



Robert Vincent McMaugh Memorial American Legion Post 10 9950 Cockrell Road Manassas, Virginia 20110 703-369-4900

JULY 2023

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2 Year Committeeperson

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3 Year Committeeperson

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Gunny Lewis

Judge Advocate

Rick Raskin

Service Officer

Ginger Harvey

Newsletter Editor

Gunny Lewis



Commander's Column

This month I want to but my focus on opportunities to volunteer and help out in big and small ways. So let me put a pin in a few areas where help is needed.

The Post Color Guard is always looking for new members. SONs, Auxiliary, Legionaries welcome one and all. We do little if any marching and many of our activities are inside. See *Carl Carey* or myself for details.

Wreaths Across America is upon us already. We need one or two to help pull our collective contributions together, and ensure our regional coordinator is sync'd to our efforts Minimal time. Lots of return. Let me know if you'd like to help. See my email below.

<u>Toys For Tots</u> also needs someone to step up and help. Once again, minimal time with lots of return. Let me know if you can help. See email below.

Monday morning bingo is conducted by volunteers. If you can, come in and see what's involved. I find helping out fun and enjoyable. Starts 9:00 and we're done by noon

We have two great recruiting opportunities coming up soon. The tank farm in August and a car show in September. Help at both events definitely needed.

So step out of your comfort zone and be counted!

Thank you one and all.

E-mail: al10commander@gmail.com

Dave Quimby, Your American Legion Post 10 Commander















MEMORIAL DAY at POST 10



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MEMORIAL DAY at POST 10 (continued)





Cleaning Crew led by Master Carlton the day before to get the Pavilion ready.

Thanks to all the volunteers that made this Memorial Day most memorable.

Photos by Mark Emerman & Gunny

JLC Report

An informal after-action meeting was held at VFW Post 9808 on April 14. At that time the outcome of the proposals offered to the legislature were evaluated and a roadmap going forward discussed. The JLC met formally at the Virginia War Memorial on May 9. The agenda included a wrap up of last year's legislative session (4 wins) and the prospect of reintroducing JLC 2023-02 and JLC 2023-03 for the next session.

2023 Joint Leadership Council Legislative Initiatives Status

JLC 2023-01 Constitutional amendment; property tax exemption for certain surviving spouses. Signed by the Governor, will be reintroduced in 2024 Session, and if passed and signed will require a referendum in the 2024 General Election.

JLC 2023-04 Military spouses; burial fees. Signed by the Governor and becomes effective 1 July 2023.

JLC 2023-05 Virginia National Guard Passport established; free entry and parking. Signed by the Governor and becomes effective 1 July 2023.

JLC 2023-06 Income tax subtraction; National Guard. Increases from \$3,000 to \$5,500 the income tax subtraction for wages or salaries. Also expands the military ranks that qualify to 06 and below: Signed by the Governor and will be effective for calendar year 2023.

JLC 2023-02 Real property tax; exemption for disabled veterans and surviving spouses. Provides that a person who is eligible for the real property tax exemption for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses is entitled to a refund, retroactive to his date of eligibility, of taxes paid during the period of exemption, excluding interest or penalties. Under the bill, the refund is exempt from the statute of limitations for applications for correction of an assessment. Currently not included in the General Assembly Budget.

JLC 2023-03 Income tax, state; military benefits subtraction, age restriction. Income tax; military benefits subtraction; age restriction. Removes the age 55 or older restriction on those individuals allowed a military benefits income tax subtraction beginning with taxable year. Currently not included in the General Assembly Budget.

Charitable Gaming: I spoke on the issues with charitable gaming in the Commonwealth and shared a position paper for a possible JLC initiative.

I previously had a Zoom meeting with Senator *Bryce Reeves* who is working the gaming issues. There is a plan to address the issues through a working group of state legislators and hopefully arrive at an acceptable solution without involving the next legislative session or the JLC. Should an acceptable solution not be reached I will modify the position paper accordingly and introduce a JLC initiative for which Senator *Reeves* agreed to be a patron. I have wide support within the JLC and do not foresee any issues getting approval for an initiative if needed.

Department of Veteran Services Report: DVS Commissioner *Daniel Gade* gave an update on several items:

A Virginia is for Veterans logo has been approved.

\$5M has been allocated for suicide prevention.

Data has been obtained to support the outreach program.

A woman's Veteran license plate is in the design phase should be available in the fall.

The DVS has updated performance measurements.

The Puller Veterans Facility at Vint Hill has construction delays – hopefully opening in November.

Department of Military Affairs Report: Major General *Timothy Williams*, the Adjutant General of Virginia, reported 50 National Guard members will be deployed to Eastern Europe to establish brigade operations which potentially could grow to 4300 soldiers.

MG Williams is also grateful that the JLC has been instrumental in National Guard support.

MG Williams is retiring in June and his successor will be Brigadier General Jim Ring.

JLC Chair *Denise Williams* presented MG *Williams* with a plaque honoring his service.

JLC Organization: Legislative Chair *John Clickener*, Marine Corps League stepped down for health reasons. *Glenn Yarborough*, AUSA was appointed interim chair. The next JLC meeting will be July 13 at the Virginia War Memorial.

Rick Raskin, JLC Representative

Remember Everyone Deployed Fridays (R.E.D.)

R.E.D. was created to show solidarity and support for our deployed service members and veterans. The primary mission is to keep the deployed at the forefront of our hearts and minds until they return home by wearing red on Fridays. The deployed and their families are not nameless, faceless, or forgotten. They are our heroes, and for them, we go R.E.D. on Fridays. We honor the sacrifices and responsibilities the service members accept to protect our way of life. Wearing a specific color of shirt or other apparel may seem a trivial act, but it represents something very significant. It translates to mean that as you prepare for the day, you recognize that others are playing an active role to allow you to go about your day with relative peace of mind that you are safe.

Submitted by **Gunny**



My heartfelt thanks to: *Jake Bianco* (mulch and weeding around flag pole), *Greg Neiss* (door closer), *Greg Hall* (clean/sanitize Hall trash cans), and *Carl Carey* (general maintenance).

Much appreciated to each of you for your assistance in the

maintenance of the Post.

There is much more to do around the Post so if you have the ambition and time see me.

Gunny

NOTICES: When playing the 'game' machines *you must turn in your cash receipts within 48 hours of printing them*. After that they become <u>null and void</u>. The Post has 48 hours to pay on winning tickets. Playing of machines during Social Quarters' hours <u>ONLY!</u> Thank you for your cooperation.

ATTENTION ALL: PRICE INCREASES TOOK EFFECT SUNDAY 4 JUN 2023

We must increase the cost of all drinks due to our vendors raising the price to us.

16 oz. glass of beer increase by \$0.50.

Pitcher of beer (small and large) will increase by \$1.00.

Bottle of wine will increase by \$0.50.

Soda, juices, & Gatorade will increase by \$0.50.

We have <u>not</u> increased our prices of the above for a number of years. We still have the best prices (inexpensive) in the area. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in these unstable / inflationary economic times.

Thank you,

Post 10 Management

Swearing in of Officers on Saturday, 17 JUN 2023



Legionnaires



Sons



Riders



Auxiliary

Not all officers attended for their respective Post 10 Units. Swearing in conducted by *Mark Stein*, Dept. Vice Cmdr.

Photos by *Dave Mattingly & Gunny*

Chaplain's Column

No submission received.

Steve Botello, Post 10 Chaplain



American Legion Riders Post 10

No submission received.

Paul "Cheeks" Giovanni, Director Post 10 ALR



Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 10

No submission received.

Dan Frye, Squadron 10 Commander

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Fourth of July (Independence Day) has been a federal holiday in the U.S. since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the American Revolution.

BACKGROUND: When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to the growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the pamphlet "Common Sense," published by *Thomas Paine* in early 1776.

On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate *Richard Henry Lee* introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on *Lee's* resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including *Thomas Jefferson* of Virginia, *John Adams* of Massachusetts, *Roger Sherman* of Connecticut, *Benjamin Franklin* of Pennsylvania and *Robert R. Livingston* of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of *Lee's* resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, *John Adams* wrote to his wife *Abigail* that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other."

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written mostly by *Jefferson*. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, *Adams* believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and turned down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. During the summer of 1776 some colonists celebrated the birth of independence by holding mock funerals for *King George III* as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America and the triumph of liberty.

Philadelphia held the first annual commemoration of independence on July 4, 1777, while Congress was still occupied with the ongoing war. *George Washington* issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of independence in 1778, and 1781, several months before the key American victory at the Battle of Yorktown. Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday. After the Revolutionary War, Americans continued to celebrate Independence Day. The tradition of setting off fireworks on the 4th began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, during the first organized celebration of Independence Day. Ship's cannon fired a 13-gun salute in honor of the 13 colonies. The *Pennsylvania Evening Post* reported: "at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated." That same night, the Sons of Liberty set off fireworks over Boston Common. The tradition of patriotic celebration became even more widespread after the War of 1812, in which the US again faced Great Britain. In 1870, the U.S. Congress made July 4th a federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 10 MANASSAS INVITES YOU TO OUR MONTHLY MOVIE VIEWING ON OUR 125 INCH SCREEN, COME ENJOY A NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN ON US!

JULY 16 @ 2PM AUG 27 @ 2PM DC LEAGUE OF SUPERPETS. THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE





ADMISSION FREE TO ALL LEGION MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILY AND GUESTS. TICKETS AT THE DOOR ENTITLE THE HOLDER TO 2 HOTDOGS OR 2 SLICES OF PIZZA OR 1 OF EACH, UNLIMITED POPCORN AND PUNCH. BRING THE FAMILY AND HAVE REFRESHMENTS ON US OR ENJOY A DRINK FROM OUR SOCIAL QUARTERS AND ORDER SOME FOOD FROM THE KITCHEN OR FOOD TRUCKS. ALL FOOD AND DRINKS MAY BE EATEN IN THE HALL DURING THE MOVIE.

American Legion Post 10 Manassas VA Blood Drive



How to make an appointment: go to https://www.rederossblood.org/

Make an appointment: Enter Zip—20110 Scroll down to Thursday, Aug 31, 2023

American Legion Post 10

Click: Pick Time

LAST BLOOD DRIVE, THURSDAY, 22 JUN 2023

We had 15 registered donors: 1 Power Red, 2 deferrals for a total of 14 life-saving units of blood. Thanks to all that donated their blood.













Thanks to *Carl Carey* for organizing the blood drive and for *Linda Myers* assistance. Next blood drive will be Thursday, 31 AUG 2023. See above poster for details.

Carl Carey, Blood Drive Coordinator

Photos by **Gunny**



Legionnaire Membership Report

We are currently at 94.85% of membership for 2023. Thank you!

RENEW NOW -- It is time to begin our 2023-2024 membership drive.

The new membership cards have arrived.

There are several ways to renew your American Legion membership:

Online at www.mylegion.org. You can renewal manually each year or set-up automatic yearly renewal with your credit card. You can also update your profile information: address and phone number. You need your membership ID number to start an account at mylegion.org.

By mail. If you've received your renewal request from National Headquarters, mail it to Post 10 at 9950 Cockrell Road, Manassas, VA 20110 attn: Post 10 Membership. If you haven't received a form from National Headquarters, send a check, and a note with your name, membership ID number, address, email and phone number.

In person. Stop by Post 10 and ask the bartender for a membership envelope, fill out the envelope, include your membership number and dues.

Legion dues are \$35.00 and your new 2024 membership card will be mailed to you.

Please provide your address, email and phone number. It's important to be able to contact you. Your information is stored in a protected database, accessible only to post officers with the need to know.

If you have an email account, you can receive the newsletter electronically. Sign up for the newsletter email at the Post 10 website, https://www.post10manassas.org/.

Please feel free to email me with any questions/concerns about your membership or to request an appointment for assistance with your mylegion account or to register on the website to receive the newsletter electronically.

For God and Country,

Linda M Myers, 1st Vice Commander myers11@verizon.net

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

When: Every Thursday evening at 1800 hours.

Where: The Pavilion

Burgers, hot dogs, cold drinks for sale when available.

Come on out and enjoy an evening of fun.



Post 10 Service Officer Column

VA disability does not stop at age 65; nor does it stop at age 67. VA disability benefits are for the life of the disabled veteran! In some instances, the veteran's VA benefits can pass to the surviving spouse. At age 65, a disabled veteran may also become eligible for VA pension benefits.

It is very important that you know that you must sign and complete a "Appointment of Veterans" Service Organization as Claimant's Representative (also called "power of attorney"). This authorizes

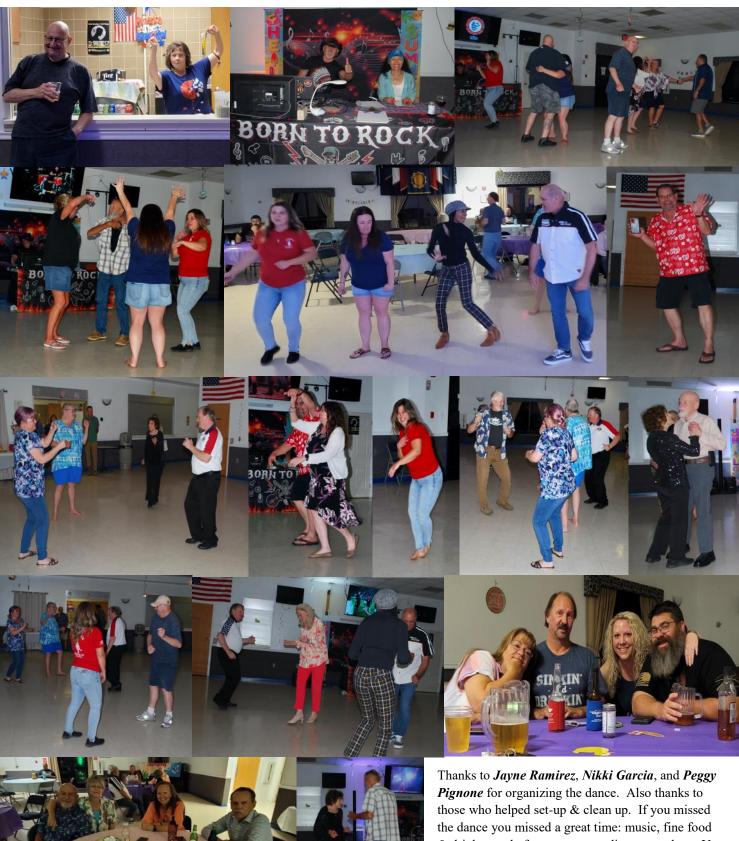
The American Legion to assist Veterans and beneficiaries. Additionally, please send your full and complete contact information. You cannot have more than one POA!

I am available to assist Veterans and their families in completing and filing benefit claims. Contact *Ginger Harvey* at: ginger.c.harvey@gmail.com for VA claims assistance.

Post 10 Service Officer, Ginger Harvey

REMINDER: During ceremonies the Social Quarters is CLOSED. Post SQ Rules clearly states "During Post 10 ceremonies the Social Quarters will be closed. Occupants must either attend the Post 10 ceremony or vacate Post 10 property." Take the time and attend the ceremony, you may find it informative and interesting.

The SUMMER DANCE PARTY Photos, Saturday, 24 JUN 2023



Photos by Mark Emerman, Tom Ramirez, and Gunny.

& drinks, and of course outstanding comradery. You also missed Gunny dancing both slow & fast. Be sure to make the next dance—be there or be square!



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10. Peggy Pignone, President

On the Radar

JULY 2023

02 Jul US Army Air Corps Established (1926)

04 Jul Independence Day (1776)

27 Jul <u>National Korean War Veterans Armistice</u> Day (1953)

28 Jul WWI Began (1914)

29 Jul Anniversary of Army Chaplain Corps (1775)

AUGUST 2023

04 Aug US Coast Guard Established (1790)

07 Aug Purple Heart Medal Est. (1782)

07 Aug Vietnam War Began (1964)

14 Aug Japan Surrendered (1945) WWII Ended

14 Aug National Navajo Code Talkers Day

16 Aug National Airborne Day

29 Aug Marine Corps Reserve Birthday (1916)

The American Legion Department of Virginia Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program finished Friday, June 23rd, with both young men sponsored by Post 10 completed and graduated. *Andrew Phan* of Unity Reed High School won the program's top award. *Andrew's* name will now be permanently displayed at the Virginia State Police Academy.

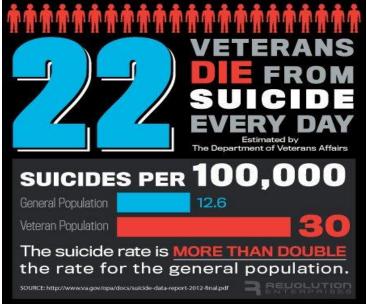




Article and photos submitted by *Mark Stein*, Past Post 10 Commander.









"To Those Who Died, Honor and Eternal Rest; To Those Still In Bondage, Remembrance and Hope; To Those Who Returned, Gratitude and Peace.



Manassas Park Flag Raising Ceremony May 26th CG Members: *Dave Quimby, Carl Carey*.

Memorial Day Ceremony May 29th CG Members: *Roger Nicol, Rich Rosene, Carl Carey. Bagpipers: Kevin Byrne, Bugler Dave Fisk.*

LELL L. Celebration of Life for Army Veteran Jerry Presley Jun 11th CG Members: *Dave Quimby*, *Dave Fisk, Rick Raskin.* Assisted: *Leo Smith.* Bagpiper: Kevin Byrne.

Flag Day, Jun 14th, CG Members: *Dave Fisk, Rick Raskin, Carl Carey.* Assisted: *Donna Navaro, Sharon Barbee.* Bagpiper: *Kevin Byrne*, Bugler *Dave Fisk*

Bob Weaver Visitation Army Veteran Jun 21st CG Members: *Roger Nicol, Thomas Masarick, Rich Rosene, David Fisk, Rick Raskin, Carl Carey.* Assisted: Gunny.

We welcome all Post 10 Members who would like to join us. To uphold America's traditions to honor All Veterans and our Flag.

Thank You <u>careypmp@gmail.com</u> Sgt-at-Arms Carl Carey

Auxiliary Membership Report



We currently have 198 mail-in renewals, 58 online renewals, and 44 new members for a total of 300. We are at 107% of our 2023 membership goal.

Welcome to our newest members: *Mary Dellinger* and *Rosiland Oswald*.

There are several ways to renew:

- 1) You may leave your payment of \$35 in a membership envelope, complete the information required on the label, and give it to the bartender on duty at Post 10; or
- 2) Mail your payment of \$35 to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10, 9950 Cockrell Road, Manassas, VA 20110 and include your current address, telephone number and email address; or
- 3) Renew online at www.ALAforVeterans.org. Members will receive an emailed receipt as well as a signed, hard copy membership card mailed directly from ALA National Headquarters within three weeks. Cards have the authorized signature of an ALA National officer (instead of a unit officer).
- 4) Call ALA National Headquarters at (317) 569-4570 and pay by phone. Members will receive an emailed receipt as well as a signed, hard copy membership card mailed directly from ALA National Headquarters within three weeks (same procedure as number 3).

Thank You! **Diana L. Lake**ALA Unit 10 Membership Chair



What's Cooking in the kitchen?

Monday—Friday 11am-2pm JULY LUNCH SPECIALS



MON 3 JUL Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Ve

TUE 4 JUL **INDEPENDENCE DAY**The 'Wild Bill', FF OR OR.

WED 5 JUL Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwich.

THU 6 JUL BBQ Bacon Cheeseburger, FF.

FRI 7 JUL Coconut Shrimp, Slaw, FF.

MON 10 JUL Chicken Enchiladas over Rice.

TUE 11 JUL Taco Salad, Salsa, Sour Cream.

WED 12 JUL Mushroom Swiss Burger, FF.

THU 13 JUL Fried Oyster OR Shrimp 'Po Boy' w/Slaw, FF.

FRI 14 JUL Steak & Cheese Quesadilla, Salsa, Sour Cream.

MON 17 JUL BBQ Pork Ribs, Mac & Cheese.

TUE 18 JUL Smoked Sausage Sub w/ Peppers & Onions.

WED 19 JUL Sloppy Joes, FF.

THU 20 JUL Taco Burger w/Cheddar, Salsa, Sour Cream.

FRI 21 JUL Crabcake Sandwich, Slaw, FF.

MON 24 JUL Country Fried Steak, Oven Roast Pot., Veg.

TUE 25 JUL Post 10 Reuben, Slaw, FF.

WED 26 JUL Hot OR Cold Italian Sub., OR.

THU 27 JUL Fried Catfish Sub., Slaw, FF.

FRI 28 JUL Chopped Steak w/Mushrooms & Onions.

MON 31 JUL Open Face Prime Rib Sandwich, Au jus & OR.

SATURDAY DINNER SPECIALS 5:00 x 7:30 PM

1 JUL NY Strip OR Rib-eye OR Chicken Parm.

8 JUL NY Strip OR Rib-eye OR Seafood Creole o/Rice.

15JUL Prime Rib, Baked Pot., Veg.

22JUL NY Strip OR Rib-eye OR Tandori Chicken o/Basmati Rice.

29JUL London Broil OR Coconut Shrimp.

SUNDAY FOOD SPECIALS 1 x 6 PM

2 JUL Crack Chicken Sandwich.

9 JUL BBO Pork Sandwich.

16 JUL Hot Dog.

23 JUL Smoked Sausage Sub. w/Peppers & Onions.

30 JUL Italian Sub.

Menu and Prices Subject to Change. Call Post on 703-369-4900 for Current Info.

Dinner Menu

Friday is Seafood Night
3rd Saturday of each month
Prime Rib Dinner.
Time: 5:00 x 7:30 PM

Saturday evenings. Time: 5:00 x 7:30 PM.

Entertainment (Friday & Saturday evenings)

8 x 11 PM
31 JUN—1 JUL—Wild Bill Karaoke
7—8 JUL—Wild Bill Karaoke
14—15 JUL—Wild Bill Karaoke
21—22 JUL—TBD
28—29 JUL—TBD

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION: Please remember to submit your <u>articles to me in word document format by</u> COB [1700 hours] on the 25th day of each month. Photos should be 'jpeg' and separate from the body of the <u>article</u>. Please check and double check your spelling and grammar.

Articles should be submitted to gysgt mc@yahoo.com

Thank you, Gunny



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The American Legion Family

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Membership Meeting 10am

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Corps Est. (1775) Army Chaplain

Executive Board

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Meeting 10am

Part time cook wanted. Must have experience and have a current food handlers' license or able to obtain one within 4 weeks of employment. See Donna.



New number. Same support.

Dial 988 then Press 1





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