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THE AMERICAN LEGION
Towson Post 22



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Anita Stewart-Hammerer

In August, Post 22's newly installed officers took their oath of office. A few lines they heard from the ceremony included "the welfare and success of the post depends largely on you, and you must also know upon your shoulders equally rests the burden of preserving the integrity of The American Legion. You must protect its good name before the people of the United States. There is no rank among us, for each serve as an equal; and all strive toward the same goal, which is the realization in the life of the republic of the ideals of justice, freedom, democracy and loyalty. Ever remember the cardinal purposes of The American Legion are the rehabilitation of disabled servicemembers and veterans; care of the dependents of those who have answered the final call and of those who are now suffering the ravages of wounds, disease and want."

I am now asking all family members reading this newsletter to take an oath. I want you to answer the questions below and figure out how you can answer that call to make Post 22 successful.

- How can you make a difference in the life of a fellow Legionnaire?
- Are you homebound? Why not start a small weekly group chat with other homebound Legionnaires. If you are interested in starting a group, contact me and we can figure out how to get you started.
- Have you thought about writing press releases from home or stories for the Post newsletter? Maybe you have some interesting history about the Post you want to share or perhaps you have written a poem or a book you want to share.
- Have you thought about joining a Post Committee or stepping up to organize an event? We could always use people to help decorate local nursing homes for the holidays, deliver care packages to Post members, set-up for Post events, work with local Boy Scouts, or place flags on veterans' graves.

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

There is so much work to be done for Post 22 for us to just rest. Let's get going Towson Post 22!

CHAPLAIN

Vernon Crider

SPEND YOUR TIME & ENERGY CREATING, NOT CRITIZING

An elementary teacher was observing her class of children while they drew, occasionally walking around to see each child's artwork. As she got to one little girl who was laboring diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

People with momentum all possess and share one trait: they attract criticism. How you respond to criticism will determine the rate of your momentum. I was reading archived articles about Evangelist Billy Graham and his relationship with Dr. Martin Luther King and both men received criticism from many clergy as they worked together for a common cause. One fact is true: All leaders and great people receive criticism. Also, Jesus received much criticism from his Jewish brethren as well as the Scribes and Pharisees because he exposed them for the hypocrites they truly were.

Learn to accept criticism and expect the unjust criticism for your great goals and accomplishments. It may be beneficial to receive constructive criticism from those who have your best interest at heart, but you're not responsible to respond to those who don't. Don't give time to a critic who is not providing constructive criticism; instead, invest such time with a friend or family member. Dale Carnegie once said, "*Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain, and most do.*"

When people say that it couldn't be done, they shouldn't interrupt the one who's doing it. It is easy to sit in the stands and point fingers than being a participant on the field. **Philippians 4:13** tells us "*I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me.*" My grandfather used to tell me "when you're kicked from behind, that means you're out in front!"

Over my years, I have learned that the purpose of most critics is to block sunshine and cast shadows. They usually don't believe anything, but desires for you to believe in them. Also, most critics know the price of everything and the value of nothing. Don't give your negative critics the time of day by responding to them because you owe them nothing. Remember this: Don't be little--be big, and don't be a negative critic. When you criticize others in a negative way, you are working overtime with no pay. Never throw mud, if you do, you may hit your mark; but, your hands will become dirty. Do not become a cloud when you can become a star. Give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others. *Spend your time & energy creating, not criticizing* (Part of the Optimist Creed).

In closing, as we transition to newly elected officers for the incoming Legion Year, remember this short poem: ***A good thing to remember, A better thing to do, Work with the construction gang, Not the wrecking crew.***

*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 criderv@comcast.net

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

2021-2022 Post Officers

Commander
Anita Stewart-Hammerer

1st Vice Commander
Warren Waugh

2nd Vice Commander
Chuck Whims

Third Vice

Adjutant
Fred Hofferbert

Finance Officer
Dave Pardoe

Historian
Mark Serio

Chaplain
Vernon Crider

Asst. Chaplain
Jesse Mixson

Sgt-at-Arms
Brian Riley

Judge Advocate
George Bereska

Past Commander
Kraig Dean

HISTORIAN

Mark Serio

Greetings Comrades! We left our tour of Post history last month with the celebration of our Charter issued in 1923. Oddly, in 1924 and through 1930 our Post was inactive for reasons unknown. The 1930s was a challenging time that included the Great Depression, and the threatening rumblings of a new mechanized World War on the horizon. During this turbulent time, the Post reconvened and was busy starting a Boy Scouts Troop and a Junior Baseball League; and our Ladies Auxiliary was formed in 1934 with 12 women signing up. Post membership was also busy with supporting members and the community in response to the desperate economic times by raising funds through dances and dinners. But let's now look at two more recent events we've participated in.



Towson Fourth of July Parade 2021: Our Post Family marched, and some rode in jeeps and on motorcycles to celebrate the lives of men and women who have served our country. We led our march with our Post Banner, followed by a Color Guard from Federal Post 19, Rider motorcyclists, and even Fire Trucks. Beautiful weather!



103rd Annual Department of Maryland Convention:

Post legionnaires (Delegates) attended this convention in Ocean City. Outgoing Commander Philip R. Dorsey retired his position and incoming Commander William L. Trotter was elected and sworn in. Elections were held, resolutions and amendments voted on, and much attention paid to the realignment of the Department to consist of 4 Regions and 8 Districts (we are in District 3). Several Post members attended the Legion College and prior Post Service Officer, Sonia Young, received a Trophy for excelling in Rehabilitation Program Reporting!



If you have activities to share for the Post Yearbook, please email to MarkSerio@SerioWrit.com and include a picture or two.

Towson Post #22 Events

October 10—Post Crab Feast—1-5pm (\$60)

November 11—Wayside Cross—11am

December 4—Breakfast with Santa—9-11am

December 12—Commander's Christmas Party—2-6pm

February 6, 2022—Four Chaplain Service—9-10am

April 16, 2022—Post Bull Roast—1-5pm

All events Subject to Change



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Harry Sult

The SAL is now collecting dues for the 2021/2022 year. Please send payments to the SAL Squadron #22, 125 York Road, Towson, MD 21204. Also remember the Gold Tournament on October 15th. (See flyer for more details.)

We will also be sending out a survey to members to gauge your interest and what expectations you have for the SAL. Don't forget to check out the SAL Facebook page for the latest information about events and reply about things you would like your Squadron to do.

AUXILIARY

Nicole Horner

At this time, I would like to introduce myself, Nicole Horner, the new Auxiliary President. I am looking forward to this year. We already have a few projects in the works that we decided on at our last meeting.

Currently we are collecting school supplies to donate to St. Vincent's. We are also collecting donations of crayons, coloring books, and personnel hygiene items to fill backpacks that will be donated to child protective services, the police department or firefighters for children that are being removed from their homes for various reasons. Our first fundraiser will be September 19th; so please save the date. If you are interested in hearing more, please email me at nhornertowsonala@gmail.com or call and leave me a message at 443-461-5293. I will send you the flyer and any additional information through email on this fundraiser and what is happening throughout the year.

Speaking of emails and phone calls, hopefully you received your Auxiliary survey in the mail. I have been reading every returned so far and will take all the information to our meetings. I appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey and thank you for all your ideas and feedback. A few members have said they would like to have socials so that is something we can work on setting up. I look forward to incorporating some new ideas with things we have been doing over the years. I am looking forward to working with everyone this year.



Auxiliary President accepting a school supply donation from Ms. Barnes.

NFL Game Day Buckets of Beer



Every NFL Season 2021 Game!

Miller Lite, Coors Light, Bud, Bud Light,
Michelob Ultra, Honey Brown, and
Corona.

5 Bottles for \$8 (Mix or Match)

American Legion Post 22



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

John Horner

Supporting Legion Programs One Ride or Event at a Time

Through the Maryland Gold Star Ride held the weekend of June 11th, we were able to raise \$65,000.00 for the American Legion Legacy Fund. The check was taken to the national convention and presented to the American Legion at the end of August. These funds were raised on the Maryland Gold Star Ride and was only possible by the help of the various post families from around the State.

In early July, we held our annual HERO-DOGS Ride raising just under \$7,000 for this worthwhile charity. Hero Dogs places service dogs with veterans and first responders with disabilities. There is no cost to the recipient for the service dogs.

Come out to our meeting the first Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 pm or come join a ride. We also support other Rider Chapters with their rides and fundraisers. Please try to attend our annual Purse Bingo which will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2022. Tickets will be available soon.

Something to Think About

Riders know this, but the public may not be aware. If you have never been part of a benefit ride you should know at least this: Bikers PAY to ride—something they could do for free, but they choose to pay to ride. The fee can be anywhere between \$10 to \$20 or \$30 per person. Not only do they pay to ride, but they also usually drop a lot of cash for the extras. Such as raffles, 50/50, and silent auctions.

When you see a group ride by, they are probably riding for charity, a great cause, or some benefit! Instead of getting upset because they blocked traffic or caused you a slight delay, please remember this: They are very generous people! Give them space and your patience. It sometimes helps to have a little reminder about things. So please be patient and smile when you see them because they are doing something good for someone you may know or love.

Elise Dent: Competing for Ms. Veteran America

Congratulations to Towson Post 22 Legionnaire Elise Dent for being a Ms. Veteran America 2021 Finalist. As a finalist Elise will compete against other veterans for the title. Contestants will be scored and ranked in four areas of the competition: Interview, Talent, Military History and Advocacy.

The competition which will take place in early October in Orlando, FL, supports Final Salute, Inc., a nonprofit that provides female homeless veterans and their children with safe and suitable housing.

Elise was born in Washington, D.C. and raised in Charlotte Hall, MD. While in her second semester of college, Elise joined the Maryland Army National Guard (MDARNG) in need of tuition assistance. She graduated basic training and advanced individual training in 2004. She returned to Morgan State in 2005 and received a Minute Man ROTC Scholarship.

In 2009, Elise graduated from Morgan State University and received her commission as a Second Lieutenant. She is a 2014 graduate of Towson State University and continues to serve the MDARNG while residing in Bryantown, MD with her husband and two daughters. Donations are being accepted at the Post Lounge to support Elise on her quest to become Ms. Veteran America.



FOLLOW ELISE AS SHE TRAVELS TO COMPETE IN ORLANDO ON



ELISED4MVA2021 OR



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TOWSON SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
Victor Brice Memorial
Golf Tournament
Friday, October 15, 2021
8:30am Tee Time

Fox Hollow Golf Course • 1 Cardigan Road • Timonium, MD 21093

Foursomes \$340



Individual Golfer \$85

Hole Sponsorship available \$75/hole

Contact: Ricky Edwards 814-688-1883 or John Horner 410-825-5464

All proceeds benefit Sons of The American Legion Towson Squadron #22

Military/Holidays to Remember

September

- 6 -Labor Day
- 2-Victory over Japan
- 11-Patriot Day
- 18-Air Force and Air National Guard Birthday
- 17-National POW/MIA
- 26- Sunday-Gold Star Mother's
- 29-Veteran of Foreign War (VFW)

November

- 2-Election Day
- 10-Marine Corp Birthday
- 11-Veterans/Armistice Day
- 20- Saturday-National Wreaths Across America

October

- 11-Monday-Columbus
- 13-Navy Birthday
- 26-Day of the Deployed

December

- 1-Civil Air Patrol Birthday
- 7-Pearl Harbor Day
- 13-National Guard Birthday



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