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Post Reports

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

Greetings, 29th Division Association from Post 64, we had our first in person meeting since November 2020 on 5 May. I am happy to say that 18 members were able to attend our Meeting. During this meeting, we had a lot of catching up to do. First was we talked about our post getting a Charter Bus to attend the National Convention in Gettysburg. We already have 16 members on board to ride the bus. We will be talking more about the trip as we get information on the convention.

The next events in our area, the First event is on 5 June in Roanoke at 1:00 PM. With Dignitaries from the City of Roanoke, local public organizations, the 80th Division Association and the 29th Division Association a plaque is being presented in honor of the World War 1 soldiers from the 29th Division and 80th Division for their role in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in September 1918. This plaque is being placed at the "Argonne Circle located on King George Ave in Roanoke.

The next major event is on June the 6th at the National D-Day Memorial. Starting at 10:00 on the 6th the Memorial will be having a brief Ceremony and followed by a wreath laying. Members of the post will be present to place the wreaths for the Association and we will have the ladies of the post there to place the wreath from the Post. The Memorial will also be doing events and activates on the 5th also. If you can please come out and support these events. The 29th Division Band will be providing Music on both the 5th and 6th of June.

There will be an event on 13 June at the Vinton War Memorial for the Army Birthday. That event will begin at 5:00 PM on the Front Lawn of the War Memorial. We are also looking at a Military App. Night with the Salem Red Sox's on the night of September 18th, more details to follow on that event.

Since we are back to meeting, we talked about the post raffle of a homemade blanket and a WWII 75th Anniversary Statue from the Bradford Mint. Tickets are on sale now tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. The money will go to the Military Family Support Center, The Post 64 Hat for Vets fund and the Post 64 General Fund.

The Post has been great about getting 2021 Dues submitted, if you have not submitted them yet please do so. Dues are \$15.00 and can be sent in to Dean Jones, 931 West Point Road, Salem VA 24153.

Talking about Post Membership, Bernard Marie a longtime friend and post member had accident and is currently in Rehab from his injuries. He is doing well but has had to cancel his yearly WWII dinner. Please keep him and all our members in your prayers. I also would like to add that the 29th Division HQ is in the process of deploying to the Middle East and will be leaving soon for Fort Hood for training. My friend and Post member SFC John Reynolds is among them, let keep all the members of the 29th Division in our prayers for a safe return once the mission is complete.

Again, as we come out of the COVID restrictions I hope to see more and more members. Our next several meeting will be on 2 June 21, 7 July 21 and 4 Aug 21 at the Roanoke Restaurant at 11:30. Stay Safe and as always: 29 Let's Go and Ever Forward.

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

Post 116 met and had lunch on 11 May 2021 at Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant in Staunton, VA. Before lunch was served, we discussed the current planning and arrangements for the Association Convention in Gettysburg, PA this October; several organization and membership initiative opportunities before the Association, and some ideas for Post activities and events to be held this summer. Former 29er Tim Crider joined us for the first time and we hope he comes back!

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 and things are looking UP!)

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:

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 week-ends in October 2021. More details soon!

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

17 JULY 2021 **NEXT POST 116 MEETING** We will host a cookout/picnic on Saturday, 17 July at 2:00 PM at the Stonewall Brigade Museum. Please Bring the WHOLE FAMILY and invite any 29ers you may know.

The Winchester 3-116th veteran's group is working with The Golden Corall Buffet to set up breakfast meetings again. We will post the info as soon as the new plan is settled.

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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Lantern Post 729, Waynesboro, PA
Maryland Region
Commander: Steve Zabatakis

Lantern Post 729 resumed monthly meetings in April. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 8AM in the rear banquet room of The Parlor House Restaurant on South Potomac St. in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

At the April meeting, new officers were sworn in by National Sgt. at Arms and Past Post Commander, Randall Beamer. All veteran and active duty 29er's are invited to attend for a good time of fellowship and food. Have a good Spring!

*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.***

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Cresap's Rifles Post 78, Frederick, MD
Maryland Region
Commander: James Hutts

Yes, we had a "in person" meeting finally on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at Capital Crave Restaurant (Old VFW). As Commander Hutts said it, "It was great being together". Nine members showed up for this meeting.

We discussed our upcoming "Laying of the Flags" on Saturday,

May 22, 2021. They will stay up through flag day at least. Future plans to try to have a crab feed once we find out capacity allowed.

We are scheduled to have our **next meeting on June 9th** at 6:30 p.m. at the same location unless our Blue and Gray Room is open.

*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***

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

MEETINGS

Jerome L Day Post 48 held its regular Bi- monthly meeting at the American Legion, Westminster on April 22nd with a good turnout of active members.

We 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. Sabrina Black from Mission BBQ was present and spoke of the mission to veterans and first responders. Dinner was provided by Mission BBQ.

Election of officers for 2021/2022 was held on April 22, 2021.

A proclamation of the 77 Anniversary of the 29th Division, D-Day landing on the beach of Omaha on June 6, 1944 was prepared. The proclamation will be read by the Carroll County Commissioners on June 3, 2021 in memory of the D-Day landing.

The Bi-monthly meetings for the remainder of the year for Post 48 will be June 24th, August 26th and October 28th.

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 or the Welfare Officer, Charles Foreman know of any veteran dealing with an illness or a deceased family member.

Be safe and stay healthy.

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
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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.

Post 110 held a meeting on 14 April via Zoom that was very well attended. There were 15 members at the meeting.

Several of our post members are preparing for the activation of the 29th Division HQ for its deployment in May. In particular, COL Jared Lake, who was senior field artillery officer for the 29th Division, will play a significant leadership role in Kuwait. He is now Division Chief of Staff. The Post is keeping in close contact to see what we can do to support their needs.

This month they are on their way to Fort Hood for additional training prior to their deployment to Kuwait and the Middle East.

We are hoping to hear from COL Lake while he is deployed to share the status and experience of the troops in Kuwait. Look for updates in future issues of *The Chin Strap*.

We wish them God speed and safe and effective deployment.

If you have not paid your dues for 2021, please send a check to Ed Rodier honor of finally meeting Paul at

Future meetings/events:

Next Post meeting: 14 July at 1900 via Zoom.

PC Ginsburg will send the Zoom invitation approximately one week before the meeting.

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

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

Hope all are well and safe. Thanks for all your support for the 29th Division Association, Norfolk Post 5, and all associated events. Unfortunately, COVID and access restrictions are still complicating the planning for upcoming events. As such, unfortunately, the pre-Memorial Day Post meeting and ceremony at the Forest Lawn Cemetery are cancelled.

Meeting Room Renovations Update: Post 5 meeting and museum room renovations at the Armory are completed and we are working to reorganize museum artifacts in a more chronological fashion. However, existing items mainly consist of WWII artifacts and we desire to make it more inclusive of later times. Therefore, the Post is seeking items for display related to the 29th Division and/or 1-111th Field Artillery, from the Korean War up to modern times. We request items such as photos, newspaper clippings (originals preferred), war souvenirs, items purchased abroad, etc., via loan or donation to display. By including more recent "history" of the units, younger Soldiers that are currently serving will see more of a connection with the post and the 29th Association.

Facility Access Still A Work in Progress: Post Commander John Lane is working to determine facility access details and protocols due to increased security restrictions added for the facility and facility grounds. Gate access for getting on the property is dependent on personnel on site and thus not always assured since renovations are still ongoing and the facility is not always manned. John with the assistance of Joel Harris regularly visits the Armory on

most Wednesdays. If you are interested in joining them to help or just check out what is happening, call John on his cell at (757) 409-1813.

Memorial Day Meeting and Service at Forest Lawn Cemetery:

Due to continued uncertainties of restrictions as mentioned above, we will not have a Post meeting on the 29th of May or service at the Forest Lawn Cemetery on the 31st. However, John is planning to place our wreaths and flags at the cemetery's D-Day monument and then hang around for a while to greet who any should stop by to visit and talk. So, feel free to visit the Forest Lawn Cemetery on Memorial Day (31 May) at 11 AM and talk to John.

2021 Meeting Schedule: Post 5 meets twice yearly on the Saturdays before Memorial and Veterans Day from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at the Norfolk Readiness Center (Armory). As stated above, our first meeting of the year that was to be held Saturday, 29 May, is cancelled as well as the Memorial Day ceremony at Forest Lawn Cemetery on Monday, 31 May. Our next meeting will be held 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 to those whose membership expires the end of 2020. We also send a letter to Life members so that they or family can respond with status changes. Thanks to all who have responded to date! Norfolk Post 5 currently has 46 members.

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, 340 Aragona Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23462-2702

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Limestone Post 1-72, Baltimore, MD
Maryland Region
Commander: Lee Hofmann

No report.

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

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

We belatedly became aware of the death of Post 93 WWII veteran John Guadino. John was awarded both the Silver Star and Bronze Star for his service with the 111th Field Artillery Battalion.

John's valor as a radio operator in a 111th observation team is chronicled in 29th Division Historian Joseph Balkoski's book *Our Tortured Souls: The 29th Infantry Division in the Rhineland*.

In the November 1944 battle, chronicled in news coverage as "The Lost Company of Koslar," his unit survived a two-day siege against long odds.

"Drinking rain water and treating their wounds with blood plasma dropped to them from Cub planes, (they) held out heroically against superior German forces until another battalion fought its way to Koslar and rescued them," the Associated Press reported.

Guadino was among four members of the "Lost Company" to receive Silver Stars. Balkoski writes that the Germans were so close that the combatants could see each other from basement windows in a building surrounding a courtyard.

After the war, John owned the H & B Tool and Engineering Company of Connecticut.

This month, we welcome another Legacy member. Tom Claassen, of Pennsylvania, joined to honor the 29th Division service of his father.

Over 80% of our members have paid their 2021 dues. If you have not paid, please add your name to that list. That support is essential to the mission of the Association. If you have questions about your dues status, 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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Silver Spring Post 94, Silver Spring, MD
Maryland Region
Commander: Jay Garrison

No report.

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.

*Jay Garrison, Commander,
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No meetings scheduled.

Eastern Shore Post 88, Cambridge, MD
Maryland Region
Commander: Jon Black

Greetings from the Members and Ladies of Post 88 from the beautiful Eastern Shore of Maryland. Governor Hogan is loosened the restraints that have held the Post back. Baseball season has started and students are graduating from all levels of schools. This should be happy times for a number of families.

We need to remember Memorial Day at the end of the month and

soon to follow DDAY for our fellow 29ers. It appears that both Memorial Day services at the State Cemetery and Long Wharf will occur this year. Hope to see you at these events.

Until we meet in person.

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
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Florida West Post 2, Sarasota, FL
At-Large Region
Commander & Finance Officer: Sean Malloy

During our meeting on May 15th, a small, but loyal group raised a glass to our Mother's on this Mother's Day weekend. Those in attendance; Post Chaplain Pastor Philip Bliss, Vice Commander Eric Smith, Dennis Eiss and his wife Libby. Unfortunately, I had relinquished our favored backroom spot to a crowd of thirty who celebrated a 50th high school reunion. The restaurant had apologized for not informing us, but considering our small group, it worked out well.

We discussed the plans to start the Summer break after our D-Day celebration meeting on June 12th. We will reconvene again on the third Saturday in September. Thank you for all of those keeping up with your dues. We cannot continue without you!

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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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 missed seeing each other even at a safe distance. We plan to meet June 2 for our next meeting. We will be meeting at the North East VFW. The meeting will start at 10am. We would love to see you again!!

If you feel uncomfortable meeting in person, please reach out to our fellow comrades and check on them. It is so hard to deal with the loneliness of this time.

Stay healthy and safe as possible. **The next meetings will be July 7, August 4, and September 1, 2021.**

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.

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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:
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Chester, VA 23831-6536.**

Todd Hubbard, Provisional Finance Officer:
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Maryland Region
Commander: **Bernie Liswell**

The Maryland Region elected new officers at their meeting on 10 May 2021. Bernie Liswell of Post 88 was elected Region Commander. Dick Snyder, of Post 110 was elected Senior Vice Commander. Pete Hinz, of Post 78 was elected Junior Vice Commander.

The other officers elected were: Ed Tolzman, Finance Officer; Bill DeHaven, Chaplain; Houston Matney, Judge Advocate; Gil Crosby, Welfare Officer; and Franklin Shilow, Sergeant-at-Arms.

William Mund was appointed Region Adjutant and Editor/Publisher of the *Chin Strap*.

William S. Mund, Jr., Adjutant

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William S. Mund, Jr.
Editor

REMINDER

The online store is open and available for ordering 24/7. All items purchased from the store generate income for the Association. If you are unable to order online or have a question feel free to email or call me for assistance. Remember the simplest way to get to the online store is from the Association webpage.

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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**

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 Bukovac, Joseph, Post 2, Edwardsville, IL
 Claassen, Thomas, Post 93, New Kensington, PA
 Fleming, Cathy, Post 5, Hazlet, NJ
 Keys, Jerimy, Post 64, Stanton, TX
 Lavernhe, Frederic, Post 93, France
 Long, Janet, Post 64, Northfield, MN
 Mahovlic, Dean, Post 78, Westerville, OH
 Raymond, Nicholas, Post 94, Mt. Washington, KY
 Rhodes, Bill, Post 84, Roanoke, VA
 Zeller, William, Post 85, Bel Air, MD

Returned With Blessings

Recently I was going through some items at my boyhood home. I found an old candy box with my name on it. It was in my Grandmother's handwriting. She had lived with my family. Imagine my surprise when upon opening it I found many small envelopes. They contained the small monetary gifts I had given her at Christmas. She had never opened the gifts, but had put them away for me. I was overwhelmed. There was not that much money, but that did not matter. It was the thoughtfulness and the love of my Grandmother that spoke to me.

The thought came to me that this is the way it is with God's love. We cannot out give him. Dr. Luke says, "In Him we live and move and have our being. He gives to all richly." And Paul asked the question, "What do you have that you have not received?" God finds delight in giving. And whatever we give to him, time, talent, treasure, etc. He returns to us with More Blessings.

John Schildt

2021 Annual Reunion & Convention at the Wyndham Gettysburg, PA October 28-31, 2021

The daily room rate is \$114 for up to 3 days before and 3 days after the Convention proper.
 More details to follow in the upcoming edition of the *Twenty-Niner*.

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Mike Krauss, Post 1-72, Goldsboro, NC, *In memory of PNC Sam Krauss*
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