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Post Reports

Harmon-Richardson Post 64, Roanoke, VA

Southern Region

Commander: Jeff Banik

The April meeting of Post 64 was held on 2 April at Famous Anthony's restaurant in Roanoke. There were 21 members and 2 guests in attendance. The meeting was conducted by Vice-Commander Jeff Banik.

Jay Kincanon announced that several of our members will be participating in the upcoming Memorial Day ceremony, hosted by the Roanoke Valley Veterans Council and its member organizations. The program will take place on 26 May at the Salem VA auditorium. COL John Miller will serve as master of ceremonies, Jay Kincanon, President of the Roanoke Valley Veterans Council will conduct much of the program, Past Commander, the Rev Morris Bennett, will give a prayer for peace and Past Commander Richard Carr will play taps. Special guest will be veteran Melissa Gaona, who is currently a news anchor at a local TV station.

Sadly, 2 of our members answered the last call over the past month – Robert Key and Donald Peters. They will be greatly missed.

Effective 15 April, Richard Carr stepped away as Commander of Post 64, making Vice-Commander, Jeff Banik, the new Commander until another election is held.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on 7 May at Famous Anthony's, Roanoke, VA

*If you have not yet paid your dues, 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.***

*Jeff Banik, Commander
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Eastern Shore Post 88, Cambridge, MD

Maryland Region

Commander: Jon Black

Greetings from Delmarva,

Post 88 Comrades the weather is warming and the singing birds have returned. I thought the last writing would be my last as the Post 88 Commander. Because of conflicts with Vice Commander and the Adjutant, the body decided to push the official election until June before our summer break.

My destiny within the 29th Division Association has led me to become the MD Region Commander and in the chair to be the National Commander. Trust me being in three key leadership positions at the

same time is demanding. Each level of supervision has its own lines of responsibility that need to remain separated.

At our meeting, I will be prepared to speak on the convention in September. The Association has a lot in store for the entire family. The next meeting will probably be in Salisbury on June 11, 2025 at 13:00 same location. Bernie will confirm and send out notices. If you are not receiving information, 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: Pete Hinz

Post 78 held meetings in March and April. We began planning for the near-term activities – placing 29th flags on the graves of 29ers in Frederick County, participating in the Sharpsburg Memorial Day Parade on 24 May, and participating in the Woodsboro Memorial Day Parade on 25 May. Work on a Spring Newsletter is underway. Bids are being obtained for a Post 78 tee shirt that will be for volunteers and supporters of the Post.

We approved the purchase of a new A/115th Company Guidon to replace the very worn current guidon on display in the Post (it will be retained). We discussed making the 29th Division flag procurement into a fund raiser for the Post. We have been contacted by a descendant of Michael Cresap offering us the opportunity to participate in a 250th anniversary ceremony this July at the Cresap Museum in Oldtown, MD.

The next Post meeting will be on May14th. We will work to have the meeting at American Legion Post #11 in Frederick. We hope to take advantage of Post #11's museum before conducting the meeting over dinner.

Welfare: CSM(r) Wilmer K. Benson passed away on April 9th. Members Dave Lawson and Mike Houck are recovering from recent strokes. Anne Hutts, wife of former Post Commander Jim Hutts, is recovering from injuries from a fall. Lynda, Post 78 member and wife of Post Commander Hinz is recovering from a broken ankle from a fall. Patti Humphries, Post Finance Officer, is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Post information and activities can be found on its Facebook Page, "29th Division Association Post 78." 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 reported as not paid, please email Patti Humphreys **Pahumphreys@outlook.com**.

*Kelly Toms, Adjutant
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Lantern Post 729, Waynesboro, PA

Maryland Region

Commander: Randall Beamer

As of this writing, winter has come and gone. Hope everyone has made it through the past months with good health. I myself had Type B Flu; sure don't want that again!

Attendance, current and new, is holding about the same every month. We still need to get more members to attend.

Post 729 Officers will be working on a project to try to find members who can pick up those who cannot drive, and bring them to the meetings. Will report more on this subject next month.

Please be advised that the *Chin Strap* will only be available electronically starting with this publication.

The annual summer picnic will be held in July; date and time to be determined.

If you haven't done so, please bring your dues up to date.

*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
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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 Day: Memorial Day is on Monday, 26 May 2025. I have no word yet of any plans, but will let you know as soon as any plans develop. Stay tuned!

ZOOM Meetings: 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.

Member Dues Update: *There are no dues required this 2025 year for new, renewing, and reinstated/lapsed members. Please follow the instructions provided in the letter all will be receiving soon. Please shoot me an email if you have any updates to your information mail to Mr. Randy Hess, 2076 Timmerman Rd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29588-5472.*

Randy Hess, Adjutant
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Silver Spring Post 94, Silver Spring, MD
Maryland Region

Commander: Jay Garrison

No report.

*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,
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Eder-George Post 85, North East, MD
Maryland Region

Commander: Valerie Simmers

Greetings to all from the members of Eder-George Post 85!! If you have not already sent in your dues for this year, please send them to me.

Our next meeting will be May 7, 2025. 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 weekend. If more information is requested, please contact me.

Stay healthy and safe as possible. **The next meetings will be May 7, June 4th, and July 2nd 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
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Jerome L. Day Post 48, Westminster, MD

Maryland Region

Commander: Bill Rosier

Post 48 held its last regular meeting on 27 March at the American Legion in Westminster. The meeting was well attended 14 members.

Our post plans to conduct a program at the senior center in Westminster near veterans' day. Hopefully, we will be delivering some history on the division.

Additionally, our post is planning a summer outing with post members. I was able to give a detailed schedule /agenda on the Viet Nam Traveling Wall coming to Carroll County.

Our March meeting had dinner served by Mission-BBQ from the Westminster location. Thank You Mission for the great meal.

Lastly, I will be stepping down as Commander of Post 48. Although, my term has been short I am truly humbled by the opportunity to serve. Unfortunately, I am unable to continue due to several personal issues beyond my control. I will however be staying on as a Post 48 member. Thanks again to all who helped me along the way

*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

This month's local meeting at the Bradenton Red Lobster was canceled due to my increased work responsibilities. This ultimately is a good thing! Making a few extra "fins" helps our Post fund luncheons and other activities where we can hold up our Veterans. I certainly do not mind helping our Post, if it means we can continue to meet and share comraderie as 29er's! I was encouraged to recently receive a nice donation from New England Post 93 member Mr. Bruce Braga. Thank you Mr. Braga sir for your donation to our Post, please keep reading the *Chin Strap!*

In November of 2023 The 29th Division Association helped fund The Florida West Post 2 Monument that

rests proudly at The Sarasota National Cemetery now guarding the graves of thousands of our military heroes who have been residents of Southwest Florida. This has been one of the greatest and proudest achievements of my life, to honor our Florida Veteran's from the 29th Infantry Division in this way. Families of our Florida 29er's can now visit this monument with pride, recognizing the immense sacrifice that was laid down for all of us.

The 29th Division Association is also making strides in building an impressive monument of their own to honor the memory of those who gave their lives in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in WWI. The 29th Infantry Division was instrumental in the defeat of Germany at the end of WWI. Currently there is no memorial to honor this unit in WWI, the 29th Division Association hopes to correct this. A beautiful monument that belies strength, heroism and perseverance will be erected on the banks of the Meuse River. This monument is slated to be finished in the Fall of 2025.

Since our Association was generous in helping Post 2 achieve their monument, I am asking all of you to help build this remarkable monument that will be viewed and honored by Frenchmen and Americans alike for many years to come! Your donation to this exciting project will help us all remember those who sacrificed so much. It will also help educate future generations to understand the meaning of *Liberte'*!

Please mail your contribution to:

The Blue and Gray Fund , c/o Community Foundation of Central Blue Ridge, 117 South Lewis Street, P.O. Box 815, Staunton, Virginia 24402. You can identify yourself as a Post 2 member in the memo line! Thank you!

As you all know, the *Chin Strap* is now solely digital, so please provide the publishers with you email address so that you can continue receiving this great newsletter! You can also reach out to me and provide your contact information and I will submit it to the *Chin Strap* team. Thank you again for your loyalty to Florida West Post 2! We will fight on! " 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
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Larkspur Post 110, Pikesville, MD
Maryland Region

Commander: PNC David Ginsburg

My apologies for the radio silence, but it has been quite hectic the last few months with Armory construction!

The NCO Club is SO CLOSE! With the latest schedule, we should receive an occupancy permit in early May and the furniture, guidon installation, etc, should take place over the first week in May.

Unfortunately, that means those veteran meetings scheduled for early May we will slip to June to make sure we have any bugs worked out in the security systems, HVAC, lights, etc.

We will have to cancel the June 6th Event since we have no prep time, but that will become a REGULAR EVENT from 2026 onwards, so if you can't make it to Normandy or the D-Day Memorial in Bedford, we ask you to participate in the one at the Armory.

The building will be amazing - we have replicated all of the old guidons and added those units that were at Pikesville a long time but not represented before (129th Signal, 3rd Brigade, 58th Brigade, 29th MPs, 175th Inf B Co, etc).

The pool table, which turns out to be from WWI, has been restored and will be the highlight of a lounge

in what was the old Museum. The tin room in the main room is beautiful, and we have a modern warming kitchen.

National is running a fundraiser for a long overdue WWI Monument to be located in the Meuse-Argonne area. For more info on how to donate, please go to **www.29thdivisionassociation.com** - it is a GREAT CAUSE.

The next Post meeting will be Wednesday, June 11th at 11am. We will be talking to Post 48 and hosting an Old Timer's Reunion for the summer time as well at the NCO Club.

See you all soon.

*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.***

*PNC David Ginsburg, Commander
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HQs Post 29, Richmond, VA

Southern Region

Provisional Commander: Tim Williams

No report.

*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
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Limestone Post 1-72, Baltimore, MD

Maryland Region

Commander: Bruce Roush

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.***

*Bruce Roush, Commander
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New England Post 93, Northeast & Worldwide

At-Large Region

Commander: Fran Sherr-Davino

No report.

*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: **Karl Newman, 11835 Westminster Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90066-2823 . karlswirl2@yahoo.com***

*Fran Sherr-Davino, Commander
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Stonewall Post 116, Staunton, VA

Southern Region

Commander: Barent Parslow

The Post met for pizza and BYOB on Tuesday the 8th of April starting at 1800. The usual crowd attended (new members and old farts always welcome) and enjoyed learning about the plan to have the **106th Reunion and Conference in Williamsburg VA 18 to 21 September 2025** as well as starting some guest presenters at meetings from time to time.

We will move our meetings to the FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, beginning May 6th. Same time of day, same location, different Tuesday. We believe this will allow more people to attend who are otherwise already booked with other meetings on the second Tuesday.

JUNE 14th FAMILY DAY COOKOUT/PICNIC at the Museum, 2:00 PM. (No Tuesday meeting in June)

We have now raised \$750 towards our Post 116 \$1000 pledge to the new WWI Monument.

The next 116th Regiment Muster will be held on Saturday, 8 November 2025! Friday Night reception at the Museum on Friday 7 November.

All of our regular meetings will be an evening meeting at the 29th Division Museum in Verona, VA, starting at 1800, held on every FIRST 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 6 MAY @1800; AND Saturday 14 JUNE @1400.** 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 May 5th and June 2nd.

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
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Maryland Region

Commander: Jon Black

The Region will conduct one more meeting at the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company. The hope was to move back to the Pikesville Military Reservation but the building is not quite ready. Thank you again PNC Ginsburg for arranging this for the Maryland Region.

All posts present gave reports and the amount of work taking place in remarkable. The 29th Division Association is a common name throughout Maryland. The official presentation of the restored colors of 115th is still in limbo. The MD Region was contacted by the office of BG Collins to reschedule the meeting. This meeting will discuss 115th colors and the museum condition at the Fifth Regiment Armory. BG Collins needs to understand the position of the Region.

The Convention Committee has met multiple times since the last *Chin Strap* and the social media postings have started for reservations. The National Commander would like to see the attendance rise this year. The committee has worked hard to make families welcome. I have attended many conventions and Williamsburg will be great for the family. The locations for the next three years have been discussed and being reviewed already.

I request each post to work hard to increase the association membership and hope to see more attendance at convention. This is a great time to network with friends.

The next MD Region meeting will occur at 1100 hours on Monday, 12 May 2025, at the Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company.

*Jon D. Black, Commander
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Annual Reunion and Convention

SAVE THE DATE

18-21 September 2025

Williamsburg, VA

**The Online Store is still
open for business!!**

Go to:

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

29th Division Ranger Battalion

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

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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: **William Mund, 441 Chalfonte Drive, Baltimore, MD 21228-4017.**

Cundy, Don, Post 94, *In memory of Harry L. Cundy and Charles Maupin, 175th Infantry Regiment*

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