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THE MARYLAND REGION

29TH DIVISION ASSOCIATION

To perpetuate the friendships we cherish; to keep alive the spirit that never knew defeat; to glorify our dead; and to further keep before our country the record of the 29th Division in all the wars; we associate ourselves in an organization known as the 29th Division Association, Inc.

Alsace – 25 Jul 1918 – Sep 23, 1918 – WW I
Meuse – Argonne 8 Oct 1918 – 29 Oct 1918 WW I
Normandy 6 Jun 1944 – WW II
Normandy – 6 Jun – 24 Jul 1944 – WW II
Northern France – 25 Jul – 14 Sep, 1944 WW II
Central Europe – 22 Mar – 8 May 1945 – WW II
Rhineland – 15 Sep 1944 – 21 Mar 1945 WW II

Iraqi Governance - 2004 - 2005 - Iraqi War
National Resolution - 2005 - 2007- Iraqi War
Iraqi Surge - 2007 - 2008 - Iraqi War
Consolidation I - 2001 - 2006 - Afghanistan War
Consolidation II - 2006 - Present - Afghanistan War



September 2018 World War One trip group the 116th Foundation led. There are four past 29ers, one daughter of a D-Day 116th vet, and one active 29er in the group. Taken at Suresnes American Military Cemetery in Paris France

LIMESTONE POST 1-72

Comrades,

Greetings from Limestone Post 1-72. With any kind of good fortune we will be headed into more pleasant weather, and more time to be in one another's company. Some volunteer work is going on to spiff up the Veterans Corps Headquarters room in which we meet. I believe you will be impressed with the improvements initiated by the Commander Robert E. Lee Wisch.

I have been looking into some small venues in which we could economically hold "cheap night out" parties in order to bring us together socially more often. Of course these things and others will be discussed at our meetings as we go forth. Remember that election of officers is coming up soon. If you care to step up, please make yourself known to our nomination chairman, Bob Wisch!

We have had men from Post 58 who are taking the opportunity to join our Post, and I would take this time to give them a hearty "welcome" and "thank you" for helping us "keep the spirit alive"!

Looking forward to see you.

Commander, Limestone Post 1-72
R. Lee Hofmann

**POST 2**

Many thanks to those in attendance last month during our Spring meeting at the Sarasota Red Lobster. Those in attendance were Michael Crouch, 121st Engineers, Reverend Phil Bliss, Joseph Steimel, K/175th, Judy Steimel, Richard Mosier, Korea and myself. It was a solemn gathering having recently learned of the passing of our dear friend Capt. Anne Strambi Welk, RN ETO nurse. We recounted many happy memories of her involvement with Florida West Post 2 and the 29th Division Association. One stand out was helping celebrate her 100th Birthday and also helping her celebrate the attainment of The French Legion of Honor Medal. She was so extremely proud of that! We were all so thankful for Anne's friendship during her stay with us. We consider ourselves a band of brothers and sisters here at Florida West Post 2. We will certainly miss our dear sister Anne, may she rest in peace.

During our meeting, there were lapses where we did not say a word to each other....Just reflecting. Joseph and Judy broke the tension with a lighthearted conversation about...."When it's our turn"... "We have it all figured out, I will in the top spot" Joe proudly stated. Judy protested " Yeah, and I'll be in the back of the bus!" We all laughed, erasing a little of the somber mist that crept into our luncheon that Saturday.

It will not be the same without our "Jersey Girl" Anne, but we know that she is with us, supporting our cause to uphold the proud tradition of the 29th Division, to help continue to educate the community of our history and what that meant and continues to mean for our Red, White and Blue. She will always be standing with us when we say our Pledge of Allegiance before each meeting. She will be there to help us welcome new members into our Post, they will learn of her as well. We are sad, but she will be with us every day as we carry on.

Our services for Captain Anne Welk : April 12, 2019

10am, Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, Florida 34241. Donations in Anne's name can be made to the address above, you may also consider sending a donation to Anne's Alma Mater; The Columbia University School of Nursing (Class of 1939) 560 West 168th Street, N.Y., N.Y., 10032.

Thank you.

Sean Patrick Malloy
Commander
Florida West Post 2
@FloridaWestPost2



Captain Anne Strambi Welk, RN ETO nurse meets Ms. Loretta Swit aka Major Margaret Houlihan, from MASH, at a recent Post 2 event.

Post 48—Jerome L Day

Greetings Comrades,

Comrades, as a reminder, your 2019 dues of \$15.00 are due in January. In addition, any donations to the post is greatly appreciated. Please send dues or your donations to Jerome L. Day Post 48, PO Box 1564 , Westminster, MD 21158.

I want to express my gratitude to those who continue to support the post through your contributions.

Comrades of the 29th Division Association, please encourage your family and friends to join the 29th Association to carry on your Legacy.

Saturday, March 2, 2019 was the National History Day at Winters Mill HS from 9am to 2pm. Post 48 was not informed of the winners to date.

I will keep you informed of upcoming events at the monthly meetings and by means of the Chin Strap.

The next scheduled meetings will be March 28, 2019 and April 25 at the American Legion, Westminster, MD. Dinner at 6 pm, meeting at 7 pm out by 8 pm. All comrades and their guests are invited to attend the meeting for some good comradeship.

As always, I can be contacted by calling 240-367-6110 or E-mail, fm32@erols.com.

In Comradeship,
Frank M. Rauschenberg,
Commander, Post 48
P.O. Box 1564, Westminster, MD 21158

**Post 64**

Through snow, wind, & rain Post 64 continues to move "EVER FORWARD ". Our new officers have been elected and installed: Morris Bennett, Commander; Richard Carr, Vice Commander; Jeff Banik, Finance Officer; Tom Grier Adjutant; Mickey Johnson, Sgt. At Arms and Jay Kincanon, Quarter Master.

It seems as though the flu, bad colds & old age are catching up with a lot of us, but we still had thirty-one in attendance at the March meeting. Phone calls and visits were planned for the sick & home bound. As always, a good meal was had by all, topped off by a delicious desert made by member Dianne Raymond.

We are planning our Armed Forces Day parade for the VA Hospital and the Virginia Veterans Care Center in Salem, VA. Our military vehicles and K-9's will participate. We will also be a part of the ceremonies at the War Memorial in Vinton, Va.

The City Council of the City of Roanoke declared March 13 as K-9 Day. Roanoke Mayor, Sherman Lea, presented a proclamation of such to our 2 canines and their owners. TV news coverage was provided by our local channel 7 WDBJ and channel 10 WSLS. Post 64 members Mark Smoot and Steve Grogan provided informative interviews to the news at the proclamation and again later at the D-Day Memorial.

Submitted by
Post 64
Roanoke, VA

Post 78—Cresap's Rifles

Post 78 continues to work on building our membership back after losing 8 people in 2018 to the grim reaper, and another 11 due to non-payment of dues. We had come back to a fairly decent number at 202, but then lost another one on March 10th. Raymond Delphey was the son of a WW II 29er and was 87 years young. That same weekend, I was notified that we had picked up another new member through Pay Pal. Michael Hurley had been a member of Post 78 many years ago. After leaving his employment at the Michael Cresap Armory in Frederick and transferring to Gunpowder, He unfortunately dropped his membership. However, with the past three years being spent at the 29th Aviation Brigade and retirement coming in the very near future, he has now decided to renew his membership with Post 78. Welcome back Mike to you, Becky and the family.

We have now ordered 200 new flags to support our dwindling supply, for decorating the graves of 29ers in May. We will have them in time to put them out in about 33 cemeteries in Frederick County prior to the Memorial Day weekend. Hopefully, many of our new members will be introduced and take part in this effort.

Members of Post 78 will hold our annual Spring Fling Dinner on April 13th in the Social Room of the Frederick Church of the Brethren at the corner of West 2nd St and Fairview Ave in Frederick. Our social period will begin at 5:30 and the Family Style meal will be served at 6:00 P.M. A short ceremony to install the newly elected officer for 2019/2020 will be held following the meal. The dinner is open to all 29ers and their families. Post 48 Commander Frank Rauschenberg will install the newly elected officers. Maryland Region Commander Bill Bullock and National Executive Director Will Mund have also been invited to attend. Contact John Wilcox for more details at: wilcoxj154@gmail.com or at 301-695-9558. Leave a message if no one answers.

PNC John E. Wilcox, Post Adjutant



Eder-George Post 85

Greetings to all from the members of Eder-George Post 85. With the new year, please don't forget to pay your 2019 dues. Our Post 85 Honor Guard continues to perform Military Honors.

Our next regular meeting will be April 3, 2019 at the North East VFW. There will be coffee and donuts at 9:45 with the meeting starting at 10:00am.

We will also be holding a meeting at the Edgewood American Legion on April 17, 2019 at 5:30pm. We welcome any Harford County Members to attend this meeting. This will be the first Harford County meeting and we would like to hold a meeting every other month at this location. Come out and enjoy!!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,
Valerie Simmers
Adjutant

NEW ENGLAND POST 93

Hello Post 93 members. With Spring upon us my thought always turn to Normandy.

75 Years ago, all of our fathers would be getting ready for one of if not the biggest event in their lives and our country. My father was a medic and I saw a video after he passed away where he remarked that he had not been morally ready for what lay ahead. He didn't carry a gun so I'm thinking that it must have been the feelings of hatred he may have felt. He saw many of the wounded soldiers of the 29th Infantry Division and also described turning over dead bodies looking for friends. When I am in Normandy I often hear and feel the imprints that were made during battle.

Please keep in mind and your prayers the soldiers deployed today as they are in the same place our fathers were during WWII.

Myself and Neil will be in Normandy this year to honor our fathers. For the first time we will have prayers on Omaha Beach hoping to relieve some of the soldiers' imprints made by war. We will lay flowers at monuments both American and French in towns they had been to pay homage.

I must postpone our Spring meeting until August. I am hoping that this works for most of you. At this meeting we will be looking for members who would like to serve our post as Officers. Please email me your interest.

Frances Sherr Davino, Commander
fsd104@icloud.com
 774.266.3472



Post 116 – The Stonewall Brigade

****NEXT POST MEETING**** Post 116 2nd Quarter 2019 **meeting** will be held **Tuesday, April 9th 2019** at Mrs. Rowe's Family Restaurant, Exit #220 on I81, Staunton, VA starting at 1145 hrs. The 52nd Annual 116th Infantry Regiment Muster is set for Saturday, 9 November 2019 in Staunton, VA. More details with price, location, etc. will be published in late summer/early fall.

The "C Company" 116th veterans meet for lunch in Harrisonburg, VA the third Thursday of EVEN numbered months. The next meeting is **11 April 2019**. The lunch is provided by and served at the Elks Lodge, and is an all-you-can-eat buffet with drink costing only \$15 per guest.

The Winchester 116th veteran's group held their monthly breakfast on Monday, 18 March 2019. The next breakfast is the **15 April 2019**. This group meets every month on the third Monday at the Golden Coral in Winchester. Be there by 0900 to get an all-you-can-eat breakfast.

ANY Post 116 Member, former Stonewaller or 29er is *invited, welcome and encouraged* to attend these two veteran and friend gatherings. They are fellowship meetings and there is not always a formal program, but usually items of relative interest are announced.

LAST CALL - Post 116 Dues for 2019 are \$12.00 via an online payment option thru the 116th Foundation Website at <https://116thfoundation.org/post-116/>. Mail-in or in-person dues collected at the next meeting are just \$10.00. Correspondence with the post, dues, etc., should be addressed to:

Post 116, 29th Division Association
 566 Lee Highway
 Verona, VA 24482

The 116th Foundation reports its History Experience Tours for 2019 have a few seats left on each trip. They include round-trip airfare, double occupancy Hotels, ground transportation, guides and most meals, plus an unguided day to visit Paris. The dates and prices are:

14 - 20 JUL 2019 – "The Major of St. Lo 75 Tour" - \$3200, Includes Omaha Beach, witnessing the 75th Anniversary Event for Major Thom Howie in St. Lo, and visiting other 29th Division sites such as Vire and Le Carrefour. Room for about 10 more guests More

15 - 22 SEP 2019 – "Over There: The Doughboy in France Tour"– \$3300, Includes a review of the major AEF battle participation sites and the Allied Western Front from Ypres to Verdun and the Meuse-Argonne highlighting the 29th Division battlefields. Plenty of guest seats open.

21 - 27 SEP 2019 - "D-Day to St. Lo 75 Tour" - \$3000, The Foundation's standard D-Day focused trip reviewing the major D-Day events from Pegasus Bridge to Utah Beach before focusing in detail on Omaha Beach and the 29th Division route to St. Lo. Space for only four more guests.

More info on and registration on the web at <https://116thfoundation.org/historytours/>

Silver Spring Post 94

Post 94 does not meet. We have members from all over the country. Post 94 has the distinction of being the #1 contributor to the 29th Division Association; through its donations which are used to support the publication of the *Twenty-Niner* newsletter.

At this time, we thank the 81 members of Post 94 who have already paid their dues for 2019. Post 94 has 123 total members. So, we are hoping to hear from those remaining members with their dues soon.

Several Post 94 members always attend the annual wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery every year. This year's event is on Saturday, 29 June at 1215pm, with a luncheon held afterwards at the Spates Community Center. The MD Region will have a bus leaving the "park and ride" at Exit 8 off the Beltway (695) for those individuals who do not want to drive their vehicles to the cemetery. Cost for the luncheon is: \$30 and \$10 for the bus. See page 30 of the Spring *Twenty-Niner* for the official announcement of this event.



To all members of the 29th Division Association:

We have received an open invitation to all members of the Association to attend Military Day in Trebah Garden, Cornwall UK. Every year there is a ceremony at the monument erected by British Paratrooper Major Hibbert. And then there is always something exciting on the beach just below where the 175th Infantry regiment departed for Normandy. This year they are hoping some folks from the 29th will attend this 75th Anniversary Event. They will be portraying a day in the life of a 175th Soldier in Cornwall.

Please contact me if you are interested in going to Cornwall for this great event. Folks there will take care of you and I'll help you get accommodations and transportation. We have several Association members living in Cornwall!

POC: Fran Sherr-Davino @: fsd104@icloud.com

Below is the invite from Tom French, of the Royal Parachute Regimental Assn.

To our good friends of the 29th Infantry Division

Hope this finds you and your veterans fit and well. This is just to remind you of the Open Invitation to the 29th Veterans and their families that they are welcome to Trebah Gardens, Cornwall any time, but especially this year for the 75th of the Invasion of Europe, D-Day. The Trebah Garden Trust are holding a weeklong event but we the Royal Cornwall Parachute Regimental Assn. will be having a Commemoration and Remembrance Day on the 2nd June from approx. 11.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs. We have about 200 invited guests including local VIP's and about 20 wreaths are laid.

As with you our remaining Veterans are all of an age and don't travel very well, none of them will be returning to Normandy this year. We are hoping our few remaining vets will all be attending Trebah Military Day.

I can assure you that the bravery of those young men will never be forgotten in this part of Cornwall. We do hope you can make a visit on this important occasion.

Please give our best regards to your Veterans.

Safe Landings
Tom French, Events Officer Royal Cornwall Parachute Regimental Assn.



Important notice about *Chin Strap* donations

Donations to the *Chin Strap* must be sent to the **MD Region Finance Officer, Ed Tolzman, 6A S. Belle Grove Rd, Baltimore, MD 21228-2204**. *Chin Strap* donations are not to be mailed to the Nat'l Hqs, P.O. Box or submitted through PayPal to National Headquarters.

The National Headquarters PayPal process was set up so that members could purchase merchandise with a credit card. It is also used for new members to easily join the association without sending in a check to National Headquarters.

National Headquarters is separate from the MD Region and the *Chin Strap*. Therefore, to eliminate additional unnecessary accounting processing we ask that all donations to the *Chin Strap* be made by **check and payable to the Maryland Region**.

All donations received by National Headquarters will be processed as donations to the 29th Division Association and not the *Chin Strap*.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE NATIONAL PAYPAL SITE FOR DONATIONS TO THE CHIN STRAP!

New members

We welcome the following new members to the 29th Division Association.

Drury, Michael, Post 78, Middletown, MD
Holden, Jim, Post 29, Richmond, VA
Hurley, Michael, Post 78, Smithsburg, MD
Landolt, Oskar, Post 93, Switzerland
Moone, Debby, Post 78, Frederick, MD
Porter, Alexander, Post 48, Westminster, MD

Runyon, Sally, Post 116, Webster Groves, MO
Shelton, Adam, Post 78, Berlin, MD
Shelton, Linda, Post 78, Berlin, MD
Smith, Frank J., Post 78, Frederick, MD
Stachowiak, Joseph, Post 1-72, Baltimore, MD



29th Division Association Maryland License Tags

Twenty Ninth Division Association license tags are still available for those of you residing in the state of Maryland. The tags are very attractive and never fail to raise conversation wherever they are seen. They have become a great item to be used as a recruiting tool. However, individuals must be a paid-up member before they can order them.

For those wishing to order the tags, you may contact PNC John E. Wilcox at 301-695-9558 or through email at wilcoxj154@gmail.com. The cost is \$25.00 for the organizational tag. This cost does not replace the normal tag fee for the sticker.

Do not be misled by the picture. The tag shown here is in a license plate holder for the 29th Division Association. These are no longer for sale.



Chin Strap Supporters We have received financial support for the Chin Strap from the following individuals in the last month. Thanks to those of you who have helped by providing your monetary support as well as the kind words. Both are deeply appreciated. Please continue to contribute so we may continue to provide you a quality newsletter.

All Donations are greatly appreciated. Checks for contributions to the Chin Strap should be made payable to the: Maryland Region—29th Division Association. Contributions should be mailed to the **Region Finance Officer: Ed Tolzman, 6A S. Belle Grove Rd, Baltimore, MD 21228-2204**

William J Held — *In memory of Robert (Bob) Jones*

SFC Bill Guthrie (Ret.), Bellefontaine, OH

Gary Sparks, Hillsborough, NH

William P. Gaskin, Montgomery, PA

Ralph Thompson, Fairfax, VA

3 Apr — Post 85 —VFW Northeast MD —10:00 am
 3 Apr — Post 64—Roanoker Restaurant, Roanoke VA—11:30 am
 9 Apr—Post 116—Mrs Rowe's Family Restaurant, Exit 222 I-81, Staunton—11:45 am
 10 Apr — Post 78 —Talley Recreation Center—7:00 pm
 10 Apr — Post 110—Pikesville NCO Club —11:00 am
 15 Apr—Post 1-72—Vet Corps Room 5th Regt—11:00 am
 18 Apr —Post 729—Parlor House Restaurant, Waynesboro, PA —8:00 am
 25 Apr —Post 48—American Legion—Westminster—7:00pm
 25 May—Post 5
 5 June —Post 88—Cambridge Airport, 1 pm



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Full Name: _____
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

Postal Address: _____
 (Number and Street) (City, State, Zip, Country)

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The Association is open to anyone who wants to keep the history and spirit of the 29th alive - soldiers who served in the 29th, currently serving soldiers, families of those who served, and anyone who wants to keep the 29th alive.

Did you Serve? Please indicate what unit you served in: _____

Post (optional) - please indicate if you have a preference on what Post you are assigned to: _____

I want to join the 29th Division Association and help keep the history of the 29th Division alive. The \$12 dues includes the National Membership, the monthly *Chin Strap* and the *Twenty-Niner* newsletter three times a year.

Applicant's Signature: _____

To join in minutes and pay by credit or debit card go to <http://29thdivisionassociation.com/membership.html>

Mail this application to: **29th Division Association, Inc. P.O. Box 47634 Windsor Mill, MD 21244-0634**