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Post Reports

Eastern Shore Post 88, Cambridge, MD

Maryland Region

Commander: Jon Black

Please mail dues to: **Ken Wheatley**

102 Richardson Drive, Cambridge, MD 21613-1130

Greetings to the Comrades and Ladies of the 29th Division Association.

The Eastern Shore made out with little damage other than power outages as the Hurricane/Tropical Storm ravished the area a few weeks ago. I spoke to many members and National Guard soldiers the week following the event.

Labor Day is fast approaching and wish everyone a pleasant holiday weekend. If you have not completed your Census please do so as this is very important to our cities and counties. The Census has a direct impact on the Federal Funding received over the next ten years.

September is Suicide Prevention Month and the Post 88 Facebook page will have information posted throughout this month. Remember Suicide is still an issue across the ranks. Take time to speak and listen to veterans as sometimes this outlet is all that is required. Virtual school will have started when this is received and families will be adjusting schedules again as the country still continues with COVID-19.

Lastly, I spoke with Comrade Steve Leonard last week whom is still deployed on the phone last week. He is doing well and should be home later this fall.

Jon D. Black, Commander

Silver Spring Post 94, Silver Spring, MD

Maryland Region

Commander: Jay Garrison

Please mail dues to: **William Mund**

441 Chalfonte Drive, Baltimore, MD 21228-4017

We hope that you and your families are well during these trying times. We know that paying your membership fees to Post 94 has probably not crossed your mind since there are other issues of major concern to deal with at this time.

We sent you a reminder back in January before the pandemic began to occur. At that time, 81% of our members responded with their membership fees.

We hope that you will take the time to continue supporting Post 94 and the 29th Division Association Inc. We would politely request you to consider an **extra donation** in addition to the **\$10** membership fee. Please mail to the address for me at the top of this report.

All of us who strive to keep this association together and functioning are volunteers. Please help us continue on so that we can ensure that the association will persevere well into the future. Hoping to hear from everyone soon.

Will Mund, Finance Officer

No meetings scheduled.

Larkspur Post 110, Pikesville, MD

Maryland Region

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 upcoming meeting on 9 September at 1900 via the Zoom platform. Due to the continued concerns about the spread of COVID-19, he felt that it was prudent to hold a virtual meeting instead of the planned in-person meeting. As the meeting date gets closer, he will send out the Zoom invitation.

Any Post member who needs help using Zoom can contact either PC Ginsburg dginzu@gmail.com or Post Adjutant Frank Armiger, farmiger@gmail.com.

Member updates

Walter Heline, WWII veteran and 29th Ranger, who died on 1 April, was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on 12 August. Walter will always be remembered at Post 110 as our last direct link to the 29th Division in WWII and as an affable and active member. Rest in peace Walter.

Post News

PC Ginsburg and PA Armiger continued to represent the inter-

ests of Post 110, the 29th Division Association, the Maryland Military Historical Society Round Table and other veteran groups on the Pikesville Armory Alliance committee. We are pleased to announce that recently, LTG (Ret) H. Steven Blum has become involved in our cause as well, lending his extensive knowledge of the historical significance of the property as well as his experience working with the Maryland state and local governments.

Our goal is to assure that the NCO Club will be available for our usage for the foreseeable future. In this case, we are seeking a carve-out of the facility in the short term as the Alliance and local governments address the long-term outcome for the remainder of the property.

Please consider joining us in this important effort!

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

Future meetings/events:

1900, 9 September, Zoom virtual meeting

1100, 11 November, Pikesville NCO Club (If possible)

Frank Armiger, Adjutant

Lantern Post 729, Waynesboro, PA

Maryland Region

Commander: Randall Beamer

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

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

No report.

Randall Beamer, Commander

Harry M. Richardson Post 64, Roanoke, VA

Southern Region

Commander: Morris Bennett

Please mail dues to: **Jeff Banik**

184 Tanglewood Drive, Blue Ridge, VA 24064-1417

Post 64, greetings! My prayer is never ceasing for each member of Post 64 and your families. I'm asking that you stay the course to win this battle against an unseen enemy, the Coronavirus. Some may be victims for a season; but stay on a safe course and we will be victors.

Our Sergeant of Arms, Mickey Johnson set up and invited all members of the post to come on line. We had our first on-line "zoom" meeting beginning at 1230 hours on 5 August, with about 12 members checking in. The meeting runs 30 to 40 minutes only. We will meet again on 2 September. I will have the Communications Officer send out instructions. Please join in.

I have been in touch with Butch, owner of the *Roanoker Restaurant* who will make a way for us to come back. We had a consensus that we will start back there 7 October. Many are looking forward to being together again even though it will be different. The *Roanoker* has always been there for us and I'm asking that if you can, plan to go there and help them some. They are serving inside, carry out and drive in.

We already have a new way to earn funds to help Veterans which will be shared very soon. Stay connected. I will keep the Post up dated monthly of upcoming events.

Election of officers will take place before this year's end. We need comrades who are willing to do the honorable thing to step up and serve. Anyone aspiring to serve in any capacity contact me. The Commander appointed Jay Kincanon as the official Post 64 Photographer.

Please stay safe during this coronavirus pandemic. If any member of Post 64 or any Veteran have needs, please contact me or a Post member.

Our next three meetings are scheduled to be: **2 September by Zoom, 7 October, and 4 November 2020 both in the Roanoker.**

Morris Bennett, Commander

HQs Post 29, Richmond, VA

Southern Region

Provisional Commander: Tim Williams

Please mail dues to: **Todd Hubbard**

13903 Highpaige Way, Chester, VA 23831-6536

As reported in the last few months, many Post 29 members are still 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. In addition to this, some of our members supported operations dealing with Tropical Storm Isaias.

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

Todd Hubbard, Provisional Finance Officer

Stonewall Post 116, Staunton, VA

Southern Region

Commander: Barent Parslow

Please mail dues to: **Post 116**

566 Lee Highway, Verona, VA 24482

Post 116 did not have a meeting in August. The next Post Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 15 September 2020 at Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant in Staunton, VA.

1) *The 53rd Annual 116th Infantry Regiment Muster has been CANCELED for 2020 due to impacts created by the COVID-19 pandemic, per the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. The Muster had been scheduled for Saturday 13 November 2020. Please check the 116th Foundation website for more info.* Post 116 Members are volunteering to help host an alternate "muster" event this year (November 2020) which will include receptions at The Stonewall Brigade Museum and virtual connections with Regiment Members online to view the events.

2) *The 2020 History Experience Tours to France with the 116th Foundation have been POSTPONED TO 2021.* Same dates and tours are planned next year, please check the 116th Foundation website or contact the 116th Foundation at 540-248-0116.

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

15 September 2020 **NEXT POST 116 MEETING Mrs. Row-**

e'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.)

21 September 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.

8 October 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

Florida West Post 2, Sarasota, FL

At-Large Region

Commander & Finance Officer: *Sean Malloy*

Please mail dues to: **Sean Malloy**

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

Many thanks to all those in our humble Post 2 here in Sarasota, Florida for making the trip in this past month. Just to reiterate, we don't normally schedule meetings throughout the hot, steamy days of Summer here, simply because they are inhumanely hot! Although, since the prolonged "Covid shutdown", I felt in the sake of good morale, it was a good idea to at least leave the doors open. No one can resist nice air conditioning, cold brews and coconut shrimp, along with great camaraderie! We will resume our normal schedule once again beginning this September 19th and the third Saturday of every month following.

I was happy to see Post Chaplain Phil Bliss, Dick Mosier, Joseph Steimel, Dennis Eiss, Lydon Harrell and myself join in some good conversation about upcoming meetings and some talk about our Annual Special Luncheon usually held in February.

We have discussed the possibility of renting some space for a catered luncheon at the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda, Florida. This facility sits on the banks of Charlotte Harbor, with unbelievable sunsets seen from their deck in the late afternoon. I will break away from work duties to make a "reconnaissance" run to see if it would be feasible.

I am also making plans to solidify the diagram for our proposed Florida West Post 2 monument to be erected at Patriot Plaza on the grounds of The Sarasota National Cemetery. I have spoken to the Florida Monument Company in St. Petersburg and they are ready, willing and able to help our 29ers get all the respect they so graciously deserve!

Next month marks the 102nd birthday of Captain Angela Welk, RN. Our friend Anne is no longer with us, but we will celebrate the memory of her at our September meeting. I believe we will also be celebrating another birthday of 121st Combat Engineer Mike Crouch. I have to confirm that! I remember seeing Mike and Anne blow out their candles together at one meeting! Hope we didn't miss it Mike!

Considering that we are staying close to home these days, I want to assure you that we will all triumph over this! I will be

making a general call for dues soon, but I have been encouraged by many of you who are responding! Thank you! I know I have also promised to send out letters to update our rolls. This will help with our contact list going forward. While the letters are going out to our 29ers primarily, I am hoping to hear from family and friends who want to help continue the great and historic legacy of their father's and grandfather's. I hope we can get a great response!

In the meantime, stay healthy and strong! Hope to see you all at upcoming meetings!

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

Limestone Post 1-72, Baltimore, MD

Maryland Region

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,

Greetings from Limestone Post 1-72. I hope this communication finds you well and safe. It seems our lives, in my opinion, have been turned into a state of confusion, and sometimes, misinformation in the path of our current health situation. However I believe we will emerge from this time period stronger, and more aware. Our country needs us to be more aware, and actively involved, in the path our country takes as we go forward.

If anything, for my part, I realize that being "socially distanced" from one another, is more painful than any "sickness"! The restrictions of social gatherings from friends, and family is particularly painful. For me personally, the inability to gather with people, like yourselves, at our meetings, or functions has removed a part of my "joy of life"! I have not been able to socialize as a group with the over eighty friends, with whom I participate in three musical groups, since this past March.

However, "this too shall pass", and as we emerge from this current situation, let us go forward in our lives, by making the most of every moment we find ourselves together with friends, and family!, unrestrained by the "shackles" of social distancing, masks, and rubber gloves.

Personally, I have tried to make "light" of the mask situation by saying to the ladies I come into contact with, at various shops, or stores, by saying: "has anyone ever told you that your mask gives your eyes a mysterious look"? This always gets a laugh, and for me a momentary return to life before "social distancing".

In closing, I wish for all to maintain our "good ole American sense of humor". I do not make light of the sickness known as Covid 19, any more, or less than I would the "flu", which I get a preventive "snot" for each year.. Please continue to use common sense everyday health practices, but do not lose the feeling of happiness we share, when we are together as friends, comrades and family.

Lee Hofmann, Commander

Jerome L. Day Post 48, Westminster, MD

Maryland Region

Commander: Frank Rauschenberg

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

P.O. Box 1564, Westminster, MD 21158

Cresap's Rifles Post 78, Frederick, MD

Maryland Region

Commander: James Hutts

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

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

Greetings Comrades,

Sadly, I report to you the passing of Post 48-member, William D. "Bill" Wolf Sr. (Lieutenant Colonel, Retired). In 1970, LTC Wolf enlisted in the Maryland Army National Guard and later attended OCS. He was one of the first Marylanders to transfer to the Virginia Army National Guard to help start up the reactivation of the 29th Infantry Division (Light) in late 1984. During his tenure as an AGR soldier, he was the Operations Officer for the 29th Infantry Division (Light) and was instrumental in assuring a high level of readiness of the Division during the Gulf War, Operation Desert Shield. LTC Wolf held the Post 48 elected position of Historian.

On Sunday, August 2, 2020, members of the Jerome L Day Post 48, Maryland Region Welfare Office J. Brian Becker and BG Ed Nolley attend the memorial service. Due to the Covid-19 virus, and at 50% capacity in the funeral home, a brief, but heartfelt words of his service to his country and a final salute was given to LTC Wolf.

He was well known and respected among his peers in the National Guard. Farewell Comrade Wolf.

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

Post 48 schedule of community events are limited, in light of the Covid-19 Virus.

I will keep you informed of upcoming events at the Bi-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 and ask if they would be interested joining the 29th Division Association.

Please let me know of any veteran dealing with an illness or a deceased family member.

Be safe and stay healthy from this and any other virus.

Meetings

The next Bi-monthly meeting is scheduled for September 24th, at the American Legion, Westminster, MD. Dinner at 6pm, meeting at 7pm and out by 8:15pm.

Social distance will be required at all times. Before, during and after the meeting. Wearing of mask are encourage when not dining.

Lots 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

Hello everyone from Post 78, Cresap's Rifles, Frederick, MD. Hope everyone is staying **safe** and out of this heat. .

Post 78 Crab Feed Cancelled — While this was a very hard decision, we regretfully, cancelled our final social gathering, the Crab Feed that was scheduled for Saturday, October 10th at 4:00 p.m.

So much thought was put into this, we want our member's family/friends to stay healthy. We have members themselves in distress. We are still not holding scheduled meetings at this time. We, as everyone else, are trying to stay safe and healthy

Kelly Toms, Adjutant

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

Southern Region

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 from COVID-19.

As of this date, renovations at the Norfolk Armory are still ongoing in spite of delays due to COVID-19 disruptions and other factors. Our meeting room has been completed but work in the hall ways and surrounding areas are still in progress so access is not yet a go. We will keep you informed of the status.

Depending on COVID-19 and the restrictions that may be in place, along with the completion of renovations, **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

Eder-George Post 85, North East, MD

Maryland Region

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 continuing our social distancing meetings. Thanks to all who came out.

Our next meeting will be September 2. Attire is normal street clothes, face mask, and bring a chair if the weather is pleasant, we will meet in the back of the VFW at the picnic tables. 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 September 2, October 7, and November 4, 2020 at the North East VFW.**

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

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

Valerie Simmers, Adjutant

New England Post 93, Northeast & Worldwide

At-Large Region

Commander: *Fran Sherr-Davino*

Please mail dues to: **Neil Ungerleider**

34 Maple Avenue, Boxford, MA 01921-1424

Post 93 member Michael Yannaghas, who lives in Normandy, was privileged to attend a ceremony marking the 76th anniversary of the Liberation of Vire on August 8.

A wreath-laying and moment of silence remembered those of the 116th Infantry Regiment who died in the assault on the town and Hill 203.



Standard-bearers Denis Lesage, left, and Gary Nadolski at the monument on Hill 203 just south of Vire.

Accompanying Michael were Denis Lesage, a principal Normandy Standard-Bearer for the 29th Division's colors, and U.S. Army veteran Gary Nadolski who was actually the last American soldier to leave France when U.S. bases were closed in 1967.

Post 93 member Charlotte Juergens will be screening *Sunken Roads*, an award-winning documentary on the return of D-Day vets for the 70th anniversary, for Post 2 members in Florida at a future date.

We're inching closer to a 100% membership renewal rate. If you have not paid your 2020 dues, please send a check to the address above.

Neil Ungerleider, Finance Office

Maryland Region

Commander: *William S. Mund, Jr.*

A Maryland Region NEC Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, 14 September 2020 at 1100 hours. Please monitor your email for the invitation to this meeting which will contain the meeting ID number and passcode. Only 8 members have responded that they plan to attend. **I was hoping to get a more definite account of attendees but many chose not to respond at all.**

At this meeting we plan to discuss the ramifications of the pandemic and the effect it has on the posts of the MD Region.

Other topics to be covered at this meeting include: a consensus on whether we should try to meet in person, or continue with Zoom for the short term; a different meeting time if we choose to continue with Zoom; the status of our lunches at our in-person meetings; the printing of the *Chin Strap* during the pandemic.

As Maryland Region Commander and Editor of the *Chin Strap*, I would like to personally thank Post 5 (John Lane/Randy Hess) in Norfolk, VA, and New England Post 93 (Fran Sherr-Davino/Neil Ungerleider) for responding to my request for donations to the *Chin Strap*.

It is hoped that all the posts in the Southern and At-Large regions would also contribute to this fund. Without the *Chin Strap*, these posts would not be able to communicate with all their members on a monthly basis.

All Maryland Region members already pay \$2 to the region in addition to their \$5 per capita that is paid to National Headquarters. This \$2 helps with the expenses of the *Chin Strap*. Individual donations are also kindly encouraged and appreciated.

Checks should be made payable to the Maryland Region, and mailed to **Ed Tolzman, 6A S Belle Grove Road, Baltimore, MD 21228-2204.**

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

Online Store Test

There seems to be some confusion about purchasing approved 29th Division Association merchandise. While access to the traditional inventory has been limited at best, all items listed in the online store are available and shipped directly from our vendor.

There are several ways to view the current items available once you are on the Association Website. First, you can click on Read more toward the bottom of the website or click on Shop Merchandise near the top of the page.

We recently added two Ladies shirts, so ladies no longer have to wear the men's polo shirts. Funds raised from the sale of Association merchandise support the operation of the Association. Thanks for your continued support.

Tom Knight, National Finance Officer

Fear Not!

Since March, the nation has been plagued by fear as COVID19 has raged like a fire. Life is vastly different.

Seniors fear coming down with the virus. Children fear the masks; the others see no light at the end of the tunnel as the virus continues.

The Bible contains at least 365 verses concerning with the words, "**FEAR NOT.**" As we strive against this invisible enemy, may we heed the words of Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, I am with you, I will strengthen you, I will hold you up."

John Schildt

New Members:

Kenney, Tim, Post 116, Charleston, SC
 McCarthy, Andrew, Post 93, Stony Point, NC
 Owens, Gerald, Post 29, Midlothian, VA
 Parrott, Charles L., Post 88, Royal Oak, MD
 Watson, Austin, Post 5, Chesapeake, VA

*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.*

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.**

Rudolph M. Price, Jr., Post 5, Norfolk, VA — In support of the *Chin Strap*.
 Pat Recker — In memory of PNC Robert L. Recker.

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(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

E-Mail Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

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**