



*@ THE POST*  
*THE AMERICAN LEGION*  
*Towson Post 22*

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Anita Stewart-Hammerer

Can you believe the Post will be celebrating 100 years this month? We need your help in coming together to make the celebration a memorable event. On March 25<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 10pm we will be celebrating as a Post family. Tickets are on sale now in the Post lounge.

For those of you unfamiliar with Post history, our original Post Charter that was signed in March, 1923 was put in remission because our Post was inactive for reasons unknown from 1924 through 1930. The American Legion Post 22 Charter displayed at the Post was issued in July, 1931 and it is our second Post Charter.

During the event you will have an opportunity to talk to members you may have not seen in a long time and meet new members of the Post. What better time to have fun with family members you have not seen in a long time. For more information, please see flyer in the newsletter.

### It's a Family Affair

As a Legion, we depend on the support of our family members—SAL, Auxiliary and Riders. Throughout the year they support the many programs of the Legion and the Post. Their history is intertwined with ours. In January 1935, the American Legion Auxiliary Charter was issued and signed; and then in December 1949, The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 22 was chartered as an attachment to American Legion Post 22. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 25<sup>th</sup>.



#### Legion Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:00 pm

#### Executive Committee Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:00 pm

#### Sons of American Legion Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:00 pm

#### Auxiliary Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:00 pm

#### Legion Riders Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## CHAPLAIN

Vernon Crider

Learning how to Forgive—It's the Last Thing Your Enemies Want you to Do!

What we say and who we say it to makes a big difference. One of the secrets of a long and fruitful life is to forgive everybody and everything before you go to bed. When you carry a chip on your shoulder, it causes you to lose balance. If you quit holding onto a grudge, it would die or fade away. You don't require a doctor to tell you to remove holding onto a grudge than to "nurse" it. There's nothing heavier that you can place on your own shoulders. It is far better to forgive and forget than to hate and remember. As Martin Luther once said, "There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness." Unforgiveness blocks blessings, forgiveness release blessings.

Ask yourself: Why aren't some prayers answered? Many theologians will attest to this way of thinking and firmly believe (which is supported by a host of scriptures) that many prayers are not answered because we are not willing to forgive someone.

Question: Do you want to let go of the past and claim the future? Forgiveness does not erase the former, but it does enhance the latter. Again, to quote Martin Luther, "No one can be wrong with man and right with God when you don't forgive." **Ephesians 4: 31-32** States: "*Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*"

In closing, ask yourself: If God is willing to forgive, then who am I to hold out?

\*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 Phil Converse, Assistant Chaplain @ (443) 986-8068.

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

## AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST AWARD

Every year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Department of Maryland sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-8. The grade levels are divided into three groups: Group 1 -Grades 3-4; Group II- Grades 5-6; and Group III-Grades 7-8.



Eastern Division Best Essay Contest winner Samiha Rahman is surrounded by Ann Roberts, from Unit 22, left, her parents, and school principal Angela McNelly.

Samiha Rahman, a 10-year-old, fourth grader from Carrol Manor Elementary School in Baldwin, MD, was the Eastern Division Group I Best Essay—"How Can we Support Families who Care for Veterans?" She is the first National Eastern Division winner from Towson Post 22.

Three awards in each Group are presented to each Unit, District, and Department. Samiha won all three: Unit-Post 22, District, and Northern Central District (Baltimore and Harford Counties) and the Department of Maryland, Eastern Division for the United States. Congratulations Samiha for this outstanding achievement and we are so proud of you and wish you much success in future journalistic endeavors.

## 2022-2023 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**

**American Legion Towson Post 22**

***Centennial Celebration***

**Saturday, March 25, 2023  
6-10pm**

**Dinner menu include: assorted appetizers,  
apricot teriyaki glazed salmon, chicken  
saltimbocca, Irish potatoes, seasoned and  
steamed green beans and assorted deserts.**

**\$50 per person**

**Live Band, dancing, semi-formal attire**

**Cash Bar**

**Location: Towson Post 22  
125 York Road, Towson, MD**

# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON #22

Bob Gambill

I hope you are all having a good 2023 so far. There's lots to share with you this time. At the beginning of January, we got word that it is now possible to pay your annual dues online by setting up a MyLegion account with the email address associated with your membership account. The drawback is the online system is only set up to process "Full" dues in the amount of \$25. Our under 21 and dual card members who only pay \$15 will have to continue mailing their dues to the Post. If you haven't done so already, please send us your email address to [Towsonsq22@gmail.com](mailto:Towsonsq22@gmail.com).



*Harry Sult, Jr.*

Sadly, on January 15, 2023, Harry Sult, Jr. passed away. Harry was a member of this Squadron all his life and was an Honorary Life Member. He served as Squadron Commander numerous times and was Northern Central District commander some years ago. Squadron members conducted a memorial service and escorted him to his final resting place, where he was buried next to his parents.

On Sunday April 30, we will be hosting the First Annual Harry Sult, Jr. Corn Hole Tournament at the Post. Weather permitting, this will be an outdoor event. Details will be shared separately. We will also be conducting a shotgun raffle to be drawn July 9, 2023. The winner may choose the Benelli 12 ga. or \$500 cash. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Tickets are available in the Lounge or from any Squadron officer. Must be at least 21 years old and be legally eligible to own a firearm.

Our Squadron Finance Officer and Past Commander Ben Renwick is retiring and moving to Florida. Best wishes to him for a long and relaxing retirement. His departure leaves us in need of a Finance Officer. If you are able and willing, please contact me, [Bobgambill@yahoo.com](mailto:Bobgambill@yahoo.com) or 410-967-1258.

# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER #22

John Horner

The chapter has a full riding schedule planned for 2023 already. We have several events coming up with Spring right around the corner. First, we will hold our Purse Bingo on April 16, 2023. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased behind the bar in the lounge.

From June 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 11<sup>th</sup>, we will hold the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland Gold Star Ride, sponsored by Towson Post 22. This year the ride will be stopping at Flight 93 Memorial. We are hopeful this year that we will surpass \$500,000 raised for the American Legion Legacy Fund in just eight years. You can become a sponsor for just \$100 and get your name on the shirt or you can pledge directly toward the ride. One hundred percent of pledges go to the Legacy Fund. Contact me for more information.

On July 8<sup>th</sup> we will hold our Annual HERO-DOG ride. Come out to the ride at the Post and meet the HERO-DOGS and support this worthwhile charity.

Come to our meetings the first Wednesday of the month to learn more and get involved. You do not need to ride a motorcycle to join the fun. We need your support to make all these events successful, which benefit Veterans and children and youth programs.

# AMERICANISM

Stuart Blair

This time of year is normally marked by high school students competing for the Oratorical and beginning the application process for Maryland Boys State.

The American Legion, Department of Maryland, has a long and proud history with The American Legion Oratorical Contest, having produced six winners since the contest's beginnings in 1938. Five of these winners have occurred just in the past 20 years.

## Maryland 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, At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county, and state governments.

Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses, and recreational programs. Boys state is open to rising seniors. For more, information on Boys State visit [www.mdlegion.org/boysstate](http://www.mdlegion.org/boysstate). This year's Boys State will be held at McDaniel College June 18-24, 2023.

## Scouts BSA

The Towson Post 22 Charter Troops 729/1729 continues to support our programs, Back to School, Breakfast with Santa, etc. With the joint effort of TAL Veterans and Scouts BSA our teaming together benefits the community.

In the past year Towson Post 22 has hosted two Court of Honor Ceremonies along with presentation of "Good Citizenship Awards" to six Eagle Scouts Three more Eagle Scout presentations are scheduled later this month.

Recently Towson Post 22 has chartered Cub Scout Pack 319. With this addition to our scout program the PACK will present support to our Scout BSA Troops in their effort assisting in the Post 22 projects.

## Youth Baseball

Towson Post 22 is sponsoring a U 12 Baseball Traveling Team from the Lutherville Timonium Recreation Council this year. The American Legion Towson Post 22 will be recognized on their website and Facebook for our sponsorship. Also, I will be joining the team as a TAL Liaison.

## IN THE KNOW

For more information on any of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs programs listed, please contact Stuart Blair, MVC Commissioner and Towson Post 22 member at [thistleman@verizon.net](mailto:thistleman@verizon.net).

- ***Vehicles for Change***

Veteran' motor vehicle skill programs  
Entry level occupation training  
Vehicle ownership availability

- ***Maryland Veterans Trust Fund***

Funds available \$600,000  
Veterans' income determines granted funds

- ***Service and Benefits Program***

Veterans can receive disability and health care benefits for eight presumptive disease conditions associated with: Persian Gulf, Iraq; Afghanistan-PACT Act; Agent Orange claims; Gulf War era; and post 9/11 Veterans eligibility. All claims filed with the issue shown cannot be duplicated on a VA claim.

- ***Cemetery and Memorials Program***

Maryland's has five veteran cemeteries. Most in U.S. \$893 for all eligible dependents of the veteran; this cost is inclusive of casketed and cremated interments, liner cost for dependent spouse(s) or children, and perpetual care. \$893 will be charged for veterans, dependent spouse(s) or children for disinterment's or re-interments of casketed or cremated remains. Proposed bill, Maryland veteran's cemetery interment of veteran dependents at NO COST.



## Towson American Legion Riders and The Towson Jaycees Purse Bingo

Dooney & Bourke, Michael Kors, Kate Spade,  
Patricia Nash, Calvin Klein, Fossil, and Vera Bradley

B I N G O				
7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

**April 16, 2023**  
Games Start at 1:30 pm  
Doors Open at 12:30 pm



Towson American Legion Grand Hall  
125 York Road  
Towson, MD 21204

\$20 a ticket paid in advance, \$25 a ticket at the door

16 Regular Games  
Door Prizes

Sold at the door: Extra Cards, Special Bingos, and Raffles

*Food will be available for Purchase*



For Tickets, please contact Bev Horner or Nicole Horner at 410-825-5464  
Or Email Nicole Horner at [nhorner@towsonjaycees.org](mailto:nhorner@towsonjaycees.org)

All proceeds to benefit Children and youth, Veterans, Towson Jaycees  
Senior Citizens Thanksgiving dinner, and Community projects

# TOWSON POST 22 HAVING FUN

Post members and guests enjoying this year's Mardi Gras celebration at the Post.



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**The American Legion**  
**Department of Maryland**  
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ARTICLE OR COMMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT POST COMMANDER AT  
[AHAMMERER@JUNO.COM](mailto:AHAMMERER@JUNO.COM).

## **Upcoming Events**

**Check Facebook or the Post Website for Events**