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Post Reports

Limestone Post 1-72, Baltimore, MD Maryland Region Commander: Bruce Roush

Post 1-72 regrets the passing of one of its long time leaders, Col. (Ret.) J. Brian Becker. Brian passed on 7 September 2024, just a few weeks before his 88th birthday. A memorial service was held on 16 September 2024.

The Post would like to thank all those from other Posts and the Region for their help doing the 29th Association's part of the service. A special thanks to Chaplain Richard Stem and Will Mund for their guidance in preparing for this service. We would ask everyone to hold Gail and the Becker family in their prayers.

Post 1-72's next meetings will be 18 November & 16 December the third Monday of each month 2024 at 11:00 AM at the 5th Regiment Armory in Baltimore, Maryland.

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.

Bruce Roush Commander bhrjr1@juno.com

Silver Spring Post 94, Silver Spring, MD Maryland Region Commander: Jay Garrison

Greetings Post 94 members. I hope that you have had a wonderful summer and now are enjoying the coolness of fall. As some of you may know I have been living in central North Carolina for the past five years after leaving the DC area.

Recently the western part of the State was hit by a terrible storm that has left some communities in ruins. I would like to thank the North Carolina National Guard for their efforts at responding to the emergency. Also the Virginia National Guard's response to damage done by the same storm in Southwest Virginia.

As 2024 slowly moves toward and end I would like to tell you of my plans moving forward. I will still be honored to work as Commander of Post 94 at least through 2025. My thoughts now go thinking about how we can keep the Post and its 125 members active over the next few years and beyond. In that sense I'd ask members to think about how they may pick up the baton, even remotely, in terms of administration of or serving in other positions in the Post.

In closing my wife and I wish everyone a safe and joyful holiday season with family and friends.

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.

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 November 6, 2024**. 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 will not be holding a meeting in December. We will have our meeting in November and the next meeting will be January 8th, 2025.

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

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Stay healthy and safe as possible. The next meetings will be **November 6, 2024, January 8, and February 5, 2025.**

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

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

I hope everyone had a great summer. It seems to have come and gone quickly!

Post 729 member, Dave Yohman, would like to report that the Ritchie History Museum is now open in the former Fort Ritchie / Camp Ritchie, in Cascade MD. It is worth a trip!

Post 729 Chaplain, Pastor Carl Batzel, will be honoring Veterans at the Hawley Memorial Presbyterian Church on November 10 at their 10:45 AM service. The Church is located at 14753 Charmian Road, Blue Ridge Summit PA. All Veterans are welcome to attend.

Post 729 meeting dates are the 3rd Thursday each month at 9:00 AM, at the Parlor House Restaurant, 724 S. Potomac St, Waynesboro, PA.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. A date has not been set for our Christmas party.

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, Past Commander Gfhill1460@aol.com

Jerome L. Day Post 48, Westminster, MD Maryland Region Commander: Bill Rosier

Greetings to all our fellow (and ladies) 29er's. Post 48 held its regular meeting On 26 September 2024 after our summer R & R. The attendance has improved slightly from our normal attendance numbers from past meetings. Although, still somewhat low they were better.

Membership voted unanimously to support the Viet Nam traveling wall by donating a \$ 500 check to Babylon Vaught who is currently the lead in bringing the wall to Carroll County in October of 2025. Several of our members additionally have also expressed an interest in assisting next October in several different areas upon the Wall's arrival.

Post 48 will again be hosting and taking the lead in the

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA ceremony at St. Lukes cemetery located in Union Bridge, MD. That ceremony as well as all of the ceremonies will take place on 14 December 2024 at 1200 hours.

Several members will be attending/ hosting a Veterans Day ceremony at Atlee Hill nursing home in Westminster on 11 November to present certificates and other gifts to our veterans.

During our meeting a report from the Annual Convention was given by members Richard Stem and Charles Forman. Both agreed that the convention was well organized and well received by all who attended.

We still currently have several members who are distressed and home unable to attend our regular meetings. Continued prayers to each on a speedy and successful recovery.

A huge shout out to our post Chaplain, Walt Sick for personally attending to the needs of one of those distressed members by driving to obtain new ID cards and MVA for a license renewal. Well done Walt !!!!!

It's time to start collecting annual dues of \$15 from our membership. Dues can be paid at our regular meetings or sent in.

Post 48 will host its meetings on the following dates: **31 October 2024**, **21 November 2024**, **December no regular meeting** (Christmas), **30 January 2025**.

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

Harry M. Richardson Post 64, Roanoke, VA Southern Region

Commander: Richard Carr

Our last post meeting was at the New Yorker Deli in Roanoke. We talked about future events for post Members at Veterans Day in Bedford, Roanoke, Bassett and Dublin. We also have Military App Night with the Roanoke Railyard Dawgs on 16 November.

Our next post meeting is 8 November at the New Yorker Deli. We are selling raffle tickets for a M-1 Rifle. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00. Please see Jeff Banick or any member of the post for your tickets. Drawing will be at our Holiday Meal on 7 December. Our Holiday Luncheon will be at the Melrose Masonic Lodge in Roanoke. We are pleased to announce that Brandon Cole has stepped up to be our New Communications Officer starting on 1 December.

We also have an upcoming event for "Wreaths Across America" at the SW Virginia Veterans Cemetery on 14 December. If you are able, please help out with this event.

Please start sending in your 2025 Dues, they are \$20.00; please reach out to Dean Jones or myself.

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

Stonewall Post 116, Staunton, VA Southern Region

Commander: Barent Parslow

The Post met for pizza and BYOB on Tuesday the 8th of October starting at 1800. The usual crowd attended (new members and old farts always welcome) and enjoyed learning about the plan to have the 2025 Reunion and Conference in Williamsburg VA in mid-September.

New Association National Commander, our own Jimmy Kilbourne, gave us a preview of some of the initiatives the association will undertake in the next few years. We also learned that we have raised \$365 towards our pledge of \$1,000 supporting the Association's new WWI monument that is being sculpted and placed in France to honor the 29th Division's WWI accomplishments.

The next 116th Regiment Muster will be held on Saturday, 9 November 2024! Friday Night reception at the Museum on Friday 8 November. Use this web link to find many more details and register: https://thecitizensoldier.org/muster/

All of our regular meetings will be an evening meeting at the 29th Division Museum in Verona, VA, starting at 1800, held on every Second Tuesday of EACH Month.

POST EMAIL ADDRESS: post116hqs@gmail.com

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

FUTURE POST 116 MEETINGS Tuesday 12 November @1800; AND Tuesday 10 December @1800. See you at the 29th Division Museum! Pizza Night and BYOB. 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 November 11th and December 9th.

<u>ANY</u> 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

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.

<u>Veteran's Day</u>: Veteran's Day is on Monday, 11 November. As of this writing, I have no word yet of any plans, but will let you know via email as soon as any plans develop. Stay tuned!

<u>ZOOM Meetings</u>: When notified, recurring Zoom meetings are held 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 will 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. I recently sent out renewal and membership status letters. Please update your information as requested.

<u>Member Dues Update</u>: There are no dues required this year for new, renewing, and reinstated/lapsed members. Please follow the instructions provided in the letter all should have received. Please shoot me an email if you did not receive a letter or send any updates to your information to Mr. Randy Hess, 2076 Timmerman Rd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29588-5472.

> Randy Hess, Adjutant rjshess@verizon.net

Florida West Post 2, Sarasota, FL At-Large Region

Commander & Finance Officer: Sean Malloy

As many of you know living here in Southwest Florida is not always a "picnic", sometimes it rains on our parade...hard! The month of October has been a very trying time for our local residents and WWII Veterans here. Two very powerful hurricanes had visited our area and left extensive damage in their wake. Hurricane Helene barreled through our area in the first week of October, one week later Hurricane Milton provided another battering ram punch that added salt to the wounds of suffering Southwest Florida's citizens.

We are now recovering, but for many the damage has been a total loss. Recently I had called for the cancellation of our Columbus Day Weekend meeting at the Bradenton Red Lobster due to the extensive damage and flooding in Sarasota County. It will take weeks, possibly months to get back to "normalcy" in the surrounding areas.

Our next meeting will be on 16 November at 12pm. We will be celebrating our Veterans who deserve all our praise for the great sacrifice they had shown in WWII to protect our Freedom here in America. We are thankful that we are able to continue this tradition in the face of two very devastating hurricanes. For those of you who are so inclined, please consider making a donation to your favorite "boots on the ground" emergency relief organization to help Southwest Florida and the surrounding States get back on their feet. 29 Let's Go!

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

New England Post 93, Northeast & Worldwide At-Large Region

Commander: Fran Sherr-Davino

Hello friends and post members of the 29th Infantry Division Association,

I regret to report that our Past Post 93 Commander Walter Ford Carter has passed away on August 22 and had a Celebration of Life on October 13th in Concord, Massachusetts. He was a WWII war orphan and leaves a legacy to his father, Dr Elmer Carter, 115th Infantry, who is buried in the Normandy American cemetery. Walter wrote a wonderful book about discovering who his father was when he found letters after his mother had passed. Please read his book: "No Greater Sacrifice, No Greater Love"

I hope those of you in France can visit the grave of Elmer Carter and say his name out loud so he will be remembered.

I am hoping everyone survived the hurricanes Helene and Milton and those living in the south did not have too much damage. It certainly has been the worse weather possible and tragic in many cases.

As we get ready for the presidential election and Thanksgiving and Hannukah the Christmas holidays, I am praying for everyone's safety and wishing everyone Joy. I hope you can spend it with family members and make new memories.

Please remember our soldiers who are deployed and those serving here at home. A lot of our National Guardsmen from Virginia served rescuing folks in Florida and cleaning up in Virginia. When you see a soldier don't forget to thank them for protecting us. Todays soldier is honorable, strong and well trained for his/her job.

If you can, please support groups like the USO or Support our Troops who assists soldiers connect with family by giving them Care packages. Let them know we care. Please read how and what to buy for a Care package on their websites.

We need to connect with each other and because we live in different states and countries, We are going to start with FaceTime or Zoom meetings in the new year! If you have any ideas for topics to cover, please email me! I look forward to hearing from you.

Dues for Post 93 are \$20/year, but \$12year 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.**

> Fran Sherr-Davino, Commander fsd104@icloud.com

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

The Post recently held our second Post COVID Crab Feast with just under fifty attending. I would like to thank again Comrade Hurley the Chair of this event and all others that assisted. From the comments received, as spoke with the many attendees this was a success. I personally thanked the VFW Post Commander Bailey when we met earlier this week.

Two locations have been received for meeting locations in Cambridge, one of the sites has been visited and will meet the needs of the Post. The second is our former location at the airport which is under new management. I will make it a point to visit and see if any arrangements can be made for the beginning of 2025.

The Post members will again be taking part in the many Veterans Day Ceremonies across the Lower Eastern Shore. The adjutant and I have been very busy with Division Association business at the Region and National level as well attending many in person and zoom events. The next MD Region Meeting will be taking place in a few weeks that the Adjutant and I will be attending. Since I am now the Vice Commander of National, we need to look for a new Post Commander in the spring. The next convention will be in Williamsburg and would like to see more participation from Post 88.

Our next meeting will be at VFW Meuse Post 194 in Salisbury for our Annual Holiday meal and meeting on December 11, 2024, at 13:00.

If you have not paid, please rejoin and send dues to Bernie Liswell. My goal is still to reach 200 and to get free members to pay dues. Let us continue to grow.

Until we meet again. Yours in service.

.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 held business meetings on September 11th and October 10th.

Our next Post 78 meetings are a change from the normal monthly meeting – please read!! The November meeting will be on Tuesday, the 12th. We will meet at Capital Crave (5901 Old National Pike, Frederick) at 6:00 p.m. The December meeting will be on the normal monthly date, time, and location cycle (6:30 pm at William Talley Recreation Center – the old Frederick Armory); but in place of a Post business meeting, we will be preparing the holiday bags for distribution to veterans at local senior care facilities. Both sessions are open to anyone – a heads up would be appreciated.

Post 78 will participate in a third parade this year, the annual Brunswick Veterans' Day Parade on Sunday, November 10th. We have room on the float if you would like to join us. For more information and signup, contact Jeff Folkes at **iron head@hotmail.com.**

Post 78 lost long time member Greg LaCoste, Sr, on September 23rd. Post 78 performed a Memorial Service and presented a bible to the family at the Friday Visitation. Please send any welfare information or updates (and well wishes to Patti!) to Patti Humphreys at **Pahumphreys@outlook.com**.

We have received custom made 2 sided outdoor 29th Division flags – one of which will be for the 29th Memorial on Fort Dietrick. Some Post members have expressed interest in purchasing a Division flag, so we will be putting together a group order – more to follow. Work is underway on the Post's Fall Newsletter, and our annual Calendar mailing should go out before December 1st.

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 reported as not paid, please email Patti Humphreys Pahumphreys@outlook.com.

Kelly Toms, Adjutant kjt063@gmail.com

Larkspur Post 110, Pikesville, MD Maryland Region Commander: PNC David Ginsburg

We are starting to come upon Holiday Season with the Larkspur Post!

The post had a small meeting last week at the PVFD and a larger meeting back in August. We anticipate the reopening of the NCO Club next spring will supercharge the Post for our meetings and events.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 8th at 11am at the PVFD – it will be our ANNUAL HOLDAY MEAL catered by Mission BBQ. We will catch up on the NCO Club, and have a speaker. There will be a small cost for this which will be conveyed next month. Please RSVP to Frank Armiger at farmiger@gmail.com

Next year will be chock full of meetings and events at the NCO Club starting in April. We will aim to have at least 4 meetings per year during the week (normal day and time) and a number of weekend events (so everyone else can participate). We will have a grand opening of the NCO Club in the April/May timeframe (more on that later). The April meeting will be at the normal day and time but include a walkthrough of the updated Club.

In the Spring we will have an Old Timers get together for the Artillery folks as well as other people that called Pikesville home. We will also be hosting the inaugural D-Day ceremony at the NCO Club. This will be a formal event, and we will host the preeminent D-Day celebration at the Armory each year going forward – Joe Balkoski will be the speaker at that event.

Stay patient with us as we get close to the Club reopening and be ready for a steady stream of events and meetings in 2025.

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 <u>dginzu@gmail.com</u>"

PNC David Ginsburg, Commander dginzu@gmail.com

HQs Post 29, Richmond, VA Southern Region

Provisional Commander: Tim Williams

Fellow 29'ers! Hope everyone had a great summer! Now Fall is upon us and winter will soon be approaching.

This December 14th we will meet for the *Wreaths Across America* event at the Richmond National Cemetery. Address is 1701 Williamsburg Rd, Richmond VA 23231. We hope you can attend this important event. Post 29 has been supporting this event for several years and we always have a good turnout.

After the event, we will meet for some beverages and fellowship. *If you are interested in joining our Post, please email:*

hqpost29@gmail.com 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: Jon Black

Greeting Fellow Comrades,

The Maryland Region is doing well but we can do better with reaching out to our members to keep dues paid up to stay active. I would ask that we all reach out to our peers of members and remind them to pay dues and if not, a member consider joining this great organization. I have recruited several soldiers and family members over the past few months.

Presently the Region is still conducting Region meetings at the **Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company with the next meeting at 1100 on 18 November.** Remember anyone can attend if interested to understand what is going on at Region.

The next convention will be in Williamsburg, VA and I would like to see more participation from the Region. This is truly a family event with many activities. The committee is working hard, already making many trips to ensure the convention in 2025 will be one to remember. As this event develops, I will keep everyone informed.

The Maryland Region has had several members pass since the last publishing of the *Chin Strap*. Please keep the families of COL (R) Becker, 1SG (R) Smith and 1SG Winstead in your prayers. I am proud to say the Region stood strong to support the families in their time of grief. If I missed someone, please except my apology. Please notify Region upon the death of our members so Chaplain Stem may reach out.

Until we meet again 29 Let's Go. Yours in service,

Jon Black, Commander cdrb2115@comcast.net

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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

Now online at 29div.com

115th Regiment Journals: June to July 1944

Includes D-Day Landing and After-Action Reports. In Morning Reports section

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https://29thassociation.itemorder.com/shop/home/ to shop for 29th Division Association Merchandise.

"And Run Not Before Him"

These words are found in the great hymn, "Take Time to be Holy."

This is the age of the drive-through pharmacy, drive-through banking, fast foods, instant coffee and instant mashed potatoes. We are always in a hurry. We rarely stop to savor or seize the moment. However, like it or not, God never seems to be in a hurry. The scripture says, "He makes everything beautiful in His time."

A little boy liked snow. So he asked his father, "Dad, when will it snow?" The father looked out the window, scratched his chin and replied, "When the last leaf falls from the tree in the yard." The lad disappeared for a time. Then he rushed in all excited. "Dad, dad, it can snow now; I pulled all the leaves off the tree. They are all gone."

Regardless of what we do, God has his own timetable. The hymn says, "First the blade, then the ear, then the full corn shall appear." First the bloom or the blossom, then the fruit or the flower. Our time is in His hands. Psalm 31:15. God has everything under control. Therefore, "Run not before Him."

John Schildt

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Tennis, William, Post 5, *In memory of his father, CW4 Milton C. Tennis, WWII Vet* Juba, Allan, Post 85, *In memory of COL J. Brian Becker Anonymous*

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