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American Legion Post 10  
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FEB. 2025

**2024-2025  
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**Gunny Lewis**



**Commander's Column**

The new year is a month old already and things are going strong. We have a lot of events upcoming and planned for this year. Let's make the most of them.

First up is the Four Chaplains Ceremony (Sunday, 2 February, 1300 in Hall). This is a special ceremony to honor four chaplains who gave their lives while aboard the *USS Dorchester* in World War II. **Reverend George L. Fox, Reverend Clark V. Poling, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode and Father John P. Washington.** It's an important event and one that we should all take part in. Let's show our respect and commemorate their bravery and their sacrifice.

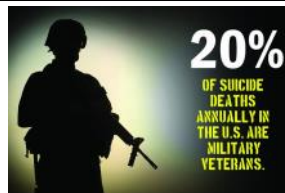
Next is the Son's Annual Chili Cookoff. Come join them for great chili and camaraderie and watch the Daytona 500. More information can be found in this month's newsletter and on our web page.

Later on in the year, we are having our **first-ever** ever BBQ Competition. It is going to be a fantastic event. If you have a team that would like to participate or just want some great BBQ come out on April 6th and have some fun. Sponsorship information and entry applications can be found under the upcoming events tab on our web page. It will be an event to remember and one you will not want to miss!

Finally, let's all remember that we are a family. We may disagree sometimes and even get upset with each other but let's not let that detract from who we are and what we represent. We need to have each other's backs. There are too many important things that we need to concentrate on rather than the meaningless squabbles we have with each other. Such as the fact that we are still losing way too many of our Veterans to suicide. We need to come together and support each other, especially our Veterans.

Let's all remember that we are a family and that we can help save lives and make life better for those who are in need. We just need to put the little things behind us and take that first step and offer a helping hand, a shoulder to lean on, or just be there and listen. My door is always open for all of you.

For God and Country,  
**Stanley C. Moore**, Your American Legion Post 10 Commander  
All10commander@yahoo.com



**If you need immediate help,  
call the Veterans Crisis Line**

**DIAL 988 then PRESS 1**





## Legionnaire Membership Report from 1st Vice Commander

A total of 581 Legionnaires have renewed their membership, and we have reached 83% of our goal. Also, we have 37 new members that have signed up so far this year.

New Legionnaires: None this month.

Please welcome our new transfer: *Johnie M. Titus III, USAF/USA.*

**As of February 1, the 2024 Legionnaire membership cards are no longer valid.** Below is an explanation of dues and renewal procedures from the bylaws.

### ARTICLE VI - DUES

Section 1. Dues in the American Legion shall be paid annually. The Legion year shall be from January 1 to December 31. Dues shall be paid in advance. Section 2. Annual dues of this Post shall be payable on January 1 of each year for the next ensuing calendar year and shall include Department and National per capita. Any member paying annual dues on or before November 11 of the preceding membership year shall be classified as an "early bird" and such will be noted on their membership card. Section 3. Annual dues shall not be less than the dues paid to National and Department. Any increase above that amount shall be established by the Executive Committee and approved by the Post membership. Section 4. Any member failing to pay their annual dues by January 1st shall be classified as unpaid. If the member's dues are paid on or before February 1st, the member shall be automatically reinstated. **If the member is still unpaid after February 1st, the member shall be suspended from all Post 10 privileges.** If the member is still under such suspension on June 1st of such year, their membership in the American Legion shall be forfeited. A member on active duty or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Post membership and payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs; however, the Post, may waive the provision hereof, upon payment of the dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from the payment of dues by reason of active duty military service (proper documentation shall be provided).

There are several ways to renew your American Legion membership:

1. Online at [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org). You can use a credit card online and set-up automatic yearly renewal with your credit card. You can also update your profile information: address and phone number. You need your permanent membership ID number to start an account at [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org). If you have a hand written card, you probably have a temporary number. Email me for your permanent number. Online renewals can also print out a new membership card on-line. This will show that you are paid up and I will also send out a new 2024 card once I am notified by National of your renewal.
2. 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, ID number, address, email and phone number.
3. In person. Stop by Post 10 and ask the bartender for a membership envelope, **fill out the envelope**, include your membership number and dues. Current Legion dues are \$50.00. 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 a need to know. If you have an email address and can receive the newsletter electronically it will save the Post money. Please feel free to email me with any questions/concerns about your membership.

For God and Country,

*Ed Filipowski*, 1st Vice Commander

[all0membership@gmail.com](mailto:all0membership@gmail.com)

### From the desk of the 2nd Vice Commander

No report received.

*Mike Parra*, 2nd Vice



### 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.

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 *George Moschatos*

**Dealing with spam texts, emails, and junk mail:** If it's not scammers spamming your phone with texts or filling up your inbox with emails, it's your mailbox crammed with ads and other mail you didn't ask for. The junk messages and mail might seem endless, but there are some ways to help scale it back. Scammers send phishing texts and emails that look legit to trick you into giving them personal or financial information. Legit companies might send mail that you just don't want — things like magazines, catalogs, or prescreened offers of credit and insurance. While these aren't necessarily scams, they can pile up quickly.

To help you cut down on spam texts and emails: 1) Use filters. Check if your mobile phone has options to filter and block texts from unknown senders. Some call blocking apps can also help block unwanted messages. Many popular email providers (like Gmail or Yahoo Mail) have strong spam filters turned on by default. But if any spam gets into your inbox, mark it as spam or junk. 2) Unsubscribe from unwanted emails. Getting fewer unwanted emails helps you avoid clicking on links that can lead to phishing attacks. 3) Report unwanted messages. Unwanted messages often lead to scams. Report them. Use your phone's "report junk" option or forward unwanted texts to 7726 (SPAM) and unwanted emails to your email provider.

To help you cut down on junk mail: 1) Register with the Direct Marketing Association to decide what types of mail you do and don't want from marketers. 2) Opt out of getting prescreened credit and insurance offers in the mail. You can choose to opt out for five years or permanently.

(Source: FTC)

Submitted by *Annette Lewis*

**Scam alert: QR code on an unexpected package:** An unexpected package from an unknown sender arrives in your name. You open it and find a note that says it's a gift, but it doesn't say who sent it. The note also says to scan a QR code to find out who sent it — or to get instructions on how to return it. Did someone really send you a gift? Or is it an attempt to steal your personal information? If you know it's really a gift, you can keep it. But know that the unexpected package could be a new twist on a brushing scam that could steal your personal information.

If you scan the QR code, it could take you to a phishing website that steals your personal information, like credit card numbers or usernames and passwords. It could also download malware onto your phone and give hackers access to your device.

If you scanned the QR code and entered your credentials, like your username and password, into a website, change your password right away. Create a strong password that is hard to guess, and turn on two-factor authentication.

If you're concerned someone has your personal information, get your free credit report at [AnnualCreditReport.com](http://AnnualCreditReport.com). Look for signs that someone is using your information, like accounts in your name you don't recognize. (You can obtain a free credit report.)

Also review your credit card bills and bank account statements and look for transactions you didn't make. And consider taking other steps to protect your identity, like freezing your credit or putting a fraud alert on your credit report. If you think someone stole your identity, report it, and get a personal recovery plan at [IdentityTheft.gov](http://IdentityTheft.gov). What else can you do to protect your personal information? Regularly update your computer software and your phone to get the latest security patches. And learn to recognize a phishing email or text message. And what about the package? The law says you can keep it as a gift.

(Source: FTC)

Submitted by *Annette Lewis*

"Among the men who fought on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue." *Adm. Chester W. Nimitz*



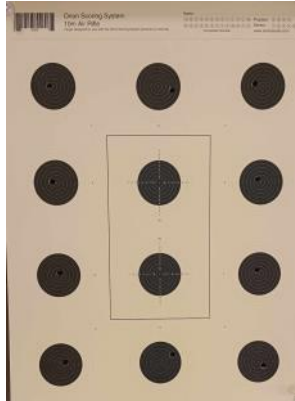
*"To Those Who Died,  
Honor and Eternal Rest;  
To Those Still In Bondage,  
Remembrance and Hope;  
To Those Who Returned,  
Gratitude and Peace.*





**AL POST 10 YOUTH TRIGGER TIME 4H:** Legion Match Round 1 was held at our post on 1/13/25. High shooters were **Rebecca** with a score of 547/600 and **Lexi** with a score of 546/600. These scores qualified them to shoot in round 2 at their home range. If they qualify in round 2 they will then go to Hillsdale Michigan to compete in the American Legion Finals.

The next upcoming matches are the Trigger Time Cup they are hosting on 22 Feb at the Manassas National Guard Armory from 0800-1700. And the Virginia State 4-H Spring Air matches at Smith Mountain Lake in March. If possible attend and support our Post 10 team.



Article & photos by *Stan Moore*



**OVER 120,000  
VETERANS HAVE  
DIED BY SUICIDE  
SINCE 2001.**

**OEF -- OIF  
VETERAN**



**It's OK**  
to not be OK.  
to ask for help.  
to call.

 **Veterans  
Crisis Line**  
DIAL 988 then PRESS 1

**BE THE ONE**

 **AMERICAN  
LEGION**



## COLOR GUARD REPORT

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Gerry Edelbute funeral

National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico

Color Guard: **David Quimby, David Fisk, Rich Rosene, Carl Carey**

Music: **Kevin Byrne** (bagpipes), **Top Meier** (bugle)

**As of this time the following event needs CG support. Please email me on your availability**

Four Chaplains Ceremony, February 2nd, 1200 hrs.

As you all know, much of what gets done at a Post like ours is done by volunteers. You have heard before; the Post is always in need of help in one form or another. If we wish to continue our strong relationship with the communities around us, we need your help in many ways to ensure our bond with the community remains strong.

A great way to help is by helping with Color Guard activities. The Post provides most of the uniform accoutrements you would need. Many events are indoors and are not frequent. We must maintain our support for Veterans and your Color Guard is always on point to do just that. Step-up and honor Veterans. We welcome all Post 10 Members who would like to join us. To uphold America's traditions to honor All Veterans.

Thank you

**Carl Carey**, Your Post 10 SGT-at-ARMS (571-421-7374 [Careypmp@gmail.com](mailto:Careypmp@gmail.com))



**Trivia night** every Thursday at the Post and has been turning out to be a fun time. Teams are decided, mostly by who you're sitting next to, game faces put on and then the action begins. Rounds of general knowledge, science, sports, entertainment, history, world events, etc. and bonus rounds. Whispers, laughs, and sly glances are seen around the room. In the end, scores are tallied and a winning team declared. The winning team gathers to get to hold the prestigious "belt" with their team.



< Lft to rt: **Steve & Leon Kowalewski, Penni & Rick Goodman, Kim Kowalewski.**

Article by **Leon Kowalewski**

Photos by **Peggy Pignone**



**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**EVERY THURSDAY**  
**STARTING NOV 7TH**  
**7-9PM**  
**9950 Cockrell Rd, Manassas, VA**

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**What to know before you upgrade your phone. And how to protect your new one:** If you're thinking about upgrading your phone, here are four easy steps to remove your personal information from your phone before you trade it in.

Save your information. Whether you're going to trade in, sell, or donate your phone, start by backing up your data. You'll need this copy when you set up a new phone.

Remove SIM and SD cards. If your phone has a SIM card, remove it because it may have your personal information on it. If you're keeping your phone number, ask if you can transfer your SIM card to the new phone. If you're not going to reuse the SIM card, destroy it. If your phone has an SD storage card, remove it, too.

Unlink accounts connected to the device. If you use multi-factor authentication to log in to any accounts, remove your phone from the list of trusted devices for those accounts. And double check that your phone is no longer connected to your online accounts. Erase your personal information. Finally, restore your phone to the factory settings. That'll erase all your personal information, like your account numbers, passwords, messages, videos, and photos.

Once you set up your new device, set it to automatically lock when you're not using it, keep it up to date, and back up your data. If you use an authenticator app to log into your accounts, set up the app on your new phone. And finally, if you're not trading in or selling your phone, learn about where you can recycle it.

Source: FTC

Submitted by *Vic Librizzi*

February 2025: Black History Month; 1 FEB 1942, Blue Star Mothers of America formed in Flint, Michigan; 2 FEB 1948, Mexican-American War ended with Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo; 4 FEB 1941, USO founded; 11 FEB 1943, **Gen. Eisenhower** begins command of the allied armies; 19 FEB 1941, USCG Reserve established; 19-23 FEB 1945, **Chief WO Hershel 'Woody' Williams**, USMC earns the Medal of Honor for his distinguished actions during the Battle of Iwo Jima; 20 FEB 1962, **LtCol Glenn, Jr.**, USMC first American to orbit Earth in Friendship 7; 22 FEB 1732, **George Washington** born; 28 FEB 1991, Persian Gulf War ends.

Submitted by *Gunny*

### Post 10 Veterans Advocate

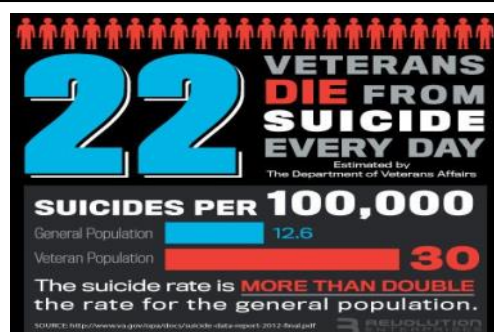


I wish all of our Veterans, troops, and active duty a very nice Valentine's Day on this month of February! I hope all of you had a safe New Year's holiday! Thank you for your selflessness and dedication to our country and thank you to the families of veterans for their support and strength. As your Post 10 Veterans Advocate, I will continue to guide and assist Veterans in filing service-connected disability claims with the VA. It is a pleasure to be able to assist you with any questions that you may have and will continue to do so as we start another year in 2025!

The Appointment of Claimant's Representative VA form 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](mailto:ginger.c.harvey@gmail.com) for VA claims assistance. Please include all of your contact information so that I can better assist you.

Post 10 Veterans Advocate, *Ginger Harvey*







## Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 10

We started out the New Year with a fun day at Uptown Bowling Alley. It wasn't a SAL event, it was just a bunch of Legion members getting together for "The Hair Of The Dog Bowling". What better way to start the New Year then spending it with a great group of people. Over 30 people showed up and we all had a ball!! Mark this event on your calendar, I promise you will have fun. Uptown Alley works with us so we get special pricing for the bowling. Boy do they make up for it as far as food and drinks go. Win, win for everyone.

February brings in the SAL Annual Chili Cookoff. It will be held on February 16th, also the day of the Daytona 500, 1:00-3:00, \$5.00 to enter and \$5.00 to taste and judge. We will hold numerous raffles, we have SAL shirts, coins and cups available to purchase too. This has always been a fun day so bring in your Chili, watch some racing, and hang out with the good folks at Squadron 10.

Article by *Tom Ramirez*

*Dan Frye*, Commander



## American Legion Riders, Chapter 10

**Greetings Post 10 Family:** As we embrace the frigid January weather, let's not forget the Riders participated in the 78<sup>th</sup> Manassas Christmas Parade and also helped support Post 10 with their Toys-for-Tots campaign. While some riders prefer to ride with a motor underneath them, they are always up for some fun. Two wheeling' is the name of the game. Our dedicated Chapter 10 ALR are making their best efforts to hold a Polar Bear ride each month. Despite the cold, the spirit of camaraderie and adventure keeps us going strong!

**Polar Bear Rides:** Our Polar Bear rides are a testament to our resilience and love for the open road. We encourage all riders to join us whenever possible. These rides are a great way to stay connected and enjoy the winter landscape.

**Safety Reminders:** For those venturing out on the nicer winter days, please be extra cautious. Here are a few important reminders:

- **Watch for slippery spots:** Ice, gravel, and sand can be hazardous.
- **Stay alert:** Drivers may not be expecting motorcycles on the road during winter.

**Dress warmly:** Layer up to stay comfortable and safe in the cold.

**Community Awareness:** We also ask our community to be mindful of motorcycle riders. On those rare sunny winter days, please keep an eye out for us on the roads. Your awareness helps keep everyone safe.

Stay warm, stay safe, and keep the spirit of riding alive!

*Ride On*, Chapter 10 American Legion Riders



Article by *Rick Goodman & Leon Kowalewski* (Submitted photos)

*Dave Albrecht*, Director

Join us for our yearly tradition thats always a hit!

\$5 entry ot tasting fee!

# SAL Annual Chili Cookoff!



9950 Cockrel Rd Manassas, VA 20110

1 to 3PM with the Daytona 500 watch  
party after

**FEB**

**16**

Trophies for top 3 and  
Raffles throughout the  
event!

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





We've come a long way since a few brave women abandoned traditional roles as seamstresses or cooks and instead served in combat – disguised as men – alongside their husbands during the American Revolution. Women have a larger presence in our military today than ever before. With more than 2 million women Veterans (11.3%) the VA predicts by 2040 that women Veterans will comprise nearly 18% of the total Veteran population.



**Women in the Military:** 2nd Lt. Francis Y. Slanger, Army Nurse Corps, of Roxbury, MA was one of four nurses who waded ashore at Normandy on D-Day. *Frances Slanger* was born in Łódź, Poland, and came to America with her family in 1920 to escape persecution of the Jews. Much to the dismay of her immigrant parents, *Frances* was determined to become a nurse and graduated from nursing school in 1937. At home in Roxbury, 29-year-old *Frances* regularly heard news from her relatives in Poland: she knew Jews in Łódź were being shipped to Auschwitz and Chelmo. In 1943, she enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps, and fought to be deployed overseas despite her bad eyesight. If she was afraid, she didn't show it. *Slanger* was deployed to the European theater in 1944. She was assigned to the 45th Field Hospital to help with casualties from the D-Day invasion at Normandy, France. She became the only nurse killed in Europe by enemy forces on 21 Oct 1944. The Army named a hospital ship after *Slanger* in 1945 (US Army Hospital Ship *Francis Y. Slanger*).



Women in the Military will be a new column. If you have info on same please forward to me.

Article by *Gunny*

*Four Chaplains Ceremony, Sunday, 2 FEBRUARY 2025, 1300 hours in the Post Hall—please attend.*

**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, educational, and interesting.



Photos by **Gunny**

**Thank you Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 10 for purchasing and installing an 85” TV in the Social Quarters. Just in time for the NFC Championship Game on Sunday, 26 JAN 2025.**

**Much appreciated and thank you all for all you do. It is not overlooked or taken for granted by me or the Post 10 Family.**

***Gunny***

**AUXILIARY UNIT 10**

***No report received.***

***Peggy Pignone, Unit 10 President***



**Auxiliary Membership Report**



We currently have 171 mail-in renewals, 51 online, and 27 new members for a total of 249 members for 2025. We are at 78% of our 2025 membership goal.

Welcome to our newest members: ***Ruby Pauline Farmer*** and ***Sheila Farmer***.

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](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) with your member ID on your card. You must log in to pay your dues. If you do not have a username or password, simply click 'Create Account' to get started. Members will receive an emailed receipt as well as a signed, 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, membership card mailed directly from ALA National Headquarters within three weeks (same procedure as number 3).

Thank you,  
***Johnnetta Jetten, ALA Membership Chair***



**FEBRUARY LUNCH SPECIALS**  
**Monday thru Friday, 11 AM x 2 PM**

MON 02 Feb Stuffed Turkey Roll, Gravy, Veg., R&B..  
TUE 03 Feb Beef Brisket, Pot., Veg., R&B.  
WED 04 Feb Hot or Cold It. Sub.  
THU 05 Feb Chicken Tortellini, Veg., R&B.  
FRI 06 Feb NY Strip, Pot., Veg., R&B.  
MON 10 Feb Creamy Steak Fettucini, Veg., R&B.  
TUE 11 Feb Fried Chicken, Pot., Veg., R&B.  
WED 12 Feb Soup & Grilled Sand.  
THU 13 Feb Meatball & Cheese Sub., FFs or ORs.  
FRI 14 Feb Butterfly or Coconut Shrimp.  
MON 17 Feb Stuffed Peppers, Pot., R&B.  
TUE 18 Feb Chicken Riggies, Pasta, Veg., R&B.  
WED 19 Feb Fish & Chips, Slaw.  
THU 20 Feb Country Fried Steak, Veg., Pot &  
Gravy.  
FRI 21 Feb Bacon Mushroom Swiss Burger, FFs or  
ORs.  
MON 24 Feb Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, R&B.  
TUE 25 Feb BBQ Beef Ribs, Baked Beans, R&B.  
WED 26 Feb Cowboy Chicken Sand., FFs or ORs  
THU 27 Feb Chicken Parm., Salad, Garlic Bread.  
FRI 28 Feb Patty Melt on Rye w/Cheeses &  
Grilled Onions.

**Sides if not listed above will be listed on the board.**

**ENJOY YOUR LUNCH.**

**SATURDAY DINNER SPECIALS**

**5:30 x 7:30 PM**

**01 Feb—Steak or Stuffed Tilapia w/ Crab.**  
**08 Feb—Steak or Chicken Wellington.**  
**15 Feb—Prime Rib.**  
**22 Feb—Steak or Shrimp & Scallop K-Bobs  
w/ Rice.**

**Friday is Seafood Night—5:30 x 7:30 PM**

Help us out and pick up your trash. There are many trash containers throughout the Social Quarters & Hall. Thanks.



**February Entertainment**  
**(Friday & Saturday evenings 8 x 11 PM)**

01 Feb—*Redsun King Band*  
07 & 08 Feb—*Joe Clay*  
14 Feb—*Classic Spotlight Band*  
15 Feb—*Jukebox*  
21 & 22 Feb—*TBA*  
28 Feb & 01 Mar—*TBA*

**If you have suggestions for entertainment see *Bonnie*.**

**Queen of Hearts Thursday's Eats**

Check with Post  
for specials each Thursday evening.

**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 & include identifying info. 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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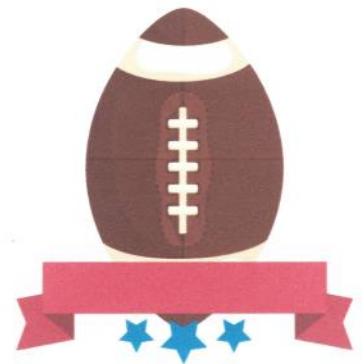
| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed                        | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
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|   |   |   |                            | <b>EVERY Thursday TRIVIA NIGHT 7-9 PM</b>                                    |   | <b>1 BLUE STAR MOTHERS formed (1942) Redsun King Band 8 x 11 PM</b> |
| <b>2 GROUND HOG DAY</b>   | <b>3 BINGO 9:15 x Noon</b>                  | <b>4 USO Founded (1941) Auxiliary Unit 10 Meeting 7 PM</b><br> | <b>5 Bar Bingo 5:30PM</b>  | <b>6 Queen of Hearts 8 PM</b>  | <b>7 R.E.D. Seafood 5:30-7:45pm</b><br><b>JOE CLAY 8 x 11 PM</b>                                  | <b>8 Executive Board Meeting 10am</b><br><b>JOE CLAY 8 x 11 PM</b>  |
| <b>4 CHAPLAINS CEREMONY 1PM</b>   |   |   |                            |  |   |   |
| <b>9 Superbowl 5 x 8 PM</b><br>See Notice in newsletter for details.                | <b>10 BINGO 9:15 x Noon</b>                 | <b>11 Squadron 10 Meeting 7 PM</b><br>                        | <b>12 Bar Bingo 5:30PM</b> | <b>13 Queen of Hearts 8 PM</b>   | <b>14 R.E.D. VALENTINE'S DAY Seafood 5:30-7:45 pm</b><br><b>CLASSIC SPOT-LIGHT BAND 8 x 11 PM</b> | <b>15 Membership Meeting 10am</b><br>Jukebox Night<br>8 x 11 PM     |
| <b>16 SAL Annual Chili Cookoff! 1x3 PM</b><br>See notice in newsletter for details. | <b>17 Presidents' Day BINGO 9:15 x Noon</b> | <b>18 Riders Chapter 10 Meeting 7 PM</b><br>                 | <b>19 Bar Bingo 5:30PM</b> | <b>20 1962 Glenn, USMC, 1st American to orbit Earth Queen of Hearts 8 PM</b> | <b>21 R.E.D. Seafood 5:30-7:45 pm</b>   | <b>22 G. Washington born (1732)</b>                                 |
| <b>23 YM-1 x 5 PM</b>   | <b>24 BINGO 9:15 x Noon</b>                 | <b>25</b>   | <b>26 Bar Bingo 5:30PM</b> | <b>27 Queen of Hearts 8 PM</b>   | <b>28 R.E.D. Persian Gulf War Ends (1991) Seafood 5:30-7:45pm</b>                                 | <b>1 MARS RODEO BAND 7:30 x 11 PM</b>                               |

See Menu page for lunch and dinner specials.

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## The Battle for Iwo Jima

**Location:** Volcanic island 660 miles south of Tokyo    **Size:** 2 miles wide by 4 miles long (8 sm)

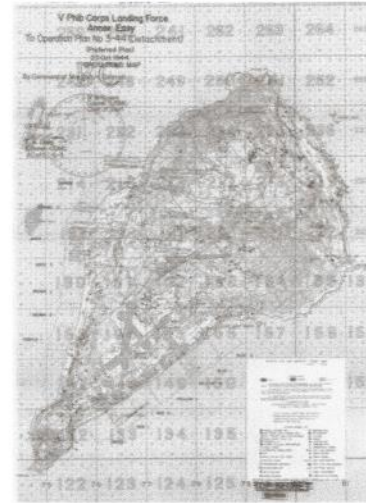
### Background: Summer/Fall 1944

Even before ground operations to secure the Mariana Islands of Guam, Saipan, and Tinian ended, U.S. Naval construction battalions were already clearing land for air bases suitable for the new B-29 "Superfortresses." These huge bombers had a range capable of reaching the Japanese Home Islands. The first B-29 bombing runs began in October 1944. But there was a problem—Japanese fighters taking off from tiny Iwo Jima were intercepting B-29s, as well as attacking the Mariana airfields. The U.S. determined that Iwo Jima must be captured.

### The Battle:

U.S. Marines invaded Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945, after months of naval and air bombardment. The Japanese defenders of the island were dug into bunkers deep within the volcanic rocks. Approximately 70,000 U.S. Marines and 18,000 Japanese soldiers took part in the battle. In thirty-six days of fighting on the island, nearly 7,000 U.S. Marines were killed. Another 20,000 were wounded. Marines captured 216 Japanese soldiers; the rest were killed in action. The island was finally declared secured on March 26, 1945. It had been one of the bloodiest battles in Marine Corps history.

After the battle, Iwo Jima served as an emergency landing site for more than 2,200 B-29 bombers, saving the lives of 24,000 U.S. airmen. Securing Iwo Jima prepared the way for the last and largest battle in the Pacific: the invasion of Okinawa.



### The Flag Raising:

The flag-raising atop Mt. Suribachi took place on February 23, 1945; five days after the battle began. Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal took the famous photograph of five Marines and one Navy corpsman raising the flag. The flag raisers were Cpl. Harlon Block, Navy Pharmacist's Mate John Bradley, Cpl. Rene Gagnon, PFC Franklin Sousley, Sgt. Michael Strank, and Cpl. Ira Hayes. Three of these men—Strank, Sousley, and Block—were killed before the battle for Iwo Jima was over.

The photograph was quickly wired around the world and reproduced in newspapers across the United States. The image was used as a model for the Marine Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

### Awards:

Twenty-seven Medals of Honor (our country's highest military award for bravery) were awarded for action on Iwo Jima—more than any other battle in U.S. history.

***"Among the men who fought on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue"***

—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz



**It is the soldier, not the reporter,  
who has given us freedom of the press.**

**It is the soldier, not the poet,  
who has given us freedom of speech.**

**It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,  
who has given us freedom to demonstrate.**

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who salutes the flag,  
and whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
who allows the protester to burn the flag.**

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