



# “The Pride”

Detachment of Maryland

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## Commander’s Corner

Gentlemen,

I’m really excited about being elected Detachment Commander and proud to lead this organization this year. I’ve been a member of Squadron 40 for 14 years and an honorary life member. As a member I had the opportunity to talk to a lot of veterans and legionnaires and every one of them was willing to tell you what The American Legion and American flag meant to them. They were always willing to help you in any way they can, especially when it came to The American Legion.

A good friend of mine and great Legionnaire, George Grossnickle, was one of these legionnaires at our convention who taught the five star & 10 ideals program and was always willing to educate you in any way he could about The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion.

This year as Commander I have the opportunity to pick a project and I am proud to start a new scholarship named after our long time SAL Department Commission Chairman, George Grossnickle, that will go to a participant of Boys State. I will be trying to raise money throughout the year to make sure that this

scholarship continues for many years to come.

This way The American Legion family will always continue educating and supporting these young men graduating from Boy State.

God bless you and God bless America

“Sons of The American Legion Empowering Our Future Leaders”

Jim Alexander

Commander

Detachment of Maryland

Sons of The American Legion

## Adjutant’s Corner

**D.E.C. :** The next Detachment Executive Committee Meeting will be called to order by Commander Alexander, on September 8, 2018 at 12:00 P.M. (**Noon**)

The meeting is being hosted at the Patrick Daily-Mark Logsdon Memorial Service Post No. 17, located at 415 Edgewood Rd., Edgewood, MD 21040.

### **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 28 to Sunday September 30. This is an opportunity for

all to come together and gather some additional insight into this years 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.

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

**National Convention:** The 47th Annual National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion came to a close on Sunday, August 26th in the city of Minneapolis, MN with 25 members from our Detachment in attendance including five of our six Past National Commanders which is unprecedented anywhere across the nation. During the convention the Detachment of Maryland was honored with the following National Awards; the Detachment received a Membership Retention Award for maintaining 90% plus in retention, the Harry White Wilmer Squadron No. 82 has again won the National History Book and the National Scrapbook contests, the Frank M. Jarman Squadron No. 36 received the National Children & Youth Award, and the South Eastern Shore District receive the National Americanism Trophy. The newly elected

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National Commander for the Sons of The American Legion is Gregory "Doc" Gibbs from the Detachment of New York and the newly elected National Vice Commander East is Michael Cotton from the Detachment of Delaware. The Detachment of Maryland remains well represented on the National Organization with PDC Ray Edwards being appointed to the National Veterans Education & Employment Commission, PDC Bear Weinzirl to the National Internal Affairs Commission, Bill Hill is the National Finance Commission Chairman, Tom Deal is now the National Legislative Commission Chairman, and JR Hall is the National Americanism Chairman. When you cross paths with any of these gentlemen be sure to congratulate them for ascending to the National level and most of all for their continued commitment to serving the Sons of The American Legion on both the Detachment and National levels.

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

Greeting Fellow Sons,

The new membership year is now upon us and I look forward to working with all our great Squadrons this year to reach for that 100% goal! As you know, National was a bit behind the ball in delivering the cards in time for our convention, but as of this writing, all squadrons have their memberships cards in hand.

There's a new benefit available to Sons members and the best part, it's free! The Legionnaire Insurance Trust has been providing a life insurance benefit to Legionnaires for years. Well that has been opened for Sons members as well. There is a simple online sign up that will provide up to a \$5,000 benefit if the unthinkable happens while you are conducting S.A.L. business...and did I mention it's free? This benefit remains active for you for as long as you are a

member in good standing.

Just go to: <https://www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare> and follow the simple directions.

So, add this to your recruiting tool bag and pass this along to all your members, no need passing up this free benefit.

This year's Membership theme will be unveiled at the September DEC meeting. I am looking forward to making membership fun in Maryland. I know you are all anxious to know, so I guess you'll have to come to the meeting to find out. I can announce a membership challenge; I am going to make a personal \$100 donation to the **first** District to make 100% before cut-off.

This donation will be made to either the District Commanders Project or to a Children and Youth Charity of their choice.



As of this time, the following is the current year, membership standings:

- 1-NESD- 15.74% of Goal
- 2-NCD- 13.94% of Goal
- 3-SMD- 10.61% of Goal
- 4-SESD- 8.22% of Goal
- 5-Baltimore- 8.03% of Goal
- 6-WMD- 6.35% of Goal
- 7-MTD- 4.77% of Goal

Also, NESD is the first district with no Goose Eggs on the report, Great Job!

Let's get rocking on membership, I would like to see us make 100% Detachment wide and exceed the 90% renewal target for 2018-2019. The Sons are a great team and when we pull together can accomplish great things!

Yours in Service,

Bob Manzo

Membership Chairmen  
1st Vice Commander

## Americanism Report

Here we are at the beginning of the new administrative year. This year you may want to start a new program or a new way of keeping better track of your

records. This is the time to do it. We've always been a detachment that shows support to all Americanism Programs. Our success this year will rely on our members to support our *Community, State, and Nation*.

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

Yours in Service,

William Yeagy

Americanism Chairman

## Boys State

The American Legion Department of Maryland 2018 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 173 boys attended this year, of them 2 boys were sent home, one Tuesday evening and the second one Friday morning. The total that attended graduation was 171 boys. 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

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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 own 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, the next meeting will be held on Sunday September 23, 2018 at 10am followed by the staff meeting at 11am. This meeting will be held at Kent Island Post 278. More info to come in the next Pride issue.

Dennis J. Renehan

Committee Chairman &  
Boys State Staff  
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### **National Emergency Fund:**

It's time once again to consider those that are in need. Yes, I'm talking about NEF (National Emergency Fund). It provides funds for Legion Posts and Legion Family members that have endured disasters and damage. It a vital program of the Legion and should be supported by all SAL members.

So, this year I'm asking if we can raise at least \$8000. This is only 50 cents a member. Your generosity may be the difference in someone's life.

### **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.

Last year the Squadrons of the Detachment of Maryland donated a total of \$4,895. That is less than 31 cents per member. We can't even help two of our own members.

All I'm asking for is \$1 per member. That would give us a donation of over \$15,000. With that we can make a real difference.

For God and Country,

Bill Stem (PDC)

NEF Chairman

### **Community Affairs:**

Once again, we will make a difference to our wounded warriors and residences of Fisher House by having a wonderful afternoon lunch. The date is Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Fisher House in Bethesda. It is quite a rewarding experience if you have never been to one of these picnics. We are looking for volunteers to help setup and cook, The Fisher House is very important to the families of military personnel by giving them a place to stay in their time of need. It is truly a home away from home. It's a warm setting for them while their love one that is being treated in one of the VA hospitals. For additional information please contact our CA Chairman, Joe Lohman, at [squadron60@verizon.net](mailto:squadron60@verizon.net)

### **Flag Replacement Program:**

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/](http://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](mailto:saljerry@comcast.net) or at 443-807-1131

JERRY SAUNDERS, SR.

Flag Replacement 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**

"Many wonder what the Children and Youth goals and objectives are, so I thought I would share with you what is set for us by the national organization."

The following is taken from the National Children and Youth web page as a reminder of the mission and responsibilities of the committee.

The mission of the Sons of The American Legion Committee on Children and Youth is to formulate, recommend and implement plans, programs and activities of The American Legion.

The committee's responsibility is to promote the care and protection of the

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children of veterans; improve conditions for all children and youth with due concern for maintaining the integrity of the family home; prevent social and physical ills of children and youth where possible utilizing services and cooperating with sound organizations and agencies for children and youth; maintain a balanced program that provides for their physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual needs; and other such purposes as may be assigned by The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committee; and to assist The American Legion Children and Youth Program in carrying on for God and Country.

As we start our 2018-2019 program year keep an eye out for the different activities our Children and Youth committee have planned and keep supporting the youth programs in your community.

Squadron Commanders, you will soon be receiving the annual Special Olympics raffle tickets. These tickets help the detachment support the bowling tournament each year. Please sell or buy these tickets and return the stubs and money to Mark Fayer, PO Box 245 Perryville, MD 21903.

Children & Youth Chairman  
Mark Fayer, Sr.

## **Special Olympics— Maryland**

The Special Olympics Summer Games went great and as August comes to an end the Fall and Winter sports programs are just getting started. Please make an effort to attend an event near you and especially the SAL sponsored Bowling Tournament in November.

The Plunge is only 5 months away, never too early to start planning. The 'Plunged' website is already up and very soon we will be registering our American Legion Family Team. 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 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.

Robert Keys (Bob)

Chairman – Casey Cares

Cell: 443-756-1152

## **Toys For Tots**

Welcome to a new and exciting year for Toys for Tots. My name is Robert Hill and I will be the Chairman this year. I am looking forward to another amazing and successful years for our Children and Youth program. Here are a view of the important dates that we need to be mindful of...

Drop Box distribution to collect Toy's will be available Oct 1- Nov 30

All toys and Donations boxes returned to the Self-Storage One locations – December 6<sup>th</sup>.

This is an absolutely amazing program that gives over 98% of all donations go towards the children in need during the holiday season.

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 may also turn in monetary donations at any District or DEC meeting.

I'm hoping that this year we can set an all time high in both toys and monetary

donations. If you have any questions you can call me anytime at (240) 678-8742.

You can find local pick-up / drop off locations on the Toys For Tots website ([www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)).

Thank you for your supports and looking forward to the Holiday season!!

Robert Hill  
Toy for Tots Chairman

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

Hello to All Our Legion Family,

I would again like to Thank everyone for your support for 2018 Doug Henley Memorial Laps of Love. Even though the rain kept us indoors we still raised close to \$6,000.00 for the programs that benefit for Laps of Love. That is Awesome, and we all appreciate your support.

As you start to plan you 2018-19 year maybe you can find \$100.00 or maybe \$200.00 to plan on donating to the 2019 Laps of Love. For a \$200.00 donation your Post, Squadron or Unit can be named on the back of the T-shirt and be recognized as a sponsor. All funds donated can be reported on your consolidated report at the end of the year.

More information will come as the year moves on but if you have any questions just email me at [dhall1967@verizon.net](mailto:dhall1967@verizon.net).

Helping Our Future  
JR Hall

## **Legislative Alert!**

I want to start this year by saying we need to remain vigilant and talk about Veterans benefits and issues to our representatives and congressmen. Get to know who they are in your local districts 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 that they have earned. I have asked for everyone to sign up for legislative alerts

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on the National web site and I know many have. I want to put another push for everyone who said I will do it but never got to it. There have been a few times this year where we needed almost instant notification for a certain bill or hearing that we needed immediate action on. I hope you will consider signing up right now and when you get that alert voicing your opinion to our representatives for our Veterans. The American Legion will let you know the specific issue and where it stands on the issue. All you need to do is click on the take action and submit. We need to help take care of our Veterans. Get involved, take action, stand up and be counted fighting for our Veterans. The American Legion website <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.

For God and Country

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

## VAVS Variety

Greetings Fellow Sons, as we start a new year. It is my pleasure and honor to serve as your VAVS Commission Chairman. Stay active in your local VA Hospitals, your good work helps make a Veteran's Day brighter!

This year the following are the VAVS Representatives:

### Perry Point VA MC

Tom Deal (135) – Representative; Gary Tennis (135) - Deputy Representative

### Baltimore VA MC

Larry Ford (130) – Representative; William Matoska (183) - Deputy Representative

### LRVACL (Loch Raven VA Community Living Center)

Bob Filippi (183) – Liaison

### Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Dave Tatman (82) – Liaison

### Heroes Haven

Leon Adkins (218) – Representative & Vice President

### Homeless Veterans

Bill Hill (191) - Liaison

### VE & E Committee (Veterans Employment and Education)

Larry "Bear" Weinzirl (135) - Chairman

### Warriors Standing Strong, Inc.

Ray Edwards (123) – Liaison

### Cambridge Clinic

Rodney Helmer (243) – Liaison

### Some information to pass on:

We are going to come up with a "Needs List" for the VA Facilities, so we can focus on fulfilling some of the needs.

The Perry Point Carnival will be the Second Saturday of October (10/13/18), starting at 1 pm. The date has been confirmed.

Veterans Employment and Education Committee Chairman Bear Weinzirl is requesting that all Squadrons and Districts form their own VE&E Committee or least assign an individual to assist him in getting information out on Job Fairs and Benefits available to our Veterans. To be added to PDC Bear's distribution list, send him an email at: [nesdsal@aol.com](mailto:nesdsal@aol.com)

As the year progresses we will have updates and news of upcoming events, if you have a VAVS related event you are planning or that you have already completed, pass the information along, so it can be shared in the Pride. Until next time, Thank a Veteran!  
Yours in service,

Larry Ford, VAVS Chairman

Email: [lafitd@comcast.net](mailto:lafitd@comcast.net)

Cell Phone: 443-413-4710

## Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

*"the only Veterans Home in the state"*

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home is the only Veterans home in the state of Maryland. John F. McNulty Memorial

American Legion Post 298 "allows residents to continue their membership in the comfort of their new home." Post 298 is the only American Legion Post that exists within a Veterans' facility in the entire country. Department of Maryland American Legion PDC Commander Gail Murdock initiated the "adopt a Vet" program at the CHVH which pays for membership dues for those who can't afford the dues. Check out the website for details.

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 contact PDC Buddy Mastin or myself. Additional help is always welcome. To make a monetary donation, send checks to SMD Finance Officer Joe Lohman at 15609 Bounds Ave., Laurel, MD 20707, with a copy to Detachment Adjutant—PNC Bill Matoska.

If you would like to learn more about the Charlotte Veterans Home check out their website, [www.charhall.org](http://www.charhall.org). Check out the wish list and the volunteer opportunities.

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

## Homeless Veteran's

On August 23rd, the Ribbon Cutting for HELP Veterans Village located on the grounds of the Perry Point VA Medical Center took place. Developed by HELP USA, a national homeless services and low-income housing nonprofit, HELP Veterans Village is ideally situated because of its close proximity to a full range of VA support programs and services at Perry Point and individual case management. The village also provides residents convenient access to the local community's transportation resources. HELP USA invested \$23.3

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million in Veterans Village, with major funding from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, the National Equity Fund, Home Depot, Citibank, and Northrop Gruman.

There is a total of 75 new housing units, Thirty-three buildings were constructed into 66 one-bedroom apartments; eight buildings into eight two-bedroom apartments; and one building into a three-bedroom apartment. The tenant population will be made up of homeless veterans or veteran families who meet federal eligibility requirements. These tenants will qualify for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program (HUD-VASH), so they will have access to the VA's resources on the Perry Point campus.

During the ground breaking ceremony uniformed veterans and VSO representatives were in attendance including Past Detachment Commander Charlie Thomas from Squadron #135 located in Perryville.

For God and Country,  
Bill Matoska

## Commander's Project

### "American Legion Boys State Program"

Establishing an Annual Scholarship to  
be named after

"George O. Grossnickle"

Commander Jim Alexanders project this year is one that will assist deserving recipients that have attended The American Legion Boys State Program.

The goal this year is to raise funds for the New Annual *George O. Grossnickle* scholarship. We are establishing an annual scholarship grant of \$5000.00 to be paid in increments to multiple recipients.

We are asking each squadron to assist us in making this program a success by making a financial donation. Our goal is

to raise the highest level of monetary donations to carry out his legacy. Various fund-raising activities and donation drives will allow us to make this scholarship program carry on in perpetuity.

We have started selling T-shirts for this project. The cost is \$20.00, and all proceeds go directly to this project.

Please contact me if interested in purchasing one or two or three.

Of course, this year's commander's drawdown will take place at Perryville Squadron 135 on March 2, 2019.

Tickets will be available in the near future. Make it a date to remember and support your commanders project.

We will be looking for more fundraisers to be held to help us raise money, if you are interested please let your District Commander's Project Chairman know and we will assist in any way needed.

"Sons of The American Legion,  
Empowering Our Future Leaders"

Yours in Service,

Bill Yeagy

Project Chairman

## Time and Place Committee

Time to start planning for our 46th Annual Convention.

To kick it off, we're heading back to **Hunt Valley.....**

Look for additional information at upcoming DEC meetings, as well as being posted on our Detachment Facebook sites.

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 Glory

Greetings from the Western Maryland District. I am this year's Commander, Bob Trueblood. Many of you may remember

me when I was District Commander several years ago. My goals for this year will be to improve communications in the District so that every Squadron will have full knowledge of all meeting dates and places, to make sure each squadron turns in the membership renewals and new members as soon as possible, and to fill out their Consolidated Report Forms each year so that you, your Post, your District, and your Detachment can receive credit for all that you do. This is why it is called a Consolidated report Form. It is for the betterment of your Squadron, your Post, your District and Detachment and one of the reasons that the Detachment of Maryland leads the Nation in our programs, because we know how to work together.

I have created a new position, this year, for the improvement of Communications. The position is Asst. Adjutant and is filled by Robert Hyser, a duel member, from Squadron #31. His sole purpose is to correspond with each Squadron passing on important information such as meeting dates and information that comes from the Detachment and the National level as well as our District. It is extremely important that you send Bob Hyser an email address so that he can email notices to your Squadrons about upcoming events and meetings.

Our first meeting date is September 16, 2018, at Gold Star Squadron #191, 808 Prospect Road, Mt. Airy, MD. 21771, beginning at 1:00 pm. It is very important that you have a representative present at this meeting. We will be discussing a change to our District By-Laws. Copies of the Detachment Blue Book will be available for each Squadron. Make sure that your Squadron gets a copy.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 301-602-8141 or at [santastoyshop@aol.com](mailto:santastoyshop@aol.com). Remember, please send in any membership renewals or new memberships A.S.A.P.

Yours in Service,  
Bob Trueblood

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## Southern Pride

Looking forward to a great year in Southern Md. District working with our District Officers and Squadron Commanders.

Let's start with membership. SMD is in 4<sup>th</sup> place which we can work on and move up. The big problem is goose eggs (0 membership). There are currently 21 Squadrons in our District with 0 membership sent in. All Squadrons should at least have sent in their Officers dues. Please work on this quickly.

The S.A.L. Battle of the Squadrons Cook Off is coming up soon on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Beltway Post 172 and tickets are only \$20. Come out and see which Squadron wins bragging rights for the year.

We also have our SMD District Draw Down coming up in November. More info coming soon. Our next District meeting is Sunday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at Glenarden Post 275 at 1pm. Hope to see you there.

Please join our Facebook page, Sons of The American Legion Southern Maryland District. We post all of our upcoming meetings and events on this page. Your Squadron is welcome to post events on this page also.

Please remember we are still looking for monetary donations to host monthly bingo at Charlotte Hall Veterans home. The veterans love it and have a great time.

Let's get out there and start working the great programs of The American Legion Family.

Serving America's Veterans Every Day  
Buddy Mastin  
SMD Commander

## South Eastern Shore Update

Greetings,

As Commander of the South Eastern Shore District for the second time, I have set some simple goals for this time around. Develop training sessions for our future leaders, educate members on

the benefits of growth of membership and having lots of fun along the way. My SAL is a wonderful tool and I will encourage all squadrons to use it. My goal is to finish in first place in membership this year.

I'm very excited about Commander Alexander Commander's project: "Boys State". We will work hard to do our part. It is my desire to get involved in this annual program. I'm looking for new ideas for the hospitality room at the Winter DEC weekend. Anyone needing tickets for draw down, please see Larry Ford, Mark Fayer, Commander Jimmy or Bob Manzo. Any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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## North Eastern Shore Times

As we start our new year I would like to say thank you to the district for giving me the opportunity to lead the district this year. I will try to keep the good work that our Past Commander Taylor has been doing for the past 3 years.

I want to say thank you to all the squadrons for working hard on their membership. The district is in first place and the first district with no goose eggs. GREAT WORK.

The district will again do a 30-day 3-digit Lottery Raffle for the month of January 2019. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be distributed at our district meeting in September.

Starting October 1st, the district will be collecting pajamas for Casey Cares, remember they need all sizes from infant to adult, male and female.

The District also has a web site for information and events pages. The web site is: <http://squadron135.tripod.com/ned>. We use this web page to keep you informed of what is going on in the District, The Detachment and even the National organization. If you have a fundraiser scheduled or an event at your post e-mail Bear Weinzirl at:

[nedsal@aol.com](mailto:nedsal@aol.com) and we will put it on the web page. Bear has done a good job updating this and will continue to do so.

Our first meeting will be on Sunday 23 September at Sgt. Preston Ashley Post 228 in Rock Hall. The meeting will begin at 10:30 AM.

Mark Fayer Sr.  
NESD Commander

## Chaplin's Corner

The Lord is my Shepard; I shall not want..... Psalm 23:1

Be humble never think you are better Than anyone else. For dust you are and Unto dust you shall return. AMEN.

Please keep those at home recovering in your prayers. Let us keep in our Memories the passing of our comrades!

Thank you and God bless,

Bill Yeagy  
Detachment Chaplin

## Public Relations Advisory

### ***We want to brag about you!***

If you are hosting an event, or have had a successful one which you just want to brag about, please send an outline. It may be about either what's taking place or what has taken place. Provide some details around what the event may be supporting, such as a Draw Down to raise funds for a scholarship program, or a Dance to support the Detachment Commanders Project and an event, which may be purely held in your community to support a local program such as a food bank, or children's clothing drive. We'll do our best to publish them on the Detachment website in advance of the event and we'll help get the word out to the Detachment and Legion Family. Please send all articles to:

Bill Hill (PDC)  
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**2019 Membership Target Date:**

- September 12, 2018 - 10%
- October 11, 2018 - 25%
- November 15, 2018 - 35%
- December 12, 2018 - 45%
- January 17, 2019 - 60%
- February 13, 2019 - 75%
- March 13, 2019 - 80%
- April 10, 2019 - 90%
- May 8, 2019 - 100%
- \*\* July 24, 2019 - 105%

\*\* Delegate Strength Target Date

**Detachment of Maryland Meeting Schedule 2018—2019**

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

September 8, 2018 (Saturday) / Patrick Daily-Mark Logsdon Memorial Service Post 17 @ Noon

**Campout / Commander Preparatory Retreat**

September 28<sup>th</sup>—30<sup>th</sup> 2018

Southern Maryland Youth Camp

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

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Saturday) / Benedict A. Andrew Post 296 @ 1pm

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

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

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 / Synepuxent Post 166 @ 12pm

**Detachment Commander's Project Drawdown**

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 / Susquehanna Post 135 @ 6pm

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

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 / Glen Burnie Post 40 @ 1pm

**46th Annual Detachment Convention**

June 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Delta Hotels-Marriott, Hunt Valley, MD