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AUGUST 2023

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# **Commander's Column**



August is upon us. Stay hydrated!!, I'd like to continue pushing opportunities to help the Post in both big and small ways. In each month's newsletter our Sergeant At Arms repeatedly asks for color guard volunteers. 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. Help with Monday morning bingo is always welcome. The work is easy and enjoyable. Stop in and check it out. Any one of the bingo volunteers can answer any questions you might have.

As I mentioned last month, both Wreaths Across America and Toys For Tots are about here. *Carl Carey* has taken on Wreaths Across America and *Robyn Zweiban* has taken on Toys For Tots. Both of them could use some help.

A strong membership program is the key to success for every AL Post. Critical to this effort is making new members feel welcomed. To this end, sponsoring a new member is a combat multiplier and easy to do. *Rick Goodman, Linda Myers* or I can get you started. It doesn't take a lot of effort and means a great deal to the new member. We have two great recruiting opportunities coming up. 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. Let's continue to keep our Post the best one in the state of Virginia. E-mail: all0commander@gmail.com

Dave Quimby, Your American Legion Post 10 Commander

# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. COAST GUARD:** The history of the United States Coast



Guard goes back to the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service, which was founded on 4 August 1790 as part of the Department of the Treasury. The Revenue Cutter Service and the U.S. Life-Saving Service were merged to become the Coast Guard per 14 U.S.C. § 1 which states: "The Coast Guard as established January 28, 1915, shall be a

military service and a branch of the armed forces of the United States at all times." In 1939, the U.S. Lighthouse Service was merged into the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard itself was moved to DOT in 1967, and on 1 March 2003, it became part of the DHS. However, under 14 U.S.C. § 3 as amended by section 211 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006, upon the declaration of war and when Congress so directs in the declaration, or when the President directs, the Coast Guard operates as a service in the Department of the Navy.

Submitted by Vic Librizzi













# **VETERANS:** You don't have to pay for help filing for your benefits:

Scammers often pretend to help, but they're just following the money. And now that veterans and servicemembers exposed to toxic substances get expanded benefits and health care through the **PACT Act**, dishonest businesses and scammers are trying to get a cut.

You've probably seen the commercials on TV or social media about veterans' health conditions possibly caused by exposure to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. The ads offer so-called help to file a claim. *The catch?* They'll charge you a fee, or a percentage of the benefits you get.

What they won't tell you is that you don't have to pay to apply for any type of veterans' benefits, or that free assistance is available. So, if you're a veteran or servicemember who can use PACT Act benefits, here's how to keep what you're entitled to:

Learn more about the role of accredited representatives and recognized Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs). Use the VA's Accreditation Search tool to find free help to file your claim, and to verify the credentials of anyone offering to assist you with a VA claim.

Submit the application on your own, securely online via the Veterans Benefits Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), or in person at a VA Regional Office. There's no cost for the forms and no fee to apply. VA will never charge you to apply for its benefits.

If you suspect a scam or run into someone who doesn't tell you the whole truth about applying for VA benefits, tell the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

[Source: FTC—Consumer Advice] Submitted by *Gunny* 

Thanks to the PACT Act, millions of Veterans who were exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances are now eligible for VA health care and benefits.

While there is no deadline to apply for PACT Act-related benefits, there is urgency. Most Veterans and survivors who apply for benefits or submit an "Intent to File" by August 9, if granted, will have their benefits backdated to August 10th of last year – the day that the PACT Act was signed into law.

VA.gov/PACT is a one-stop shop to learn about and apply for PACT Act-related care and benefits. You can also apply by calling 1-800-MYVA411.

[Source: VA News] Submitted by Vic Librizzi



August is <u>Antiterrorism Month</u>, which is designed to raise awareness not only of the threat of terrorism, but also to encourage regular vigilance and communication to report potential threats.

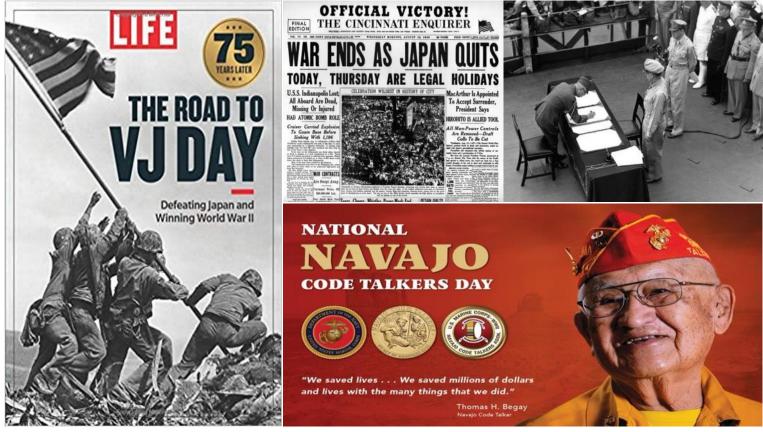
What Activities Do I Report? People drawing or measuring important buildings; Strangers asking questions about security forces or security procedures; A briefcase, suitcase, backpack or package left behind; Cars or trucks left in "No Parking" zones in front of important buildings; Intruders found in secure areas; A person wearing

clothes that are too big and bulky and/or too hot for the weather; Chemical smells or fumes that worry you; Questions about sensitive information, such as building blueprints, security plans or VIP travel schedules without a right or need to know; Purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials

"If you see something, say something" is common theme when it comes to terrorism awareness, and that is being strongly emphasized in August. "Trust your instincts; if a behavior or activity makes you feel uncomfortable, REPORT IT."

These reminders may sound familiar; they are posted in airports, train stations, bus terminals, etc. Antiterrorism Awareness Month is designed to bring these reminders back into the spotlight, serving as a reminder that we live in times which require this added watchfulness.

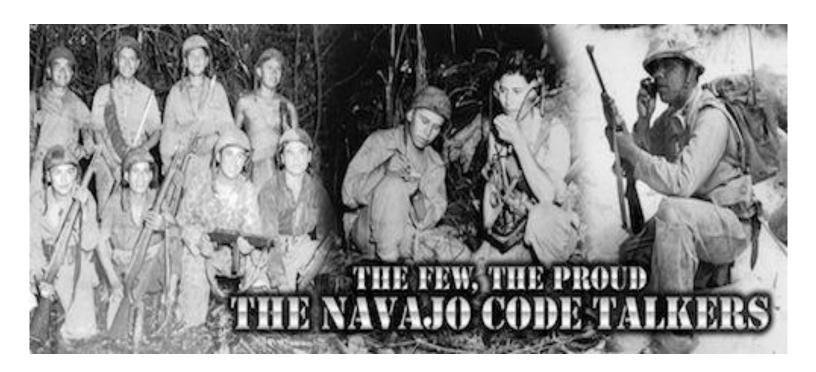
Submitted by *Gunny* 



# NATIONAL NAVAJO CODE TALKERS DAY

14 August 1982: President Ronald Reagan declared this day Navajo Code Talkers Day. Native American Code Talkers were inducted into the NSA Cryptologic Hall of Honor in 2013. The official plaque presentation took place in April 2014. From Navajocodetalkers.com: The story of the Navajo Code Talkers begins in 1940 when a small group of Chippewas and Oneidas became a part of the radio communications 32nd Infantry Division. Soon after, Sac and Fox tribes joined in the ranks as combat radiomen. The complexity of Navajo linguistics allowed it to become an ideal choice to be used in code due to the lack of documentation made available for learning to speak the language and ability for the same words to mean multiple things based on sound. The legacy of the Navajo Code Talkers will continue as many documentary and stories have been shared about their journey since it's declassification during Reagan's Administration.

Submitted by **Gunny** 



# NATIONAL SPIRIT OF '45 DAY HISTORY

In 1996, a project paired children with seniors to document their memories from World War II. Started by *Warren Hegg* and the Spirit of '45 Organization, the project grew. Soon they realized many shared a common story.

In 2009, spokesman *Ernest Borgnine* and *Edith Shain*\* talked about a day honoring the World War II generation. A year later in 2010, Congress passed a joint resolution in commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the day President *Truman* announced the end of World War II.

**National Spirit of '45 Day** honors the can-do attitude of an entire generation affected by the trials and hardships of World War II. Observed every year on the second Sunday in August, communities around the country hold events and memorials. Each one honors those who have inspired us, sacrificed, and preserved our nation for future generations.

The day sets out to illustrate the people of the Greatest Generation. Over the years, iconic images have been imprinted on our minds. However, they only tell a part of the story. Still, thousands more remain to be told. Spirit of '45 Day urges us to explore the history. Listen to the stories. Get involved and help preserve the memories of those who lived it.

Around the world, servicemen and women stepped up to the task in the Pacific, Europe, the Mediterranean or Africa. At home, men and women provided valuable food, parts, and labor. Everyone did their part. The youngest of them managed farm work and took on duties on the Homefront. Often, supplies of certain items were low – rubber for tires or leather for shoes, and meat, for example. And gas, too. Rationing was not uncommon.

The generation innovated. They sacrificed. And roles shifted. While they did, technology advanced, too. Those motivated to do their duty often did so at personal cost. The only means of communication was the post office. Journalists filled in the blanks via radio and newspaper. And the nation paid attention!

# **HOW TO OBSERVE #SpiritOf45Day**

Even though 76 years have passed, so much can be learned from those who endured World War II. Some of those lessons are still being learned today. The <u>Spirit of '45 Organization (spiritof45.org)</u> provides a place to register and find events for the upcoming Spirit of '45 Day. They also share past Spirit of '45 events to keep the inspiration, honor, and preservation alive.

Submitted by Vic Librizzi



\**Edith Shain* is one of the women who claims to be the woman kissing the sailor in the iconic Times Square photo.



# 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 Vic Librizzi

**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.

# From the desk of the 2nd Vice Commander:

Upcoming events

# Recruiting Opportunities:

# **Americans in Wartime Experience**

**2023 Tank Farm Open House**, August 26 & 27, 2023, 1000 - 1600 hrs. daily, Location, 13906 Aden Road, Nokesville, VA 20181. American Legion Lead, Son's, Riders & Auxiliary are invited to assist in manning the recruiting table & recruiting.

**47**<sup>th</sup> **Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet** Saturday September 16, 2023, 1100 - 1500 hrs., Rain or Shine, Charity Event benefiting the Fisher House. American Legion, Son's, Riders & Auxiliary all are invited to assist in manning the recruiting table & to recruit. POC– *Randy Higgins* 

# Other August Events:

USCS Birthday Aug 4th at 2000 hrs. Social Quarters

Manassas, VA Blood Drive, August 31st, 1000 - 1500 hrs. Hall

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

Make an appointment: Enter zip – 20110, Scroll down to Thursday, Aug 31, 2023

American Legion Post 10, Click: Pick Time

Other Upcoming Events, mark your calendar. (More details to follow.)

Son's Sponsored Golf Tournament September 8<sup>th</sup>.

POW/MIA National Recognition Day, Friday, 15 SEP 2023, ceremony at 2000 hrs. in the Hall.

Son's Sponsored Happy Hour October 7th.

Wreaths Across America—TBA.

Toys 4 Tots - We will register on October 1<sup>st</sup> when their website becomes live.

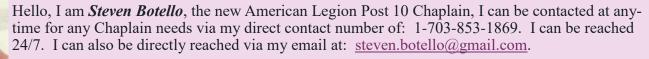
Greater Manassas Veterans Parade, Saturday, November 4th.

Veterans Day Ceremony, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Manassas Pavilion

Robyn Zweiban, 2nd Vice Commander



# **Chaplain's Column**



The one announcement I would like to put out is that beginning immediately I will be providing short seminars, once per quarter, after specific Post 10 general meetings information for anyone, members or guests, concerning veteran related information on: Veteran Caretakers Life Services,

How to prepare for veteran needs later in Life and/or How to help your family with older veteran & family needs. These short seminars will be only 10-15 minutes in length and will cover only a brief sample of what we intend to speak on to assist Post 10 members.

Please look for further information in the upcoming newsletters.

Respectfully, Steve Botello

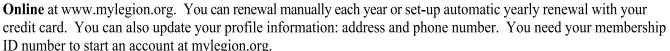
Steven M. Botello, Chaplain

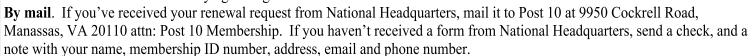
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(W) 1-703-853-1869 (FX) 1-703-991-0677 (Email Wk) <u>steven.botello@gmail.com</u>

# Legionnaire Membership Report

There are several ways to renew your American Legion membership:





**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, <a href="https://www.post10manassas.org/">https://www.post10manassas.org/</a>.

<u>Welcome Aboard to our newest members</u> of the American Legion and Post 10: *Elizabeth Bailey*, Navy, Gulf War; *Cathy Harrington*, Army, Vietnam, *Thomas Hatter*, Navy, Legion Act; *Francis Maresca*, Army, Legion Act; *Robert Wright*, Marine Corps, Global War on Terror.

<u>Welcome Aboard to Legion Members transferring to Post 10</u>: *Charles Burgess*, Navy; *James Mattox*, Army, VA Post 141.

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 <u>myersl1@verizon.net</u>

# Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 10

The Son's have a couple events coming in the next few months. On September 8<sup>th</sup> we have our annual *John J. Chada Memorial Golf Tournament*. We have signup sheets and sponsorship forms posted in the social quarters. Come on out and have a great time!!

On October 7<sup>th</sup> we have our annual <u>Vic Higgs Happy Hour</u>. The Son's will provide the food and a band. Flyers with more info will be posted in the near future.

On another note, 12 members from the Post will travel to Chincoteague for some shark fishing. It will be interesting to say the least. Stay tuned for the outcome!!

Submitted by Tom Ramirez

Dan Frye, Squadron 10 Commander









# 2023 Wreath Sponsorship Order Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local and community cemeteries each December for National Wreaths Across America Day.

Your donation will ensure the placement of a veteran's wreath for one or more veterans laid to rest at the participating location of your choice.

All sponsored veteran wreaths are shipped directly to the location selected by the sponsor on this form. Wreaths are not shipped to individual wreath sponsors.

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America
PO Box 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.

Thank you for your sponsorship and for joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach!

SPONSORSHIP TYPE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$17.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$68.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$170.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,700.00		

For quicker processing and the convenience of paying with a credit card, debit card, Google Pay, or PayPal, veteran wreaths may be sponsored online by scanning the QR Code above or by visiting: <a href="https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/VA0626P">www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/VA0626P</a>

You should be the only one to enter your credit card information at checkout on the Wreaths Across America website. For your security, do not share this information with anyone else who offers to place an order for you. To verify the validity of the QR Code, always check that wreathsacrossamerica.org is part of the web address when sponsoring wreaths online.

If you prefer to pay with a check, please complete this form and mail it along with your check to Wreaths Across America at the address listed in the box above.

CHECK#		CHECK DATE	SPONSOR NAME FOR DISPLAY  If different than name on check.	
GROUP ID(s)	VA0626P		EMAIL ADDRESS	
LOCATION ID(s)	VAMCMV		PHONE #	
DOLLAR AMOUNTS(s)			MAILING ADDRESS	

To split your donation between multiple groups and/or locations, please list the IDs and dollar amounts for each.

# SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please note in memory/honor of requests do not place a wreath on a specific loved one's grave.

IN MEMORY OF REQUEST	The "In Memory Of" Name will be listed on the Wreaths Across America online Remember Wall, along with your personal message.
NAME FOR MEMORY WALL POST	
SPONSOR EMAIL ADDRESS	
MESSAGE (optional)	~ ~

IN HONOR OF REQUEST	An email will be sent to your chosen recipient from Wreaths Across America letting them know of your donation of sponsored veteran wreaths in their honor.
RECIPIENT NAME	2
RECIPIENT EMAIL ADDRESS	
MESSAGE (optional)	

Thank you for supporting our mission to REMEMBER, HONOR, and TEACH!

Post 10 is proud to once again sponsor Wreaths Across America for the Manassas Cemetery. Our point of contact is Sergeant-at-Arms Carl Carey. To purchase a wreath(s) follow directions on form. You may also enclose a check, and give your form to Carl or the bartender on duty to be placed in the membership box behind bar. Thank you.. This year Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, December 16th. Details to be posted in future newsletters.



Come join Post 10 for it's
Movie Matinee showing of
The Super Marion Bros. Movie
August 27th at 2 pm
Free Admission and Snacks

# American Legion Post 10 Manassas VA Blood Drive



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

American Legion Post 10

Click: Pick Time





Post 10 is proud to once again sponsor **Wreaths Across America** for the Manassas Cemetery. This year, our point of contact is Sergeant-At-Arms (SAA) *Carl Carey*. The **WAA form** in this newsletter contains the codes for Post 10 and the Manassas Cemetery. To purchase a wreath(s), fill out the form, enclose a check, and give your form to *Carl*. You may also put your form and check in a membership envelope, mark it "WAA", and ask a bartender to put it in the membership box. The Membership Chair will put your envelope in the SAA box in the Legion office.

For quicker processing and the convenience of paying with a credit card, debit card, Google Pay, or PayPal, wreaths may be sponsored online by scanning the QR Code on the form or visiting: www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/VA0626P. This year Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, December 16th. Post 10's ceremony and wreath distribution will begin at 1pm.

Thank you,

Carl Carey



# **Toys for Tots is a Top-Rated Charity**

**MISSION:** The basic mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Program is to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas.

**GOAL:** The primary goal of Marine Toys for Tots is, through the gift of a new toy, help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children.

**OVERVIEW:** In order to better execute the Program, in 1991 the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation was created at the behest of the Marine Corps. **FOUNDATION OVERVIEW:** The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity which was created at the behest of the U. S. Marine Corps in 1991.

# Murphy's Laws of Combat

- Never forget that your weapon is made by the lowest bidder.
- When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten.
- Teamwork is essential; it gives them someone else to shoot at.
- The easy way is always mined.







# **Post 10 Service Officer Column**

Our goal is to assist you as best I can to receive all benefits for which you are eligible to receive from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). You oversee and are responsible for your VA claim. You are always the ultimate decision maker on filing your VA claim. As Post Service Officer, I will only provide suggestions, recommendations, and guidance to you: however, you will make all the final decisions relating to the processing of your VA claim.

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.

# **AUXILIARY REPORT**



Congratulations to *Jayne Ramirez* for being awarded the ALA Department Member of the Year 2023 at this year's convention!! This is a much deserved and long overdue recognition of Jayne's hard work and dedication to the Auxiliary and Post, but more importantly her devotion to helping veteran's. Way to go Jayne!!

I would also like to recognize *Carol Campbell* for becoming the Department Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chair for 2023-2024. *Carol* is also on the National Committee for Girls Nation. *Carol*, thank you for all you do, your hard work is greatly appreciated!

Ca\$h Ba\$h tickets are in and ready to be sold!! If you would like to pick up a packet to sell, please let me know-571-393-5412.

Reminder- the next Auxiliar meeting will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Peggy Pignone, Unit 10 President







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Volunteers will be walking around during the evening selling raffle tickets, pull tabs (Hogs), 50/50's Grand prize - \$4,500 Drawing at 10:00pm

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Name: Address: Telephone: Sold By:

**Benefits** American Legion Auxiliary 9950 Cockrell Rd.

Sat., Oct 14, 2023 Doors Open at 2:30 • FREE Food & Beverages served, starting at 4:00 p.m.

Winners need not be present to win. No One Under 21 is permitted. No Smoking.
I the Cart/Share the Harvest Kick-Off - Please bring
non-expired and non-perishable food item to fill ou
art. You will receive 1 door prize ticket for each iter
donated.

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10:00 p.m. \$4,500.00

# On the Radar

# **AUGUST 2023**

04 Aug <u>US Coast Guard Established (1790)</u>

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)

# **SEPTEMBER 2023**

02 Sep <u>V-J Day (1945)</u>

04 Sep <u>Labor Day</u>

11 Sep Patriot Day Flag Half Staff until Noon

15 Sep <u>POW/MIA Recognition Day-Ceremony</u> 8 PM

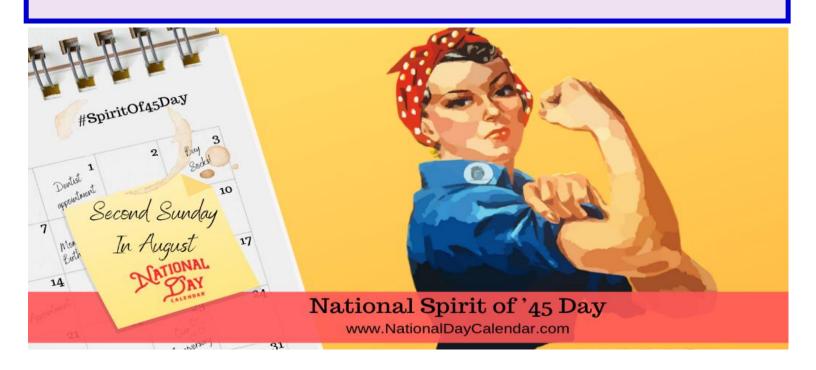
15 Sep Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sunset

17 Sep <u>US Constitution Approved (1787)</u>

18 Sep US Air Force Est. (1947)

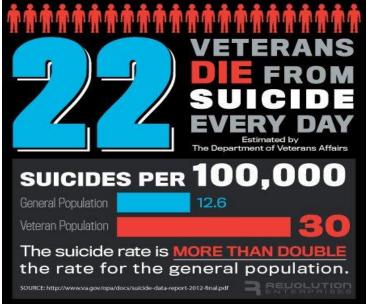
24 Sep Gold Star Mother's Day

24 Sep Yom Kippur Begins at Sunset











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



POW/MIA National Recognition Day, Friday, 15 SEP 2023. Ceremony in Hall at 2000 hours.



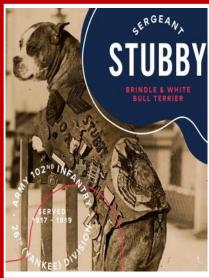
# **COLOR GUARD REPORT:**

John Robert Sabanosh Interment Jun 27<sup>th</sup> CG Members: Roger Nicol, Rick Raskin, Carl Carey Chaplain: Steven Botello; Bagpiper: Kevin Byrne

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

Thank You careypmp@gmail.com

Sgt-at-Arms Carl Carev



Sergeant Stubby, a little stray brindle and white Bull Terrier that went on to display bravery on the battlefields of WWI. Arguably the most decorated U.S. military dog, Stubby was present for 4 offensives and 17 battles in total, serving the US Army for around 18 months. It all started with a salute. His story begins in 1917, when he wanders into the encampment of the 102nd Infantry, 26th (Yankee) Division of Mass. and becomes their mascot. When this division was deployed to France, no way were the soldiers going to leave sweet little Stubby behind. Corporal J. Robert Conroy wrapped him in his coat slung on his arm, told him to be quiet and smuggled him up the gangway as they boarded the ship. When he was discovered by one of the officers, *Stubby* knew to salute him, the pup's signature move of bringing his paw up to his forehead. WWI was the first mechanized war, it was the war where shell shock [PTSD] was very prevalent. Soldiers would often pet and hug Stubby for comfort. He truly helped them in their moment of need. Following a battle, Stubby would go out into no man's land and search for wounded members of his team, when he found someone, he stood by them until the medics arrived. It became common knowledge among the 102nd that if Stubby found you, you were going to be fine. Stubby earned a Purple Heart in April 1918, when he was wounded in the foreleg by an exploding grenade. He returned to the US in 1919, where he eventually met three presidents (Wilson, Harding, Coolidge) before passing away in 1926, held in the arms of his old friend, Cpl. Conroy. (Stubby is the subject of an animated film called "Sgt. Stubby: An Submitted by Gunny American Hero," which came out in 2018)



# **Auxiliary Membership Report**

We ended the 2023 membership year with 199 mail-in renewals, 58 online renewals, and 46 new members for a total of 303. We achieved and exceeded our membership goal by 108%. Thank you all.

Welcome to our newest members: Paula McFarland and Molly Murphy.

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 <a href="www.ALAforVeterans.org">www.ALAforVeterans.org</a>. 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

# **Post 10 Participation in Local Car Show**

By SAL member Randy Higgins

As Vice-President of the Bull Run Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America and the co-organizer for our 47<sup>th</sup> annual car show, which will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Manasseh Masonic Lodge (1/8 mile from Post 10), I would like to thank the members of the Post 10 Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders for their generous contributions to support the car show. I am hoping that we can also garner support from the Legion as well.

Our car show, which attracts over 150 classic cars and trucks, is a charitable event to raise funds for Fisher House and Cruisin' For Heroes – both of which provide assistance to our Veterans. Last year we raised \$3,000 for both organizations, and we're hoping for even more this year!

Now that I am organizing the show, I plan to take the military/veteran collaboration to a higher level and engage the participation of Post 10 and the Freedom Museum. For example, this year, we have set aside space for Post 10 to set up a recruitment table and for the Riders to sell hats. In addition, the Post 10 Jeep will be entered in the car show for the first time. The Freedom Museum will bring their B25 bomber fuselage along with their military Ambulance, so, as you can see, there will be a noticeable military presence from Post 10 and the museum.

In addition to the 56 trophies that we will be presenting to attendees, I have created four *new* categories: American Legion Post 10 Commander's Choice Award, American Legion Post 10 Auxiliary Choice Award, Sons of the American Legion Post 10 Choice Award, and American Legion Post10 Riders Choice Award all of which will be chosen and awarded by the leader of each organization or their designee. In addition to these awards, their monetary donation will also sponsor four Top 35 awards in the Post's name. So, we will be getting our names and faces out to the public. A fun time is guaranteed.

Please, mark your calendars for September 16<sup>th</sup> and come out to support *YOUR* American Legion. We need active volunteers to staff the recruitment table and interact with the attendees. The event runs from 10 am until 3 pm, rain or shine. Whether you can spend the entire day or just a couple of hours, please come out and help bring in new members.







# **American Legion Riders Post 10**

No submission received.

Paul "Cheeks" Giovanni, Director Post 10 ALR





# What's Cooking in the kitchen?

# Monday—Friday 11am-2pm

# AUGUST LUNCH SPECIALS



TUE 1 AUG Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Veg.

WED 2 AUG Mushroom Swiss Burger, ORs.

THU 3 AUG Fried Shrimp OR 'Po'Boy' Slaw, FF.

4 AUG Fish 'n Chips, Slaw, FF.

MON 7 AUG Chicken Parm., Salad, Garlic Bread.

TUE 8 AUG Patty Melt w/ORs OR FF.

WED 9 AUG Soup & Grilled Sandwich.

THU 10 AUG The 'Wild Bill' Sub w/ORs OR FF.

FRI 11 AUG NY Strip, Baked Pottaoe, Veg.

MON 14 AUG Chicken Quesadilla, Tortilla Chips, Salsa, Sour Cream.

TUE 15 AUG Sloppy Joe w/ FF OR ORs.

WED 16 AUG Post 10 Reuben, Slaw & FF.

THU 17 AUG Hot OR Cold IT. Sub, FF OR ORs.

FRI 18 AUG Haddock Sub, Slaw, FF.

MON 21 AUG Chopped Steak w/Mushrooms & Onions, Mashed Potatoes.

TUE 22 AUG Country Fried Steak, Red Pot., Veg. & Roll & Butter

WED 23 AUG Cowboy Chicken Sand., ORs.

THU 24 AUG Post 10 Reuben, Slaw, ORs.

FRI 25 AUG NY Strip, Baked Potato, Veg.

MON 28 AUG Prime Rib French Dip Au jus, FF.

TUE 29 AUG Bronco Burger, ORs.

WED 30 AUG Taco Salad, Salsa, Sour Cream.

THU 31 AUG Coconut Shrimp, Slaw, FF OR ORs.

Stop by for a delicious lunch prepared by Bruce.

# SATURDAY DINNER SPECIALS 5:00 x 7:30 PM

5 AUG: NY Strip OR Rib Eye OR Chicken Pot Pie. 12 AUG: NY Strip OR Rib Eye OR Shrimp & Scallop Kabob, Rice.

19 AUG: Prime Rib Night.

26 AUG: NY Strip OR Rib Eye OR Chicken

Paprikash over Noodles. All prepared by *Bruce*.

# SUNDAY FOOD SPECIALS 1 x 6 PM

6 AUG: Hot Dog w/Chips \$2.50; w/Chili & Cheese

\$3.00

13 AUG: Crack Chicken w/Slaw & Chips \$6.00

20 AUG: It. Sub w/Chips \$6.00

27 AUG: Pork BBQ, Slaw & Chips \$6.00

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

FRI, 4 AUG Shade Tree Collective (Blue Grass Band) SAT, 5 AUG Juke Box FRI & SAT, 11—12 AUG Wild Bill SAT, 19 AUG DJ ROCKSTAR (songs by request) FRI & SAT, 25—26 AUG Wild Bill

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

Articles should be submitted to gysgt mc@yahoo.com

Thank you, Gunny



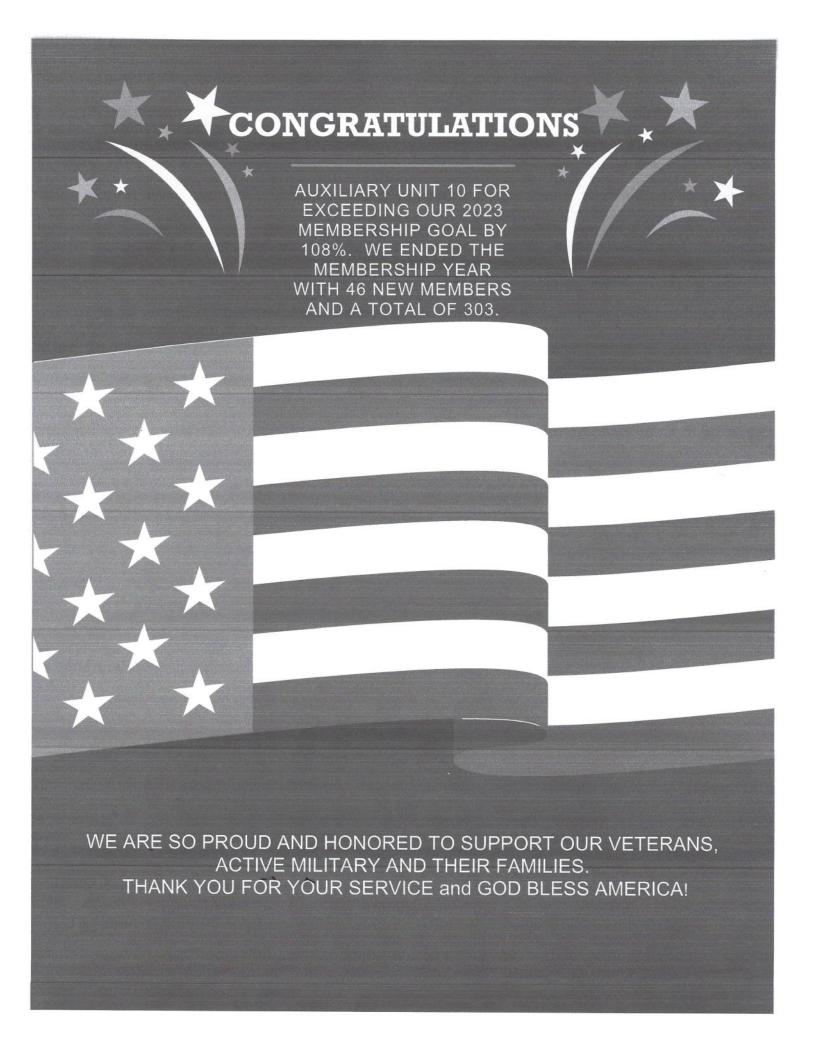
# Robert V. McMaugh Memorial

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Sat	5	12 EXEC MTG 10 AM	19 General Mem. MTG 10 AM Prime Rib Dinner DJ ROCKSTAR 8x11PM	26	
Fri	4 R.E.D. USCG Est. 1790 Seafood 5:30- 7:45pm THE SHADE TREE	71 R.E.D. Seafood Night5:30- 7:45 pm	18 <b>R.E.D.</b> Seafood Night 5:30-7:45 pm	25 R.E.D. Seafood Night 5:30-7:45 pm	
Thu	3 HORSESHOES 6 x 8 PM	10 HORSESHOES 6 x 8 PM	17 HORSESHOES 6 x 8 PM	24 HORSESHOES 6 x 8 PM	31 HORSESHOES 6 x 8 PM
Wed	2 BAR BINGO 5:30—8 PM	9 BAR BINGO 5:30—8 PM	16 BAR BINGO 5:30—8 PM	23 BAR BINGO 5:30—8 PM	30 BAR BINGO 5:30—8 PM
Tue	1 Line Dancing 7 x 9 PM Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	8 Line Dancing 7 x 9 PM SAL Squadron 10 Meeting 7pm	15 Line Dancing 7 x 9 M Riders Chapter 10 Meeting 7pm	22 Line Dancing 7 x 9 PM	29 Line Dancing 7 x 9 PM
Mon		7 Vietnam War Began 1964 BINGO 9:15am x Noon	14 Japan Surrenders WWII Ends 1945 BINGO 9:15am x Noon	21 BINGO 9:15am x Noon	28 BINGO 9:15am x Noon
Sun	Post Hours: Check w/Post for hours	VOUNG MARINES 1 x 5 PM	13	20 YOUNG MARINES 1 x 5 PM	27

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.

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