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Post Reports

New England Post 93, Northeast & Worldwide
At-Large Region
Commander: Fran Sherr-Davino

Deborah van den Dobblessteen, the wife of Post 93 member, Mike van den Dobblessteen, has opened her museum dedicated to the Women of World War II in their home and B&B in Pont de la Pierre, Normandy. Two exhibition spaces have been completed with a goal of completing the remaining four by September. The museum is private and open to their B&B guests as well as those booking battlefield tours with Mike.



An exhibit at the Women in World War II Museum in Pont de la Pierre, Normandy.

We welcome four new Legacy members honoring the 29th Division service of fathers, grandfathers and family members. Eric Hertzfeld's grandfather, Pvt. James Hertzfeld, served in the 115th Regiment and was KIA on November 19, 1944.

Keely Yednock's grandfather also served with 115th.

James Curto's father served in the 175th Regiment in World War II, and Joseph Mercante is researching his family's service in both World War I and II.

A few of our Post members still owe their 2021 dues. For details on paying via PayPal, please email me.

Dues for Post 93 are \$25/year, but \$15/year for veterans. Dues may be paid for two years: \$45/two years, but \$25/two years for

veterans. Please make check payable to: Post 93 and mail to: Neil Ungerleider, 34 Maple Avenue, Boxford, MA 01921-1424.

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Rudolph M. Price, Jr., Post 5, Norfolk, VA
Southern Region
Commander: John Lane

Hope all are doing well and staying safe from COVID-19. Thanks for all your support for the 29th Division Association, Norfolk Post 5, and all associated events.

Meeting Room Renovations Update: Our meeting room is essentially completed. Hopefully, all will be back in order and operational by our next meeting on that Saturday before Memorial Day.

2021 Meeting Schedule: Post 5 meets twice yearly on the Saturdays before our Memorial and Veterans Day service events. Therefore, our first meeting of the year will be held Saturday, 29 May 2021, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at the Norfolk Readiness Center (Armory) followed by our Memorial Day ceremony at Forest Lawn Cemetery on Monday, 31 May 2021, at 11:00 AM. Our second meeting will be held at the Norfolk Readiness Center on Saturday, 6 November 2021, 10 AM to 12 PM, followed by our Veterans Day ceremony on Thursday, 11 November 2021, at 11:00 AM at the Forest Lawn Cemetery.

2021 Member Dues: Norfolk Post 5 membership renewal notices have been sent out only to those whose membership expires the end of 2020. Thanks to all who have responded to date!

Dues for Post 5 are \$15 for one year, \$12.00 per year if you renew for 2 or more years by mail. Renew on line via PayPal for \$12 at www.29thdivisionassociation.com. Website payment limits dues to only one year at a fixed price of \$12. Please be sure to describe the online payment as "Post 5 Dues." Otherwise, make checks payable to "Norfolk Post 5", and mail to Post Commander: Mr. John Lane, 34 Aragona Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23462-2702

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Silver Spring Post 94, Silver Spring, MD

Maryland Region
Commander: Jay Garrison

Dues for Post 94 are \$10 a year. Please make check payable to: Silver Spring Post 94 and mail to: **William Mund, 441 Chalfonte Drive, Baltimore, MD 21228-4017.**

No report.

Jay Garrison, Commander
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No meetings scheduled.

Florida West Post 2, Sarasota, FL

At-Large Region
Commander & Finance Officer: Sean Malloy

"At the core, the American citizen soldiers knew the difference between right and wrong, and he didn't want to live in a world in which wrong prevailed. So they fought, and won, and we, all of us, living and yet to be born, must be forever profoundly grateful "
Stephen Ambrose, Author

Many thanks to those who attended the Annual Special Luncheon held at the Sarasota Red Lobster. We had a very good turn-out, a "fumble free" raffle after lunch, and a solemn prayer for Judith Steimel, wife of WWII hero Joseph, who passed away recently after a hard battle with cancer. Joe was contacted by phone during the luncheon, members passing on words of comfort to him back at home in Indiana. Judy was truly the light of our monthly gatherings and she will be missed deeply.

Please feel free to pass on more words of comfort to Joe and his family at: Mr. Joseph Steimel, 6379 South 800, East Zionsville, Indiana, 46077. I am sure he would love hearing from fellow 29er's, especially those in the 175th, K Co.

Among those in attendance was Mike Crouch, 121st Engineers, all the way from New Port Richey! Cosmo Uttero, 175th, H Co., Ms. Billie Cadwallader, daughter of Past National Commander William C. Miller, Vice Commander Mr. Eric Smith and his beautiful wife Adriana, Mr. Dennis Eiss, nephew of WWII Veteran Angelo Lombino, along with Mrs. Libby Eiss.

Pastor Philip Bliss started the luncheon off with a prayer for those we have lost over the years, recognizing their sacrifice to the United States of America. Lydon Harrell donated a picturesque coffee table book entitled "Normandy, 44 D-Day and the Battle of Normandy" produced by William Jordan. Cosmo Uttero was the grateful beneficiary of this beautiful volume during the raffle at the "coffee and.." portion of the event. Lydon Harrell was happy to see Cosmo's reaction at winning that!

Florida West Post 2 is happy to announce a new member has join our ranks; Mr. Jean – Pierre Paviot, a current resident of Boca Raton, Florida and a past previous resident of Normandy, France in the Brittany 2 regions where the 29th fought in France. We proudly welcome him to our humble Post 2 and look forward to hearing stories of his experiences in Normandy during WWII, from a French perspective!

Many thanks also go out to our "far flung" members out there who have graciously responded to my recent mass mailings to help with the update of our records; current addresses, e- mail addresses and unit information.

During the Covid pandemic the mail has been considerably slow, so therefore much mail might have been lost or misplaced. I have renewed the current Post Office address for another year. I feel that this is still the safest option to mail your 12.00 dues payment. I am happy for the recent response, please continue to be generous when you can! Furthering the Legacy of the 29th Division can only survive with your help! With that in mind, thank you again for your loyalty to our Florida West Post 2! "29 Let's Go!" (Our meetings continue on the third Saturday of every month at the Sarasota Red Lobster)

Dues for Post 2 are \$12 a year. Please make check payable to: Post 2 and mail to: **Sean Malloy, P.O. Box 511364, Punta Gorda, FL 33951-1364**

Sean P. Malloy, Commander
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HQs Post 29, Richmond, VA

Southern Region
Provisional Commander: Tim Williams

No report.

Dues for Post 29 are \$12 a year. Please make check payable to: Post 29 and mail to: **Todd Hubbard, 13903 Highpaige Way, Chester, VA 23831-6536.**

Todd Hubbard, Provisional Finance Officer:
HQPOST29@gmail.com

Eastern Shore Post 88, Cambridge, MD

Maryland Region
Commander: Jon Black

Since my last submission the State of Maryland has adjusted COVID-19 restrictions and opened many sites for vaccinations. The threat still exists and being proactive is still important. Time has changed and the weather is starting to get warmer so get out and enjoy the warmth and fresh air.

In my last submission I mentioned a meeting with the Post Officers. Some of the officers were able to meet about the upcoming elections for the association. With the restrictions a full meeting cannot be accomplished so discussion was had on an alternate method of voting. In the very near future Post 88 will be sending a letter out describing the voting process for next year.

The officers are also looking into the possibility of a face to face meeting in June. Until we meet stay safe everyone.

Dues for Post 88 are \$12 a year and \$5 for Auxiliary members. Please make check payable to Post 88 and mail to: **Ken Wheatley 102 Richardson Drive, Cambridge, MD 21613-1130.**

Jon D. Black, Commander
cdrb2115@comcast.net

Jerome L. Day Post 48, Westminster, MD
 Maryland Region
Commander: Frank Rauschenberg

Your 2021 dues were due in January. Please send your dues or donations to Jerome L Day Post 48, P.O. Box 1564, Westminster, MD 21158. Your dues and donations to the Post helps keep the legacy and spirit of Post 48.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to those who have paid their annual dues and to those who have generously donated to Post 48. Most important, to the members who sent me letters expressing their continued support of the legacy of the 29th Division Association.

Membership

On behalf of the members of the Jerome L Day Post 48, I want to welcome a new active member of Post 48, Matthew Fitzgerald, grandson of Francis Manner, a veteran of WWII. Comrade Fitzgerald joins the Jerome L Day Post 48 in memory of his grandfather. Matthew was a member of the Windsor Mill High School JROTC. He enjoys history of WWII and wants to learn more about the 29th Infantry Division and the 29th Division Association. **Matthew has created a Facebook in the name of Jerome L Day Post 48, 29th Division Association, in the legacy of "Keeping the spirit alive that never knew defeat."** Comrade Fitzgerald, we look forward in your active service with Post 48.

Meetings

In the anticipation that more people will be getting their 2nd vaccination dose, Post 48 is planning to resume regular meetings at the American Legion Post 31, Westminster on April 22nd. We will adhere to the safeguards issued by the State of Maryland, CDC and guidelines set forth by the American Legion in Westminster, wearing the face mask and social distance when not eating. Prior to the meeting, we will have a guest speaker, Sabrina Black from Mission BBQ, in Westminster.

Sabrina will speak on the service that Mission BBQ does for the veterans and first responders. In addition, she will bring refreshments from Mission BBQ. We welcome Ms. Black to Post 48 and look forward to hearing her speak of Mission BBQ.

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 in 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 Covid-19 and any other virus and wear that damn mask.

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

*Dues for Post 48 are \$15 a year. Please make check payable to: Jerome L. Day, Post 48, and mail to: **P.O. Box 1564, Westminster, MD 21158.***

*Frank Rauschenberg, Commander
fm32@erols.com*

Stonewall Post 116, Staunton, VA
 Southern Region
Commander: Barent Parslow

Post 116 met and had lunch on 9 March 2021. The meeting was held at "Mi Rancho" Mexican Restaurant, in Verona VA, directly across the street from the Regiment Museum. We had members John Snapp and Don Bowers drive all the way from



Winchester to visit the museum to attend. They are regulars at the 3-116 Infantry Winchester Breakfast Club meetings but those are still not being held yet. Also, John Simar attended from near Forest, VA. His Grandfather fought with the 29th in WWI and he is involved as a Board Member with the Bedford Boys Tribute Center in Bedford, VA.

After the War Stories, the Post discussed cleaning 116th Veteran headstones this spring and summer and helping the 116th Foundation as Post projects. The Next Post Meeting will move back to Mrs. Rowe's. We hope to build some variety with the meeting locations and times in order to improve attendance, suggestions welcome! See You then!

1) The 116th Regiment Muster has been scheduled for Saturday 13 November 2021. Please check the 116th Foundation website for more info in late Summer/early Fall. **ALL 29ers are invited** to register for, and attend, this veteran reunion type event. (Hotel and Food Contract in place, watching VA GOV status RE: large gatherings)

2)The 2021 History Experience Tours with the 116th Foundation have been scheduled. Please check the 116th Foundation website or contact the 116th Foundation at 540-248-0116. Pending Europe re-opening, the trips and dates are:

World War One Tour: Doughboys Over There: May 27th to 3 June 2021 (May Not Run)

WWII, D-Day to St. Lo: 77th Anniversary of D-Day, 2 June thru 8 June 2021 (May Not Run)

WWII, D-Day to St. Lo: 17 September thru 23 September 2021 (Best chance of occurring this year)

American Revolution Tour: Southern Campaign Focus, two weekends in October 2021. More details soon!

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

11 MAY 2021 **NEXT POST 116 MEETING** Mrs. Rowe's Family Restaurant, Exit #222 on I-81, Staunton, VA starting at 1145 hrs. The post meets every other month on ODD numbered months (January, March, May, etc.)

The Winchester 116th veteran's group is not meeting yet.

The "C Company" 116th veteran's group in Harrisonburg, VA is not meeting yet.

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

Dues for Post 116 are \$12 a year. Please make check payable to: Post 116 and mail to: Post 116, 566 Lee Highway, Verona, VA 24482

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Cresap's Rifles Post 78, Frederick, MD

Maryland Region
Commander: James Hutts

Spring Greetings (finally) from Post 78 Frederick, MD

We hope Spring has Sprung! We look forward to having a meeting in the very near future in our Blue and Gray room as the City of Frederick has opened at a certain capacity.

To our Post 78 members: If you have not paid your **2021 dues**, please do so as soon as possible. Stay well and safe. Certainly hope a lot of our members have been blessed with the COVID vaccine.

We regret the passing of our member Sherry E. Kemp.

*Dues for Post 78 are \$12 a year. Please make check payable to: Post 78 and mail to: **Cresap's Rifles, Post 78, P.O. Box 1882, Frederick, MD 21703-0882***

*Kelly Toms, Adjutant
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Larkspur Post 110, Pikesville, MD

Maryland Region
Commander: PNC David Ginsburg

The Larkspur Post sends best wishes of good health and safety to all of our comrades during these difficult times. We look forward to the day that we can once again gather as a Post and Association. With vaccinations ramping up across the country and with a number of our members with at least one dose, there is now hope on the horizon.

Due to a scheduling conflict the March Post meeting was postponed to 8 April. The previous meeting was very well attended with 23 participants.

A number of our post members are preparing for the activation of the 29th Division HQ for its deployment this Spring. In particular, COL Jared Lake, senior field artillery officer for the 29th Division, will play a significant leadership role in Kuwait.

The Post is keeping in close contact to see what we can do to support their needs.

Also, if you have not yet done so, please remember to pay your dues for 2021.

Future meetings/events

Post meeting – 8 April at 7:00 via Zoom. PNC Ginsburg will send out the invitation a week before the meeting.

Pikesville Armory Update

A number of additional Armory Foundation meetings were held in the month of February and March, continuing to gain more commitments from the community, expanding the board, and lobbying State and local officials for funding support.

We continue to be optimistic about the future use of the NCO Club by the veterans' groups and the MDMHS Round Table.

*Dues for Post 110 are \$12 a year. Please make check payable to: Post 110 and mail to: **Ed Rodier, 13344 Cove Landing Rd., Bishopville, MD 21813-1102***

*Frank Armiger, Adjutant
farmiger@gmail.com*

Eder-George Post 85, North East, MD

Maryland Region
Commander: Gary Brown

Greetings to all from the members of Eder-George Post 85. If you have not yet paid your 2021 dues, please send them in now. Thanks to those who have sent their dues payment.

We have been enjoying seeing each other at a safe distance, but as the COVID numbers increase, we have decided to stop holding the in-person meetings. We can't afford to lose, and don't wish to lose any of our friends and comrades. If you can, please check on our fellow comrades. It is so hard to deal with the loneliness of this time.

Stay healthy and safe as possible. We plan to meet May 5 for our next meeting when the weather is warmer. I will have a reminder in the next *Chin Strap*.

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

*Dues for Post 85 are \$10 a year. Please make check payable to: Post 85 and mail to: **Valerie Simmers, 5 Shore Drive, North East, MD 21901-3327.***

*Valerie Simmers, Adjutant
vhawk0926@gmail.com*

Limestone Post 1-72, Baltimore, MD

Maryland Region
Commander: Lee Hofmann

Greetings from your Limestone Post 1-72. By this writing, I am sure you are aware of the passing of our Comrade, William Held Sr.. His dry wit and smile will be sorely missed, especially at our monthly meetings. I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to the men who joined us in performing the "Final Salute" ceremony for our fallen Comrade: PNC Grant Hayden, Brian Becker, William DeHaven, Franklin Shilow, Houston Matney, SRVC William Held Jr., and Gavin Held. Our efforts were well received, and much appreciated.

Bob Bryant is on our "sick call" list. He is recovering with the help

of his doctor. Send Bob a get well "shout out", I am sure he would enjoy, and be appreciative. As for the rest of us," we are in good shape for the shape we are in", and that says a lot considering the current state of affairs.

Unfortunately, until further notice, our meetings will continue to be suspended until further notice. However, I am hoping to resume our meetings by April. We will be changing the agenda slightly, as we will not start back with serving lunch. We will, however have coffee, and pastries prior to the start of each meeting. I also encourage you to set aside time in advance, so that we may be able to spend time together "shooting the bull"! Looking forward to be in your company,

*Dues for Post 1-72 are \$15 a year. Please make check payable to: Limestone Post 72, and mail to: **Bill DeHaven, 139 Chestnut Hill Lane, Reisterstown, MD 21136-3206***

*Lee Hofmann, Commander
jazz66@comcast.net*

Harry M. Richardson Post 64, Roanoke, VA
Southern Region
Commander: Richard Carr

No report.

*Dues for Post 64 are \$15 a year. Please make check payable to: Post 64 and mail to: **Dean Jones, 931 West Point Road, Salem, VA 24153-2727.***

*Richard Carr, Commander
rcarr7102@yahoo.com*

Lantern Post 729, Waynesboro, PA
Maryland Region
Commander: Randall Beamer

No report.

*Dues for Post 729 are \$15 a year. Please make check payable to: Lantern Post 729 and mail to: **Lantern Post 729, P.O. Box 831, Waynesboro, PA 17268-0831.***

*Randall Beamer, Commander
717-762-2642*

Maryland Region
Commander: William S. Mund, Jr.

The Maryland Region met on 8 March virtually. Topics covered were the upcoming election of officers on 10 May and the Route 29 Memorial.

The commander reported in absentia that the 29th Maryland License Tag situation has been cleared up. Those interested in obtaining these license tags are instructed to contact Will Mund to get the form needed.

Next meeting 10 May 2021, 1100 virtually.

William S. Mund, Jr., Commander

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Chin Strap donations are to be made payable to the Maryland Region and mailed to the address as indicated in the section *Chin Strap Supporters* in the back of every edition of the *Chin Strap*.

Annual dues should not be sent to National HQs or the Maryland Region. They should be sent to your post.

*William S. Mund, Jr.
Editor*

A word about post transfers

To my knowledge, there has never been a published explanation about the policy of members transferring from one post to another?

The policy that I have been following is that:

1. The member(s) must inform their Post, i.e. the losing post, that they wish to transfer to another post;
2. The member(s) must also inform the Assistant National Executive Director, who as the Membership Chairperson is the person responsible for the accountability and maintenance of the database of the 29th Division Association, Inc.

We cannot have reports of members transferring from one post to another on someone else's word. **It must come from the members themselves stating that they wish to be transferred.**

Members who follow the policy listed above will then be transferred immediately.

WILLIAM S. MUND, JR.
Assistant National Executive Director
Membership Chairperson

Maryland 29th Division Association Inc. License Tags

The forms to obtain these tags are available by contacting Will Mund at **duster197329@gmail.com** and requesting the MVA Form VR 124.

April Showers

The book of Ezekiel speaks of God sending "showers of blessing. Think of all the blessings we have received. We receive fresh blessings every morning when we awaken. Think of how many times our hearts have beaten. Think of everything beautiful we have seen and how many wonderful words and hymns we have heard. Sunrise, sunset, home, family friends ~ take time to thank our God for His showers of blessings

John Schildt

New Members:

Mercante, Joseph, Post 93, New Milford, CT
 Mercurio, John, Post 94, Folsom, CA
 Paviot, Jean-Pierre, Post 2, Boca Raton, FL
 Trenary, Gregory, Post 116, Strasburg, VA

Online Store Update

The online store continues to add items including most of what was available from the previous inventory that now has been combined in one location. We have an ample supply of the Official Dress Hat in most if not all sizes as well as the newly created "Official Class B Hat just to mention a few.

We also have a good supply of most sizes of the coach's jackets in sizes up to 3XL. We will not be re-ordering these so when a size sells out that will be it. They are being replaced with a very nice, embroidered V-neck wind shirt. Also available is the association license plate frame. Why not get one of these and advertise YOUR Association?

If you for whatever reason cannot order online, just let me know and I will help figure out how to get you what you want. I can be reached via email or phone. Email is **NFO29thDivAssoc@gmail.com** and phone is 410-688-6307.

Finally, keep an eye on the Merchandise Website for an upcoming Spring Cleaning Sale of some items.

Tom Knight
 National Finance Officer

From the National Finance Officer

Post Finance Officers; Please, help me with the National Finance checking account by cashing any check you receive from National as soon as possible.

If they are held, I don't know if you have or have not received the check, and to stop payment after finding out months after I sent the check that if was not received is very expensive. Currently Bank of America charges us \$30 for a stop payment.

I understand there may be a week or two delay but if it is going to be more than that please let me know.

Thanks for your help and understanding.

Tom Knight
 National Finance Officer

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.**

Carmela Scalesse, *In memory of her husband, Raymond Scalesse, C/115, D-Day survivor.*

A. J. Moore, Post 1-72. F/115, Houston, TX

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