



*@ THE POST*  
***THE AMERICAN LEGION***  
*Towson Post 22*



## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Anita Stewart-Hammerer

Hopefully this newsletter finds you healthy and in great spirits. I know this has been an extraordinary first six months of the year. As you reflect on this time, please know that the health and well-being of our members is of the utmost importance to us. Please know that your leadership team has been working very hard to ensure that when you return in August you will return to a safe environment.

By the time you read this newsletter we will probably be less than two weeks away from voting on the 2021 leadership team. During the August 12, 2020, meeting, members will come together after more than three months apart to vote. You will also notice several improvements at the Post. Thanks to Schuster Concrete we now have a new handicap ramp and concrete picnic area. The Blue Room and Lounge have been repainted, and Post 22 identification signs have been put on doors throughout the building and in the Grand Hall.

During the August meeting, members are asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing. In addition to voting, delegates to the Department of Maryland Convention will be selected. This year's Convention originally scheduled for July was rescheduled for September 19, 2020. The one-day convention will be at the War Memorial Building in downtown Baltimore.



I look forward to seeing everyone at the August meeting and learning to fellowship in the safest way possible while still staying true to serving veterans

### Legion meetings will resume August 2020

#### Legion Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:30 pm

#### Executive Committee Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:00 pm

#### Sons of American Legion Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:00 pm

#### Auxiliary Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:30 pm

#### Legion Riders Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:00 pm

and their families. Stay healthy my Legionnaires!

*Boy Scouts Troop 151 and Post 22 Commander with Eagle Scout Candidate Noah Hammerer after assisting him with his beautification project at the Post.*

## CHAPLAIN

Vernon Crider

When Jesus addressed those in attendance when he spoke the words, “*he who has an ear, let him hear*”, (Matthew 11-15). He was giving reference to all who have been given his words--no matter their age, status, gender, education/skill level or ethnicity. Jesus is calling for all people to pay attention to his words and be mindful of words when conversing with others. In other words: “Listen Up!” “Pay Close Attention!” “Words Matter!”

During our conversations with others, it is important and essential that our language is concise, respectful, possess meaning and contain purpose. When you converse with others, they are listening to your words and you should be listening to your words as well when speaking. People debate the ideology that “words don’t matter” when it does not affect them; however, when they are impacted or affected by words, they suddenly convey a different tone and perspective on the matter of discussion. A key ingredient in building, fostering, and maintaining relationships stems from how you communicate with others.

Psalms 141:3 states, “Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!” Many of us at times do not think before we speak and when we do, the results can be staggering and have a domino effect upon many. We need to be mindful what we will say before we say it! One of the key components of damaging any relationships is engaging in poor communications with others. Communication is a two-way process; we speak and listen to others, period. No one likes being unheard or brushed off as though their thoughts and ideas are considered minuscule at best. When this occurs, it will result in a poor reflection of yourself and your reputation.

With the current chain of events, we as a nation, are dealing with (i.e. COVID-19,

### Post Everlasting

Please say a prayer for Towson Post 22 comrades that transferred to Post Everlasting since November 2019.



- Paul J Frederick
- Norval H McDonald
- Esther S Medinger
- Robert J Rigger
- Charles L Scrimger
- John F Shettle
- Charles F Stewart
- Philip R Walker
- Joseph J Woodward
- Owen Baldwin II, Past Post 22 Commander
- Francis (Buzz) Leroy Chalk
- Brian Tunney
- Frank LaRosa
- Richard Milhock
- Jim Lyons, Past Post 22 Commander
- Bruce Numbers

civil unrest, inequalities) now is not the time to point fingers and make judgements as to why and how things are in their current state (which is the easiest things to do and is a diversion of addressing the issues at hand). Now is the time as Americans to listen, share ideas, hear the plight of other’s experiences and outline strategies how to address these challenges which impact all Americans, directly or indirectly. When you do, you will find that you have much in common then you realize (although we may not agree of the processes--but never disagreeable), we all agree that we believe in the principles embodied in the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). As People of God these principles are aligned in our Pledge of Allegiance and Constitution as a Nation. These principles are attainable and can be met through prayer, wisdom, and action; these may appear to be difficult for some and easier for others. Frederick Douglass said, “*When there is no struggle, there is no progress.*” **Remember: When you communicate with**

## 2019-2020 Post Officers

**Commander**  
Anita Stewart-Hammerer

**1st Vice Commander**  
Vacant

**2nd Vice Commander**  
Angela Phillips

**Adjutant**  
Fred Hofferbert

**Finance Officer**  
Linda Bishop

**Historian**  
Jeffery Whye

**Chaplain**  
Vernon Crider

**Asst. Chaplain**  
Jesse Mixson

**Sgt-at-Arms**  
Norman Zickuhr

**Service Officer**  
Sonia Young

**Judge Advocate**  
John Adair

**Past Commander**  
Kraig Dean

respect and clarity as well as listen, you will respond brilliantly and garner respect among many.

## ANNUAL POST ELECTIONS

WEDNESDAY 12, AUGUST 2020



TOWSON POST 22 WILL CALL FOR A SLATE OF OFFICERS AND THEN VOTE ON CANDIDATES FOR THE UPCOMING 2020-2021 YEAR. DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND'S 102<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2020, WILL ALSO BE SELECTED

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR AN ELECTED OFFICE, PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETING. VOTING IS OPEN TO ALL CURRENT DUES PAYING MEMBERS.**

### SOME OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS INCLUDE:

#### **Post Commander**

The Commander is the chief executive officer of the Post and shall supervise, lead and manage the Post and its Officers. The Commander shall preside at all Board Meetings and General Meetings.

#### **First Vice-Commander**

First Vice Commander shall assume and discharge the duties of the office of Commander in the absence or disability of the Commander.

#### **Second Vice-Commander**

Second Vice Commander assists with public affairs and community outreach as directed by the Commander and shall assume and discharge the duties of the office of First Vice-Commander or Commander, in the absence or disability of such officers.

#### **Finance Officer**

The Finance Officer is responsible for overseeing the financial records of the Post.

#### **Historian**

The Post Historian shall compile and preserve a pictorial Post history for print and electronic distribution.

#### **Sergeant-at-arms**

The Sergeant-at-arms shall preserve order at all meetings and shall perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned to him by the Commander.

#### **Chaplain**

The Chaplain shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of Post members and will offer divine but non-sectarian service in the event of dedications, funerals, public functions, etc., and adhere to such ceremonial rituals as are recommended by the National or Department Headquarters.

#### **Adjutant**

The Adjutant is the Secretary of the Executive Committee. Under the direction of the Commander, the Adjutant shall: receive and answer all correspondence of the Post; have charge of and keep a complete and correct record of the proceedings of all Official Meetings; and prepare summarized meeting minutes and reports for publication.

## Auxiliary President

Lynette Dean

What a crazy year this has been. I hope that everyone is safe and making lemonade from these lemons we have been given these past few months. What have you been doing? Hopefully as things get back to the new normal, we will be able to get out and do what we do best—help our veterans, our military and our community.

Let us know if you have been doing any of these things as restrictions loosen. We would love to hear about your good deeds! Because of the world coming to a screeching halt, this past March our Unit had to cancel the majority of our fundraising activities. Nonetheless, our year has started over and dues are due again. We started collecting in July for the 2021 year! If for some reason you forgot to send in your 2020 dues, contact our membership Chair: Stephanie Weis at 410-733-7893. Seniors remain at \$25 and juniors are only \$8. If there is anyone who likes working with our junior, members please let us know. There are many things juniors can do to help and honor our Veterans. Let us get some youngsters involved!

If you have been following along with the National Officers, we too (our Unit and the Department of Maryland), are going to keep the current slate of Officers. I'm really missing everyone. This has been such a clean up the house and yard the last few months, I will be happy to see everyone and plan for our new future in our new normal while following the new rules.

## Why Renew Your Membership?

Reasons to renew your American Legion membership

- Your 2021 membership dues help more than 700,000 veterans and their families who need accredited assistance to get the benefits they have earned
- Comfort items for hospitalized military personnel
- Honor guard services and memorial tributes for fallen comrades
- Youth mentorship through programs including Boys State, Oratorical, Baseball and lots more
- Grants for military families in need
- One of the nation's strongest voices for veterans in Washington, D.C.
- Millions of volunteer hours and services at VA medical facilities at an estimated annual value of \$20 million; and so much more.

Renew your American Legion Membership quickly and easily online. Simply visit [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew), and follow the easy instructions. You can renew your membership with a quick and secure credit card payment and even print out a temporary membership card.

## Membership Dues Due

Don't forget to pay your membership dues for the upcoming 2021 year. Even if you didn't pay your dues for 2020, it's not too late. Send in your late dues to keep your continuous years of membership. Why pay your dues? (See article below.)

Legion Dues are still \$30. If you have not paid, please send a check payable to Towson Post #22 and mail to 125 York Road, Baltimore, MD 21204.

Membership dues for the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #22 are \$25.00 or if you are under 21 years old and/or a dual card Member then your dues are \$15.00. Please save the Squadron some money and mail your dues in today to the above address.

Membership dues for the Auxiliary for seniors (those who are or turn 18 between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021, and older) are \$25 a year (only 6 cents a day) and for juniors are only \$8 a year.

Towson American Legion Riders Chapter #22 dues are also being collected. If you have not paid your \$15 dues for 2020 please do so.

Thank you for your continued support of Towson Post #22. Please stay safe and healthy.

## American Legion Riders Towson Chapter #22

It has been a slow start to the riding season with many rides being canceled and/or postponed. Towson Chapter did participate in escorting the 9-11 Rolling Memorial on Memorial Day.

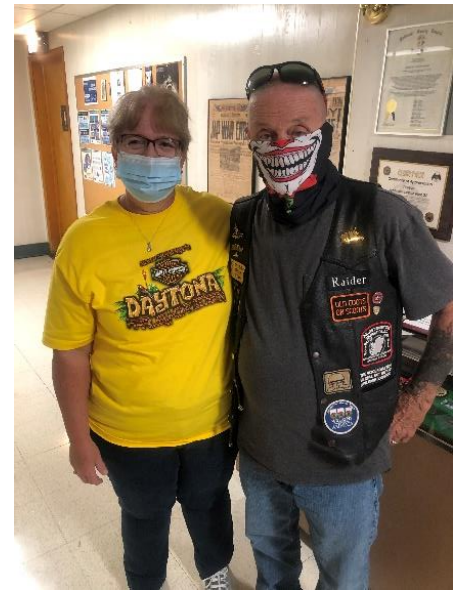
We made four stops with the Bell—Dulaney Memorial Gardens; Vietnam and War on Terror Monuments; and the Wayside Cross in Towson. The Bell was rung 21 times at each of these stops and three Towson Post 22 Legion members were among those ringing the Bell. We then escorted the Bell to Parkville where the names of all who have given the ultimate sacrifice from Maryland since 9-11 were read, again members of Towson participated in the reading.



Our HERO-DOG ride was held on July 11, 2020. More than

55 bikers participated in the event that was hosted by Towson Post 22. Thanks to all those who participated in the ride.

The Gold Star Monument Ride is rescheduled for August 1, 2020. We will be leaving from Towson Post 22 at 8:00am. August 8, 2020, will be the rescheduled Ride for Life from Towson Post 22 at 8:45am. We are also working on rescheduling the biggest ride of them all, the Maryland Gold Star Ride that Towson Sponsors for the American Legion Legacy Fund. We are hoping to reschedule for late August or early September.



*Legionnaire Frederick Bromell and his wife, Joyce, participated in the Hero-Dog ride. Bromell has been a member of Towson Post 22 for eight years.*



Post 22 Legionnaire Mike Clair and his wife Karen, a Unit 22 Auxiliary member.



## Department of Maryland Convention Update

The American Legion Department of Maryland 102<sup>nd</sup> annual Convention will be held September 19, 2020, at the War Memorial Building. If you are interested in being a Post 22 Delegate, please come to the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting where elections will be held for officers and delegates as well as alternates to the convention

This rescheduling also means that all current Post Commanders and officers will be in office until at least 20 days before the state convention. According to the Department Constitution and Bylaws all Post Officers shall be elected at least twenty days prior to the opening of the Department Convention and shall assume their duties within twenty days after the closing of the Department Convention. Elected officers of the Post shall include Commander, First and Second Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Judge Advocate, and Chaplain.

# Here are the actions we are taking at Towson Post 22



Asking employees and customers to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth

Providing personal protective equipment for employees, including face shields



Screening workers for fever (over 100.4 degrees)  
Screening the health of our employees and customers



Maintaining the six-foot physical distancing requirements for employees and patrons  
Operating business at a reduced occupancy



Disinfecting common areas regularly including high-touch surfaces  
Providing customers to disinfectant and sanitation products for employees and customers to clean their workspace and sitting area



Making hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, or soap and water readily available to employees and customers  
Requiring hand washing and sanitation by employees

Encouraging



high-risk individuals to stay home

## Where to Find Help for Veterans

The American Legion national website now offers a handy state-by-state directory of veterans' benefits, some of which are little-known.

From health-care services to hunting and fishing license exemptions and free passes to state parks, the new online guide details state and federal benefits alike for those who have served the nation in uniform, and their families. In some states, different benefits are available for veterans with service-connected disabilities. The web page is <http://www.legion.org/veteransbenefits/state>

## Are Your Friends and Family...



## A Member of Our Family?

When asking an eligible person to join The American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL or Riders remember to extend the offer to include their eligible friends and family members.

## August 2020

(Subject to Change)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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		<b>Coast Guard Birthday</b>			<b>Purple Heart Day</b>	VJ (Victory over Japan Day 1945)
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
			<b>Towson Post 22 Meeting/ Elections— 7:30pm</b>			
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
						<b>Marine Forces Reserves Birthday</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

## September 2020

(Subject to Change)

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	<b>Labor Day</b>		<b>Post 22 Meeting</b>		<b>Patriot Day</b>	
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
					<b>Air Force Birthday</b>	
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			



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## Upcoming Events

August 12—Post 22 Meeting/Election

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