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Post Reports

Lantern Post 729, Waynesboro, PA

Maryland Region

Commander: Richard Happel

Not much happening currently at Post 729. The weather in Waynesboro, PA has been somewhat mild, still attendance has been down a little. I am sure everyone is looking forward to Spring.

Lantern Post 729 meets the 3rd Thursday at 8:00 AM at the Parlor House. Guests are always welcome. Stay safe!

*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.***

*George Hill, Vice Commander
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Eder-George Post 85, North East, MD

Maryland Region

Commander: Howard Bond

Greetings to all from the members of Eder-George Post 85!! Welcome 2023!!

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN MARCH!! Our next meeting will be **April 5, 2023**. We will be meeting at the North East VFW. The meeting will start at 10am. Keep in mind, if Harford or Cecil county schools are canceled due to inclement weather, there will be no meeting.

We are hoping to get some new members interested in joining our Honor Guard, please let me know if you might be interested. Our current members are looking for some younger members to be able to carry on the tradition. We have made the decision to greatly reduce the opportunities for our Honor Guard. Unless we get new members for the Honor Guard, we will be holding 3 events each year. The next one will be Memorial Day. If more information is requested, please contact me.

Stay healthy and safe as possible. The next meetings will be **April 5, May 3, and June 7, 2023**. 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
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Jerome L. Day Post 48, Westminster, MD

Maryland Region

Commander: Frank Rauschenberg

As a reminder, January 2023 annual dues are now due. Several comrades have not paid their dues for 2022 and are delinquent.

Whether you are active in Post 48 or not, you're still important to us.

Please take a moment and send your dues to P.O. Box 1564, Westminster, MD 21158.

The post is active in numerous veteran's activity's such as the dedication of the Farinholt bridge sign. See upcoming events. We need you.

The January 26th meeting was well attended and conducted by Senior Vice Commander Bill Rosier in my absence. Upcoming events were discussed.

Upcoming Events

June 1, 2023 we will recognize the 79th D-Day Anniversary on 6 June, with a proclamation by the county and state of Maryland.

For additional information, contact Frank M. Rauschenberg 240-367-6110.

Welfare

Post Adjutant, Walt Dyky had his surgery in February and his home recuperating. Members of Post 48 wish him a speedy recovery.

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(s) dealing with an illness or a deceased family member. Comrade Foreman can be reached at 410-848-9321.

Meetings

Next monthly meetings for Post 48 will be February 23, 2023, March 30, and April 27 at the American Legion in Westminster. Dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7pm and out by 8:15pm.

As always, if you know a veteran(s) in need, please let me know asap and I will reach out to resources available to them.

“Keeping the Spirit Alive that never knew defeat and to glorify our dead and to further keep before our country, the record of the 29th Division.”

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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our monument at Florida West Post 2 will be able to proudly display this symbol representing strength and unity for years to come!

Now the true work must be done; the actual construction and placement on the solemn grounds of the Sarasota National Cemetery. Within the weeks ahead I will be meeting with the cemetery director and the monument company staff to ensure that the process continues with exactness and care.

Once the monument is completed, delivered and is resting on its base, I will announce the unveiling date. I am hoping that our Veterans can attend this event! This is truly my proudest moment since serving as your Post Commander. My dedication to your sacrifice will continue as long as I live, because you gave so much for all of us. I believe this testimony to your patriotism and love of this country will endure forever! Thank you for all you have done!

On a more practical note; Our live meetings will continue on the third Saturday of every month at the Bradenton Red Lobster. Hope to see you all there! Please visit 29thDivisionAssociation.com for more updates and ways to support and join our cause to retain the heroic legacy of the 29th Infantry Division. Visit the Florida West Post 2 Facebook page as well!

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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Florida West Post 2, Sarasota, FL

At-Large Region

Commander & Finance Officer: Sean Malloy

They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate. Franklin D. Roosevelt, from his radio broadcast of 6, June 1944

It's official! The Veterans Administration and the National Cemetery Association has formally approved the construction of the Florida West Post 2 Monument honoring our members who have bravely fought in WWII with the 29th Infantry Division. This is something that our Post has longed for; recognition for their service overseas in the battle to defeat tyranny.

This approval comes at the right time! Our Association witnessed the possibility that we might see the erasure of the iconic and historic 29th Division patch forever, however through the efforts of our Past National Commander and the entire membership of the 29th Division Association, it has been saved! Now



Cosmo Uttero, H/175th Infantry, and Mike Crouch, B/121st Engineers, proudly display the framed face of the proposed Florida West Post 2 Monument to be erected at the Sarasota National Cemetery.

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

Southern Region

Interim Commander: Fred Bolton

Hope all are well so far into New Year. Thanks for all your support for the 29th Division Association, Norfolk Post 5 (NP5), and all associated events.

Status: As reported, interim Norfolk Post 5 (NP5) acting officers are COL (Ret) Fred Bolton as Post Commander and BG Paul Griffin as Vice Commander. In addition, custody to NP5's bank accounts at TRUIST bank have been transferred to myself and my wife Janice as a backup, who is also former Post Commander John Lane's daughter. We will maintain the accounts until such time others can step in. Anyone interested?

Museum Room: On 3 November, we held a ZOOM meeting concerning the reassembly of the museum room and placement of artifacts. An email was sent out to members detailing results and actions. SFC Brian Burnham and Sarah Burgos, Chief Curator, Museum of the Virginia National Guard, are working together to reorganize – along with preservation of delicate and deteriorating items – of museum artifacts in a more chronological fashion with a goal of having it completed by September 2023. The desire is to keep the focus mainly on the 111th. Intent is to have the museum room accessible to unit members (with artifacts secured) to allow awareness of

the materials and history of the organization. As requested, we would like to add items and photographs commemorating events and campaigns from more modern times. Existing items are mostly focused on the WWII era. If you can help with such items, please email Brian at "brian.r.burnham@gmail.com."

Member Dues: Dues for renewing members of NP5 are \$15 for one year, \$12.00 per year if you renew for 2 or more years by mail. There are no dues required for new members the first year. Dues for 2023 are now due and renewal letters have been sent to those owing dues for 2023. I will follow with a curtesy letter to those paid up through 2023 and beyond. You may renew on line via PayPal for \$15 at www.29thdivisionassociation.com. This online portal distinguishes between new (no dues) and renewing members. Website renewal payment limits dues to only one year with a charge of \$15. Please be sure to describe the online renewal payment as "Post 5 Dues." Please shoot me an email that you have renewed online. Otherwise, make checks payable to "Norfolk Post 5", and mail to me: Mr. Randy Hess, 2076 Timmerman Rd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29588-5472.

Randy Hess, Adjutant
rjshess@verizon.net

Stonewall Post 116, Staunton, VA

Southern Region

Commander: Barent Parslow

Post 116 members met for Lunch on the 10th of January at the Hometown Grill in Staunton VA. A very small crowd enjoyed a good lunch meal and covered several topics during conversation; some veteran griping, Post 116 meeting participation, future activities, you name it!

Our February meeting was hosted by the 29th Division Museum in Verona, VA on Thursday night the 16th. Members gathered in the new Library/Event room and brought their own beverages while the post served up several varieties of pizza from the local mom & pop favorite.

The Museum and Foundation have offered this location to be considered as the Post 116 "Home" for the Thursday Evening meetings. So, mark you calendars or put the dates and location in your phone. **Always at the Museum, Always at 1830, Always on Thursdays, Always food provided and BYOB! APR 13th, JUN 15th, AUG 17th, OCT 12th and DEC 14th.**

The 29th Division Museum is leading another Normandy D-Day trip in September 2023. Call the museum at 540-248-0116 to get info if you are interested.

The next 116th Regiment Muster will be held on Saturday, 11 November 2023! Friday Night reception at the Museum on Friday 10 November. Save the dates and mark your calendars now!

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

FUTURE POST 116 MEETING 13 March 2023 & 9

May. Lunch Meal and meeting. 1145 Hours, LOCATION IS TBD, Check our Facebook Page!

The **Winchester 3-116th** veteran's group is meeting at the GOLDEN CORRAL in Winchester, VA. Meetings are on the second Monday of each month @0900. Next Meetings should be 13 March, 2023, April 10th and May 8th.

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

Jimmy Kilbourne, Finance Officer
post116hqs@gmail.com

New England Post 93, Northeast & Worldwide

At-Large Region

Commander: Fran Sherr-Davino

We mourn the passing of one of the few remaining WWII vets in Post 93. Ralph Serra died in December at age 97.

"Ralph was a hero in every sense of the word," his obituary reads. "At the young age of 18, he fought courageously in World War II and received two Purple Hearts. For his participation in the invasion of Normandy, he was awarded France's highest civilian and military distinction, the Legion of Honor. Ever so humble, Ralph was quoted in a Boston newspaper thanking the "French government for being so thoughtful."

Post 93 dues enable us to make a donation to the Association in Ralph's name. If you have not paid your 2023 dues, please do so that we can continue to make these donations and also support projects that honor those who served in the 29th Division.

We want to welcome several new members who have joined in the past months: Dennis de Munck and J.W. van Lingen of the Netherlands, Sean Claxton of France, and Scott Rayl whose website, www.storiesbehindthestars.org, works to tell the stories of the 420,000 Americans who lost their lives in World War II.

.Dues for Post 93 are \$20/year, but \$12/year for veterans. Dues may be paid for two years: \$35/two years, but \$20/two years for veterans. Please make check payable to: Post 93 and mail to: **Neil Ungerleider, 34 Maple Avenue, Boxford, MA 01921-1424.**

Neil Ungerleider, Finance Officer
neilungerleider@gmail.com



Ralph Serra

Larkspur Post 110, Pikesville, MD

Maryland Region

Commander: PNC David Ginsburg

There were no post meetings in January and February. Our next meeting will be via Zoom on 8 March.

We were contacted by the new Mission BBQ Ambassador who would like to meet with us at the NCO Club and provide lunch. We have not yet set a date but will notify everyone when it is slated.

Update on the Pikesville Armory

The Pikesville Armory Foundation has selected a developer for the project - Seawall. Seawall is Baltimore based and has completed a number of successful projects across Baltimore including Lexington Market and R. House in Remington, a Baltimore City neighborhood. They have a track record of community involvement in their projects - a key to making the Pikesville Armory project work.

The entire project now has a name - Armory Place. We hope to take title from the County in the May/June timeframe (there have been some delays due to the Maryland Department of General Services not getting the appraisal done for 7 months). We are finalizing the drawings for the NCO Club, so that we can put that phase (roughly \$2m) out for competitive bid almost simultaneously with taking ownership of the property.

We held multiple meetings with the Baltimore County about their needs at Armory Place including the possible relocation of the Pikesville Library, Senior Center, and Baltimore County Culinary Arts Program to the Reservation (probably in the Edwards Building). The NCO Club will continue to be the home of the veterans, as well as providing offices on the 2nd floor for Baltimore County Parks and Recreation. The main armory building will include basketball courts and recreational opportunities, and the back fields will include walking paths, a playground, and a soccer field.

Stay tuned for more updates as the project moves forward.

Future meetings/events: March 8 at 8:00 PM via Zoom

Donation checks to Post 110 should be made payable to: Post 110 and mailed to: Ed Rodier, 13344 Cove Landing Rd., Bishopville, MD 21813-1102.

If you are not getting the email updates on the Post or the electronic version of the Chin Strap, please contact the Commander at dginzu@gmail.com

*PNC David Ginsburg, Commander
dginzu@gmail.com*

Silver Spring Post 94, Silver Spring, MD

Maryland Region

Commander: Jay Garrison

Greetings again to all members of Post 94 far and wide. I hope everyone is enjoying the New Year. I still continue to stay in touch with family members of WWII 29er's on social media and enjoying sharing photos and documents related to the service of their family members.

No real updates this month but would still like to hear from any Post 94 members who would like to talk about ways that we can communicate with others even virtually!

We would like to thank those of you who have made a donation to Post 94 after receiving an email message soliciting donations. We hope that our members who do not utilize email will also make a

donation. Please send donations to the address listed in the paragraph below. Ok, that's it for now!

*Donations to Post 94 are encouraged. Please make check payable to: **Silver Spring Post 94** and mail to: **William Mund, 441 Chalfonte Drive, Baltimore, MD 21228-4017.***

*Jay Garrison, Commander,
clgarrison@verizon.net*

Limestone Post 1-72, Baltimore, MD

Maryland Region

Commander: PNC Robert E. Lee Wisch

All Limestone Post meetings are held on the **third Monday of each month except December at 1100** in the Veteran Corps Quarters of the Fifth Regiment Armory.

*Dues for Post 1-72 are \$15 a year. Please make check payable to: **Limestone Post 72**, and mail to: **Brian Becker, 11120 Douglas Ave., Marriottsville, MD 21104***

*Bob Wisch, Commander
wisch5vc@gmail.com*

Harry M. Richardson Post 64, Roanoke, VA

Southern Region

Commander: Richard Carr

No Report.

*Dues for Post 64 are \$20 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*

Eastern Shore Post 88, Cambridge, MD

Maryland Region

Commander: Jon Black

The Post Commander and Adjutant will be attending the Maryland Region Meetings in Pikesville and Futures Committee meetings as scheduled.

It is with great pain to notify Comrades and Ladies of the post that Katie's Diner closed at the end of February. Essentially, Post 88 will be homeless until a new meeting place may be established. This family diner changed names yet maintained ownership within the same family. The post was grateful for the hospitality opening on Wednesdays for years to allow meetings to take place. For those that had the opportunity to meet there will always retain the great memories of fellowship.

It is great sorrow to report the passing of Comrade James Fitzhugh. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Elections of the Post will take place after this submission for publication and results will be in the next writing.

The Commander would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter Holiday as well.

The next meeting will be May 10, 1300 at a location to be determined. Bernie Liswell will send out information in April. If you are not receiving information from please email at cdrb2115@comast.net. Hope to see everyone there at the next meeting.

Dues for Post 88 are \$12 a year and \$5 for Auxiliary members.

Please make check payable to Post 88 and mail to: **Bernie Liswell, 24690 Pealiquor Road, Denton, MD 21629-2301.**

*Jon D. Black, Commander
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Cresap's Rifles Post 78, Frederick, MD

Maryland Region

Commander: James Hutts

Happy New Year and almost Spring to everyone. We hope this finds you happy and healthy. We met Wednesday, February 8, 2023. At 6:30p.m. We ask all members who have not paid 2023 dues, to please do this ASAP! Any questions about dues, please email Patti Humphreys Pahumphreys@outlook.com.

Also if you have any welfare information, please forward to Patti as well. Currently working on a Spring Newsletter (on a smaller scale). We will be having an event at Myersville Fire Hall to combine a few different events. We have picked May 20,2023 to place the flags at the local cemeteries in Frederick MD and surrounding counties.

Our next Post 78 meetings are: March 8th, April 12th, May 10th all beginning promptly at 6:30 pm at William Talley Rec. Center (Old Frederick Armory 3rd floor). Meetings are open to anyone.

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 21702-0882.**

*Kelly Toms, Adjutant
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HQs Post 29, Richmond, VA

Southern Region

Provisional Commander: Tim Williams

Welcome to the New Year of 2023! Post 29 ended 2022 with the *Wreathes Across America* event at the Richmond National Ceremony. Thanks to everyone who participated. We enjoyed some fellowship and beverages after the event. Encourage everyone to place this on your calendar for December of this year!



Left to right: Todd Hubbard, John Calley, Hugh Adams, Jim Holden, Jaycee Shaver, Jim Ring, at the Richmond National Cemetery.

The Post is working plans for our upcoming meetings this spring. Details to follow via email, but will be in the Richmond area. We plan to set themes for our next meetings based on some of the recent deployments.

If you are interested in joining our Post, please email:

Dry Spells

Much of the United States is a drought, the land is parched. There are also dry spells in the spiritual day. God seems far away; our prayers seemingly bounce off the clouds. But the spiritual dry spells will pass. Showers of blessing will fall. Our God reigns.

John Schildt

hqpost29@gmail.com Please remember to pay this year's dues (\$15.00) at [Please remember to pay this year's dues \(\\$15.00\) at 29thdivisionassociation.com](http://Please remember to pay this year's dues ($15.00) at 29thdivisionassociation.com), or mail to **Post 29 / Todd Hubbard at 13903 Highpaige Way, Chester VA 23831.**

*Todd Hubbard, Finance Officer
HQPOST29@gmail.com*

Maryland Region

Commander: Dick Snyder

It's hard to believe that we are almost a quarter way through this year already. I'm happy to pass on some good news.

The "Friends of Medal Honor Grove" have made some major repairs to the 29th Infantry Pavilion at Valley Forge Pa. Using the money we gave them, and money from their own organization, they replaced the roof of the pavilion and safety railing around the pavilion. I believe they are also making upgrade to the nearby benches.

We need to give a big Thank You to PNC Joe Zang for his hard work to keep us focused on maintaining this great facility. If you have time this spring, please visit the Medal of Honor Grove. If you visit their website, friendsmohgrove.org, you can see the before and after photos.

As I have stated before, nothing can replace the time we spend together when we are able to engage in conversation and share news and ideas.

The next Maryland Region Meeting will be held at the Pikesville NCO Club on Monday 13 March 2023, 11:00 am.

Please try to attend. We are very fortunate to be able to meet in this location and to nurture friendships on a regular basis.

Thank you for your continuing support of 29th Division Association.

*Dick Snyder, MD Region Commander
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29th Division Ranger Battalion

Morning Reports are now available on our website, 29div.com, courtesy of member **Julie Belanger of Post 93.**

Chin Strap Supporters

We have received financial support for the *Chin Strap* from the individuals listed below in the last 2 months. 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.**

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Thank you, for your help

SAVING OUR PATCH!



Our most urgent cause in 2022 was to defend our famous and iconic Blue & Gray shoulder patch from the work of the DOD's Naming Commission to have the patch retired. We were successful in that effort.