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SPECIAL NOTICE TO OUR PRINTED EDITION READERS

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Maryland Region was unable to publish a printed version of the *Chin Strap* for the May and June editions. I regret the inconvenience this may have caused.

Electronic versions of the *Chin Strap* were published and emailed to all our members whose email addresses are on file. **We encourage all our print readers to request to receive the *Chin Strap* in electronic format in case we are unable to publish a printed *Chin Strap* again.** Please send your email request to: chinstrap115@gmail.com

In the near future, there may be some changes to the publication of the *Chin Strap* brought on by the ramifications caused by the COVID-19 pandemic that we are still experiencing.

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

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 2 of the reopening of Maryland. Delaware will have started Phase 2 upon receiving this newsletter.

COVID 19 struck home this week when informed that BG David Odom, USMC, a close friend of the family's father had passed.

As some of you know, I serve as a volunteer operations chief in the Salisbury Fire Department. COVID 19 struck the agency hard in June with employees testing positive and quarantined at home during recovery.

Even with the reopening keep up with the precautions. A significant portion of our membership is in the high risk category. The Eastern Shore still has cases in isolations and folks testing positive.

Know with the Pandemic starting to clear up we have civil disobedience across the nation rekindled by the incident in Minnesota. The Eastern Shore has been fortunate, most protests being peaceful. Each member of this association has opinions on this subject. The writings of this country's fathers speaks about why this country was formed and the vision. We as a nation need to adhere to these writings and correct injustice when found.

The Memorial Day Services at Long Wharf in Cambridge and the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock were cancelled. Some members of Post 88 assisted the American Legion and VFW in Wicomico County at three different cemeteries placing and recovering flags on 2500 graves.

Any members taking part in a social event representing the Post direct an email with a picture if possible to the Commander. Cdrb2115@comcast.net Members need to be recognized for hard work.

Until we meet again.

Jon D. Black, Commander

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.

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

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

Greetings Comrades,

Membership

Post 48, welcomes Tim Ruland, Columbia, MD, as a new member. Tim served active duty with A Company, Conus MI Group at Fort Meade and joined the 629 MI Bn in Greenbelt as a Sergeant First Class. Welcome Comrade Ruland.

2020 Dues

Annual dues of \$15.00 for 2020 are past due. 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*.

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

Post Activity

On Thursday, June 4, 2020, members of the Carroll County Commissioners read and issued a proclamation dedicated in the memory of the 76th year, June 6, 1944 D-Day landing, Omaha beach, Normandy, France by the 29th Division. The proclamation also express gratitude to current veterans who have and or currently serving with the 29th Division.

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 and any other virus.

Meetings

The next Bi-monthly meeting is scheduled for July 30th at the American Legion, Westminster, MD. Dinner at 6pm, meeting at 7pm and out by 8:15pm.

Lot of uncertainty. I will keep you informed.

Frank Rauschenberg, Commander

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 and staying safe and isolated from COVID-19. It was sad that we were also prevented from holding our Memorial Day service at the Forest Lawn Cemetery. God willing, perhaps we will be able to resume the service in honor of our veterans this coming Veterans Day.

Renovations at the Norfolk Armory, including our meeting room, are still ongoing having been delayed by the COVID-19 disruption. We will keep you informed of the status.

If able and allowed, depending on COVID-19 and completion of our room, our next Post 5 meeting will be on 7 November, the Saturday before our Veterans Day service at Forest Lawn Cemetery on 11 November at 11:00 am.

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

Randy Hess, Adjutant

Last week the United States celebrated Flag Day. I loved seeing, in years past, the Flags of my community in Hackettstown, New Jersey, displayed proudly throughout the town, at store fronts, on the porches of Victorian style homes near Centenary College. It was a time of National reverence and hearts that swelled with pride. Now, nary an American Flag was seen throughout communities here in Florida, or at least not noticed, throughout the communities or seen in the media.

We are living in different times, many having a different attitude towards the hallowed symbol of Patriotism here in this country. I hope and pray we will all be strong and stand for our American Flag, regardless of those in our midst who feel differently.

We will all once again witness the unfurling of our American Flag as we gather for the reopening of Florida West Post 2 after months of hibernation and quarantine during the COVID-19 pandemic. It had been long overdue and a welcome announcement from the Sarasota Red Lobster.

As of this writing and publication, we will have enjoyed our first meeting after a long hiatus on June 20th! The invitations were sent and I could feel the enthusiastic response to the return of opening the doors to Florida West Post 2! I have been in the process of compiling a master list of current members to be completed by July 4th and will be submitted to the National Headquarters. Once this is done, we can begin spreading our branches into the community, hoping to increase our membership. During the stress and anxiety, we have all had to deal with over the past months, it will be a welcome day to see all of you again!

As we have the official opening this June 20th, I will again reiterate that if any of you feel uncertain or uncomfortable to attend our meetings, that will be ok. Just know that we are here to support you throughout this unique time in our history. Our meeting schedule going forward will be TBA, considering how hot the Summer's are here in Southwest Florida.

Tentatively the next meetings will be; July 18, August 15, September 19. God Bless you all! Looking forward to seeing you all again!

Sean P. Malloy, Commander

Eric G. Smith, Vice 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

Post 78 was able at the last minute to get access to our Blue and Gray Flags and place them on Veterans graves in time for Memorial Day. This would not have been possible without the help from my family (Buck Lockard's) and great friends Greg and Keith LaCoste.

Events for Post 78 still scheduled as of this time are: Annual Family Picnic, Saturday, August 29th at 2:00 p.m. and Annual Crab Feed scheduled for Saturday, October 10th at 4:00 p.m. **We hope to resume our regular scheduled Post Meeting in July.** Hope everyone is staying healthy and socially distanced.

Kelly Toms, Adjutant

Silver Spring Post 94, Silver Spring, MD

Commander: Jay Garrison

Please mail dues to: **William Mund**

441 Chalfonte Drive, Baltimore, MD 21228-4017

Greetings to all members of Post 94. In these trying times of the Corona Virus I would like everyone to continue to take care of themselves and their loved ones. There are many resources available on the internet for the latest updates about the virus (COVID-19) such as your local hospitals, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and, of course you primary care physician.

While the 29er Convention has been a part of my life for many years I understand completely the need to put the health and safety of our members above all else. I would like to share that I have found another way to stay connected to the 29th by the many posts on social media from children and grandchildren of those who served with the Blue and Gray during WWII. The amazing photos, stories and memorabilia that they are sharing is incredible. I have seen posts from family members of those who served in the 104th Med Bn, like my father did, and I have learned much about his days leading up to D-Day and beyond.

I would love to hear from others who would like to get together virtually to share our common interests on one of the many web based platforms available. In closing I wish all of you a safe and happy 4th of July as we hold all front line workers who are keeping us healthy and safe in our thoughts.

*Jay Garrison, Commander
clgarrison@verizon.net*

No meetings scheduled.

HQs Post 29, Richmond, VA

Provisional Commander: Tim Williams

Please mail dues to: **Todd Hubbard**

13903 Highpaige Way, Chester, VA 23831-6536

Many Post 29 members are working in support of the COVID response in the Commonwealth. Virginia Guardsmen have been on duty since early March to support the Department of Health in the fight against COVID19.

We hope to restart our meetings soon. Please remember to pay dues at 29thdivisionassociation.com, or mail to Todd Hubbard 13903 Highpaige Way, Chester VA 23831.

Todd Hubbard, Provisional Finance Officer

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, like many others, is still waiting and ready to get together with great comradery. The Roanoker Restaurant opened up at 50% but cannot have parties until the Governor of Virginia lowers Social Distancing. Forty people in a room that holds no more than 45, just will not work at six feet apart. We will see what happens between now and 1 July, our next stated.

I keep my Post up dated for the time of our renewed comradery. I am praying that my Post and their families will stay safe during this coronavirus pandemic. If any member of Post 64 or any Veteran have needs please contact me or a Post member.

Any one holding tickets for the M-1 Garand needs to turn in the ticket stubs with the money to our Finance Officer, Jeff Banik, no later than 30 June, 2020.

Stay safe and pray we can be together soon.

Our next three meetings are scheduled to be: **1 July, 5 August, and 2 September 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

July has us still at home and social distancing and wearing masks while out. Events for the summer have been cancelled in Normandy and yet one of our members, Mike van den Dobbstein, who is a Normandy battlefield guide and lives in St Clair sur Elle has managed to create an extraordinary new commemorative monument to honor the events and losses of the First Battalion, 115th Infantry Regiment in St Clair sur Elle.

One of our UK members, Rob Endean, traveled to an embarkation point in Cornwall to lay flowers for the 6th of June. Turnaware is where parts of the 175th Infantry Regiment and 104th Medical Battalion departed for Omaha Beach. By the way, Rob is a master of the embarkation points in the UK.

We have one new member, David Torkelson. His father served in G Company of the 115th Infantry Regiment and landed D-Day. Welcome David!! I'll meet you before anyone else as we live 15 minutes from each other in Georgia!

Everyone stay safe and check on your elders and our WWII Veterans.

My hope is that we can schedule a Fall meeting. Please pray for the safety of deployed.

Frances Sherr-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.

PC David Ginsburg is planning to hold our first in person meeting on 9 September at the Pikesville NCO Club. If that date is not possible due to the COVID 19 pandemic, we will try to meet next on 11 November. Please check future issues of *The Chin Strap* for meeting status updates.

Planning and discussions continue to proceed on the future of the Pikesville Military Reservation despite the pandemic. PC Ginsburg continues to represent our interests as a part of the working group in partnership with local community groups. We will provide further updates on progress as we move forward on this important effort to maintain our use of the Pikesville NCO Club.

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 for those who wish to participate.

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

Future meetings/events:

1100, 9 September, Pikesville NCO Club

1100, 11 November, Pikesville NCO Club

Frank Armiger, Post 110 Executive Director

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

until we can have a meeting inside the Parlor House Restaurant Hopefully in August.

I will contact Local Post Members if anything changes, Thanks for understanding and may all stay Safe and God Bless You.

Randall Beamer, Commander

Comrades/friends,

By now, like me, you are wondering "when will this crap ever end"? Well, like it says in the "good book", "this too will pass"! And of course for you and I, it can't be none too soon. As reported earlier, all Post activities, or planned functions, are on hold until further notice.

Our "sick call" list still shows PNC Robert E. Lee Wisch, who took a tumble while moving a flower pot for the Mrs. When I saw him afterward, I thought he had tried to go a few "rounds" with Rocky Marciano!

Then to make matters worse, He had to be hospitalized with a problem with his esophagus. Bob is currently at home, being cared for by Ms. Linda and Granddaughter Molly! He is in good spirit and awaiting results from tests taken while he was in the hospital.

CSM Bob Bryant is still "toughing it out" from pain related to his ongoing back problems, but he also is in good spirit, and sends his best to his 29er pals. Gil Crosby is doing well after his bypass surgery, but reports that his wife, Carolyn is hospitalized with stomach related issues.

Just like all of you, I can't wait to get back to what I knew as a normal life, and ask you all to look forward with a positive frame of mind, and keep you and yours well and safe. Our country needs your prayers, and steadfastness, as this year progresses!

Lee Hofmann, Commander

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.

We will be holding a meeting July 1. Attire is normal street clothes, face mask, and bring a chair if the weather is nice we will meet at the Pavilion for the VFW. In case of inclement weather, we will be inside the VFW.

There will be coffee and donuts at 9:45 with the meeting starting at 10:00am. **Our next regular meetings will be August 5, September 2, 2020 at the North East VFW.**

The Honor Guard will not be providing any salutes during July, since the Cecil Woods event has been cancelled.

Stay healthy and safe as possible. We hope to see you at the meeting.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at:

vhawk0926@gmail.com

Valerie Simmers, Adjutant

Lantern Post 729, Waynesboro, PA

Commander: Randall Beamer

Please mail dues to: **Lantern Post 729**
P.O. Box 831, Waynesboro, PA 17268-0831

To all Members of Lantern Post 729 and the 29th Division Association as a whole, it has been a rough four months of keeping your distance and masking as well as staying at home for everyone.

I know we all would like to get back to a regular routine. But as it stands in Pennsylvania, things are not to be normal for a while. So, we have decided to cancel the Indoor Picnic and the Post Meeting scheduled for July,

Stonewall Post 116, Staunton, VA

Commander: Barent Parslow

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

Post 116 did not have scheduled meeting in June. We fully expect to host our next meeting as scheduled on July 14th 2020. We have entertained having some meetings at a great Mexican Restaurant right across the street from the Museum. We can even consider some evening and/or weekend meeting times.

The Stonewall Brigade Museum RE-OPENED on 14 June 2020 and many post members attended. This event celebrated The Army Birthday and American Flag Day. Both very important moments were recognized with an open-house event at the Museum from 1300 to 1700. Birthday cake (cupcakes) and soft drinks will be served and a special display of very rare "Gold Star" casket flags from World War II were highlighted in the Museum. Special outdoor historic displays and antique military vehicles also helped 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. The Foundation will make a final decision in mid-July whether to postpone the trip or not.

***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.)

20 July 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.

13 August 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

Maryland Region

Commander: William Mund

Maryland Region meeting on 13 July 2020 has been cancelled. I hope everyone is well and safe.

We may try to hold a Zoom meeting in September, if things have not gotten better by then.

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

Convention Rescheduled

The 29th Division Association, Inc.

Annual Reunion and Convention has been rescheduled.

The new dates are 28-31 October 2021

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Online Store Test Continues

The online store test continues, and purchases are starting to pick-up. A few days after the last *Chin Strap* was published we received our first two orders from overseas. It is anticipated the test will run for a few more months at which time the committee will make their recommendation to the National Executive Committee on the future of this endeavor.

One of the obvious advantages versus ordering from our traditional inventory which is still not available due to Covid-19 restriction is we can continue to accept orders and have them shipped since we don't warehouse any of the products or inventory. In fact, most of the items currently available are made to order by our vendor.

Over the past few weeks we have added a few new items, so I recommend you check the store every so often. Until the test is complete I don't anticipate adding many more items, however if there is something specific you feel would be a good item to sell, please let me know and we will consider adding it to the current items available.

One of the new items currently available is the license plate frame. I have attached a picture, but you can also see it on the website. The cost of the frame is only \$5.00 plus shipping which is added at checkout. Additionally, as requested at a Futures Committee meeting, we are working on a grey baseball type hat similar to the blue one announced last month as the new "official" 29th Division Association hat which is also pictured below.

Based on the price break point on the license plate frames, we made a bulk purchase versus making these to order so in this case we have a stock ready to go. On these or any other item we have on the site, we also have the ability to ship larger quantities



to a Post or individual to save on shipping cost and in some cases we will even consider delivering to a Post that is in the Baltimore Metro area.

Another option is the ability to put together a "Travel Package" of items that can be sold at reunions, or events where there will be attendees that would be interested in association merchandise. All we need in this case is some lead time. If you have a need for a "Travel Package" please contact me and we will make it happen.

As a reminder, you can get to the store in one of two ways. First, on the 29th Division Association website you click on Read More under Shop you will see the new hat. Click on the link to purchase 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 during the checkout process.

Thanks for supporting the 29th Division Association by purchasing from the online store.

Tom Knight
National Finance Officer



New Members:

Chambers, Jerry L., Post 1-72, Annapolis, MD
 Earll, Scott, Post 93, Union City, PA
 Hediger, Eric, Post 29, Middleburg, VA
 Morton, Eric, Post 88, Quantico, MD
 Ruland, Tim, Post 48, Columbia, MD

Schiro, Ken, Post 78, Fairfax Station, VA
 Sieracki, Stanley, Post 85, Forest Hill, MD
 Sieracki, John, III, Post 85, Bel Air, MD
 Sieracki, John IV, Post 85, Bel Air, MD
 Torkelson, David, Post 93, Sharpsburg, GA

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.**

Bill Guthrie B/116(WWII)

Arthur W. Pulket in memory of Joan & Jack Shettle, Francis "Buzz" Chalk, and CSM Victor Sebo.
 Veteran Corps, 5th Regiment Infantry in memory of LTC "Buzz" Chalk.

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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**