



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Towson Post 22

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Anita Stewart-Hammerer



Hello 2023! What will you do differently this year that you didn't do in 2022. One thing I hope you will do is put into action a resolution helping you Post carry out its mission of providing life-changing assistance to veterans and families, military personnel, their families, and communities.

Help doesn't just come in the form of money, it comes in many forms. Examples include one of our two Chaplains Vernon Crider or Phil Converse visiting or calling a legionnaire and offering words of comfort during a difficult time. It could be a group of members getting together with another Post to honor WWII and Korean War Veterans for their service or better yet a small, dedicated group of members working with several other Posts to ensure that a unit deployed in Kuwait has the necessary supplies they need.

The list goes on and on to include chartering a Cub Scout Pack and Scouts BSA Troop. Distributing backpacks to youngsters going back to school to handing out coats to homeless men and women on the streets. And let us not forget about helping and supporting seniors, raising funds for various other projects, or simply offering a place to gather for fun and celebration. We as Legionnaires provide essential services in the community.

Without the support of all Legionnaires and not just a dedicated few, we cannot accomplish this task. Please consider volunteering your time this year to help in any way you can. Try donating an hour each month or two to doing something you are passionate about and let it spread—let it reach another legionnaire who will do the same to keep Towson Post vibrant and moving forward this New Year.

Farewell George

Finally, I would like to say thank you and farewell to our Judge Advocate for the past two years George Bereska. He will be leaving his post and retiring in sunny Florida as of next month. We wish Gorge nothing but sunny days and relaxing times.

He has served Post 22 well as Judge Advocate for almost two terms. George was a member of the Post for more than 15 years—I know George it was more time than that but at least I was close. If you see George in the Lounge or hanging around the Post wish him well!

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

CHAPLAIN

Vernon Crider

Are you using the Right Fuel?

What we say and who we say it to makes a big difference. Ignorance is as many of you fill your vehicles regularly with different octanes (usually three-87, 91 & 93) of fuels based on manufacturer's specifications; even some of you use the hybrid/ethanol fuels based on their affordability and impact to the environment. All three options will work on most cars, but some vehicles were designed to run best with premium gasoline.

For cars that require premium fuel, the engine will not operate effectively on regular gas and in the long term it has the propensity to break down sooner. God designed us not to simply trudge through our days but to thrive. In Psalms 92, God admonishes us to begin our days reflecting his unfailing love toward us. His intent is that we would be strengthened in our spirits to know that no matter what comes our way, we have been loved with a love that cannot fail.

Can we function without possessing such knowledge? Sure, just like a car on regular gasoline. Remember, God created us in His own image (Genesis 1:27) and designed to "run" on premium gasoline, each day remembering that we are loved so we dwell in God's grace and peace instead of anxiety and fear. Ask yourself this question while looking in the mirror: Do I "refuel" with God's love every day or trust in something cheaper?

In closing, practice by thanking God daily for his love which never fails. Remind yourself every day to share God's love that He gives you with others so they can "see" Him in your thoughts, words, and deeds. If you know of any Legionnaire or any Legionnaire family member who is sick/shut-in, please contact me at (410) 258-2367 or criderv@comcast.net or Phil Converse, Regional Chaplain at (443) 986-8068.

FYI- Four Chaplains Service will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2023, from 10-11:30 at Towson Post #22. Please join us.

Four Chaplains Service



February 5, 2023

10am

Towson Post 22

2023 Post Officers

**Commander
Anita Stewart-Hammerer**

**1st Vice Commander
Warren Waugh**

**2nd Vice Commander
vacant**

**Third Vice
Sonia Young**

**Adjutant
Fred Hofferbert**

**Finance Officer
vacant**

**Historian
Mark Serio**

**Chaplain
Vernon Crider**

**Asst. Chaplain
Phil Converse**

**Sgt-at-Arms
Brian Riley**

**Judge Advocate
George Bereska**

**Past Commander
Kraig Dean**



HISTORIAN

Mark Serio

Greetings, Comrades! After we held Veteran's Day 2022 services at the Wayside Cross (hope you were able to attend!), we returned to the Post Home to enjoy some camaraderie and to share a catered lunch. On display at the Post when we arrived was a large war history collections exhibit ranging from the Spanish American War to the Gulf Wars memorabilia compliments of the non-profit Hope and Peace Foundation (handfoundation.org) and their President and Founder, Chuck Ritz.

Eleven years ago, when Chuck visited New York and saw the carnage aftermath of the 9/11 Terrorist Attack he was inspired to start the Foundation and created exhibits to educate and keep alive the memory of that horrific day.

Chuck brought to the Post his newest project that is the Price of Freedom exhibit created with the specific mission to teach the younger generation of the sacrifice and service needed to preserve freedom; and to honor those that paid the ultimate price. Clearly, one of our American Legion missions as well.



Chuck Ritz w/WW1 Memorabilia



WW2 Memorabilia

The exhibit was awesome and the pictures I've included are only a sample of what he had displayed. I encourage you all to visit the Foundation website and see all the great things they are doing to 'To Keep the Promise to Never Forget'. Good job, Chuck.



Vietnam War Memorabilia

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



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON #22

Bob Gambill

It's hard to believe the new year is upon us.

Many thanks to all the golfers and hole sponsors who made the Victor Brice Memorial Golf tournament a success. Special thanks to our Squadron officers who planned and organized the event, and to Stephanie Weis and Bev Horner for coming out to help make the day so great.

Our Ravens ticket raffle has been successful, we are thankful for all who support us by buying tickets. These fundraisers enable us to donate money to worthy causes in our community and to American Legion programs.

You can still pay your Dues: \$25 for those of us over age 21, \$15 for those younger than 21, and \$15 for Dual Card members (Legion and Sons members). You can mail a check to the Post, 125 York Road, Towson Maryland 21204, or stop by and say hi! If you know someone who is eligible to join, get them an application, they are available in the Lounge, or from Squadron officers.

Best wishes to all in the New Year!

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER #22

John Horner

The Riding season has come to a close for 2022. We will be holding our Purse Bingo on April 16, 2023, please watch for more info to come out in the newsletters or reach out to any ALR member for details.

Remember we meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Come out and get involved.

Inflation is everywhere...including Post 22! There is no way around it. Our cost of beer has gone up; therefore, we must increase our beer prices. This price increase will be in effect on January 2, 2023.



KUWAIT UNIT IN NEED OF FEMININE PRODUCTS

ARMY UNIT ADOPTED BY POST 22 THAT'S CURRENTLY DEPLOYED IN KUWAIT IS IN NEED OF FEMININE HYGEINE PRODUCTS. THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF PRODUCTS IN KUIWAIT AND THEY ARE ASKING THE POST FOR HELP. PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS OF FEMININE HYGEINE PRODUTS TO INCLUDE SANITARY PADS, TAMPONS, PANTY LINERS OR FLUSHABLE WIPES TO THE POST. THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR DONATIONS.

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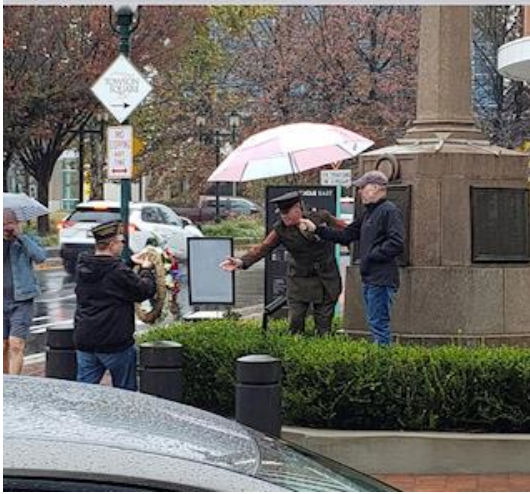


***TOWSON POST 22
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ON
MARCH 25, 2023, FROM 6-10 PM***

TICKETS GO ON SALE IN LATE JANUARY. TICKETS WILL INCLUDE MEAL AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ONLY \$50. CALL 410-823-8030 FOR TICKET INFORMATION OR STOP BY THE LOUNGE TO PURCHASE TICKETS.

The American Legion Post 22 Charter displayed at the post was issued in July 1931 and it is our second Post Charter. Our original Post Charter signed in March 1923 was put in remission because our Post was inactive for reasons unknown from 1924 through 1930.

THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF 2022 WITH POST 22



Despite the rainy day, many people still came out on Veterans Day to watch as wreaths were hung at Wayside Cross as a sign of respect to those who have served in the armed forces.



Post 22 Commander and Legion member Patricia Mitchell were recognized by Wounded Warriors during the November 20, 2022, Baltimore Ravens game.



Post 22 Third Vice Sonia Young was busy last Thanksgiving with the help of others more than 25 baskets were distributed to Legionnaires and families in need.



Another project of the Third Vice Sonia Young was collecting gently used coats and distributing them to veterans and community members in need.



Building partnerships in the community, helped the Post to forge a lasting bond with the Knights of Columbus Color Corp who participated in a ceremony honoring WWII and Korean War veterans in October.

HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS IN DECEMBER 2022

Each year Towson Post 22 recognizes First Responders in the community and the work that they do. During the Commander's Christmas Party in December 2022, First Time Correctional Recipient of the Year La'Tosha Allen was honored. "Allen was described as a "true public servant behind the walls of the Baltimore County Detention Center and deserving of recognition," by Gail Watts, Director of the Baltimore County Department of Corrections. Below are pictures of all the first responders recognized. They included Police Officer of the Year Richard W. Reich, EMT of the Year Travis Over, and Firefighter of the Year Kevin Summers. All first responders honored are pictured below in uniform holding their plaque.





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