



@ THE POST
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Towson Post 22



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Anita Stewart-Hammerer

"Dance in the Rain," I know this may seem like an odd opening but this year has been a very unusual year. About a year before COVID 19, I was driving home in the rain and I was about five blocks from home when I saw two little girls about seven and eight walking in the street. They were just talking and laughing, not really caring that it was raining. Naturally, my mother instincts kicked in and I stopped and asked if they were ok and they just laughed and said, "Yea, we like dancing in the rain." All I could do was laugh with them and admit to myself that it is fun to dance in the rain.

What a beautiful memory they will have of their childhood and what an unexpected memory they have imparted on me and now for me to share with you during this COVID 19 pandemic. British author Vivian Green is famous for saying that "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about



learning how to dance in the rain." Every time I see this I think of those two little girls. I imagine that they are still dancing in the rain.

With everything that is happening in the world, now is a good day for everyone to learn to dance in the rain—to do what brings them joy. To learn to laugh, to smile, to make someone else smile and to simply be a good human being. Even closer to

home my daughter is the first to tell me that without the rain there are no flowers. Happy Holidays my American Legion Family and please stay safe and continue to do what makes you "Dance in the Rain."



Happy Veterans Day!

Legion Meeting

2nd Wednesday of each month
7:30 pm

Executive Committee Meeting

4th Wednesday of each month
7:00 pm

Sons of American Legion Meeting

3rd Wednesday of each month
7:00 pm

Auxiliary Meeting

2nd Wednesday of each month
7:30 pm

Legion Riders Meeting

1st Wednesday of each month
7:00 pm

FIRST VICE

Kraig Dean

Dues notices have gone out and our members are sending them in at a good pace. However, we are still behind in our totals. The Legion is in need of our current members to pay their dues ASAP. Your Post needs your help! Let's finish the year off strong.

It is every member's job or if you will, every member's duty to try and recruit new members. We as The American Legion can only survive if our membership grows. Our older members know that our membership is declining, yet the number of eligible veterans grows every day. Let's get out there and recruit. When the National organization goes before Congress and pleads the case for more veteran support Congress takes notice when our numbers are growing.

I understand that I am preaching to the choir. But this is just one of the reasons we need to tell a prospective member to join. Look at what has been accomplished over the last few years in respect to our VA care. Congress has and will continue to listen to what we as an organization have to say.

Remember that if you do not have a 2021 dues card you need to pay. Our Membership year is from January 1 to December 31, and we start to collect the prior July 1. Let's see if we can get to 100 percent by December 15.

You can go onto the National Website and pay. All you need is your membership number and a credit card. You can even print a dues card if you do not want to wait for one in the mail. How could it be any easier? You can also do a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership. With a PUFL membership your dues never increase. You pay based on what the Post is charging at the time you sign up for a PUFL.

If you do recruit a new member please remember the Post needs a copy of the prospective member's DD214 (WWII it is the separation papers) along with their application and money. If you find someone who wants to transfer into our great Post, we also need a copy of their DD214 along with a copy of their current Post's dues card and money. Below is an application you can cut out and keep in your wallet or purse to give to a potential new member.

"Have you volunteered of late?" The post needs everyone to survive much less prosper. Not only do we need membership numbers but volunteers as well. Somehow that too is a pool that needs to be filled. Volunteers are always needed whether it's one hour or 20, there is always something to do. Please remember before you complain, Volunteers are needed to make a Post great. You could be that person that makes it happen! Please everyone stay safe and well and I hope to see you at the up and coming meetings.

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) _____ (Date of Birth) _____

(Mailing Address) _____ (Phone Number) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Post #) _____

(E-mail) _____ Male Female (Gender) _____ (Dues) _____

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below

<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only)
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts	



30-009 Signature of applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

Receipt of Dues
(Please Print)

From _____

\$ _____ for 20____ Post # _____

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

VETERANS DAY



THIS DAY WE REMEMBER ALL OF OUR VETERANS.

**Veterans Day Ceremony on 11/11
11am at Wayside Cross
Corner of York and Shealy Avenue
Sponsored by American Legion
Towson Post 22**

CHAPLAIN

Vernon Crider

As a former elected official who served on the Baltimore City Council, it was an honor and privilege to serve the community and represent the constituents in my district. Over the years, wisdom has taught me there is no one political party who has all of the answers, period. You can take positives and negatives from our two current majority American parties (Republican & Democrat) and build something that will benefit all citizens. Our founding fathers structured a bicameral government because they believed in the ideology that this nation's leaders would serve all citizens.

The election to vote for the president and other leaders (locally & nationally) is fast approaching and early voting has begun in some states. By no means am I telling you who to vote for, but as God's servant, I am encouraging you to "do your homework" on the candidates before casting your vote. The Bible tells us that "What a person thinks in his heart so are they" (Proverbs 23:7). The Bible also tells us in Matthew 7:16-20 that we can identify a person by the fruit that they bear.

There is no perfect elected official or leader but by using these indicators will greatly assist you in deciding for a candidate in the ballot box (or by absentee ballot) in November. As children of God, 2 Peter 1:10 tells us "Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall." In other words, God is instructing us to perform diligence and use wisdom when we participate in the electoral process. Deuteronomy 1:13 also tells us "Choose for your tribes wisely, understanding, and experienced, and I will appoint them as your heads."

No matter who is in office come January 2020, whether we voted for them or not, your vote will count and the winner will represent the political party we prefer or not, the Bible commands us to respect and honor them (**Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17**). We should also be praying for those placed in authority over us (**Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17**). We do not have to agree with them, or even like them, but we do have to honor and respect them. Remember, politics is always going to be a difficult issue for Christians.

We are in this world but are not to be of this world (**1 John 2:15**). We can be involved in politics, but we should not be obsessed with politics. Ultimately, we are to be heavenly minded, more concerned with the things of God than the things of this world (**Colossians 3:1-2**). As believers in God, we are all members of the same political party—monarchists who are serving the Supreme Leader—Our Lord.

*If you know of any Legionnaire who is/has been ill as well as members of their immediate family, please contact me at (410) 258-2367 or crider@comcast.net.

*Remember to keep all sick/shut Legionnaires as well as those bereaved families in your prayers.

[Restaurants Having Veterans Day Free Meals In 2020](https://www.thespruce.com/veterans-day-free-meals-1357348)

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2020-2021 Post Officers

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POST EVERLASTING

Legionnaire
Victor Brice

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Lynette Dean

Thanks to those who have been attending our meetings. We are practicing social distancing and of course, mask wearing while wandering around is a must.

Even though we can't have any of our Spaghetti Dinners, we are thinking about doing some type of fundraising event. If we have a cookie and candy Christmas sale, would you be interested in either helping or buying items from us? We would welcome any ideas and help.



Membership is being collected for the 2021 year. The cost for this year is still \$25 for those over 18 and \$8 for those under 18. Please make sure your dues are paid up by December 1. Our First Vice Stephanie Weis (with help from our Treasurer, Bonnie Penfield) will be accepting payment for membership this year. You are welcomed to mail your dues payable to ALA Towson Unit 22, c/o Stephanie Weis, 8407 Macahley Ct, Lutherville, MD 21093.

Remember our meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month. Check out the National American Legion Auxiliary website, think about what interests you and join in the fun. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 410-440-2321 with ideas. *We need YOUR SERVICE HOURS! You might not be aware but your hours you volunteer can help your Auxiliary! Please consider turning your hours in! Once completed- turn in to Towson Unit 22, 125 York Rd, Towson, MD 21204 or email to illbdean@verizon.net to be counted!*

LEGION RIDERS

John Horner

American Legion Riders from across Maryland came together at Towson Post 22 in September for a three day mission to raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. Over the course of the weekend, the group stopped at more than five American Legion posts and laid three wreaths at the Gold Star Families Memorial in Havre De Grace, The Memorial Wall at Post 11 in Frederick and The Gold Star Memorial in Annapolis. Over the course of the three day ride, a total of \$46,000 was raised.



Preparing for the ride.



The Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in Havre De Grace.



Legion Riders from across Maryland gather in September at Towson Post 22 for a three day ride.

Photos courtesy of Jeff Thorne Photography.

AMERICANISM

Stuart Blair, Committee Chair

American patriotism is a fundamental value of the American Legion. Americanism programs teach respect for our country and our nation's flags. We learn patriotism by seeing it in action. Patriotism is rooted in our character by practicing it throughout our lives. The American Legion creates opportunities that all Americans can do to show respect and set positive examples of living as grateful, patriotic citizens. The Legion provides learning opportunities and instructional resources for important things every citizen should know. Americanism programs promote the patriotic meaning with the community in just such manner.

We all know that "Freedom isn't Free." It is the service and sacrifice of those men and women who have put the uniform on to protect and defend the freedoms of Our Country. As a recognition by the nation's appreciation for their service, we honor them with the celebration of Veterans Day, November 11. The most meaningful way you can honor our veterans, is displaying of the Star Spangle Banner.



Pearl Harbor Remembrance

A day of Remembrance, December 7, 1941, the anniversary of the Japanese attack on Hawaii. Historic ships will be honoring those who served during WWII. The Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony will be held on board the US Coast Guard Cutter Taney, Monday, December 7th, 2020, at noon, Marriott Hotel, Pier 5, Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

January 2021 we will start planning for Legion oratorical competitions, Boys State, Boys Scouts Recognition, American Flag Heritage Program etc. The scheduling of these programs is dependent on the Covid-19 issue.

Towson Post 22 Lounge Events

(Social distancing and mask wearing in effect at all times)

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Tuesday ACE of Spades with Mel Lounge hours 3-10pm
Wednesday	Wednesday Happy Hour 7-9pm Bucket of Beer 6 for \$10 and \$2 cup of wine Lounge hours 3-10pm
Thursday	Thursday Bar Bingo \$2 for 3 cards, 50/50 pay (Minimum 10 to play) Lounge hours 3-10pm
Friday	Friday Guest DJ—7-10pm Lounge hours 3-11pm
Saturday	Saturday Happy Hour--7-10pm Bucket of Beer 6 for \$10 Lounge hours 3-11pm
Sunday	Sunday Get Ready for Some Football! Lounge hours 1-8pm

NOVEMBER 2020 National Veterans & Military Family Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings ends	2	3	4 Legion Riders' Meeting 7pm	5	6	7 Happy Hour at Post
8	9	10 Marine Corp Birthday	11 General Membership Meeting Post 7:30pm Auxiliary 7:30pm Veterans Day—Wayside Cross Ceremony-11am	12	13	14 Happy Hour at Post
15	16	17	18 SAL Squadron 22 Membership Meeting 7pm	19	20	21 Happy Hour at Post
22	23	24	25 Post Executive Committee Meeting 7pm	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28 Happy Hour at Post
29	30					

DECEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Legion Riders' Meeting 7pm	3	4	5 Happy Hour at Post
6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9 General Membership Meeting Post 7:30pm Auxiliary 7:30pm	10	11	12 Happy Hour at Post
13 Wreaths Across America	14	15	16 SAL Squadron 22 Membership Meeting 7pm	17	18	19 Happy Hour at Post
20	21	22	23 Post Executive Committee Meeting 7pm	24	25 Christmas	26 Happy Hour at Post
27	28	29	30	31		



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Upcoming Events

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