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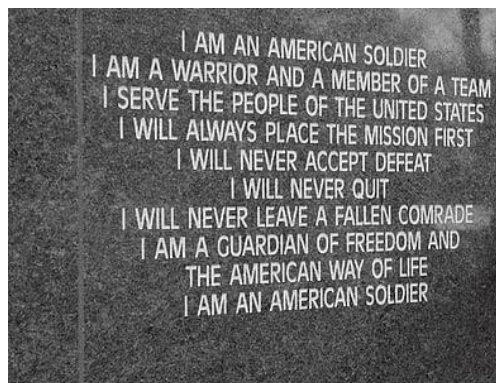
COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Anita Stewart-Hammerer

I got your Six

Sometimes I wonder what it all means for us as a Legion family to work together. We still have so much work to be done to help the many veterans and families in need. Now is the time for us as a Legion family to make sure we don't leave any veteran behind.

The terms "I got your six (back)" and even the most important military credos of "leave no man or woman behind" is a part of the Soldier's Creed. Simply put it means that a soldier makes a commitment to one another, "I will not leave a fallen comrade." Although the mission comes first, soldiers will do whatever they can to make sure their comrade comes home with them. This powerful commitment is also a part of the Airman's Creed.



To that end, we as veterans of Towson Post 22, must continue to work toward helping those veterans and families in need. We must also extend a hand to the community and remember the American Legion mission statement, as adopted by the National Executive Committee in October 2020:

"To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by devotion to mutual helpfulness. Just as important is the Legion's vision statement: "The American Legion: Veterans Strengthening America."

How can you do your part? Volunteer! Come to your post to serve on a committee or run for an office where you can use your skills to serve the Post. You can even get involved in an existing Post program. Did you know that last year, the Post Chaplain started a program to adopt the families of incarcerated veterans? A veteran is a veteran. What about sitting in on a Troop meeting on a Thursday evening or helping during a Fourth of July Open House. All you must do is take the first step and we will do the rest.



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Vernon Crider

Timing is Everything

It has been said over the course of time that there are no shortcuts to anything worth pursuing, period. The road to success is neither swift nor easy. Nothing worthwhile even happens in a jiffy; therefore, be patient. When we are impatient, we become distracted to what we are supposed to do. My uncle used to say be patient in all things, you can't warm your hands by burning your fingers.

One's success is measured by timing and direction and less with speed; some may argue with this premise, but I'll stand by it. I'm sure many of us can attest that at some juncture in life's journey, we "rushed" through something and missed the mark or the total picture at one time or another, thus the situation at hand was a "learning experience." General Dwight Eisenhower once said, *"Have a time and place for everything, and do everything in its time and place, and you will only not accomplish more, but have more leisure than those who are always hurrying."* I would agree with those words of wisdom! The problem many of us experience is that we never pause long enough to let opportunity catch up with us. Lord Chesterfield once said, *"Whoever is in a hurry shows that the thing he is about to do is too big for him."*

When you are outside of the right timing, you will experience frustration and disarray. Question: What does it benefit a person if you failed to plot your course and are traveling on the wrong road? One will experience failure when a matter is approached at the wrong time. When you are in the fast lane, you may arrive at the destination too soon! I'm sure Grandma once said to you, "haste makes waste; so, allow time to do its thing."

Many times, the actions you take at the right time has no immediate relationship to the answer you are seeking- it's simply to get you to the right place at the right time. The Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us, *"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens."* You will never be what you ought to be until you are doing what you ought to be doing. With prayer, wisdom, and knowledge (Proverbs 3:5-6), determine to choose the right pace to proceed onto your journey to success. If you go too quickly, you can catch up with misfortune, and if you go too slowly, misfortune can catch up with you. When you are both patient and persistent, you miss the wrong places and end up where you're supposed to be. It's simple as that.

If you know of any Legionnaire or any Legionnaire family member which is sick/shut-in, please contact me at (410) 258-2367 or crider@comcast.net.

Meetings

Legion Meeting
2nd Wednesday of each month
7:00 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
7:00 pm

Legion Riders Meeting
1st Wednesday of each month
7:00 pm

BE THE ONE

TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.

TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.

Help Prevent Veterans Suicides



HISTORIAN

Mark Serio

Greetings, Comrades!

By the time you read this article, we will begin to start the new Post year and held our 2022-2023 Post Officer elections, participated in Towson's July 4th Celebration parade, and sent delegates to the 104th Department of Maryland Convention in Ocean City, Maryland.

But let us take time to reflect on some of the events and projects our Post participated in last year. As your Historian, I have written and published our Post 2021-2022 Yearbook, and it will be posted on our website for your review. Take a look at all that we have done for veterans and our community last year; it's impressive. We are an active bunch with great volunteers, but still, we need more to keep it going and fresh; so please consider committing to helping or even leading an event this year.

This is also an important year for us because our 100th Year Anniversary will be on March 26th, 2023! One hundred years ago on that day the Department of Maryland signed and ratified our Charter to be a Post of the American Legion. We will be researching and writing a *100th Year Celebration History* to commemorate this. Stay tuned for other planned events to celebrate this milestone.

As always, if you have activities to share for the Post Yearbook, please email to MarkSerio@Outlook.com and include a picture or two. For God and Country.



Memorial Day 2022

Department Convention Pictures

Towson Post 22 received more than 10 awards for everything from its community involvement with a Scouting Troop, reaching 100 percent of its membership goals, to being recognized for its yearbook, Legion Chaplain and Service Officer and SAL Squadron, and American Legion Riders.





Towson Sons of The American Legion 2nd Annual Victor Brice Memorial Golf Tournament



Friday, October 14, 2022
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 Programs



Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly 375 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus

Invites You to join us for an Afternoon at the Ballpark
Orioles vs. the Houston Astros
Sunday, September 25th
1:05pm Game Time
Tickets \$20

Proceeds to benefit
American Legion Towson
Post 22 Programs &
Activities. Giving back to
those who served for us!



All tickets will be
electronically issued
prior to gameday.
Cell phone # or email
address required for
tickets to be issued.



1st 20,000 aged 15+ gets
an Oriole's Cap

Contact: Peter Hammerer 410-852-1042

Sons of the American Legion Squadron #22

Bob Gambill

Hope everyone is having a safe and fun summer! I would like to thank the members of the Squadron for electing me Commander for the coming year. I'm looking forward to working with everyone on upcoming events for the Squadron and the entire Post 22 Family.

There has been a delay in obtaining membership cards from National. Don't worry, your current card is valid through December 2022. We will get the new cards out whenever we receive them.

Yearly Dues

Dues for the year are past due. If you have not paid your 2022 dues, please do so as soon as possible. If you are under 21 years old and/or a dual card member (also belong to the Legion) cost is \$15. If you are over 21, the cost is \$25. Please save the Squadron money by mailing or dropping off your dues at the post.

Mark your calendars: On Friday October 14, the Squadron is hosting the 2nd Annual Victor Brice Memorial Golf Tournament at Fox Hollow Golf Course (see flyer in newsletter). Tee time is 8:30 am. Foursomes: \$340, individual golfers \$85. Hole sponsorships available @ \$75/hole. To sign up, contact Ricky Edwards at 814-688-1883 or John Horner at 410-825-5464.

Troop 1729 Scout Commended for Finding Lost 8-year-old Boy

On the night of June 25th, Gabrielle "Elle" Felton, a Scout from Troop 1729, discovered an 8-year-old boy wandering in the woods without shoes and crying in Bonderosa Campgrounds in the Salem Township of Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Felton, a Life Scout, was walking in the woods near a family friend's campsite when she saw the boy and went over to him to find out why he was crying. She discovered that the boy was lost in the woods for over an hour after trying to track an animal he saw earlier in the day.

Elle calmed the boy down and escorted him back to her campsite and informed her parents of the situation. Elle contacted the police after discovering the boy was visiting his grandmother but could not remember her phone number or address. She waited with the boy until the police arrived.

Patrolman Riley S. Robinette, the officer on the scene, said, "*the intuition and critical thinking of Gabrielle were critical in the boys safe return home and reuniting with his grandmother. The actions of Gabrielle on the night of June 25th exemplified the core values of duty and service that we at the Salem Township Police Department hold in high regards. As such, Gabrielle S Felton is deserving of commendation and award.*"

Matt Schneider, Committee Chair of Troops 1729 and 729 said, "They couldn't be prouder of Elle and the actions she took on Saturday to control the situation and keep a level head. Her actions illustrate the Scout mission and are a reflection of the work our adult leaders, parents and Scouts put in every day to live the Scout Oath and Scout Law."

The Post is also extremely proud of Elle' actions on the night of June 25th. Job well done! Since November 2021, Towson Post has been the charter organization for Troop numbers 729 and 1729. As such, the troops and the Post are a team working together to initiate a plan of mutual support to foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism among America's youth.

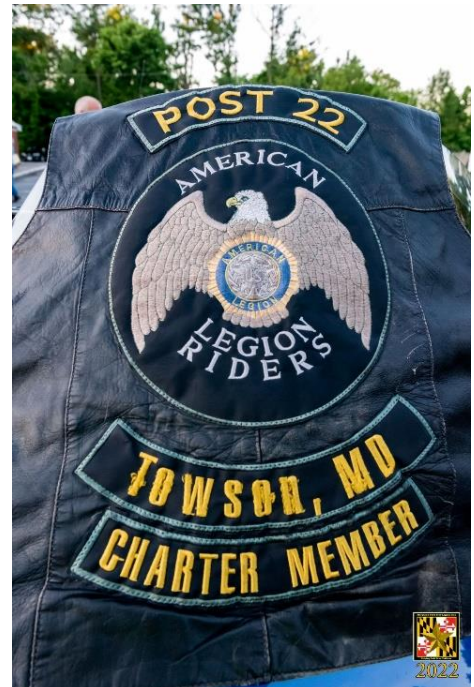
Towson American Legion Riders Chapter #22

John Horner

The riding season has arrived, and the Towson Chapter has been busy, The Towson Chapter just finished the Seventh Annual Gold Star Ride which benefits the American Legion Legacy Foundation. Towson is the sponsor of this ride and Joe Gladden and John Horner were the co-chairs. Thirty-five different Post participated and contributed to the Maryland Gold Star Ride. We had 121 people registered, 100 vehicles and we rode around the State of Maryland raising money for this worthwhile cause.

Wreaths were laid at the Gold Star memorials in Havre De Grace and Annapolis and one at Post 11 Memorial in Frederick. We had two Gold Star Mothers with us in Annapolis. We had two Gold Star recipients join us in Frederick. More than \$130,000 was raised this year as compared to the \$65,000 last year. A check was presented at this year's convention in Ocean City. Thanks to everyone who contributed and participated in this year's ride.

Pictures from the 7th Annual Gold Star Ride



Post #22 in the Community

Photos from Family Fun Day and the Veteran Crab Feast held in June. Veterans from MCVETS were invited to this year's feast. Face painting courtesy of Toni's Faces.





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Upcoming Events

Check Facebook or the Post Website for Events