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## Seminars highlight new convention offerings

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There will be more reasons than ever to attend the National Convention this year in Gettysburg, PA on September 24th - 27th, 2020. If Gettysburg itself isn't enough of a reason to attend, the new workshops and seminars will be.

At the request of multiple World War II family members, we will be adding more events that people can attend, in addition to the normal Business Meeting (very important but not a big draw for the families). These will be in addition to one of the true highlights of the Convention – the National Historian Joseph Balkoski's Symposium.

Most likely held on the Thursday night of the Convention (and announced in time for *Twenty-Niner* this summer), we will be having a Roundtable Discussion among the World War II families to discuss their experiences. *When did you parent or grandparent first talk about the war? How did it affect them and your family? What were the years like following the war?* We will only be facilitating it - the purpose is for the families themselves to sit down and have this discussion among themselves and give you a chance to discuss your experiences (and compare them to others) with dozens of other 29er families. We are looking at expanding this to the Global War of Terror in future Conventions.

Another seminar being added is "The 29th Division for Dummies". Again, this is at the request of attendees of the last convention (thank you Rosemary and your family!). You know your grandfather or father was in the 115th Infantry. What does that mean? What is a rifle company? What is a heavy weapons company? What did the artillery, or the engineers, or the Military Police do? All of this will be demonstrated and explained by PNC David Ginsburg and Joseph Balkoski.

All of this is the brainchild of National Commander Pete Hinz who wants our members to have a great 4-day experience at the Convention going forward, not just a dinner and a business meeting. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact PNC David Ginsburg at [dginzu@gmail.com](mailto:dginzu@gmail.com) or 443.641.7208.

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## Post Reports

### **Eder-George Post 85, North East, MD**

*Commander: Howard Bond*

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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.

We will be looking to fill our Vice Commander Position at our next meeting as Ginny Parker needs to step down to

care for Tom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both!!

Our next regular meetings will be March 4, April 1, and May 6, 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*

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184 Tanglewood Drive, Blue Ridge, VA 24064-1417

Post 64 meeting 5 February 2020 was well attended with between 36 to 40 members present; including three WWII, two Korean, several Vietnam Veterans, and the many places 29er's have been deployed. We always meet at 1130 hours for 30 minutes of some of the best fellowship found anywhere. The comradery is most refreshing as we share our lives with each other.

Commander called the meeting to order at 1200. Chaplain Talmadge gave the opening prayer. Barry Hensley led the Pledge and Sargent File led the preamble. All officers were present except the Financial Officer who is in Fla. Adjutant's minutes were accepted by vote of members present after being corrected. VC, SFC Richard Carr gave the Financial Officers report.

Steve "Commando" Roragen gave an up-date on the National K-9 Day, 13 March 2020. There will be 12 of the finest 'service' and/or therapy K-9at the Virginia Veterans Care Center. This will entertain the many Veterans as well as render great therapy for the Vets. Pet/ID donated 15 coupons for this event.

Maggie Hartley of D-Day Memorial said they are hosting a V-E Day Parade on 9 May. Martin Leamy reported about the upcoming Honor Flight to Washington, DC in April.

There will be a day honoring Veterans at the third Annual Freedom Fest in Buchanan on 4 April. Also, on 24 May a Car Show will be in Vinton to benefit Military Family Support Center. Col Talmadge gave a report on the standing of the MFS Center. There is a great need for funds to meet needs of thousands of Military Families. They have provided 40,000 meals to families. A motion, seconded and carried challenging Post Members to bring 4 can foods to each meeting for the rest of the year for the center.

Col. Miller reported two coming events later in Feb at the VA Hospital Auditorium. Also, 14 March is Woman's Veteran Day Program in the Auditorium; 21 March Railyard Dawgs Military Hockey Game; 28 March Vietnam Veteran's Day at 1200 Lee Plaza in Roanoke. PNC Leighton gave us information on the National Conference in Gettysburg 23-26 September. More info to follow.

The 50/50 drawing went to Sargent File who gave his half of the \$60.00 back to the Post. Thanks to the Al and Larue Sherman for faithfully taking care of the 50/50; and to Dianne Raymond for delicious desserts.

Sick and distressed members we are lifting in prayer: Chaplain, Roger Talmadge; Russ Robinson (WW-II); and Jim Warren (WW-II). Please add in your prayers: The family of John Kessler (WW-II), who answered the last roll call since our last meeting.

Chaplain Talmadge gave the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1300.

**Our next three meetings will be: 4 March, 1 April, and 6 May.**

P S ~ Members of other Post have made contact with Post 64 about the M-1 Garand we are giving away this 11 July. Anyone wishing to purchase raffle tickets may contact our Finance Officer,

Jeff Banik, by e-mail: [Post64.29da@gmail.com](mailto:Post64.29da@gmail.com). The tickets are 3 for \$10.00 or a book of 12 for \$40.00. Otherwise tickets would be \$5.00 each or \$60.00 for 12. Contact Jeff Banik for more details. You may send \$40.00 (book of 12) plus \$1.00 for mailing. Most of the profit will benefit Military Family Support Center and Virginia Veteran's Care Center. Thank you for helping.

*Morris Bennett, Commander*

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**New England Post 93, Northeast & Worldwide**

*Commander: Fran Sherr-Davino*

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Post 93 is mourning the loss of Leroy Herrick, one of our WWII vets, who served with the 116th Regiment and was awarded the French Legion of Honor. A donation in his memory was made to Patriots Paws which provides service dogs to disabled vets.

We want to highlight the website, The War Years, and social media channels of Post 93 member Charles Trumpess, of Great Britain.

The website, <https://www.thewaryears.co.uk>, and his Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/ww2militaryhistory/>, are dedicated to bringing World War Two history to life. They combine to tell the true stories of the world's most destructive conflict, and keep alive the memories of all those who were lost.

Trumpess became interested in the history of the 29th Division in 1999, while researching a project on D-Day. He said PNC Donald McCarthy was kind enough to correspond with him and share his own experience of the landings.

As well as producing his own WWII military history content, The War Years reviews WWII military history books, movies, theatre productions, events and museums

While many of you have paid your 2020 dues, we would much appreciate payment from those who have not. **A reminder, also, that our Spring meeting will be held on May 16 at a location TBA in Rhode Island.**

*Neil Ungerleider, Finance Officer*

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**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

**Annual dues of \$15.00 for 2020 are now due. Many of our comrades of the annual and several life members have either paid their dues or made a donation to the Jerome L Day Post 48.** Keep in mind, your continued support of Post 48 keeps the post active, serving the community and our living and deceased veterans. In addition, you receive the *Twenty-Niner* magazine three times a year and the monthly *Chin Strap*.

The Post pays seven dollars of your dues to the National and Maryland Region for each member. Your support is needed.

Please send your dues or donations to Jerome L Day Post 48, P.O. Box 1564, Westminster, MD 21158. Thank you.

**Meetings**

In the era of social media, specifically, *Chin Strap*, E-mail, Facebook and Messenger, the active members of Post 48 voted in January 2020 to hold Bi-monthly Post meetings at the American Legion, Westminster. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2020.

**Upcoming Events**

Our next public event will be Celebrating America, National History Day in Carroll County on Saturday, March 7th at 0900 hours at the Westminster High School. This event is both a history event of the 29th Division and a recruitment effort. All members support would be greatly appreciated.

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

**Welfare**

As mentioned in last month's *Chin Strap* edition, Post 48 has partnered with a group from Saint Luke's Church, in New Windsor who are donating their beautifully handmade lap blankets to veterans in Nursing Homes and/or Home bound veterans.

On Sunday, February 9, 2020, several members of Post 48 had the distinct pleasure of meeting nine veterans at the Lorian



Nursing Home, Taneytown, MD. All nine veterans were delighted to receive their blankets and shared their service in the military.

Comrades, 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.

**Next Meeting**

**As a reminder, the next scheduled meeting will be March 26, 2020 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 a veteran comradeship.

As always, I can be contacted by calling me at 240-367-6110 or E-mail, [fm32@erols.com](mailto:fm32@erols.com).

*Frank Rauschenberg, Commander*

**Cresap's Rifles Post 78, Frederick, MD**

*Commander: James Hutts*

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At the January meeting, an issue of where to hold future social events was discussed. While we enjoy using, and are very grateful for the use of the dining area at the Middletown AMVETS Post 9, it was found that a new price list caused us to lose money over what we charge our members. We have for many years charged the members \$15.00 per person for the Spring Fling Dinner and the same for the Family Picnic. In fact, for many years we have allowed the member to come to the Spring Fling at NO COST, while we ask \$15.00 for all other guests. This even compounds the loss as we were paying the AMVETS about \$19.00 per person plus the tip we gave.

Rick Boyer and Greg LaCoste volunteered to seek out other venues where we might hold our events at a more reasonable price. Greg reported at the February meeting that they had found at least one other place that we might consider. After some in-depth discussion, we agreed to continue using the Middletown AMVETS by paying them a fee to use the dining hall, but we would instead hire a caterer to prepare the meals at a reduced cost. A vote was taken on this issue that we would honor this decision for the remainder of this year, and then look at the issue again for future years.

Past National Commander (and former National Executive Director) John E. Wilcox, Jr. has over the past years gathered a collection of past *Twenty-Niner* newsletters and National Convention books that he will make available to National Headquarters for their disbursement. If you are interested in back copies of these publications, watch the *Chin Strap* to learn how they might be distributed.

Following the loss of one of our Life Members on February 10th, Post 78 ended up with 193 members, including 87 Life Members.

Our future meeting dates are scheduled for **March 11th, April 8th and May 13th**, at the William Talley Recreation Center (old armory) in Frederick.

*PNC John E. Wilcox, Welfare Officer  
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Assisting Post Adjutant Kelly Toms*

**Stonewall Post 116, Staunton, VA**

*Commander: Barent Parslow*

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Post 116 met twice since our last report. **November 12th meeting**; The 52nd Annual Muster and Reunion of the 116th Infantry Regiment held in Staunton, VA on Saturday, 9 November was a great success with 310 guests attending. Over 80 people had registered for the morning 5K Race. 11 new 29th Division Association members were enrolled over the weekend. Sadly, no WWII Veterans attended this year.

Post Members were reminded to renew their dues if they have not already done so. The **14 January 2020** meeting re-set the current slate of 2019 Post Officers for 2020 and discussed conducting



**C Company, 116th Infantry Veterans group breakfast.**

events and programs for the coming year that could support The 116th IBCT morale and welfare, The Stonewall Brigade Museum, and/or the 116th Regiment Muster. The Muster and 5K race will be held on 14 November 2020 at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton, VA.

Members at the **February 13th** meeting of the C-116 group in Harrisonburg, VA recalled the anniversary of the Piedmont Airlines crash near Afton Mountain in Virginia. Guardsmen were called to carry out the grim task of removing victims from the mountain side and they still remember the trauma the scene caused years later. Only one passenger survived.

**10 March 2020 \*\*NEXT POST 116 MEETING\*\*** Mrs. Rowe's Family Restaurant, Exit #222 on I81, Staunton, VA starting at 1145 hrs. The post meets every other month on ODD numbered months (January, March, May, etc.)

**16 March 2020.** The Winchester 116th veteran's 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.

**9 April 2020.** The "C Company" 116th veterans meet for lunch about 1130 in Harrisonburg, VA the second Thursday of EVEN numbered months at the Skyline Buffet.

**ANY** Post 116 Member, former Stonewaller or 29er is invited, welcome, and encouraged to attend!

*Jimmy Kilbourne, Finance Officer*

**Larkspur Post 110, Pikesville, MD**

*Commander: PNC David Ginsburg*

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The Larkspur Post sends warm greetings to all of our comrades. For the health and welfare of our Post please keep Walter Heline and Buzz Chalk in your prayers. Walter, our 224th FA (and 29 Ranger) WWII Veteran is at the VA Hospital on Loch Raven Boulevard. Walter is always looking for visitors so please stop

by. Buzz is going through some health challenges so please think of him while medical professionals try to figure out what is going on.

There has been a lot of developments on the future of the NCO Club and Pikesville Military Reservation (PMR) as a whole over the past few years. We continue to have a seat on the Advisory Board interacting with the State of Maryland, Baltimore County and the firm of Mahan Rykiel - the consultants leading the entire process.

We had a meeting at the PMR two weeks ago, that was also attended by the State Secretary of Commerce, Kelly Schulz. In the last few weeks, things are starting to look very optimistic that Post 110 and other interested veteran/history groups may be able to retain the NCO club for the long-time future.

In March, we will be hosting a meeting on a date to be announced for all those in Post 110, The NCO Club, the 121st Engineers, the Warrant Officers Association and the Round Table (the key occupants of the NCO Club) to talk about our options and go over the status of the 501c (3) we are setting up to manage the NCO Club going forward.

We will be having a Post 110 BBQ in April for a post-wide event. It will be more post-oriented rather than the primarily field artillery-centric events we normally have. Date to be announced soon, but it will be a Saturday afternoon.

Finally, please send in dues if you still owe for 2019 or 2020.

Future meetings/events:

**Regular Post meeting - 11 March 2020**

Status of the 501c (3) organization meeting – March TBA

Post BBQ – April TBA

*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

Many thanks to our 29ner's at Florida West Post 2 who attended the Military Honors Service for Richard J. Ford, 115th/K Co at the Sarasota Memorial Cemetery. The staff had done a tremendous job with honoring our good friend the way and Veteran should be honored. Please extend your prayers to the caring family of Lt. Ford, keep his legacy alive. My thanks to Richard's niece, Lynore who took the lion's share of the duties for arranging a beautiful ceremony and also toward a family service at their church in Sebring, Florida. Thank you for your selfless service to our country sir, we will not forget you.

On a happier note, we are planning a Special Luncheon for our group which, as of the submission of this writing will have already taken place on February 22nd. We are hoping for a good turn out, but we will be together regardless; sharing camaraderie and brotherhood. Please be as generous as possible to our Post 2 and to the Association in general, we are trying hard here to keep this mission alive; to bring the history of the glorious fighting 29th Infantry to all those who want to honor those men and women who protected this country from tyranny and solidified our Freedom here in the USA!

God bless you all.

**Florida West Post 2 meets on the third Saturday of every month.**

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

**Silver Spring Post 94, Silver Spring, MD**

*Commander: Jay Garrison*

Please mail dues to: **William Mund**  
441 Chalfonte Drive, Baltimore, MD 21228-4017

On January 24th of this year we laid to rest out Past National Commander, Don McKee, within the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery.

Don was laid to rest with full military honors on a cold but sunny day. His internment was attended by members of his family and many long-time friends and neighbors who over the years cared for him and held him in their thoughts.

Also in attendance was "McKee" a service dog that was named after our PNC in honor of his service to our country. Don felt that this K9 was a reminder of what occurred on D-Day.

This writer would like to extend Post 94's gratitude to one neighbor in particular, Ms. Stephanie Evers. We are thankful that Don had you as a friend and an advocate for his well-being.

*Jay Garrison, Commander*

**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**

Greetings from your Limestone Post 1-72. In beginning this report, I would like to thank SRVC Bill Held Jr., PNC Bob Wisch & COL Brian Becker for "holding down the fort", and conducting January's meeting in my absence. They are indeed our "go to" guys!

Hopefully the month ahead will show signs of the approach of spring, and the kind of weather that will allow us to make plans for outdoor fun with family and friends. Our gal Carolyn Crosby continues to deal with medical issue, but is "hanging in there". She has had some improvement, but will still require placement of a stent to ease some blood flow issues. In the meantime, not to be "outdone", her husband Gilbert Crosby is being lined up for by-pass surgery sometime in March. Both, however are in positive spirit, and looking forward to being in our company

On another front, our resident "curmudgeon" and friend, CSM Bob Bryant, in typical fashion, is raising "hell" about his aches and pains! Seriously, Bob is a battler and we all know he will continue to "fight the good fight"! The CSM sends out a big "salute" to all his 1-72 buddies.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our upcoming meetings. We will have many items to focus our attention on. I also look forward to your participation in the meeting discus-

sions, and hope you do not hesitate to bring up any suggestions you may have for "the good of our Post". Our next meeting will be held at the Fifth Regiment Amory in Baltimore, in the Headquarters room of the Veteran Corps Fifth Regimen Infantry. The meeting will commence at 1100 hours sharp. See you there!!

*Respectfully,  
Lee Hofmann, Commander*

**HQs Post 29, Richmond, VA**

*Provisional Commander: Tim Williams*

Please mail dues to: **Todd Hubbard**  
13903 Highpage Way, Chester, VA 23831-6536

Post 29 will have their next meeting on March 7th at Legends Brewery in Richmond starting at 1800. Agenda will be discussion of leadership positions, and the voting process. Post 29 will meet on April 5th at 0700 for breakfast at the VFW in Mechanicsville for fellowship.

Post 29 will meet on May 2nd at the Mechanicsville VFW for fellowship and begin planning for the Gold Star family initiative and a SFOR 10 reunion. Please remember to pay your 2020 Dues.

*Todd Hubbard, Provisional Finance Officer*

**116th Foundation Important Dates**

The dates for the 2020 History Experience Tours to France have been announced by the 116th Foundation. There will be three trips to France and each tour includes round-trip airfare, hotels with double occupancy, ground transportation, guides and most meals, plus an unguided day to visit in Paris.

**\*WWI Tour – "Over There: Dough-boys In France" 27 May 2020 thru 3 June 2020 – Observe Memorial Day Week at WWI Battlefields, Museums and American Military Cemeteries in France. \$3,300.**

**\*WWII Tour – "76th Anniversary D-Day to St. Lo" 2 June 2020 thru 8 June 2020 – Spend June 6th on Omaha Beach, PLUS see ALL the Allied landing areas and follow the 29th Division from Omaha Beach to St. Lo. \$3,000.**

**\*WWII Tour – "D-Day to St. Lo" 17 September thru 23 September 2020 – See ALL the Allied landing areas and follow the 29th Division from Omaha Beach to St. Lo. \$3,000.**

Contact the 116th Foundation at 540-248-0116.

**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**

# A New Day

Somewhere the rooster crows. The birds begin to chirp. The first streaks of daylight appear in the east. It is a New Day. It has never been here before and will never come again. This day will be a lifetime in miniature. The New Day is a gift from God. The Scriptures tell us: "This is the day the Lord has given us. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

John Schildt

## 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.**

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Howard Schildwachter, 110 FA, in memory of Bart Lambert.

A.J. Moore F/115

Joseph Bartek, in memory of John F. Sikorski.

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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. 5 Shore Drive North East, MD 21901-3327**