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Post Reports

Eder-George Post 85, North East, MD

Commander: Howard Bond

Please mail dues to: **Valerie Simmers**
5 Shore Drive, North East, MD 21901-3327

Greetings to all from the members of Eder-George Post 85. Please don't forget to pay your 2020 dues if you haven't already paid. Our Post 85 Honor Guard continues to perform Military Honors.

Due to poor weather, our January meeting did not have a quorum. Remember the meeting is canceled only if Harford or Cecil County Schools are closed. As always, use your best judgement for the conditions in your area.

Our next regular meetings will be **February 5, March 4, and April 1, 2020 at the North East VFW**. There will be coffee and donuts at 9:45 with the meeting starting at 10:00am. We are still working on a Harford County Meeting time. If anyone from the 29th CAB has a suggestion for meeting times at the Edgewood American Legion, please let me know.

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

Valerie Simmers, Adjutant

Harry M. Richardson Post 64, Roanoke, VA

Commander: Morris Bennett

Please mail dues to: **Jeff Banik**
184 Tanglewood Drive, Blue Ridge, VA 24064-1417

Post 64 held it's Christmas Luncheon 21 December 2019 at Lakeland Masonic Lodge. We had many comrades present and great fellowship. Comrades brought unwrapped toys and can food items to be given to our Military Family Support Center. It was well supported.

The January meeting was attended by 32 members. Our Chaplain, Roger Talmadge, is now home recovering from back problems. Our treasurer, Jeff Banik is spending a few months in sunny Florida. Barry Hensley filled in as Chaplain. Commander Bennett appointed Bill Atherholt as Assistant Treasurer. All other officers

were present. Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble both were recited by all. Three WW-II Veterans were present; one for the first time.

The Audit report was given and accepted. This year's budget was presented and passed by vote of the members presented. The minutes and treasurers report were given and accepted. Quarter Master, Jay Kincaon, gave a detailed report on Post Property items for sale. Maggie Hartley gave us an up-date of upcoming events at the D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia. One is V. E. Day Parade on 9 May; also, there will be a Honor Flight to Washington the last week-end of April. The Post continues to sell tickets for the M-1 Garand to be given away 11 July; \$5. per ticket or 3 for \$10.

New members were introduced. We had several since our last stated meeting in November. We added two new members today: One WW-II Veteran; Comrade Maury Strauss; and his son, Steven Strauss. Commander entertained a report on Sick and Distressed. We continue to lift in prayer our Chaplain; Col. Talmadge. (This week another of our WW-II Heroes, John Kessler, has answered the Last Roll Call. He was a long time member of Post 64.)

Steve "Commando" Roragen gave us an up-date on "National K-9 Veteran's Day," 13 March 2020. There are several K-9's involved and Therapy Dogs will be visiting Veterans at the "Virginia Veterans Care Center" in Roanoke. Many other Veteran and civil units are involved to celebrate that day. There will be a wreath laying as a memorial to the service of K-9's. Many thanks Commando.

We are looking for a Banner to use in parades. Also, we are seeking a new wreath for D-Day 6 June. Thank you to Dianne Raymond for deserts each meeting. Also thanks to the Al and Larue Sherman for taking care of the 50/50. Today it was won by James "Chubby" Arrington who donated his portion back to the Post. Thanks Chubby.

Our next three stated meetings will be 1130 hours on **Wednesdays; 5 February 2020, 4 March 2020 and 1 April 2020.**

Morris Bennett, Commander

New England Post 93, Northeast & Worldwide

Commander: Fran Sherr-Davino

Please mail dues to: **Neil Ungerleider**

34 Maple Avenue, Boxford, MA 01921-1424

We are pleased to welcome our newest, and 17th, post member from Europe. Joost Claassens, of the Netherlands, is another grave keeper who has adopted the grave of Capt. Chester C. Slaughter at the American Cemetery in Margraten.

Capt. Slaughter, who was the Commanding Officer of B Company, 1st Battalion, of the 115th Regiment, was KIA on 21 March 1945 in Belgium. A month before, Capt. Slaughter had been awarded a Silver Star for heroism in combat at the sugar refinery in Ameln, Germany.

Claassen is also a photographer for the American WWII Orphans Network which connects the children of those killed in action. We thank him for honoring the service of Capt. Slaughter.

He and all Post 93 members have our gratitude for continuing their membership. For those who have not yet paid their dues for this year, a reminder to mail them to Neil at the address above. Dues may also be paid via PayPal. You'll find the link on the Post 93 page on 29thdivisionassociation.com.



Our Spring meeting date has been previously announced. It will occur on Saturday 16 May 2020. We would like to meet in Rhode Island and hope to get many of our Connecticut members to attend. And because we are so spread out, we can make it more of an event with a visit to a new WWII museum in Rhode Island as well. More information to follow as details unfold.

Neil Ungerleider, Finance Officer

Rudolph M. Price, Jr., Post 5, Norfolk, VA

Commander: John Lane

Please mail dues to: **John Lane**

340 Aragona Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23462-2702

Hope all are doing well so far into this new year.

2020 Member Status: Norfolk Post 5 member renewal notices have been sent out only to those whose membership expired in 2019.

If you "renewed-for-two" or more last year then you are good to go for 2020 and you did not get a letter. So far, we have 43 paid members for 2020 with 6 from 2019 that have not (yet?) renewed.

If you haven't yet submitted your membership dues for 2020, please do so now. Norfolk Post 5 annual dues are still set at

\$15.00. Dues can also be paid via PayPal at:

www.29thdivisionassociation.com

Enter a payment amount of \$15.00 or pay \$24.00 and renew for 2 years. Please describe the payment as "Post 5 Dues". OR mail your payment by check, payable to "Norfolk Post 5", to our Post Commander:

Mr. John Lane

340 Aragona Blvd.

Virginia Beach, VA 23462-2702

We extend a warm welcome to George Mirmelstein of Virginia Beach as a new member to Norfolk Post 5.

Update on Armory Renovations: The Norfolk armory is still undergoing renovations which includes the area of our meeting room. I visited our room over the Christmas holiday and it is getting close to completion. So we hope to meet there for our first meeting of the year on Saturday, 23 May 2020. All museum items have been packed up and stored away for safe keeping. When completed, it will take time to put our "new room" back together as we plan to reorganize items in a more chronological arrangement. Members, especially those who are local, are invited to help us put the room back together. We will keep you informed of the status.

As stated before, our Post 5 meeting schedule has changed to twice yearly on the Saturdays before our Memorial and Veterans Day events. So our first meeting of the year will be held **Saturday, 23 May 2020, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, at the Norfolk armory.**

Then on that following Memorial Day Monday, 25 May at 11:00 am, we will have a service at Forest Lawn cemetery.

Thanks for all your support for the 29th Division Association, Norfolk Post 5, and all associated events.

Randy Hess, Adjutant

HQs Post 29, Richmond, VA

Provisional Commander: Tim Williams

Please mail dues to: **Todd Hubbard**

12421 Liverpool Ln Apt 102, Chester, VA 23836-2773

11 Jan 2020, Post 29 brought in the new year with a meeting at Legends Brewing in Richmond. There were 23 members, and 2 visitors from posts in Maryland, who gathered for fellowship. We used this meeting to develop our plans for future meetings and establish post guidelines.

We decided on official positions, and the election process. We also agreed to meet once a month, concurrently with JFHQ drill weekend. We established a "time and place" committee to develop new ideas for meetings and locations.

Another effort of the Post is to develop a committee for engaging and supporting *Gold Star* families. We decided to continue our support of *Wreaths Across America* participation in December, and their clean up in January.

Please contact our Post for the dates and locations for our upcoming meetings.

Todd Hubbard, Provisional Finance Officer

Jerome L. Day Post 48, Westminster, MD

Commander: Frank Rauschenberg

Please mail dues to: **Jerome L. Day, Post 48**

P.O. Box 1564, Westminster, MD 21158

Greetings Comrades,

Our next public event will be Celebrating America, National History Day in Carroll County on Saturday, March 7th at the Westminster High School.

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

Welfare

If you see or meet a veteran, please take the time and effort to acknowledge his or her service to our country.

Please let me know of any veteran dealing with an illness or a deceased family member. Currently, we are in contact with several of our comrades who are dealing with an illness and offering our support to them.

Post 48 mourns the passing of life member, Mark A. Main on December 26, 2019 after dealing with an illness. Comrade Main was a Vietnam veteran and a Past Commander of the American Legion Post 31, Westminster.

Meetings

As a reminder, the next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, March 26th at the American Legion, Westminster, MD. Dinner at 6 pm, meeting at 7 pm and out by 8 pm. All comrades and their guests are invited to attend the meeting and enjoy some good food and veteran's comradeship.

A happy and healthy 2020 New Year to all.

Frank Rauschenberg, Commander

Cresap's Rifles Post 78, Frederick, MD

Commander: James Hutts

Please mail dues to: **Cresap's Rifles, Post 78**

P.O. Box 1882, Frederick, MD 21703-0882

As reported in last month's article, Post 78 has now located two individuals who will be assuming the jobs of Post Adjutant and Post Finance Officer.

To give this action a note of being official, Kelly Toms was temporarily appointed to the position of Post Adjutant, while Patti Humphreys accepted the temporary appointment to the Post Finance Officer position.

These appointments were made at the January 2020 meeting along with several other temporary appointments. Past Post Commander Dave Houck was appointed to the position of Vice Commander, while John Wilcox will now assume the temporary appointment to that of Post Welfare Officer. Dave, John and Greg LaCoste, Former Finance Officer, were also appointed to the Post Executive Committee. An election will be conducted at the March meeting where these temporary appointments will be officially voted on as regular assignments. Jim Hutts will continue filling the position of Post Commander until a new candidate can be secured.

Following a good and bad year 2019, Post 78 ended up with

194 members, including 88 Life Members. Our future meeting dates are scheduled for **February 12th, March 11th. and April 8th.**

PNC John E. Wilcox, Welfare Officer
wilcoxj154@gmail.com - 301-695-9558

Stonewall Post 116, Staunton, VA

Commander: Barent Parslow

Please mail dues to: **Post 116**

566 Lee Highway, Verona, VA 24482

No Report.

Jimmy Kilbourne, Finance Officer

Larkspur Post 110, Pikesville, MD

Commander: PNC David Ginsburg

Please mail dues to: **Ed Rodier**

13344 Cove Landing Rd., Bishopville, MD 21813-1102

No Report.

Next meeting – 11 March 2020

Frank Armiger, Post 110 Executive Director

Florida West Post 2, Sarasota, FL

Commander & Finance Officer: Sean Malloy

Please mail dues to: **Sean Malloy**

P.O. Box 511364, Punta Gorda, FL 33951-1364

Here in Southwest Florida we all deal with change, although sometimes it's unnoticeable. With the flood of vacationers that flock here every year, it is noticeable! As permanent residents, we deal with it and hope for the newness and quiet of Spring. At Florida West Post 2 we are also hoping for a good Spring, adding new recruits and strengthening the Post. Many new initiatives are planned to get out into the community to lure new members to our group. It is a difficult task, but we are hopeful to remain strong.

As you all know, we lost a dear friend in Richard J. Ford, 115th/K Co. His family has announced the date and time of his memorial service to be held at The Sarasota National Cemetery in Sarasota, Florida. Since this writing will be submitted within the time of Mr. Ford's memorial, the Post asks that cards and letters of condolence be mailed to: The Ford Family, 1500 Sunrise Drive, Sebring, Florida 33872. Thank you for supporting his loving wife Vera and his family during this difficult time. We are going to miss this great patriot, we will carry on his legacy of his love for this country and the 29th Division.

Finally, we will once again honor our past Post Commander Taylor Thomas with holding our Annual Special Luncheon on February 22nd at 12pm at the Sarasota Red Lobster. This luncheon, where family, friends and interested parties attend to have fun and learn more about the history of the 29th Division. Initiated by Commander Thomas, it has become a great event where Veterans can be honored and share their stories with family and friends. I am also researching a new venue for future luncheons; one in particular,

The new Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda, Florida. If you have not had the experience to visit this incredible place, take the time! It will be an eye opening day!

Please continue your support to our Post and our Association. Thank you.

Our meeting schedule is the third Saturday of every month.

*Sean P. Malloy, Commander
Eric G. Smith, Vice Commander*

Eastern Shore Post 88, Cambridge, MD

Commander: Jon Black

Please mail dues to: **Ken Wheatley**

102 Richardson Drive, Cambridge, MD 21613-1130

No report.

Jon D. Black, Commander

Lantern Post 729, Waynesboro, PA

Commander: Randall Beamer

Please mail dues to: **Lantern Post 729**

P.O. Box 831, Waynesboro, PA 17268-0831

No Report.

Randall Beamer, Commander

Silver Spring Post 94, Silver Spring, MD

Commander: Jay Garrison

Please mail dues to: **William Mund**

441 Chalfonte Drive, Baltimore, MD 21228-4017

Post 94 is in the midst of collecting membership fees for 2020. At this time, 30 members have paid their dues.

IMPORTANT: One of our members has sent me a check from the **Government Strategies Group, LLC, of Cincinnati, Ohio.** There is no other identification on the check or the return envelope. The signature on the check is illegible. I DO NOT HAVE ANY IDEA

WHO THE MEMBER IS THAT SENT THIS CHECK. Therefore, I cannot credit that member with paying their dues. If you sent me this check, please notify me immediately at :

duster197329@gmail.com, or 443-529-4233

I will need to know the check number and amount of this check for verification purposes.

*Will Mund
Finance Officer/Adjutant*

No meetings scheduled.

Limestone Post 1-72, Baltimore, MD

Commander: Lee Hofmann

Please mail dues to: **Bill DeHaven**

139 Chestnut Hill Lane, Reisterstown, MD 21136-3206

Checks must be made payable to:

Limestone Post 72, 29th Division Association

No report.

*Respectfully,
Lee Hofmann, Commander*

*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.*

Second Chances

In Cooperstown, New York, there is the baseball "Hall of Fame". One of my former parishioners is enshrined there. Jacob Nelson Fox. The Bible Hall of Fame is in Hebrews 11. The members are sort of a motley crew. Yet, they like we, received Second Chances.

Moses was a murderer, a fugitive from justice. But God gave him a second chance. David committed adultery, again a second chance. There was Jonah, Peter, who denied the Lord, and so it goes.

Look at science, how many times did Edison fail? There were then new chances. Look at the star of the college championship. He wanted to play for OSU. He got a scholarship but did not play, went to LSU and we know the rest of the story.

Until Lincoln became president, his life was marked by failure. Thank God for Second Chances, New Beginnings, and Fresh Blessings. No wonder they say that "from the ashes of disaster come the roses of success."

John Schildt

29th Division Association Supplies Available

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>POSTAGE & HANDLING</u>	<u>MAILED</u>
DVD - 29 Let's Go - A Video History of the 29th Infantry Division	\$10.00	\$4.30	\$14.30
Book - Ever Forward - 116th Inf. history (soft cover)	\$17.90	\$6.05	\$23.95
Book - 29 Let's Go - 29th Division History	\$29.00	\$5.99	\$34.99
Book - Beyond The Beachhead - Joseph Balkoski	\$19.90	\$6.05	\$25.95
Book - 115th Infantry in WWII	\$25.00	\$5.99	\$30.99
Book - Omaha Beach and Beyond (The Long March of Sgt. Slaughter)	\$25.00	\$5.99	\$30.99
Book - From Beachhead to Brittany - Joseph Balkoski	\$28.00	\$5.99	\$33.99
Book - From Brittany to the Reich - Joseph Balkoski	\$27.00	\$5.99	\$32.99
Book - Our Tortured Souls - Joseph Balkoski	\$27.00	\$5.99	\$32.99
Book - The Last Roll Call - Joseph Balkoski	\$25.00	\$5.99	\$30.99
Book - Fields of War, Battle of Normandy - Robert Mueller	\$19.95	\$6.04	\$25.99
Book - Drawing D-Day (soft cover) -- Ugo & Maxine Giannini	\$43.00	\$6.25	\$49.25
Book - Not a Moment Too Soon - A.P. Hill - John W. Schildt	\$12.95	\$6.04	\$18.99
29th Div. Assoc. Note Pad (5 1/2 X 8 1/2)	\$1.00	\$1.90	\$2.90
29th Div. Assoc. Note Pad (4 1/4 X 5 1/2)	\$1.35	\$1.10	\$2.45
Crests - 115th, 116th or 175th Infantry Regiments	\$5.50	\$1.40	\$6.90
Pin - 29th Patch Stick Pin	\$5.50	\$1.40	\$6.90
Decal (specify inside or outside)	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$1.50
Labels - gummed w/ 29th Assoc. logo (sheet of 50)	\$2.00	\$0.95	\$2.95
Clear plastic key ring w/ 29th Assoc. logo	\$1.80	\$1.00	\$2.80
Small Lapel Pin	\$3.95	\$1.40	\$5.35
Woman's pendant	\$7.00	\$1.40	\$8.40
Medallion (for plaques)	\$6.00	\$1.40	\$7.40
29th Div. Assoc. pocket patch	\$6.00	\$1.40	\$7.40
Pocket patch holder	\$3.30	\$1.10	\$4.40
Shoulder patch - 29th ID	\$3.50	\$0.80	\$4.30
Jacket - coach, navy w/ logo in S, M, L, XL, 2XL	\$28.00	\$5.99	\$33.99
Golf shirt, embroidered 100% cotton pullover (royal blue, white, gray in L, XL, 2XL)	\$23.00	\$5.99	\$28.99
Official 29th Division Association Necktie	\$20.00	\$2.30	\$22.30
29th Division Association Dress Hat (state size)	\$38.00	\$7.95	\$45.95
Hat, baseball w/ 29th logo (embroidered)	\$15.00	\$2.90	\$17.90
Hat, baseball w/ 29th logo (embroidered - summer mesh)	\$12.00	\$2.90	\$14.90
12" X 19" 29th Division Cemetery flag on wooden staff	\$5.80	\$2.50	\$8.30
29th Division Association Sweat Shirt (state size)	\$25.00	\$3.95	\$28.95
Belt Buckle, 29th Infantry Division	\$15.00	\$2.90	\$17.90
29th Div. Assoc. Coin Purse	\$3.00	\$0.99	\$3.99

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New members:

Claassens, Joost, Post 93, Netherlands
 Dunman, Lois J., Post 64, Buchanan, VA
 Duplechain, Michael, Post 88, Annapolis, MD
 Goldin, Andrew, Post 94, Alexandria, VA
 Mirmelstein, George, Post 5, Virginia Beach, VA
 Purnell, Jr., Robert, Post 88, Marion Station, MD
 Samson, Robert, Post 88, Salisbury, MD
 Stankovich, Caroline, Post 94, Oak Park, IL
 Steimel, Gavin, Post 2, Pineville, LA

Important Notice

Please note that the address of the 29th Division Association Inc. National Headquarters has changed.

The new address is:

**29th Division Association Inc.
 National Headquarters
 5 Shore Drive
 North East, MD 21901-3327**

Chin Strap Supporters

We have received financial support for the *Chin Strap* from the individuals listed below 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, Inc. and mailed to: **Edward Tolzman, 6A S Belle Grove Road, Baltimore, MD 21228-2204.**

A.J. Moore F/115

Maryland Region, 29th Division Association, Inc. *In memory of PNC Donald McKee*

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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>

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