



*@ THE POST
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Towson Post 22*



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Anita Stewart-Hammerer

This Memorial Day you can honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in several ways. Find out how you can volunteer to put flags on the graves of veterans throughout Baltimore County by calling the Post.

If you are unable to volunteer, fly your flag on Memorial Day. Show your respect for their service by flying the colors. Lastly, attend the ceremony at the Wayside Cross on Sunday, May 29th at 1pm. And each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

For those of you who did not know, Memorial Day was established to honor those brave men and women who died in war. Originally called Decoration Day, it originated during the American Civil War. During that period, citizens would place flowers on the graves of those who died. It became an official holiday in 1971.

Coming Home

*The young soldier is coming home,
coming home, far from
the battle scene,
No parade, no crowds, all is so quiet,
all is so serene,
The flag draped coffin laying
on a gurney,
being slowly wheeled along
on its final journey,
Coming home, coming home.
No crowds, no bands, no music to be
heard, only the sound of a muffled cry,
from a mom and dad, standing nearby,
Oh, how sad, a soldier is coming home,
no songs to sing, no poems to quote, no
mountains to climb no oceans to roam.
Oh, what dreams were dashed,
hopes and promises unfulfilled, unborn
generations, who knows, what might
have been,
A soldier has come home.*

*Dennis J. Psoras (c2017)
Post 22 Legionnaire*

2021-2022 Post Officers

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CHAPLAIN

Vernon Crider

Be Yourself: Everyone Else is Taken!

Do you desire to stand out in the world? Then be yourself. Be what you really are. Being you is the first step toward becoming better than what you are now.

You and I were born equal but also different. Choose to be yourself. Avoid following the crowd. My uncle who was a diesel mechanic at Amtrak for decades, would always tell us, "Be the engine, not the caboose. Herman Melville, the author of Moby Dick, wrote, "It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation." Note this point: Average people would rather be wrong than be different.

When you conform (especially when it's against your value system), you surrender to the enemy, you also surrender your growth and satisfaction. God has destined you to be different from the world in general. When you belong to God, you are "transformed" to become a new person (2 Corinthians 5:17). Dare to be different and follow where God leads you, not people. Please note that, although there are people that we admire and who possess certain traits that we may emulate; continue to be the person God intended you to be.

You were created on purpose with a purpose. Only you have the ability to make the choices that can fulfill that purpose. Please be advised that following God's Word will set you apart from others and not "popular" with the world's point of view.

Ask yourself this: If you try to be like someone else, then who will be like me? The more you develop your potential and self-worth, the less likely you will consider or try to be like someone else. Trying to be like someone else is a self-defeating action. One of your main purposes in life is to give "birth" to yourself! Depend on God's wisdom; God has given each of us an ability to do certain things well. If you are unsure as to what your "gift" is, pray upon it and in time, it will be revealed to you.

The actor Samuel Jackson once said, "Almost every man wastes part of his life in attempts to display qualities he does not possess." True words indeed! Spring is here which signifies new life and the rebirth of living organisms, don't allow life moving forward be a continual struggle to be what you are not and to do what you should not.

In closing, remember this: You are like a tree- you must put forth the fruit that's created in you.

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. Be Blessed

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



Presented by the
Sons of the American Legion Squadron #22
on
June 15th at Dusk
Towson Post 22
125 York Road (near baseball field, 3rd base side)

HISTORIAN

Mark Serio

Greetings, Comrades!

Entering the 1960s, the war in Vietnam was ramping up, President Kennedy was assassinated, and Towson and our Post were growing. Baltimore County took 3½ acres of Post property to extend Burke Avenue and widen Bosley Avenue and paid us over \$30,000, which was used to pay off debts. In March of 1961, at the Post Birthday Party it was celebrated that the Mortgage was paid off and a proper ‘Mortgage Burning’ took place! The Post also readied the first floor (basement) middle room as a lounge. Rules were immediately drawn up and maintenance and upgrades began to include a proper ventilation system.

In the mid-60s the Post began fielding a boy’s baseball team as part of the ‘Greater Baltimore American Legion Baseball League’ and in 1969, they won the State Championship and went on to win 2nd Place at the National World Series in Nebraska!

By 1965 the Vietnam War was first mentioned in the Post minutes and our Americanism Committee donated funds to the local Marine Corps Detachment. It was noted in the minutes that a ‘visitor’ came to the Post to give a talk about the war because like Korea in the previous decade, most new nothing about Vietnam. That would all change and soon Hanoi, Saigon, and Da Nang would become household words as television coverage intensified and body counts were announced on the local radio stations. Student protests were also becoming common causing much disruption in the area. In 1969, a comrade requested that members actively seek out returning Vietnam War veterans for membership.



Our honored Vietnam Veteran legionnaires are still a valued part of our Post, and many are extremely active in its guidance and leadership. Have you thanked one recently for their service and commitment to the Post?

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





ANNUAL POST ELECTIONS
WEDNESDAY June 8, 2022

ELECTIONS

**Towson post 22 will call for a slate of officers and
then vote on candidates for the upcoming 2022-2023 year.**

**If you are interested in running for an elected office, please attend the meeting.
Voting is open to all current dues paying members.**



MEMORIAL DAY

CEREMONY

May 29, 2022, at 1pm

Location: Wayside Cross

Corner of York and Shealy Avenue

Sponsored by American Legion,

Towson Post #22

AMERICANISM

Stuart Blair

Scouting



November 2021 the BSA Baltimore District presented a request to The American Legion Towson Post #22 for the Post to charter Troop numbers 729 and 1729. As such, the troop and the Post became a team in supporting each other and the community.

Scouting

BSA Troops 729 and 1729, and Towson Post #22 have agreed to initiate a plan of mutual support to foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism among America's youth. We welcome their involvement of support for causes specific to The American Legion and our nation's veterans.

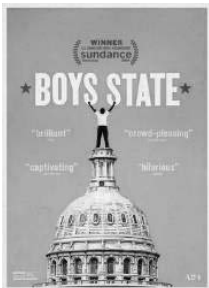
The Post believes strongly that our youth are our future and that it is our responsibility to prepare them for that future. The Scout Oath and Law that the BSA instills in youth is a strong foundation for future success. The Scouts of Troop 729 and 1729 and Towson Post 22 are excited about formalizing and strengthening our relationship and the future opportunities for us to work together to support America's youth! Scout Troops 729 and 1729 meet weekly at the Post with quality leadership and quality and productive programs.

Youth Baseball

Towson Post# 22 is proud to announce sponsorship of youth baseball 13-16 with the Lutherville Timonium Recreation Council for Spring 2022.

The LTRC in-house program is for the enjoyment of youth to develop baseball skills and to nurture good sportsmanship. Teams are assembled with the goal of balancing talent among the teams to provide the best competition and excitement. League play begins late April.

Boys State



American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. A participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county, and state government; Boys State was founded in 1935 to counter the socialism-inspired Young Pioneer Camps. The program was the idea of two Illinois Legionnaires.

This year the American Legion Department of Maryland Boys State will be held at McDaniel's College in Westminster, MD on 13-16 June. We are about 2 months away from the application cutoff date of May 1st. To register go online to The American Legion, click on Boys State to complete application.

If you know of a young man who is a junior in high school, encourage him to participate in this program.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron #22

John Horner

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.

If you do not receive e-mails from the squadron and would like to be kept informed, please send your e-mail address to: towsonsq22@gmail.com. The Squadron is also having two Raffles. One is a 50-50 drawing that will be drawn on July 4th. The second raffle is a Benell 12GA shotgun. The winner can take the shotgun or \$350 cash. Drawing will be held on July 10th.

Post #22 in the Community



Wanda Bivens, Chairperson of the Children and Youth Committee, center with orange shirt, helping youngsters during an Easter Egg hunt sponsored by the Post.



The Easter Bunny made a special visit to the Post in April to surprise and delight of everyone.



Stuart Blair, center, Post 22 scout member, posing with scouts from Troop 729. Troops from 729 and 1729 will be supporting the Post efforts to place flags on Veterans graves this Memorial Day.



Stuart Blair, center, Post 22 scout member, posing with scouts from Troop 1729. The Post is the Charter organization for the Scout Troops 1729 and 1729.

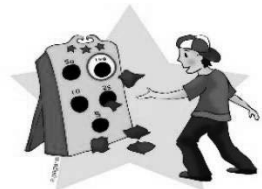


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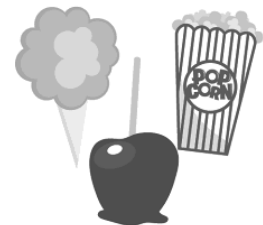
125 York Road



June 11, 2022



1-5pm



Pony Rides

Free food

Free Entry



Children 12 and under

Rain or Shine



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ARTICLE OR COMMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT POST COMMANDER AT
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Upcoming Events

Check Facebook or the Post Website for Events