

THE AMERICAN LEGION "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY"

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POST 274**



Lore's Log

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all in this New Year of 2022,

We accomplished much over the last year. We made significant improvements to our outdoor area including adding an expanded deck area to play corn-hole and putting a roof covering with sky lights over the concreted area near the fish pond up front. We successfully completed and opened our newly remodeled lounge and we are not done tweaking in some minor improvements there, but generally it has been very well received. We continued our charitable, family and community programs including our scholarships to area high school students, we supported Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and the veterans that are in residence there, we made significant contributions to Toys-For-Tots and Wreaths Across America to name just a few of the many. We participated in our own Memorial Day service at the Arick L. Lore grave site in Solomons as well as the Calvert County Memorial Day service at the courthouse, we hosted a Flag Day service at our Post, we sent a healthy delegation to the American Legion convention in July, we held a memorial service at "Charlie's Flag" to remember the 20th anniversary of the terror attacks of September 11, 2001, and we participated in the Calvert County Veteran's Day ceremony in November. We also served a thanksgiving dinner, held the Commander's Eggnog party along with other Holiday activities, and served over 170 Christmas Day meals with our partners at SMILE to our members and to many others in the community, including senior citizens at the Appeal Senior Center and the staff at the Solomons nursing center. Most recently we put on our New Year's Eve party. Although they both pitched in with the above list of activities, the SAL and the Auxiliary of Post #274 have quite an extensive list of activities that they accomplished in their organizations on behalf of the Post as well. This is by no means a comprehensive list of our activities, as there are many more not listed, but it gives one a sense that our Post is much more than just another lounge or bar. We have had a busy 2021 and now on to 2022!

Planning is underway for a return of the popular Queen of Hearts Thursdays! Stay tuned for further notice in our weekly email communication. It is so nice to see the gradual return to some of our staple fun times. No final decision has been made for the spring Bull and Oyster Roast in March, but I am hopeful it is going to happen. If you recall, the Spring B&O was the last event to occur at Post #274 in March of 2020 just two days before the Covid pandemic shut us down. It will be nice to get this event back up and running if we can. Again, stay tuned to the weekly email for further information. Tickets are also going on sale for the Post #274 Cash Bash event to be held on March 26th. This is a great event where large cash winners are drawn from ticket buyers every 15 minutes for 4 hours. Ask the bartender for tickets and details about this event which will be from 1 PM to 5 PM on March 26, 2022.

The District 6 American Legion Oratorical Contest is rapidly approaching and will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2022. This year Post #274 will be hosting the contest for the District 6 Posts, of which there are 14 Posts in the District from Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, and Prince Georges counties. The oratorical contest is open to any Maryland high school student. The contest is focused on the U.S. Constitution and is part of the Americanism program of the American Legion. Successful contestants can advance from the District level competition to the state of Maryland competition and possibly on to the national competition in Indianapolis, Indiana. The money rewards increase at each level and become very significant for the finalists. Jon Baki is the District 6 Oratorical Contest Committee Chairman and is assisted by our very own Post #274 Auxiliary Unit President, Joyce Baki. Considering what is going on in our country today, and what is currently being taught to our children in schools and universities, this is a wholesome way to reconnect our youth to the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy. Volunteers are needed from our Post to put this contest on, so consider volunteering to help out. Please encourage any high school student you may know to participate and contact Jon or Joyce Baki for further information.

Lastly, let us all dedicate ourselves to increase the membership in the Post. As we lose members to the Post everlasting and people move away or otherwise become disconnected from our Post, our membership dwindles and eventually becomes problematic to the vitality and maintenance of our organization. This decreasing membership phenomena has been occurring at our Post and nationally and across just about all membership driven organizations including veterans organizations, volunteer fire departments, churches and other fraternal organizations for many years. It takes a proactive effort on the part of all of our current members to help with recruitment of new members and retention of existing members. Please look to the weekly communication for incentives regarding this effort and please assist with this "all-hands evolution". Membership is the lifeblood of our organization! Wishing you a Happy New Year, I remain dedicated;

For God and Country,

Tony O'Donnell, Commander - Post #274

SPECIAL EVENTS/ DATES OF INTEREST:

- *Due to COVID-19 all events are currently to be determined. Please follow events happening at the post via Facebook and email.*

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FIRST VICE COMMANDERS REPORT

Happy New Years Legion Family!

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season. As of December this Legion Post voted in 4 new people recruited to date, with 2 transfers. I would like to thank everyone for there AWESOME work and continued support to recruiting for our post!!! I'd like everyone to welcome the new members we voted in to the Legion during the December 2021 meeting.

New Members To Be Voted In

Names	Branch	Eligibility Dates	Recruiter
Alan King	USN	Glenda/Lebanon	Robert Post
Chad Marshall	USMC	GWOT	Justin Thomson
Cody Leach	USMC	GWOT	Brianna Post
Scott Kromenacker	USA	GWOT	Ken Hartmann

Members Transferring to Post 274

Names	Branch	Eligibility Dates	Post Transferring From
Chester Payne	USN	Vietnam	29
Michael Tamaro	US		297

Coming into 2022 according to the membership report on mdlegion.org report we are we are currently at 472 members. This will put us at 75.935% of our goal for the 2022 goal. We still need 25 new and renewals to get to 80% for our goal. I believe we will have no problem achieving these goals. I have posted two different list of members that haven't renewed yet on the bulletin board outside of the office. One list will be the members that have not renewed for 2022. The second report is for members that have not renewed for 2021 and 2022. Please take a look and see if you recognize anyone and give them a shout-out to get their dues in. I will continue to update these list when I process membership. Anyone that needs to renew there membership can do so are the legion or online at <https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/Renew> I will continue to update these list when I process membership.

We greatly appreciate all the support to our Post and our mission to help veterans and our great community here in Lusby

For good of the Legion,

Jess Hartmann

SAL COMMANDERS REPORT

Welcome all to the New Year!!!

We will be posting up coming events for this year in the up coming months. Chicken burns , raffles , and other exciting events.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that participated in the past year as you all were very helpful in our success as we did very well.

We are driving to get membership up to date and looking to recruit new members .

Thank you all!!!

For God and country.....

Steve Bender.....



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! I would like to send out a special thank you to our Post and SAL members, and so many friends and family that assisted with our holiday projects. With your help we donated new coats for children through SMILE, provided gently used (and dry cleaned) coats to Project Echo, donated \$250 to the Patuxent NJROTC, and sent 800 cards to our Veterans at Charlotte Hall and 600 cards to Veterans at Washington VA Hospital. The Post raised money for Toys for Tots, purchasing bicycles, scooters, tricycles, skateboards and other large toys to many deserving children this year. Working with SMILE, we provided holiday dinners for 170 people - at the Post, through carry-out and delivery.

Working with our friends at the Calvert Marine Museum, we were able to provide more than \$2,500 of shirts, sweatpants, sweat-shirts, hoodies, belts, electric razors, puzzle books, snacks and other items were delivered to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. This year four of our members were able to assist at Charlotte Hall with holiday gift-giving. Special thanks to Erica Daymude and Michaela Oliver, for raising money and purchasing compression socks for the Veterans.

A special thank you to all who provided donations and participated in *Wreaths Across America*. With the generous help of the Post, we raised enough to place wreaths on the graves of more than 350 veterans at eight churches in southern Calvert County. Saturday, December 18, a service was held at the Corbin Pavilion at Calvert Marine Museum, followed by wreaths placed at the cemeteries by more than 50 volunteers.

What's in our future? Post renovations are done. We are moving into our new office in the next few weeks. We are making plans for several projects in the spring. The Juniors will be collecting metals in early February for their "Metals for Miracles" project. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. We do not hold meetings in January and July. Our February meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10. We hope to see you there!

Have you paid your 2022 dues? We are close to our goal of 100%. Last year we finished the year with 279 members. We are currently at 226 members. You may renew three ways:

Online at www.alaforveterans.org

Mail – ALA Unit 274, P.O. Box 2141, Lusby, MD 20657

Place your dues in the locked box located at the Post

Dues are \$25 for Auxiliary members, \$8 for Junior Auxiliary. There is a weekly email sent with up-to-date information and events. If you would like to receive this, please send me your email, jbaki@comcast.net.

Hope you have a safe and healthy 2022!

Joyce Baki

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jbaki@comcast.net



SCHOLARSHIP NOTE

The American Legion Post 274 Scholarship applications will be available starting January 11, 2022 and must be received by the March 31, 2022. Please contact Glenn Ford at (410) 326-2179 with questions.



Are you a Facebooker? Come "like" us on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/American.Legion.Post.274.Lusby>

Get your Post updates and chat posted on your wall

SERVICE OFFICERS NOTE: Who's Allowed to Be Buried at Arlington National Cemetery?

When veterans die, there are special considerations to be made. Family members may want to have a full military funeral, including a military funeral flag presentation and funeral procession. A special eulogy for a veteran may be written, and those who had family members in the Navy may wonder about burial at sea. While most military families understand veteran death benefits, they may have a desire to have their love one buried at Arlington National Cemetery, but not know whether their loved one is allowed to be buried there. The cemetery is almost full; thus, the requirements are strict. There have been almost 400,000 burials at Arlington since the cemetery was founded during the Civil War, specifically, on June 15, 1864.

Requirements to Be Buried at Arlington

Although there are 139 national cemeteries, Arlington is considered to be the most esteemed resting place for veterans, i.e., the Mother of National Cemeteries. The criteria to receive burial at Arlington are extremely stringent compared with the requirements for the other national cemeteries. The Arlington website states that the decision on whether the requirements are met will be determined "at the time of need," thus, prior approval cannot be given. Here are some of the requirements, or part of the Code of Regulations, that you or your loved one must meet to be buried at Arlington. For the most part, to be buried in Arlington, you or your loved one must be a current service member or one who received an honorable discharge.

A person qualifies for burial at Arlington if:

- The deceased died on **Title 10 Active Duty**, i.e., a person serving regular active duty or a reservist called up to active duty by the president of the United States.
- The deceased retired from active duty and was receiving active-duty retirement pay. This means that you or your loved one served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard for a minimum period of 20 years. The service member could also have been a member of the Reserve or National Guard for twenty years and had reached the age of 60.
- The deceased received a Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, or Purple Heart. The Medal of Honor is the highest of these honors. It is given to military members who risked their lives beyond an ordinary act of bravery against an enemy of the U.S. (Please note: Referring to the Medal of Honor as the Congressional Medal of Honor is incorrect. All Congress did was pass a law authorizing it, it does not approve individual recommendations for awarding the medal.)
- The deceased was any former active-duty military prisoner of war who died on or after Nov. 30, 1993.
- Surviving spouses of soldiers may be buried next to their loved ones. The spouses cannot have been remarried to another person after the death of their previous spouse.

A person might not qualify for burial, but may be eligible for inurnment at Arlington if:

- The deceased dies during training for a Title 10 operation. The deceased needs to have died during actual military service instead of military training to receive burial. Those who died during training qualify to have their remains entombed at Arlington.
- The deceased was a member of the Reserve or National Guard who served at least one day on active duty.
- The deceased was a veteran of the military but did not retire from the military. Only military veterans who retired after a minimum of 20 years in the military may be buried at Arlington.

If you think your family member qualifies to be buried at Arlington, you must have all required documents in hand before contacting Arlington Cemetery Management. Documentation required includes:

- DD214 or service documentation showing the deceased's honorable discharge and **total active-duty** service.
- Death certificate (Copies of death certificates cannot be made, only originals can be supplied as required. The Funeral Director should ask you how many you will need and s/he will obtain them for you. Otherwise, they are available at the local court house.)
- Cremation certificate, if applicable.
- Succession documents for the Person Authorized to Direct Disposition to act on behalf of the Primary Next of Kin.
- Those who wish to have unmarried adult dependents buried with a military member at Arlington must also remit other documents.

Eligibility for Arlington Burials FAQs

Here are some other common questions regarding burials at Arlington National Cemetery. Contact representatives at the Cemetery if you have extenuating circumstances that are not listed on the Cemetery website. Can spouses be buried at Arlington? Yes, surviving spouses (when they die), and minor or permanently dependent children may be buried at Arlington. Those who wish to bury minor or dependent children must fill out at least two additional forms before the burial can be approved. **If your veteran husband has had more than one spouse, and you want to be buried next to him, ensure, verify, and make sure his will so states.**

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The next Bi-Monthly American Legion Blood Drive will be held on January, 11th!

SOUTHERN COMMUNITY CENTER
NOON TO SIX PM

November 9th results: Guests Signed in - 50
Goal- 50 Pints Credited - 48



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NON-PARTISAN REMINDER

36 US Code §21706 (part of The American Legion Corporate Charter), which states: "The corporation shall be nonpolitical and may not promote the candidacy of an individual seeking public office."

This is further emphasized by the provisions of Article II, Section 2 of the National Constitution which provides: "The American Legion shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment."

The Legion's Steak Night!!!

Come on out to the Commanders Choice
Steak Night on May and June

1st

DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTION STEAK NIGHT IS CANCELLED. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE OR POST EMAIL FOR UPDATES!



Chef Jay

Steaks Cooked to Order!!! Meal includes:



Sous-Chef Bob

ONLY \$18!!!

Get your song on!!

KARAOKE NIGHT!!!

1ST AND 2RD Friday Nights from 6PM till 10PM with DJ Dave. (Time is subject to change)



CHAPLAINS CORNER

All is Good!

We had a Celebration of Life for Caryoln Frears on 11/27. Please continue prayers for the following:



Justin Thomson

Junior Ward

Captain Garber

Dave Barnes-- And families

all the members of American Legion Post 274

Merry Christmas to all and a safe and Happy New year!

Many Thanks,
Warren

Something Good is Going to Happen!

Trivia Night Rocks!!!



Every

DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTION TRIVIA NIGHT IS CANCELLED. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE OR POST EMAIL FOR UPDATES!

Thursday Night from 5-7:30 PM

Come join Rick, Nate, Joyce, Eric or



Have You renewed your membership yet?

Have You recruited a new member today?

Help us grow the Legion Family!!!



THE AMERICAN LEGION MARYLAND DISTRICT 6 ORATORICAL CONTEST

Are you in high school? Planning on college?

NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

Consider talking your way to college by
demonstrating your knowledge and appreciation for
the U.S. Constitution.

Local competition will be held
Saturday, February 5, 2022
(Rain/Snow Date - Saturday, February 12, 2022)
American Legion
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11820 HG Trueman Road, Lusby, MD

For more information contact:
Jon or Joyce Baki - jbaki@comcast.net
or visit www.legion.org/oratorical



ARICK L. LORE AMERICAN LEGION POST 274 25TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



Friday, June 3, 2022
Chesapeake Hills Golf Course, Lusby, Maryland
Registration 8 a.m. - Shotgun Start at 9 a.m.
Captain's Choice Best Ball

Benefits the American Legion's Community Activities

Refreshments on the Course
Prizes for Closest to the Pin - First, Second & Third Place Teams
Silent Auction - Raffles - Door Prizes



Hole-in-One Contests sponsored by



Chance to win a 2022 Car!

First Pay - First Play!
Please respond early to allow for cart and food order
Sponsor a hole for \$50 and see your Name or Company Name on the Course!

Hot Dogs on the Turn will be provided at the golf course.
A hot lunch will be provided at the Post!

For more information contact:
Jon Baki - 443-532-4700
jbaki@comcast.net
American Legion Post 274 - 410-326-3274
Make checks payable to: American Legion Post 274 Golf Tournament

MAIL REGISTRATIONS TO:
Jon Baki
11475 Little Cove Point Road
Lusby, MD 20657

<u>January 2022</u>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Karaoke 6PM Time subject to change	8
9	10	11 Red Cross Blood Drive 12PM	12 Membership Meeting 6PM	13	14 Karaoke 6PM Time subject to change	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18	19 SAL Membership Meeting 6PM	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<u>February 2022</u>						
30	31	1	2	3	4 Karaoke 6PM Time subject to change	5
6	7	8	9 Membership Meeting 6PM	10 AUX Member- ship Meeting 6PM	11 Karaoke 6PM Time subject to change	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 SAL Membership Meeting 6PM	17	18	19
20	21 Presidents Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

Due to COVID-19, all event dates on this calendar are currently to be determined when allowed by the State of Maryland. Please keep looking at the post Facebook page and emails for future events.

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LOUNGE HOURS:

Monday and TuesdayClosed
Wednesday.....1300 - 2000
Thursday and Friday.....1300 - 2200
Saturday.....1100 - 2200
Sunday.....1200 - 2000
(Lounge Hours will be adjusted by the House Committee as necessary)

Regular Events:

Monday BingoTBD
Thurs Trivia NightTBD
Friday Karaoke (1st, 2nd & 3rd)TBD

LEGION OFFICERS

Commander:
Anthony O'Donnell.....443-532-5176
1st Vice Commander:
Jessica Hartmann.....410-924-3641
2nd Vice Commander:
Rick Watson410-231-9766
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Rick Sullivan410-610-3699
Adjutant:
DeJuan Gore757-575-9843

LEGION OFFICERS (cont)

Chaplain:
Warren Kidwell301-751-4853
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Justin Thomson732-492-9760
Historian:
Eric Walls240-210-1847
Judge Advocate:
Mike McGinn301-737-4985
Service Office:
Terry Singer410-326-0142
Auxiliary President:
Joyce Baki410-449-9515
S.A.L. Commander:
Steve Bender240-925-2750

Executive Committee:

**Jon Baki, John Bilinsky, Glenn Ford Sr.,
and Bob Post**

Past Commander:

Jay Bolles

Post Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 6PM

SERVICE OFFICERS NOTE: Who's Allowed to Be Buried at Arlington National Cemetery?

What does it cost to be buried at Arlington?

If your loved one qualifies to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, there are no costs for the interment. Family members who are placed next to their loved ones may be required to pay for the additional inscription on the grave marker. Also, family members can pay extra for a casket to be placed into a vault as opposed to a government-provided grave liner. The preparation of the body for burial, the casket or urn, and transportation of the remains to Arlington must be paid for by the estate. The only exception to this rule is if the deceased relative died while on active duty. If this is the case, the entire cost of the funeral may be paid for by the federal government.

How long does it take to complete a burial at Arlington?

If an active service member dies while in action, they may be buried in Arlington within two weeks of the death. Other family members may need to wait up to three weeks for burial. Active-duty soldiers who died in combat have first priority in burial times. Burials are given priority over the deceased who are cremated. If the deceased is cremated, the current wait times are as long as nine to eleven months. The wait times can be shorter for those requesting a service without a funeral escort.

What is the burial schedule at Arlington?

Family members are guests and asked to arrive at Arlington 45 minutes before the scheduled funeral. Guards will direct guests where to park, and the receptionist will direct you to your assigned family waiting room. Ten or fifteen minutes before the service, the family is escorted to the gravesite location. During the service, which generally lasts between 20 and 30 minutes, the committal service is conducted, and the military funeral honors are rendered.

Honoring Your Loved One at Arlington

Although it is a great honor to have a loved one buried at Arlington, the process takes a great deal of patience. Not only are the family members required to gather the appropriate documents, but the estate also has to pay for transportation of the body to Virginia. You also cannot schedule the service when it is convenient for you and your guests. Families may consider burying their deceased loved ones in one of the 139 national cemeteries dotting the country. Many of these burial places are as equally beautiful and peaceful, and you may find a location that is closer to home. There are national cemeteries in 40 states and Puerto Rico. If need more information on veterans' funerals, see, and you will, see: www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/funerals.

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