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SPECIAL ELECTRONIC EDITION ONLY

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Maryland Region again is unable to publish a printed version of the *Chin Strap*. All Post Commanders throughout the association have been informed of this development. At this time, we do not know how long this interruption will continue.

William S. Mund, Jr.
Editor, *Chin Strap*

Message from the National Commander

Fellow Association Members -

We continue to cope with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and there is a great deal of discussion and difference of opinion regarding all aspects of the situation. One fact that I find very sobering – we (the United States) have lost more citizens to this pandemic than we did in our involvement in the Vietnam War (the era of my start of military service). This comparative scope of loss has given me pause to think deeply about our current national situation.

Against that backdrop, we must remember that our Association exists in part to "...to further keep before our country, the record of the 29th Division in all wars." I include our nation's fight against the pandemic and our 29ers currently in the fight as extremely relevant to our preamble. We have put before the National Executive Council (NEC) motions for approval for the Association to support our 29ers currently in the fight against the pandemic.

Looking forward to the future, the Conference Committee has met since the last *Chin Strap*. After that meeting, we contacted and worked with Wyndham to identify our options regarding the existing contract for a Conference in fall of 2020. With most other organizations postponing to and rescheduling in 2021, there were very few dates available, all being competed for. I drafted and submitted electronically (i.e., via email) a motion to reschedule the Conference with associated implications. A quorum was easily met and the motion carried with a clear majority of votes "for." **The new, planned dates for the Conference at the Wyndham in Gettysburg are 28 – 31 October, 2021.** As it is very disappointing to forego a Conference this year, discussions have begun about some sort of social event or events in the fall that afford the opportunity for camaraderie within whatever guidelines the pandemic situation may dictate.

As noted last month, NEC III will not be an in-person event. Instead, it will be a remote, virtual meeting utilizing the Zoom platform. We intend to hold to the June 18th date and will be giving coordinating guidance in very short order.

Please remember that the gains being made leading to relaxing controls are only in the realm of transmission of the virus; treatment, cure, and prevention (e.g., vaccination) remain elusive at best. Based on our profiles (age and other factors), Lynda and I continue to err strongly on the side of caution when making life decisions.

God Bless, and 29 Let's Go!

Peter C. Hinz
National Commander
29th Division Association, Inc.

Merchandise Orders Suspended

Merchandise orders for 29th Division Association items cannot currently be taken, either online or by mail. The Fifth Regiment Armory, which stores our merchandise, is closed during COVID-19 to non-essential personnel. For those who placed orders in March and April, this is the reason you have not received them.

Post Reports

Eastern Shore Post 88, Cambridge, MD

Commander: *Jon Black*

Please mail dues to: **Ken Wheatley**
102 Richardson Drive, Cambridge, MD 21613-1130

Comrades and Ladies of the Post,
Governor Hogan has just announced Phase 1 of the reopening of Maryland. The Post still cannot conduct meetings or gather but this will come in time. The most important issue at hand is for Post members to communicate and check on each other. This COVID 19 pandemic will impact each of us in different ways. The graduating class of 2020 will remember this for the rest of their lives not having the opportunity to celebrate their success as generations before.

The Eastern Shore since the last *Chin Strap* has had a substantial increase in isolations and folks testing positive. Even with Phase I enacted local jurisdictions may still maintain restrictions. This is not the time to put our guard down. Keep vigilant and stay safe.

Members of Post 88 each year take part in the Memorial Day Services at Long Wharf in Cambridge and the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock. At this time a message has been sent to inquire if a modified service will be conducted or just cancelled. Once more information is received the membership will be notified.

Regardless Post 88 members will be placing flags at two cemeteries in Wicomico County assisting American Legion Post 64 in Salisbury. About the time of the emailing of the second electronic *Chin Strap* the Anniversary of DDAY will be approaching and we will not be together. I am charging each of you to take a moment of silence on June 6 to remember our fallen and speak about this event and educate the younger generation.

Until we meet again.

Jon D. Black, Commander

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,

Annual dues of \$15.00 for 2020 are past 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.

In the era of social media, specifically, *Chin Strap*, E-mail, Face-

book and Messenger, the active members of Post 48 voted in January 2020 to hold Bi-monthly Post meetings at the American Legion, Westminster.

Upcoming Events

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

Welfare

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.

Be safe and stay healthy from this virus.

Meetings

The Bi-monthly meeting scheduled for May 28th at the American Legion, Westminster, MD is canceled. However, I will make every attempt to have a social meeting on Zoom for the month of May.

Lot of uncertainty. I will keep you informed.

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

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

Our family picnic and crab feed is still scheduled as is. We of course will abide by Governor Hogan's Maryland Strong Executive Orders. The laying of the 29th Division flags that was set for May, will be scheduled at a later date.

Kelly Toms, Adjutant

Stonewall Post 116, Staunton, VA

Commander: *Barent Parslow*

Please mail dues to: **Post 116**
566 Lee Highway, Verona, VA 24482

Post 116 did not conduct its scheduled meeting in May due to Virginia State closure orders that affected our meeting place restaurant. We fully expect to host our next meeting as scheduled on July 14th 2020.

We must again report that that TAPS will sound, this time for BG (Ret) Bruce G. Grover who passed away on 13 April 2020. Many of you may remember BG Grover as a 116th Regiment member, 29er and Commander of the Virginia Emergency Operations Headquarters based in Staunton after the 29th cased colors in 1967. He served throughout the 1960s and 1970s and was a dedicated supporter of any 116th Regiment remembrance or recognition effort.

The Stonewall Brigade Museum reports that it will plan to RE-OPEN on 14 June 2020. This is The Army Birthday and American Flag Day. Both very important moments will be recognized with an open-house event at the Museum from 1300 to 1700. Birthday cake and soft drinks will be served and a special display of very rare "Gold Star" casket flags from World War II will be highlighted in the Museum. Special outdoor historic displays and antique military vehicles will also help celebrate the special day and re-opening.

The 2020 History Experience Tours to France with the 116th Foundation have been changed. Only the September trip below is still being planned, but may be affected if the World is not up and running by the end of Summer.

***WWII Tour – "D-Day to St.Lo" Still on Schedule. 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.

Check our Facebook pages and websites to confirm if these meetings will be occurring or not!

14 July 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.)

15 June 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.

11 June 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

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

No Report.

Randy Hess, Adjutant

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. If you have not yet paid your 2020 dues, please send them in now.

It is sad that we experienced Memorial Day weekend with no Honors this year. We hope that you and your loved ones are staying safe during this time of uncertainty. We will not be holding a meeting for June. **Our next attempt for a regular**

meeting will then be July 1. The commander is asking if you are interested in getting together at an outdoor location such as at the Pavilion for the VFW, please let me know.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at: **vhawk0926@gmail.com**

Valerie Simmers, Adjutant

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

As Memorial Day approaches we prepare to honor those men and women who served bravely in every theater of war; on the sea, in the air, on the hot desert sands, the frigid snows, and humid jungles. An American soldier has endured many challenges throughout his life of service, and to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice we salute you.

This Memorial Day, here in the United States is marred by an "unseen enemy", a pandemic that has brought a more serious tone to traditionally honored events. It had been customary for the Boy Scouts of America to give of their time and effort to adorn the graves of America's Veterans with the American Flag. This year they have been prohibited due to the outbreak of CoVid19. This has been a sad revelation, although towns people throughout the United States are banding together to see that this tradition continues

Florida West Post 2 will honor our deceased Veterans with ceremonial Flags on Memorial Day. Each Flag to depict a life of service and dedication to the 29th Division. As I had mentioned previously, our meetings will be scheduled as new developments occur throughout the State. Currently I have tentatively scheduled the next meeting for June 20, 2020 at the Sarasota Red Lobster. I will be sending out letters of confirmation as the date approaches. I am hoping for an "all clear" by then.

Please continue to stay safe during this time. I apologize for this inconvenience. We are truly seeing the light get brighter at the end of the tunnel here in Florida!

For assistance with food, utilities or medical advice please call: 211, this is a State of Florida resource number for Veterans as well as other residents that need help. Hope to see you all in June!

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

No Report.

Jay Garrison, Commander

No meetings scheduled.

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 meeting 6 May, 2020 did not happen due to COVID-19. Unless there is a miracle, 1 June meeting will not take place either. *The Roanoker* had to lay off more than 75 percent of their employees. Getting back will be a slow process. I wait for the day we can all be back enjoying our comradery.

I have tried to keep tabs on my comrades. If anyone has knowledge of any veterans in need please let me know. In the meantime, please check on each other. As soon as I know when we can return I will let everyone know.

Memorial Day is quickly approaching. Most events are canceled. During worship service at my church I will be honoring Veterans, First Responders and Front Line personnel 24 May via zoom online at 1030 hours. Please, if you happen to see a Veteran, honor them by giving them a healthy "Thank you for your service to our great country."

I was in a hardware store one-day last week with my Army hat on and a man came up to me and thanked me. I felt proud to be living in a free country because of the great men and women who gave so much for this freedom we have; even while sheltered-in-place.

For the benefit of those who purchased tickets for the M-1 Garand we are giving away; there will still be a drawing on 11 July as printed on the tickets. It may be that the officers will get together to have the drawing. Whoever wins will be called for arrangements on how to receive this beauty.

Our next three scheduled meetings are: 3 June, 1 July, and 5 August 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

As it's a different world right now with most folks staying at home and only venturing out to buy food; our Post 93 meeting will be scheduled when we can travel again. As the states open back up, I am praying everyone stay safe and still follow the CDC protocols of mask and gloves and social distancing.

May 8 was VE Day and with countries shut down there were some small events to proclaim the significance of the day. In Normandy, our member Mike van den Dobbblestein hung the flags of each allied country across his home in Saint Clair sur Elle.

The Mayor in St Jean de Savigny laid flowers at the Wall of Remembrance with flag bearers and the President of the Association of Souvenir du Muir, M. Denis Lesage, who is a long-time supporter of keeping the history of the 29th Infantry Division in Normandy alive.

Events in Normandy have been cancelled for June and of course the guides are suffering financially with no work. All of the para-

chute drops have cancelled as well as all of the festivals and ceremonies. I am sure there will be ways with social distancing to Honor the events of 1944.

Our Post continues to grow and we've added members who live in England and Normandy, France. We now have 86 members and I believe we will have to hold a meeting in Normandy, France one day in the not too distant future.

Our newest Members: Eric Tardat, who lives in Saint Andre de l'epine, Normandy. Welcome to our Post and the Association!

And, Robert Chase of Aurora, Colorado. Welcome and thank you for your service. Robert served with the 2/183 and 1/116.

Neil received this request from Post member Anthony Mouster who lives in France.

*"I am contacting you because I have a request for you. During my next trip to the United States I intend to go to the high school of **Private Edwin F. Kelley** in Philadelphia to speak with the current students to present the course of Private Kelley but I do not know in which high school he was so I would have liked to know if it would be possible to make an article in the next "Chin Strap" to disseminate my request because I tell myself that one of the members of the association might have a track by seeing his photo. Did anyone know him or how to find which High School he attended in Philadelphia?"*



Regards,

Anthony Mouster

Please, if anyone knew or parents may have spoken about PVT Kelley please let us know?

Anthony's email is: antho.mouster@hotmail.fr

Please take care of yourselves and stay safe. If you know of any member who may need help with anything, please let us know. Please reach out to all of our veterans and especially our WWII Veterans.

Frances Sher-Davino, Commander

Larkspur Post 110, Pikesville, MD

Commander: PNC David Ginsburg

Please mail dues to: **Ed Rodier**

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

The Larkspur Post sends best wishes of good health and safety to all of our comrades during these difficult times.

The May meeting was cancelled and future meetings are uncertain at this time.

Member updates

Walter Heline, WWII veteran and 29th Ranger, who died on 1 April, will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery on 12 August. More details will follow.

Last month Post 110 reported the death of Francis "Buzz"

Chalk on 14 April. Little did we know at the time how extensive his death would be to his family.

Buzz had been very sick and weak and consequently, a nurse came to his home to bathe him. Subsequently, the nurse tested positive for COVID 19 which meant that Buzz and his dear wife, Pat were exposed. Shortly thereafter, Pat contracted the coronavirus.

Pat was unable to attend Buzz's funeral because she was seriously ill in the hospital and died a week later.

Then, if that was not tragic enough, Buzz's son, John Chalk, Sr, contracted the virus and seemed to be recovering very well at home. Unfortunately, he started having trouble breathing and died before the EMTs arrived at his house.

John's wife, Laurie, who administered CPR as she awaited the arrival of the ambulance was also diagnosed with COVID 19 as well as John's sister Marcy who is Buzz's daughter. Both women are very afraid as they fight the disease.

John and Laurie have four children – John, Jr, Alyssa, Courtney and Daniel. All are well at this time.

PNC Joe Zang is also a member of the Chalk family. His wife Shirley and Buzz are brother and sister and she is John Sr's aunt.

This is a stunning blow to our Post 110 family and we ask that you please keep the entire Chalk family in your prayers as they work their way through this awful tragedy,

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

Future meetings/events: TBA

Frank Armiger, Post 110 Executive Director

HQs Post 29, Richmond, VA

Provisional Commander: Tim Williams

Please mail dues to: **Todd Hubbard**

13903 Highpaige Way, Chester, VA 23831-6536

Hope all 29'ers are staying safe during the COVID19 crisis. Post 29 has not met due to the situation, but hopes we can all get back to our normal activities soon.

Reminder to all members of Post 29 to send in your annual dues of \$12.00. You can either use the website: 29thdivisionassociation.com, or mail a check to: Todd Hubbard, 13903 Highpaige Way, Chester VA 23831

Todd Hubbard, Provisional Finance Officer

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

Comrades/friends,

What a fine mess we find ourselves in! Needless to say, just as many other events, we will not have any Limestone Post meetings, or events until further notice.

My wish, and prayers go out to each and every one of you, that you, and your loved ones stay safe and healthy.

Lee Hofmann, Commander

Lantern Post 729, Waynesboro, PA

Commander: Randall Beamer

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

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

I hope this report finds everyone safe and in good health. Having said that, it saddens me to report the passing of WO 4 Stanley E. McIntire, 88 a resident of Quincy Home & Village Nursing Home and formerly of Orchard Ave., Blue Ridge Summit, PA. Stanley passed away on Tuesday, April 21 2020 in the nursing home.

Stanley was Born January 18, 1932 in Fairfield, PA, Mr. McIntire served in the US Army, the Army Reserves and the Maryland Army National Guard. He Retired from the Military after 39 years of service.

Stanley was a member of St. Rita's Catholic Church as well as the American Legion Post #42 in Hagerstown, MD and other military organizations. Stanley also served Post 729 as adjutant as well as Finance Officer for many years. He will be missed. There was only a private service for the family, at the graveside which was held in St. Mary's Cemetery, Fairfield, PA.

Memorial contributions may be made to SpiritTrust Lutheran Hospice 2700 Lutheran Drive. Chambersburg, PA., 17202. Grove-Bowersox Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Lantern Post 729 will not be having any Post meetings as long as the state of Pennsylvania is closed, due to the virus. When the state decides to open businesses, our meeting place once again will be the Parlor House Restaurant. If that happens, I will call everyone local and let them know when we will have our next meeting.

Thank you and please stay safe.

Randall Beamer, Commander

Maryland Region

Commander: William Mund

Because of the continued closure of the Fifth Regiment Armory we were unable to meet for our Maryland Region Annual Meeting on 11 May 2020.

The election of MD Region officers for the upcoming year took place electronically on 6 - 10 May 2020. The following candidates were elected to the offices noted:

Region Commander, William Mund; Vice Commander, Bernie Liswell; Finance Officer, Ed Tolzman; Chaplain, William DeHaven; Judge Advocate, Houston Matney; Historian, J. Brian Becker; Welfare Officer, Gilbert Crosby and Sergeant-at-Arms, Frank Shilow.

Judge Advocate, Houston Matney, verified the election and noted that he "also reviewed the election procedures and believe that any deviation from the Region By-Laws is appropriate because of the COVID-19 crisis and the emergency state prohibition on live meetings."

The Installation of Officers will occur at a future meeting.

*William S. Mund, Jr.
Commander, Maryland Region*

Memorial tablets and massive bronze doors at the armory

As early as 1917, when the Fifth Regiment was recruiting to war strength, a promise was made that the names of all these men would be perpetuated in bronze in return for their volunteering for the service of their country.

While the Regiment was overseas, the Women's Board of the Fifth Regiment, which was organized in 1916 when the Regiment went to the Mexican Border, applied and obtained permission from the State authorities to erect an additional Memorial Tablet containing all of the names of the members of the Regiment who died or were killed during the war. The Women's Board then engaged renowned Baltimore sculptor, Hans Schuler to design and create the tablets.

Hans Schuler was born in the Alsace-Lorraine region of France in 1874 when it was under German sovereignty. His family immigrated to the United States while he was a youngster. He graduated from the Maryland Institute of Art and continued his training in France at the Academie Julian. Returning to Baltimore, he built a studio at 7 East Lafayette Avenue in 1906. Hans Schuler created many public monuments including a statue of President James Buchanan in Meridian Hill Park in Washington, D.C.

The sculptor, working with Mr. J. Arthur Limerick, owner of the J. Arthur Limerick Foundry Company, and a committee organized to oversee the design, determined that it would be impossible to balance the two tablets. One bearing the names of over 2,000 volunteers would not harmonize with the artistic tablet the Women's Board was going to erect. It was during these discussions that Mr. Schuler recommended that bronze doors should be included with the plans for the bronze tablets.

The doors would be in the medieval style. Flanking them and topped by victorious bronze eagles three feet high, would be two bronze tablets bearing the entire roster of the Fifth. Above the doors would be another tablet, on which would appear the names of all those of the Regiment who died or were killed. Surmounting the doors and the memorial tablet would be a gray stone arch with a bronze figure of Victory, 13 feet high against a background of rays of the sun.

Hans Schuler spent a year designing



and modeling the memorial from photographs of former soldiers and officers of the Fifth Regiment. Particular interest lies in the treatment of the memorial by the sculptor. The group of soldiers depicts the Regiment at "zero hour" charging over a trench. One soldier lies dead across the parapet; another, clasp tightly his gas helmet that has fallen off, is sinking to the ground. Around these men are soldiers "carrying on." One is in the act of loading his rifle.

The two massive bronze doors were installed at the main entrance to the Fifth Regiment Armory in October of 1924

The large bronze tablet above the main entrance to the Fifth Regiment Armory was unveiled at the armory on Armistice Day, November 11, 1925. The memorial tablet bearing the names of 116 members of the 115th Regiment of the 29th Division, who lost their lives in the war, was presented to the State by Mrs. Washington Bowie, Jr., chairman of the Women's Board of the Fifth Regiment. Governor Albert Ritchie accepted the memorial from the donors.

Bishop John Gardner Murray delivered the dedicatory prayer and the large American flag which veiled the tablet was drawn aside by three young boys, sons of members of the regiment. Following the unveiling "The Star Spangled Banner" was played by the band, after which Taps was sounded. Members of the Veteran Corps sat at each side of the speakers' stand.

In the principal address delivered at the unveiling of the Fifth Regiment Memorial, Senator William Cabell Bruce declared that the lesson to be learned from the war "is as old as the pass at Thermopylae, old as the plains of Marathon, that the motherland has a claim to our lives which comes before anything else. The citizen serves his country in various ways – the members of the police force occasionally are called upon to lay down their lives in the performance of their duty, but a soldier holds his life continually in his hands, and must be ready at any time to lay it down".

Following Senator Bruce's address the benediction was asked by Rabbi Morris S. Lazon of the Madison Avenue Temple.

Article courtesy of the Veteran Corps, 5th Regiment Infantry.



Our friends in France — courtesy of New England Post 93



In Normandy, our member Mike van den Dobbstein hung the flags of each allied country in WWII across his home in Saint Clair sur Elle, to honor the Victory in Europe on 8 May.



St Jean de Savigny Wall of Remembrance
Left to Right: Michel Quesnel ; Christine Legoupil, Mayor ad-joint, Saint Jean de Savigny; Bernard Ménard, Président of ancient combattants of St Jean de Savigny and Denis Lesage, President of the Association of Wall of Remembrance.

Test of New Online Store

At the last NEC, the Commander directed a few individuals look into the possibility of establishing an online store to make purchasing of Association items easier and more accessible.

We spoke with several organizations about how their online store works, who they use for the store and other information to ensure we were not going down a path that was not going to be beneficial to the Association.

Based on our reviews and discussions we are currently working with USA Printwear, a local company owned and operated by a 29er and his wife and also whom we have made purchases from in the past.

At this time until the concept is briefed and approved at the next NEC we have requested that our **TEST** online store be opened with limited items available for purchase.

One of the items currently available is the NEW baseball hat which we have selected to be the Association hat to be worn anytime but especially at meetings, gatherings, etc. where the formal military style hat is not required. At this time you can add "29 Let's Go!" for a small additional fee.



Limited customization at an additional cost will soon be available such as adding wording on the side like "Past National Commander", Post 85 etc.

At this time, you can get to the store in one of two ways.

First, on the 29th Division Association website you click on Read More under Association Test New Online Store. Click on the link in the article and you will be taken to our new **TEST** online store.

The other way you can get to the **TEST** online store is by going to: www.usaprintwear.com and once on that page, select 29th Div Assoc. The cost of each item shown does not include tax and shipping which will be added dur-

ing the checkout process.

Keep in mind this is only a test at this time.

Unlike items in our traditional store, items in the online store are available now. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at NFO29thDivAssoc@gmail.com

Tom Knight
National Finance Officer

New Members:

Bolton, Ellen, Post 1-72, Santa Monica, CA
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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

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Full Name: _____
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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**