell Post 66 @ 1pm

47th Annual Detachment Convention

June 26th to 28th, 2020

Delta Hotels-Marriott
Hunt Valley, MD 21031