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Newsletter

OLDEST AND BEST

100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, STATE AND COMMUNITY

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Commander:

Jason O'Neil

1st Vice Commander:

Wilbur Wagner

2nd Vice Commander:

Andy Raddie

3rd Vice Commander:

Dan Adams

Adjutant:

Ben Miles

Service Officer:

Jim Rooney

Financial Officer:

Larry Morrison

Historian:

Vacant

Judge Advocate:

Pat Guibao

Chaplain:

Tom McAndrews

Sergeant-at-Arms:

Cynthia Campise

Exec Comte 3rd Yr:

Vacant

Exec Comte 2nd Yr:

Frank Gay

Exec Comte 1st Yr:

Vacant

Membership. We achieved 80% membership renewal for 2020! In January and February, the Executive Committee will focus on the remaining 20% while attracting more military youth into our Post. You are our best recruiters so be sure to keep up the great work.

Kitchen. We will install a new walk-in cooler in the kitchen in the beginning of next year. It will have more capacity and be much more energy-efficient.

Football. Please enjoy our discounted food items during the NFL games in January. We'll have Super Bowl specials on February 2.

Valentine's Day Dinner. Please plan to join us for a Sweetheart's Dinner on Friday, February 14. And please wear your dancing shoes!

By-Laws. Your Executive Committee will make a concerted effort to bring the Post's By-Laws up to date early in the year. The current edition is from 2006, and times change!

Friday Night Dinners. In January and February, we will continue to provide very SPECIAL dinners from our revised menu with super entrees every week.

Mortgage. We sincerely appreciate the recent generous donations from several of our members that were specifically directed toward the reduction of our mortgage. We are striving to pay it off in the next six months. Look for a grand celebration of this important milestone in the Spring.

Exchange/MWR Privileges. Starting January 1st, all service-connected disabled veterans with a VA Health Identification Card, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war and primary veteran caregivers will be eligible to shop at commissaries and exchanges, and use certain morale, welfare and recreation activities. <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2019/09/20/millions-more-vets-and-caregivers-are-about-get-commissary-exchange-access.html> .

For God and Country,
Jason O'Neil

From the Auxiliary:

History was made at the ALA 99th National Convention with a vote to extend membership in the American Legion Auxiliary to male spouses of U.S. veterans and service members. The American Legion voted to replace the word "wife" with "spouse" in their constitution and bylaws thus opening membership in the American Legion Auxiliary.

As the New Year begins, we would like to remind everyone of our Mission Statement: "In the spirit of Service Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security."

If you have not yet paid your 2020 dues of \$30.00, you can drop a check in the mail or put it in the Auxiliary mailbox at the Post. If you have not received your bill, please contact me.

Monthly meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday and begin at 7:00 pm. If you would like to get involved, please join us.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Post,
Beth Pena, President

From the SAL:

What a success! Our annual fundraiser brought in more than a hundred toys and raised over \$500 for the Marine Corps Reserves' Toys-for-Tots Program with the proceeds staying right here in Anne Arundel county. The spaghetti dinner was delicious and a big THANK YOU to all the helping hands that pulled this together and for all those in attendance that donated funds and/or toys. Delegate Mike Malone (Delegate for District 33) took time and stopped by to support the event. The Mavericks rocked the house and a good time was had by all (as you can see in the photos)!

We are still serving breakfast every first Sunday of the month, from 8:30 to 11. It is an all-you-can-eat buffet for \$10.

Cold weather is with us now so please try to remember our older neighbors that may need a quick hand of our assistance.

I wish everybody a safe and happy holiday season and happy new year to you all.

Mike Holmes, Commander.



SHOUT OUTS:

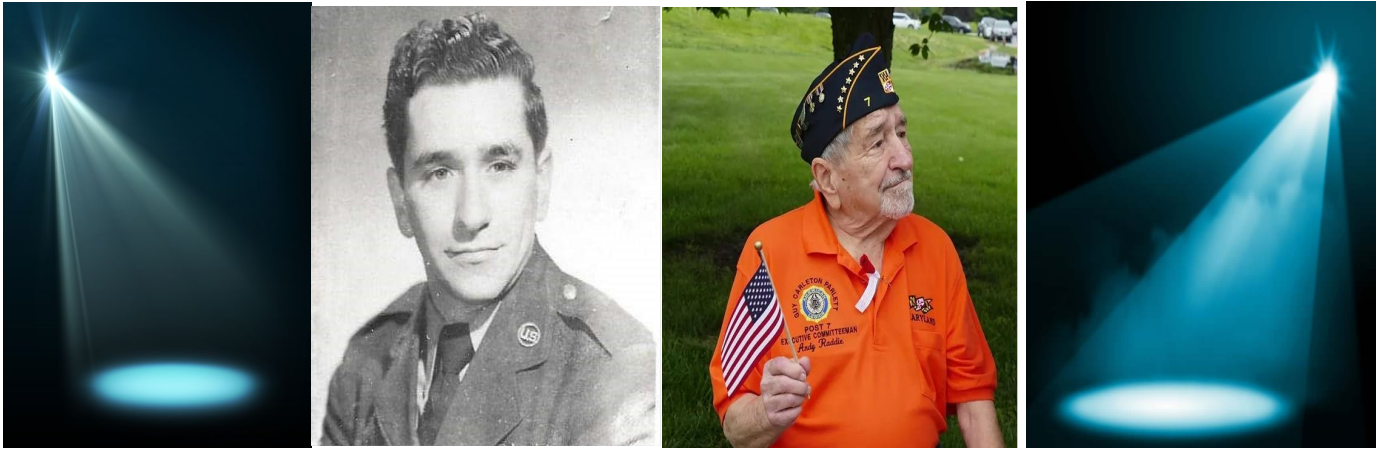
Thank you to the SAL for donating \$500 towards the purchase of a desperately needed water heater for the Post!

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY!!!	2	3 Roast Pork	4
5 Open Menu SAL BREAKFAST 8:30-11 am \$10 Bingo 1-4 pm	6 Sliders Open Menu S.A.L. Meeting 7:30 pm	7 Pizza Night Open Menu Legion Meeting 7:30 pm	8 Wings Open Menu	9 Bingo 7-10 pm	10 Rib Night	11
12 Open Menu Bingo 1-4 pm	13 Sliders Open Menu	14 Pizza Night Open Menu	15 Wings Open Menu	16 Meatloaf Open Menu Bingo 7-10 pm	17 Fish Platter	18
19 Open Menu Bingo 1-4 pm	20 Sliders Open Menu MLK Day!!!!	21 Pizza Night Open Menu Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	22 Wings Open Menu	23 Meatloaf Open Menu Bingo 7-10 pm	24 Steak Night	25
26 Open Menu Bingo 1-4 pm	27 Sliders Open Menu	28 Pizza Night Open Menu	29 Wings Open Menu	30	31 Stuffed Shells	

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Andrew Raddie
2nd Vice Commander

Master Sergeant Raddie

Andy served in the U.S. Air Force from 1948–1972¹. He was a flight mechanic who worked on C46's, C47's, C19's, C82's, and C118's. He was stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Germany and Spain. He crewed for the ambassadors. When asked if the ambassadors were down-to-earth people, he replied yes without hesitation. Now, the ambassadors' wives...another story.

In the 18 months Andy spent in Viet Nam (1968-1969), he worked classified missions in Pleiku conducting surveillance along the Ho Chi Minh Trail. They intercepted Viet Cong communications as they travelled down the trail. Andy received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

From 1968 to 27 June 1972 the 362d Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron flying specially-equipped EC-47s were assigned to Pleiku. These aircraft were equipped with various electronic warfare components. The 633rd Special Operations Wing was activated at Pleiku

on 15 July 1968. Its mission was to provide close air support, day and night interdiction, and visual and photo reconnaissance.

After the Military

Andy retired from Andrews Air Force Base where he crewed for a 2-star General. From there, he took his mechanic skills to the trucking industry where he became the Chief Mechanic for Smelkinson Trucking and later, Fleet Manager for Waste Management. He kept our skies safe and then our roadways.

Husband and Dad

After 23 years of marriage, Andy lost his first wife. Then after 36 years of marriage, he lost his second wife to cancer. But, his legacy continues to serve. Andy has two sons (one, the SAL Commander of a Post in WV) and a daughter (Beth, our Auxiliary President at Post 7). To the Raddie family: THANK YOU!!!!

¹ From 1952 to 1956, Andy served in the Reserves.

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Moving? It is very important to us that we keep track of our membership. Please feel free to send an email to legion_post_7@verizon.net or mail your changes to American Legion Post 7, 1905 Crownsville Road, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Bingo! Head to Post 7 for Bingo every Thursday from 7 – 10 p.m. and Sunday from 1 – 4 p.m. Cost of admission is just \$3.00!! The kitchen will be open on Thursday till 8 p.m. and Sunday till 4 p.m. to handle your HUNGRIES. Complimentary water and coffee are provided.