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## Post Reports

### Lantern Post 729, Waynesboro, PA

Maryland Region

**Commander: George Hill**

Lantern Post 729 annual Christmas dinner was held December 4 at the Parlor House Restaurant in Waynesboro, PA. Attendance was exceptional with over 30 attending. Christmas music and dinner was enjoyed by all.

Post 729's last meeting this year was December 21. Discussion will be for changing the meeting to a later time, but still meeting on the third Thursday. Further discussion on this topic will continue at the next meeting on January 18.

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, Commander  
Gfhill1460@aol.com

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

Southern Region

**Interim Commander: Fred Bolton**

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

Memorial / Veteran's Day Events: On 11/11/23 at 1100, we had a ceremony for Veteran's Day at the Forest Lawn Cemetery. SFC Brian Burnham officiated the ceremony and Major Travis Roth, the Executive Officer for the 111th Field Artillery, was our speaker at the event. Thanks to these gentlemen and all who came to the event to honor all who serve and have served our armed forces.

ZOOM Meetings: We are holding recurring Zoom meetings every other month, on the 4th Thursdays of the even months, to continue discussing museum room progress as well as other Post 5 business as appropriate. I notify members via email with the ZOOM link before the meeting date. If you want to join us and have not provided me with your email, please email me your information. By the time you get this *Chin Strap* report I will have sent out dues renewal and membership status letters. You will have the opportunity to update your information there as well.

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. You may renew on line via PayPal for \$15 at [www.29thdivisionassociation.com](http://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

### Eder-George Post 85, North East, MD

Maryland Region

**Commander: Valerie Simmers**

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

**Our next meeting will be January 3, 2024.** We will be meeting at the North East VFW. The meeting will start at 10am. **One change, please enter using the side door towards the back.**

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 Weekend. If more information is requested, please contact me.

Stay healthy and safe as possible. **The next meetings will be February 7, March 6, and April 3, 2024.** Keep in mind during winter if Cecil or Harford County Schools are closed due to inclement weather, there will be no meeting.

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, Commander  
vhawk0926@gmail.com

**Eastern Shore Post 88, Cambridge, MD**

Maryland Region

**Commander: Jon Black**

Greetings from Delmarva, Since the last writing Post 88 has found a new home at American Legion Post 243 located in Hurlock, Maryland. This group of veterans welcomed our organization with open arms. Since meeting at this location for our May and June meetings attendance has started to rise again. Since then some options have come up to move again. A work group is looking at those options. **Our next meeting is March 13, 2024 @1300 at the Cambridge Diner trying to get the Post back home.**

The Post formulated a committee that worked hard planning the Crab Feast that took place on October 7, 2023. I was not satisfied with the participation but for those that attended the crabs were full and the networking and socializing among the members that attended was great. Thank you Buddy Cox in leading this charge.

The Post held the Holiday Meal at VFW Meuse Post 194 in Salisbury. The 29th Division fought in the Meuse-Argonne region of France in 1918 that this post gets the name. The meal was great and many members commented on how good this was. Thanks to Adjutant Liswell to spearhead this event.

The Post is conducting a blanket and sock drive in multiple counties for the holiday season. This endeavor is not complete but I can assure the readers this will be a success. Elections will be coming up and the Adjutant will be looking for a slate of officers. If you have interest please reach out. There are many members filling multiple rolls. Let us try to spread the burden.

If you have not paid, please rejoin and send dues to Bernie Liswell. My goal for this year is still to reach 200 for 2024. The post has never reached my goal but I feel we can do this together pulling in former 29ers.

I had the opportunity to visit another Post and was welcomed. I intend to visit other posts in the near future to see how others conduct meetings.

On a sad note, please keep the family of Comrade Jesse Hurley 115th Infantry serving in Cambridge. Comrade Hurley was a director of Post 88 who went to be with our Lord and Savior in November 2024.

*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*

*cdrb2115@comcast.net*

**Cresap's Rifles Post 78, Frederick, MD**

Maryland Region

**Commander: Pete Hinz**

Post 78 met on the November 8th and December 13th Wednesdays of 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

The November meeting began with a recap of the Convention and of ideas garnered during the Business Meeting and in discussions with other Association members. First, we located our Post Colors and will be sure they are present at appropriate future events. We looked at designing a Post pin (with a QRC code) and a Post coin as ways to recognize/publicize the Post towards increasing membership.

We discussed the need to update Post information on the Associ-

ation web page. After Convention discussions, we discussed various 29th ID signs in the Post 78 area (including two signs and the Memorial on US Route 15) – at least two require attention by SHA or the City of Frederick.

In a brief December meeting, after minutes were approved, regular Post business was tabled until the January meeting and the meeting was adjourned and we completed the 150 holiday gift bags for veterans at seven Frederick area senior care facilities. Each bag contains a Post Christmas Card, Patriotic cap, socks, a dental hygiene kit, and a Post mug especially prepared for the bags. They will be delivered during the week before Christmas.

**Our next Post 78 meetings will be in 2024 on January 10th and February 14th** beginning at 6:30 pm at William Talley Recreation Center (Old Frederick Armory), 3rd floor. Meetings are open to anyone.

Please send any welfare information or updates to Patti Humphreys at **Pahumphreys@outlook.com**.

*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.** Any questions about dues that are not paid, please email Patti Humphreys **Pahumphreys@outlook.com**.*

*Kelly Toms, Adjutant*

*kjt063@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 has had a safe and blessed holiday season as we said goodbye to 2023 and welcomed 2024!

During this brand new year I would like to reach out to members to explore any ideas of how we might meet virtually if not in person to talk about how we can share our experiences and support the Association! Please let me know via e-mail or phone.

*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, 703.303.2150.*

**Jerome L. Day Post 48, Westminster, MD**

Maryland Region

**Commander: Bill Rosier**

Hope you all had a peaceful and joyful holiday. Post 48 last met on 26 October for our regular meeting. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our regular meeting for the November meeting due to poor attendance. We currently have several members who were down with Covid, one down with an illness and two down for surgery. We wish all well and speedy recovery during this holiday season.

Most of our active members participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony on 16 December at St. Lukes cemetery in Union Bridge, Md. Our post lead the ceremonies by MCing, laying ceremonial wreaths. We were assisted by VFW Post 467 (Honor Guard), Scout Group 582 (Colors Posting) and taps by Kate Irwin from VFW Post 467. During the ceremony 53

wreaths were laid on veteran's graves. A somber ceremony but well received by all in attendance.

I recently learned of the passing of a good friend of our post, PNC Robert Wisch. Prayers and condolences to his wife Linda during this difficult time.

Our Post did not hold a December meeting due to the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Again, several members are under distress and recovering from surgeries. Here's to a healthy and speedy recovery to Former Post Commander Frank Rauschenberg and comrade Roland Haines.

**Post 48 next meeting will be on 25 January 2024 at the American Legion in Westminster at 1900 hours.**

*Annual dues are due. \$15 a year can be paid in person at our next meeting or mailed to: PO Box 1564, Westminster, MD. 21158.*

*Please make check payable to: Jerome L. Day, Post 48.*

*Bill Rosier, Commander  
bill9153@hotmail.com*

### Florida West Post 2, Sarasota, FL

At-Large Region

**Commander & Finance Officer: Sean Malloy**

Many thanks to those members and friends who attended the recent dedication ceremony of the Florida West Post 2, 29th Infantry Division Monument at the Sarasota National Cemetery. It was a long time in coming, and well worth the effort to get it done. The main focus was to shine the light on our World War II Veterans, not just from Florida, but from all over the world who bravely fought for our Freedom.

I would like to thank the 29th Division Association for their financial support and guidance during the long process to get this project completed. I would like to thank the Cycadia Monument Company, St. Petersburg for their incredible craftsmanship and professionalism, especially during many supply chain setbacks and pandemic slowdowns. Thank you to Ms. Laura Pommier, Port Charlotte for her detailed artistry of the monument face, it was perfect! Lastly, to those members and friends who supported my idea to honor our Veterans in this way. I couldn't have gone ahead without your OK.

Florida West Post 2 continues on to honor and support our Veterans and their families. While we have reached this project goal; through financial support from the 29th Division Association and private donations, we are still in need of help to continue to provide luncheons and special events for our existing members and their families. Recruiting has always been tough sledding, so we are appealing to anyone who wants to preserve and promote the legacy of Freedom that our WWII Veterans so valiantly fought for.

Young or old, you are welcome! Please go to 29Div.com for more information. If you would like to donate to our Post, please go to: FWP2.BETTERWORLD.ORG

**Next meeting is January 20, 2024.**

*Dues for Post 2 are \$12 a year. Please make check payable to: Florida West Post 2, 524 Rio DeJaneiro Avenue # 202, Punta Gorda, FL 33983*

*Sean P. Malloy, Commander  
sean.malloy@rocketmail.com*

### Larkspur Post 110, Pikesville, MD

Maryland Region

**Commander: PNC David Ginsburg**

The Larkspur Post sends best wishes for a happy new year to all of our comrades.

We held our Post Holiday luncheon on Wednesday, 13 December at the NCO Club in Pikesville. We had a good turnout, but unfortunately Post Commander and PNC Ginsburg and Amy were not able to attend due to a doctor appointment that went way over schedule. We really missed you!

Our good friends from Mission BBQ catered the meal with a spread of barbeque, coleslaw, southern style green beans, mac and cheese, slider rolls and cornbread. It was delicious!

The attendees were treated to a new set of artist's renditions of the future Pikesville Armory campus displayed on easels throughout the meeting area. Onyx Development and Seawall are working with the Pikesville Armory Foundation to provide the community with athletic fields, cultural events, meeting and event venues, significant public art, walking paths, an accessible playground, gardens, and classrooms.

Most important to Post 110 and the 29th Division Association, work on the NCO Club is planned to begin in late March or early April, 2024 and extend throughout the rest of the calendar year. In the meantime, PNC Ginsburg has secured meeting space at the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company that is conveniently located very close to the NCO Club to serve in the interim as the NCO Club is restored.

March meeting date to be determined.

*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](mailto:dginzu@gmail.com)"*

*Frank Armiger, Executive Director  
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### Stonewall Post 116, Staunton, VA

Southern Region

**Commander: Barent Parslow**

**No Report.**

*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  
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### 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](mailto:rcarr7102@yahoo.com)*

**Limestone Post 1-72, Baltimore, MD**

Maryland Region

**Commander: Lee Hofmann**

**No report.**

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: **Bill DeHaven, 139 Chestnut Hill Lane, Reisterstown, MD 21136.***

*Lee Hofmann, Commander  
jazzzer6@comcast.net*

**New England Post 93, Northeast & Worldwide**

At-Large Region

**Commander: Fran Sherr-Davino**

Post 93 had a strong year for membership and dues paid last year, increasing by 30 percent. Our members can be assured that dues money is used only for projects that keep alive the history of service and sacrifice of the 29th Division. With the 80th Anniversary of D-Day this year, those dues are especially important.

If you plan to be in Normandy for the 80th, and are not traveling in Fran Sherr-Davino's group, please let me know. There will be ceremonies in the small towns and villages liberated by the 29th Division. All Post 93 members are welcome at those and to attend a lunch, at no charge, that we are planning while we are there.

We thank Post 93 member Susan Kearney who traveled to Bodmin Keep, UK, in October, for the dedication of a restored plaque (see photo on page 5) honoring the 3,720 men of the 29th Division who died in the battles to liberate Europe. Many 29ers trained there for the invasion. The cost was funded, in part, by a significant contribution using member dues.

Many of you have already paid your 2024 dues, by paying for two years at once. If you owe dues for this year, please see the details below. Dues may also be paid via Paypal at <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/Post93>.

*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*

**HQs Post 29, Richmond, VA**

Southern Region

**Provisional Commander: Tim Williams**

Fellow 29'ers, Members of the Post met on December 16th at the Richmond National Cemetery to lay wreaths as part of *Wreaths across America*. See photo on page 5. We have participated in this event the last 3 years, and it was another good event.

Our next meeting will be on **February 3rd, 1800, at Legends Brewery**. Theme for this meeting will be Afghanistan deployments. Please bring in your scrap books and good stories to share with friends.

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

*Todd Hubbard, Finance Officer  
[HQPOST29@gmail.com](mailto:HQPOST29@gmail.com)*

**Maryland Region**

**Commander: Pete Hinz**

Happy New Year! When you read this edition of The Chin Strap, we will have navigated (mostly enjoyable, I hope) the holiday season and all that it brings. I trust that some of your holiday time and your Post's activities included 29ers and other veterans.

In reflecting on the last year and on the Association and on its different events, activities, and occasions for Lynda and me, perhaps the most significant for me is my accepting the position of Commander of Post 78. For the past several years, my time has been primarily at the National level of the Association, and I did not have previous experience in any positions at the Post level (discounting time as the Adjutant of a VFW Post). I looked forward to having the chance to impact the Association at the key level of the organization – but I knew there would be a sharp learning curve after stepping up to Post Command.

I was reminded of time at the 121st Engineer Battalion when after my peer group moved into leadership positions we developed and implemented (as often as possible) a formal career track for junior officers that would lead to Company Command. We stressed Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer assignments, followed by Battalion staff time, preferably in one of the Assistant S-3 billets. This would ideally prepare a candidate for Company Command with thorough knowledge of how a Company functioned combined with experience, understanding and working relationships with the higher headquarters and staff. While the initiative could not be used for every potential Commander, over a period of several years the Battalion enjoyed a run of top-notch leadership at the Company level.

My takeaway is that as I move through my first year as Post 78 Commander, the knowledge, experiences, and relationships I have gained through the years of National (and Region, for that matter) are proving invaluable and will hopefully mitigate my lack of experience at Post operations. The takeaways for others? If you haven't served, or at least participated in National level events, you should do so – new ideas and problem solving come much more easily. And if you have been focused at the National level (as I was), consider returning to active involvement in your Post leadership and operation!

Let us all redouble our efforts in the Association to continue to do great things in honor of those who have gone before and we need to keep that tradition and our Association alive and vibrant!

The next Maryland Region Meeting will be **on Monday, 08 January 2024, at 11:00 a.m.** at the soon to be renovated NCO Club building at the Pikesville Amory.

*PNC Pete Hinz, Commander  
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The restored plaque at Bodmin Keep.



Cosmo R. Uttero, H/175th, 29th Infantry Division with daughter Elizabeth celebrating his recent 100th birthday and the dedication of the new 29th Infantry Division Monument at Sarasota National Cemetery.

## Emmanuel

There are many wonderful names for the Christ of Christmas. We think of words like Messiah, Savior, the Good Shepherd and a host of others. However, one of the greatest is the name that was given years in advance in Isaiah 7:14, and then repeated to Joseph in Matthew 1:18.

Long before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah said, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and you shall call his name Emmanuel, which means God with us." When Joseph was disturbed over Mary's account of the birth of the Messiah, he received a night visit from God and the assurance, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is the Holy Spirit. She shall bear a son and you shall call his name Emmanuel, which means God with us."

So there we are. Jesus left the splendor of heaven to share the arena of life with us. In a manner, almost beyond our understanding, He was divine, but also human. He walked "this lonesome valley." He grew tired, thirsty and hungry. He was despised and rejected of men. Yet, He was with us.

Therefore, we are not alone as we walk the hills and valleys of planet earth. The Christ of Christmas is with us. For among other things, CHRISTMAS MEANS EM-MANUEL....GOD WITH US.

John Schildt



Left to Right: Jim Holden, Hugh Adams, Colin Noyes, Charlie Martin, and MG Childers. Wreathes across America event.

## To all WWII Veterans of the 29th Division

Preparations are being made for the upcoming 80th anniversary of Operation Overlord, the June 06, 1944 D-Day landings in northwestern France.

The Greatest GENERATIONS Foundation offers any World War II veteran in good health who wishes to return to Normandy free airfare, hotel accommodations, and private transportation. The dates for programs are 01 to 10 JUNE 2024. **Applications must be received no later than 30 MARCH 2024.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The veterans must have served in the Battle of Normandy (Jun 6, 1944 – Aug 30, 1944) and provide a copy of their military discharge papers, also officially known as DD Form 214 or DD214. All veterans receive this Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty once they are out of the military. In a nutshell, the DD214 is proof of your military service. All branches use this same form.

Please submit inquiries directly to The Greatest GENERATIONS Foundation if you are interested.

Email: [info@tggef.org](mailto:info@tggef.org) or visit us online at: [www.TGGF.org](http://www.TGGF.org)

Sincerely,

Timothy DAVIS

President and CEO

The Greatest GENERATIONS Foundation

“Every Day is Memorial Day”

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