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Newsletter

OLDEST AND BEST

100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, STATE AND COMMUNITY

### Post Officers

Commander: Jason O'Neil  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr: Wil Wagner  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr: Andy Raddie  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr: Paul Bartone  
Adjutant: Ben Miles  
Service Officer: Jim Rooney  
Finance Officer: Larry Morrison  
Historian: Vacant  
Judge Advocate: Pat Guibao  
Chaplain: Tom McAndrews  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Blackwell  
Exec Comte 3<sup>rd</sup> yr: Frank Gay  
Exec Comte 2<sup>nd</sup> yr: Dan Adams  
Exec Comte 1<sup>st</sup> yr: Vacant



**CENTENNIAL DAY CELEBRATION!**

### COMMANDER'S CORNER

Centennial Celebration. As a founding post, Post 7 and the American Legion are celebrating their 100th year this month. Our post will be celebrating with multiple events starting with Taco Tuesday (where we will have a couple free rounds of cheer in the Lounge), a Day of Service Luncheon, and ending with a Centennial Gala (a classy coat & tie event). An event such as this will not come around for another century and space is limited so get your tickets quickly. See the Announcements page inside for all the details.

Baseball. In April, Coach Brown, Manager Mel Edwards, and I will be recruiting talented players from local High Schools. We will also register for the fun Wood Bat Tournament in Frederick around the 4th of July. We already have the bats!

For God and Country,  
Jason O'Neil

### AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS

Welcome to all our newest members of the Auxiliary! We are so happy you joined us. We keep busy and can always use more hands. You will always be met with a friendly smile. If you have not yet joined, and qualify for membership in the Auxiliary, please come join us and let us welcome you in the next newsletter! Applying couldn't be easier.

As the new year is getting under way, we are looking forward to several projects and events. We are creating a special wreath in honor of our centennial, helping with the Day of Service, and assisting with the Gala. In April, we will be supporting the Sons of the American Legion's Annual Bull and Oyster Roast. Our Wine tasting event was such a success, we have been asked to host another one later this year. You definitely want to be a part of the fun! We have a few other projects in the works as well. Do you want to know what they are? Come join us at our next meeting! We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at Post 7 at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you then!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS | (WHAT'S HAPPENING)

### A Day of Service and a Night of Celebration

Friday, March 22 from 11:30 am to 3 pm. We host representatives from veteran service groups to assist with new or existing VA claims, file for VA Identity Cards, and provide many other services. Lunch is sponsored by Mission Barbeque (SAL will be assisting).

Saturday, March 23, starts with a no-host cocktail hour at 6pm followed by a prime rib buffet dinner which includes a program highlighting the history of The American Legion and the Post. A dance follows featuring Gary & The Groove. Dress for the dinner-dance is coat and tie and tickets are \$25. Committee members will be at the Post 11:30 am to 2 and 4:30 to 6pm daily starting March 1. Advance sale tickets can be purchased at the bar.

Serving on the planning committee is Patrick Guibao (Chairman); Jocelyn Bartone, Sharon Guibao, and Shirley Hebb (Aux), Mike Smollen (SAL), and Paul Bartone, (Legion officer/SAL's chaplain). "The American Legion has been a vital part of the community, state and nation over the century and has accomplished much to the cultural fabric including passage of the G.I. Bill and other key programs designed to aid returning veterans and their families," said Patrick Guibao (also the Commander for the Legion's Southern Maryland District).

### Bull & Oyster Roast

SAL will be sponsoring a Bull & Oyster Roast on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5pm. Tickets are \$35 if you buy early and \$40 after March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Used Clothing To Help Veterans

You can do some Spring cleaning (no matter the season) and, at the same time, help a needy veteran. Post 7 has entered into an agreement with Turnkey Enterprises to place a shed on post property for storing used clothing and other items.



The donations are sold to second hand outlets in the Mid-Atlantic states. Turnkey will pay the Post based on the weight of the contributed goods. Funds provided by the company will be dedicated to a fund for aiding veterans and their families suffering financial difficulty. In the past the Post has drawn monies from its operations budget to meet requests.

Items accepted include all clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes and stuffed toys. All donated items should be placed in plastic bags. Turnkey Enterprises ask that rags, scraps, toys (other than stuffed animals), and household goods NOT be donated. A for-profit company, Turnkey Enterprises LLC based in New Jersey, partners with nonprofit organizations like The American Legion in communities to aid their fundraising initiatives by recycling unwanted clothing. The items collected are used as clothing and not cut into rags. The storage shed is on the southwest end of the parking lot.

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Rib Eye Steak w/ Potato and House Salad	2 Open Menu
3 S.A.L. Breakfast 8:30 – 11 am  Open Menu  Bingo 1-4 pm	4 Sliders-Open Menu  S.A.L. Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Taco Tuesday-Open Menu  Legion Meeting 7:30 pm	6 Wings-Open Menu	7 Open Menu  Bingo 7-10 pm	8 Chicken Parmesan w / Pasta and Garlic Bread	9 Open Menu
10 Open Menu  Bingo 1-4 pm	11 Sliders-Open Menu	12 Taco Tuesday-Open Menu	13 Wings-Open Menu	14 Open Menu  Bingo 7-10 pm	15 Roast Pork Loin Potato and Veg	16 Open Menu
17 St. Pat's Day  Open Menu  Bingo 1-4 pm	18 Sliders-Open Menu	19 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION! Open Menu-Taco Tuesday  Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	20 Wings-Open Menu	21 Open Menu  Bingo 7-10 pm	22 Service Day Luncheon  Rosemary Baked Chicken w Potato and Veg	23 Open Menu  Centennial Gala 
24 Open Menu  Bingo 1-4 pm	25 Sliders-Open Menu	26 Taco Tuesday-Open Menu	27 Wings-Open Menu	28 Open Menu  Bingo 7 - 10 pm	29 Crab Cake Platter American Fries and Slaw	30
31 Open Menu  Bingo 1-4 pm						

**APRIL 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 Sliders- Open Menu</p> <p><b>S.A.L. Meeting 7:30 pm</b></p>	<p>2 Taco Tuesday- Open Menu</p> <p><b>Legion Meeting 7:30 pm</b></p>	<p>3 Wings-Open Menu</p>	<p>4 Open Menu</p> <p><b>Bingo 7-10 pm</b></p>	<p>5 Bar B Que Shrimp Kabob on rice with veg</p>	6
<p>7 Open Menu</p> <p><b>Bingo 1-4pm</b></p>	<p>8 Sliders- Open Menu</p>	<p>9 Taco Tuesday- Open Menu</p>	<p>10 Wings-Open Menu</p>	<p>11 Open Menu</p> <p><b>Bingo 7-10pm</b></p>	<p>12 Baked Salmon Rice and Veg</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>SAL Bull &amp; Oyster Roast 1-5pm</b></p>
<p>14 Open Menu</p> <p><b>Bingo 1-4pm</b></p>	<p>15 Sliders- Open Menu</p>	<p>16 Taco Tuesday- Open Menu</p> <p><b>Aux Meeting 7 pm</b></p>	<p>17 Wings-Open Menu</p>	<p>18 Open Menu</p> <p><b>Bingo 7-10pm</b></p>	<p>19 Fish Platter seasonal vegetables</p>	20
<p>21 <b>EASTER!</b></p> <p>Open Menu</p> <p><b>Bingo 1-4pm</b></p>	<p>22 Sliders- Open Menu</p>	<p>23 Taco Tuesday- Open Menu</p>	<p>24 Wings-Open Menu</p>	<p>25 Open Menu</p> <p><b>Bingo 7-10 pm</b></p>	<p>26 Bar B Que Platter Ranch Beans and Slaw</p>	27
28	29	30				





A Centennial Gift from Our Favorite Artist  
By Jocelyn Bartone

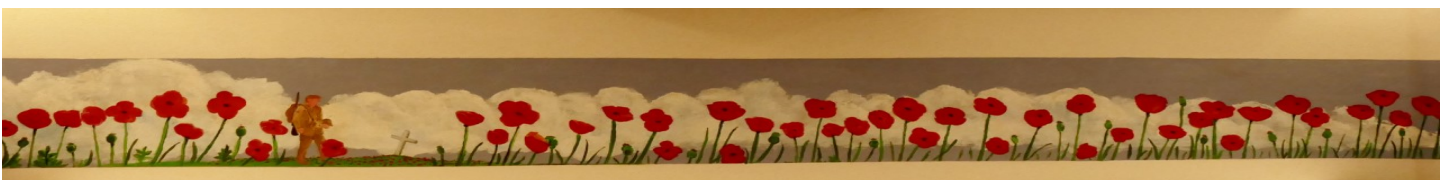


What do you get when you cross the 100th anniversary of the American Legion (and Post 7) with a wonderfully generous artist who has a little unexpected free time on his hands? You get a single soldier standing by a grave among the brilliant red poppies in Flanders Fields. You get a beautiful and moving reminder of the tragic events which led to the creation of the American Legion in 1919. In honor of our Centennial, Legion family member, Don Eick (SAL), created his third mural for our Lounge. His work pays tribute to both the Legion's history and to the Auxiliary which has made the mission of remembrance their own. At the end of WWI, while awaiting return to the U.S., Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Jr. suggested a group of men convene a caucus in Paris to establish a patriotic group to give them a sense of community and purpose. Eventually, when the troops returned home, the American Legion was fully established - one of the key missions of which was to preserve the memories and incidents of their association in the Great War.

With his 1915 poem, "In Flanders Fields", Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae painted a vision of the poppies that thrived on the graves of thousands in Europe. In time, through the concerted efforts of Moina Michael, the poppy became the internationally accepted symbol of remembrance of the human cost of war. She wrote a poem in response to McCrae's and promised to always wear a poppy as she kept the faith. She then began making them for

distribution. In the 1920's the Legion adopted the poppy as its official flower and gave the Auxiliary the mission of distributing paper poppies with the goal of honoring and fundraising on Memorial Day each year. So, for those who come to the Post, Don's poignant mural reminds us as we celebrate life and nourish our bodies, we must also nourish our hearts and souls and renew our dedication to service to our communities and our fellow veterans in the name of those who gave their lives in service to their country.

Additionally, in recognition of the Centennial, the Auxiliary is creating a special commemorative wreath that will hang high up in the front vestibule. It is made of the fabric from a modern day BDU (Battle Dress Uniform) representing the essence of the Auxiliary's historic mission. Always and foremost, we stand in support of our uniformed military personnel, past, present and future. We support them as they serve, and when their active duty service is done. The wreath is wrapped with a vintage patriotic ribbon representing our one hundred years of history. Resting at the bottom of the wreath are two large poppies reminding us of our fundamental promise to never forget the service and sacrifice of those who died in the service of their country, then, now and always. So, in honor of those who came before and those who will follow, we stand together and work not only to support our troops and veterans, but also in support of the families and communities that make up the fabric of America, because therein lies the future of our military and our country. Happy Anniversary!



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## THE VETERAN'S VOICE



We Serve – We Lead – We Win  
Since 1919



### Post Hours

Open Daily at 11:00 am – 10 pm  
Kitchen Hours Mon – Sat 11:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Kitchen Hours Sun 11:00 am – 4 pm

Hall Rentals: The Post can provide services for weddings, retirements, birthday parties and all other events with specific attention to your personal needs. For details contact (410-224-5754)

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](mailto: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.