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**Robert Vincent McMaugh Memorial**  
**American Legion Post 10**  
**9950 Cockrell Road**  
**Manassas, Virginia 20110**  
**703-369-4900**  
[www.post10manassas.org](http://www.post10manassas.org)



FEBRUARY 2026

**2025-2026**

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**Stan Moore**

1st Vice Commander  
**Ed Filipowski**

2nd Vice Commander  
**Vacant**

Adjutant

**Steve Olson**  
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**Larry Logsdon**  
Chaplain

**Steven Botello**  
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**Dave 'Pops' Fisk**

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**Gunny Lewis**

2 Year Committeeperson  
**Greg Neiss**

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Quartermaster  
**Francis Hall**

Judge Advocate  
**Rick Raskin**

Post 10 Veteran Advocate

**Ginger Harvey**  
Newsletter Editor  
**Gunny Lewis**



Hello Legion Family. Welcome to February.

Well, the first month of 2026 is over. For those of you who made a New Year's resolution, I hope you were able to stick to it.

We had a big winner on the Queen of Hearts game in January—congrats to the winner! The new Queen board is already over \$9k, so get your tickets if you want a chance to win it all.

There are changes coming to the Post this year. Some are going to be big and others you probably won't even notice. The biggest change is that the Social Quarters will no longer be open on Mondays and Tuesdays, except for our public bingo, starting Monday, February 9th. I promise we did everything we could to avoid this, but it had to be done. This also means the Tuesday night Legion Family meetings will need to be adjusted. The Riders have already moved their meeting to the 3rd Thursday of the month. Please bear with us while we all adjust.

It's going to be a good month. Besides the Queen of Hearts drawing and Trivia every Thursday, we have Valentine's Day on Saturday and the SAL Chili Cookoff the following day—a great weekend for everyone. In March we have the St. Patrick's Day Parade. If things go as I believe they will, we will have the materials to fix the float in time for the parade. I'll be calling for volunteers when that happens.

Remember, the General Membership meeting will be held at 1100 hours on the third Saturday in February instead of 1000, and the Executive Meeting will be at 0900 hours the same day. I'd love to see a good crowd in attendance. Also, anyone is welcome to attend the Executive Meeting if you are curious—it is almost always an open-door meeting.

As always, let me close by saying that in every family, communication is the thread that weaves trust, understanding, and connection together. This is especially true within our community of veterans, where challenges are deeply personal and often invisible to the outside world.

Communication provides a lifeline between isolation and healing. A simple conversation, a sincere question about someone's well-being, or just being present and truly listening—these small gestures can offer profound comfort to those who might otherwise suffer in silence. They remind us that no one faces their struggles alone.

Let this serve as a reminder to embrace the power of communication—to **Be the One** who listens, who reaches out, who shows compassion. Every act of connection helps build a stronger, more resilient support network. Together, we can help ensure no veteran feels left behind.

For God and Country,

**Stanley C. Moore**

Your American Legion Post 10 Commander





## Legionnaire Membership Report from 1st Vice Commander

### 2026 - Renewals 2026:

So far, we have signed up 22 new members and renewed 604. We are currently at 83.0% renewal rate. **Guest Speaker.** At our 21 February general membership meeting, auxiliary member and local attorney **Jean Humbrecht** will give a presentation titled "Think that speeding ticket is just a fine, think again." She will walk you through the process. **Jean** defends traffic and criminal cases in PWC and also prosecutes for the town of Occoquan.

Please welcome our new Legionnaires: **Ronald L Dixon, USA; Cary Guess, USA; Robert Karnbach, USN**  
Also, please welcome our newest transfer **Leonard Winnings, USA.**

Now you can renew for up to 3 years online. Go to [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org), click the renew tab and put in your member number and you will be able to extend your membership at the current membership price for 3 years. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

There are several additional 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. You can also update your profile information: address and, phone number. I will also send out your new membership 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 in the enclosed return envelope to Post 10 at 9950 Cockrell Road, Manassas, VA 20110 Attn: Post 10 Membership.
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. 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 to only Post officers with the need to know. If you have an email account, you can receive the newsletter electronically.

Please feel free to email me with any questions/concerns about your membership.

For God and Country,  
**Ed Filipowski**, 1st Vice Commander     [all10membership@yahoo.com](mailto:all10membership@yahoo.com)

**MEETING TIMES CHANGES: 3rd Saturday. Executive Meeting starts at 0900; GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting begins at 1100.**

**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.

**Gunny**

### 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**



Poor is a Nation that has no Heroes.  
Shameful is a Nation that has Heroes but forgets them.



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



### SGT-at-ARMS REPORT

As we are moving forward, I am asking for your support. The Color Guard plays a meaningful role in representing Post 10 by honoring our Veterans at community events, parades, ceremonies and funerals in the Manassas area and at Quantico National Cemetery.



We are looking for members and volunteers who are willing to participate with behind the scenes help, setting up events, ceremonies, or simply show their support at events. Every bit of help makes a difference. If you are interested in volunteering, or learning more about the Color Guard, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the number and email address below.

We provide the Color Guard Uniform with the exception of the Legion cover/hat and black shoes.

As a Post 10 Rider, we had our first Polar Bear ride on Saturday, January 3rd in (35-degree weather) with 12 Motorcycles and 14 members present. We all had a great 20-mile ride, along with great ribs at the Pit Stop in Sterling, Va. Thank you.

V/R

*Dave 'Pops' Fisk*, Sergeant - at - Arms

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
IS NOT A  
BAR**



**IT IS A VETERANS  
SERVICE ORGANIZATION**

### Four Chaplains Memorial



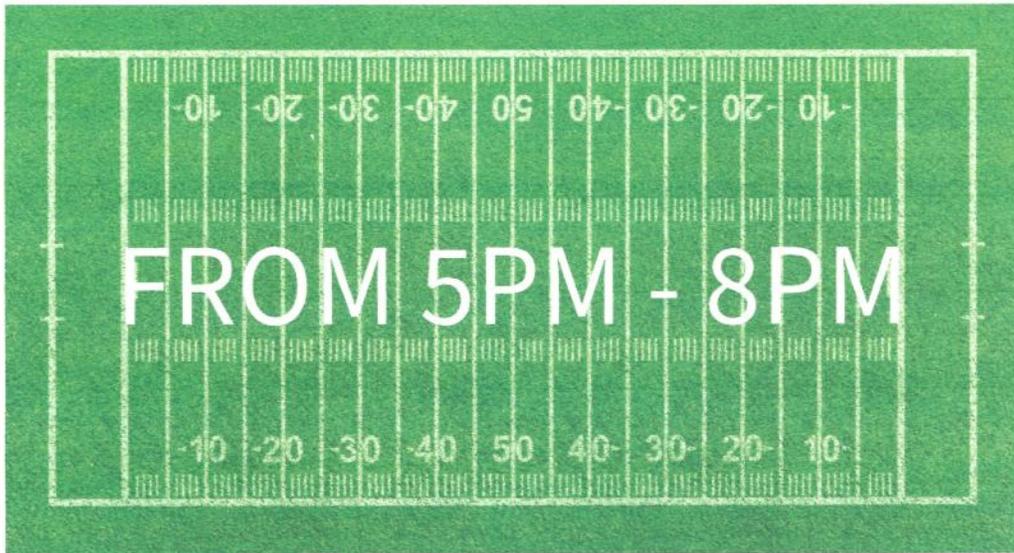
This year marks the 83rd anniversary of the sinking of the United States Army Transport *Dorchester* and the selfless acts of four Army chaplains aboard. The *Dorchester* tragically sunk on Feb. 3, 1943, while crossing the North Atlantic, transporting troops to an American base in Greenland. A German U-boat fired a torpedo that struck the *Dorchester*, killing 672 of the 902 officers and enlisted men, merchant seamen and civilian workers aboard. Many of those survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership exhibited by four chaplains of different faiths, who, in sacrificing their lives, created a unique legacy of brotherhood.

As soldiers rushed to lifeboats, Reverend **George Fox** (Methodist), Jewish Rabbi **Alexander Goode**, Reverend **Clark Poling** (Dutch Reformed) and Father **John Washington** (Roman Catholic) comforted the wounded and directed others to safety. One survivor watched the chaplains distribute life jackets, and when they ran out, they removed theirs and gave them to four young men. As the *Dorchester* sank, the chaplains were seen linked arm in arm, praying.



**Four Chaplains' Ceremony at Post on Sunday, 1 FEB 2026, at 1300 (1 PM)**





## **SUPERBOWL LX (60)**

**FEBURARY 8, 2026**

COME JOIN US BUFFET STYLE  
FOOD AT \$15 PER PERSON.  
PLEASE BRING DESSERT TO  
SHARE WITH ALL. ALL TV'S  
INCLUDING MOVIE SCREEN IN  
HALL WILL BE SHOWING THE  
GAME.

## **VA NEWS: Scammers**

Scammers are targeting Veterans, surviving spouses and family members who receive VA benefits. They pretend to be official VA representatives and use official communication channels to demand repayment for alleged benefits overpayments. Fraudulent letters, emails and texts often include fake VA letterheads and logos, making it difficult to distinguish genuine VA communications.

### **Common tactics used by scammers**

- Fake VA letterheads and logos: Scammers often use fake VA letterheads, logos and even spoofed phone numbers to make their communication appear authentic.
- Claims of overpayment: Scammers claim you have been overpaid on your VA benefits and now owe money back to VA.
- Pressure tactics: Scammers may pressure you into making immediate payments directly to them instead of through official VA payment channels. Requests for payment via wire transfers, bitcoin, prepaid debit cards, money transfers or gift cards are often signs of a scam.

Requests for sensitive information: Scammers may ask for sensitive information, such as your VA login credentials, password or financial information.

If you receive a letter or any communication about a VA benefits overpayment, log into your official VA.gov account immediately to verify if you truly owe money. The VA website will provide clear information on whether you owe any money. If you find you do owe money, VA's Debt Management Center (DMC) offers many repayment options.

### **How to protect yourself**

- Verify the authenticity of the letter: If you receive a letter or communication about VA benefits overpayment, log into your official VA.gov account immediately to verify if you truly owe money.
- Only use official VA channels: If you find you do owe VA money, resolve the debt directly using VA.gov or by calling VA's Debt Management Center (DMC) at 1-800-827-0648.
- Never share login information: VA will never ask for your login credentials or passwords.
- Be cautious of unsolicited contact asking for personal details or directing you to external websites that are not part of VA.gov.

Do not pay upfront fees: If someone demands an upfront payment to help with your VA debt or claims, it's a scam. VA offers free help with managing debts and claims. You can find a VA accredited representative to assist you at [www.va.gov/get-help-from-accredited-representative/find-rep/](http://www.va.gov/get-help-from-accredited-representative/find-rep/).

- Avoid clicking on unknown or suspicious messages: Scammers often create fake links or attachments to trick you into downloading malware or malicious code to steal your data.

Never share sensitive information: Never share sensitive information, such as social security numbers, bank account details or credit card information when responding to unsolicited requests.

***Always verify information through VA.gov*** and treat any suspicious communication with caution. Protecting your personal information and promptly reporting any suspicious activity can help ensure your benefits and personal data remain protected. VA offers a wide range of tools and resources to combat fraud and protect Veterans' benefits. To learn more, please visit VBA fraud prevention page. Stay safe and vigilant!

### **How to report VA overpayment scams**

- Contact VA: If you have been the target of a scam or suspect of fraudulent activity, contact VA immediately at 1-800-827-1000.

File a complaint: You can also report fraud to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Veterans who suspect they have experienced fraud can find out more and report to the appropriate agency online at VSAFE.gov or call (833) 38V-SAFE.

[Source: VA NEWS]

Submitted by **Gunny**



Under the new  
**2022 PACT Act**

eligibility is added for Veterans who served in  
**Republic of Vietnam**  
01/09/1962–05/07/1975

**EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE OR HERBICIDES?**

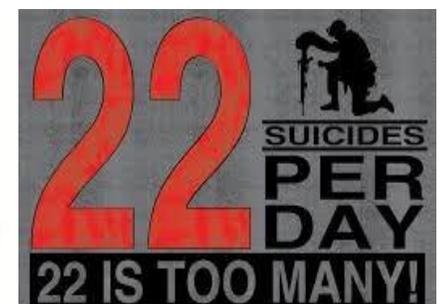
Learn more at VA.gov  
1-800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411)

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



**Veterans  
Crisis Line**

DIAL 988 then PRESS 1



**22**

**SUICIDES  
PER  
DAY**

**22 IS TOO MANY!**



First photograph on Iwo Jima by **SSgt Lowery**, USMC

There were two American flags raised on top of Mount Suribachi, on February 23, 1945. The photograph **Joe Rosenthal**, AP, took was actually of the second flag-raising, in which a larger replacement flag was raised by different Marines than those who raised the first flag.

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A U.S. flag was first raised atop Mount Suribachi soon after the mountaintop was captured at around 10:30 a.m. on February 23, 1945. This photograph was taken by **SSgt Louis Lowery**, USMC.

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Second photograph on Iwo Jima by **Rosenthal**, Associated Press.



### Chaplain's Report

We are starting the new year of 2026. This will be a very exciting year for most all of us. New opportunities, new jobs, new children, new grandchildren, new friends and all the great things birthdays and other events of celebration for us all that make life worth living, experiencing and celebrating for everyone.

One of the roles that we have at Post 10 and as a Post 10 Officer is to provide service, advice and guidance to all so that members may skip a hard learned lesson or two that can provide perhaps a benefit to them or a member of their family. Along that same theme in the past two articles in our newsletter have been discussing when and or if you and/or your family may suffer a death or severe illness. I too have suffered the recent loss of my own step-mother. It was a surprise event and I had to step up for my family in handling all the aspects of the process. I learned and found out many many things that I never knew of prior to best handle the entire process.

As I spoke of in the two prior articles and as an active Chaplain I do many times get heavily involved in the funeral and burial process on an advisory level and I can and do provide guidance and advice as needed to help those grieving members in a time when they may be suffering and stressed emotionally. If ever you may need help please feel free to contact me at my direct number of 1-703-853-1869.

I also have researched and will provide, if you need, basic information related to lower the cost(s) of high quality burial items such as military and civilian coffins and some general funeral & burial items which are used and sold at excess price(s) to persons who do not know where to go during their time of emotional stress and get lower pricing. I will keep this information in my Chaplains box in the Post 10 office's and it is available to anyone who wants to review it.

These last few months have really been a challenge for providing service and care to the Post 10 members as well as other veterans whom we assist through our Post and as the role of support as Chaplain.

I do not promote any specific vender only the service and information to our P10 members in need if they want to know it and so not to suffer from price gouging by those wishing to take advantage of them.

Bless you one and all. Please take care of yourselves and your families.

You may reach me at any time at: 1-703-853-1869 or Email: [steven.botello@gmail.com](mailto:steven.botello@gmail.com)

Respectfully,

**Steven Botello** - Chaplain P10

Don't throw away your old laptop or computer.



Bring it to the Post and we'll take it to  
TECH FOR TROOPS.

Sorry, we cannot take CRT monitors or Printers.

What T4T needs the most are laptops, desktop computers, tablets, and cell phones.

These devices go to in-need Veterans after data destruction.

T4T guarantees Data Destruction for all devices that could contain data.

# Puzzle Madness

American Legion Post 10, Manassas

Teams of 4 to  
6 players

Monday  
6-8P

Prizes for  
fastest team

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



**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. Thank you for your cooperation.



Three Servicemen Statue at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial



"Celer, Silens, Mortalis"  
"Arrugha!"



The Vietnam Women's Memorial to honor the women who risked their lives to serve their country. Depicting three women caring for a fallen soldier.



"We few, we Band of Brothers. For he who sheds his blood with me shall be my brother."  
– William Shakespeare, "Henry V"

### Post 10 Veterans Advocate

February 14, 2026, Valentine's Day, is just around the corner! I hope all of our Post 10 Veterans have a nice Valentine's Day with their families! 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 in 2026!

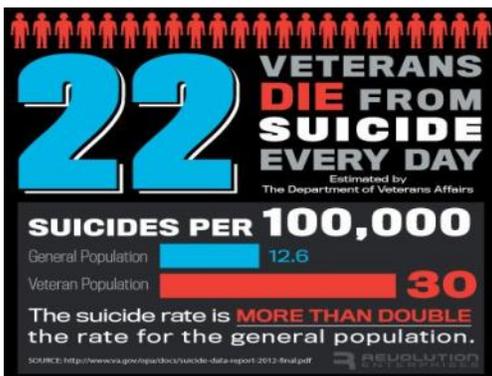


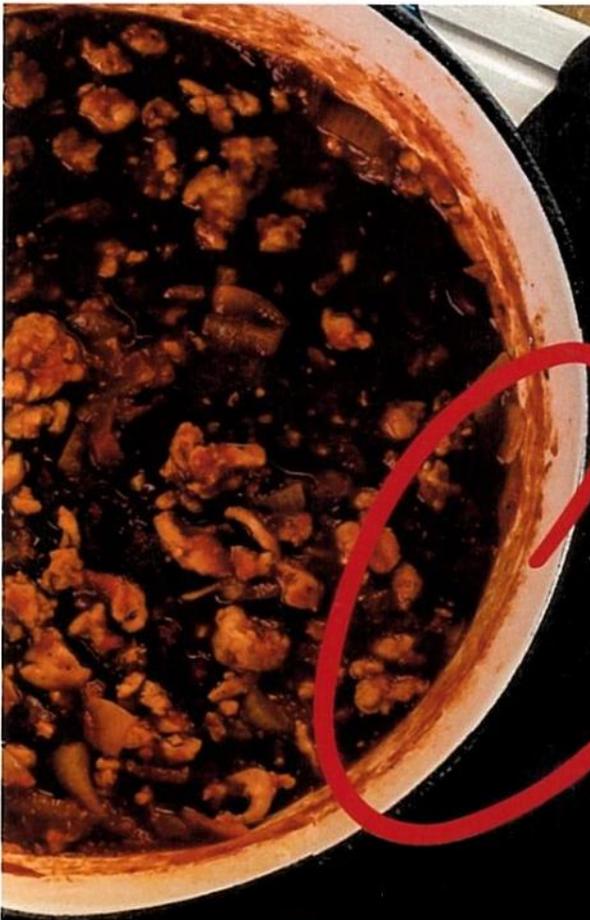
The Appointment of Claimant's Representative VA form authorizes The American Legion to assist Veterans and beneficiaries. Additionally, please send your full and complete contact information. You cannot have more than one POA!

I am available to assist Veterans and their families in completing and filing benefit claims.

Contact me: [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*





# Chili

## COOK OFF



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

1:00 PM - 3:00PM

Noon set up, raffling off  
bacon, selling sons coins &  
shirts.

Make the best  
chili to win, top 3  
receive trophies

\$5 TO ENTER & TASTE  
\$5 FOR ALL OTHERS TO TASTE &  
VOTE



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 10



January started with a Strike as in bowling. We had our annual Hair Of The Dog Bowling at Uptown Alley on January 1st. About 40 members and family showed up for a great fun!!!! Afterwards most went back to the Post to play who can come up with the worse song on the jukebox. Lots of laughs!!! Next up for the SAL is our **Chili Cookoff** on February 15th. This runs 1-3 PM. If you plan on entering a chili please come up before 1 PM to enter and set up. We will be having bacon raffles, 50/50 and we will have coins and T shirts for sale. \$5 to enter and \$5 to vote on the

best chili. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 chilis. Come on out for some good food, fun with great people and the Daytona 500!!! Next up for the SAL is our **Jimmy Bryant Golf Tournament** on April 17th. Flyers will be posted and more info in next month's newsletter.

Thanks **Tom Ramirez**  
2nd Vice Commander

*Mike Dixon*, Squadron 10 Commander

Submitted photo

### **From VA OIG**

Pennsylvania Man Sentenced to Prison for VA Disability Fraud: **Victor Milbourne**, of King of Prussia, PA, was sentenced to 18 months in prison for defrauding VA out of more than \$240,000. From 2013 to 2022, **Milbourne** knowingly defrauded the VA by claiming that he was severely disabled and unable to work due to service-connected injuries. In reality, the defendant led a very active lifestyle, including traveling internationally, running his own business, and doing intensive physical workouts multiple times a week. The VA OIG and the FBI investigated this case.

Missouri Man Sentenced to Prison for Neglecting a Veteran and Concealing His Death. **Brian K. Ditch**, of Salem, MO, was sentenced to thirteen years in prison for neglecting his uncle, a quadriplegic US Army veteran. **Ditch** concealed his uncle's death and corpse to fraudulently obtain \$1.8 million in his uncle's disability benefits. **Ditch** became solely responsible for his uncle's care in 2008 and kept him locked away, subjecting him to insufficient care and verbal abuse. **Ditch** fraudulently gained access to his uncle's financial accounts and regularly wired money to himself. After his uncle's death around 2019, **Ditch** concealed it from relatives, the VA, and the Social Security Administration (SSA) so he could continue to steal his uncle's benefits. He hid the body in a shed behind his house. The VA OIG, the SSA OIG, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives investigated this case with the Salem Police Department.

**SCAM ALERT: That text or email about your "tax refund" is a scam:** Tax season is approaching, and if you're getting a refund, scammers are looking to steal it before you've had a chance to claim it. So, before you respond to a text or email about a "tax refund" — especially one that asks you to click a link — know that this could be a scam designed to get your personal information and steal your tax refund. These scams often start with a text or email that looks like it's from the IRS or a state tax office saying they've "processed" or "approved" your tax refund claim. (Note: that's not how you find out about a real tax refund.) To "verify your identity" and "send you money," they ask you to click a link to enter details like your Social Security and bank account numbers — but it's a phishing scam. If you click and share your info, the scammer might steal your personal information to get your tax refund or even steal your identity to open other accounts.

If you get a message like this: Know that the real IRS and state tax offices won't reach out by text, email, or on social media to get your information. Only scammers will.

Don't respond or click any links. To check the status of a pending tax refund, never use the link from the message. Instead, visit [USA.gov](https://www.usa.gov) to learn how to find out if you're really getting a federal or state tax refund.

Report and delete the message. Use your phone's "report junk" option or forward unwanted texts to 7726 (SPAM) and mark unwanted emails as spam or junk. Once you've checked it out and reported it, delete the message. Visit [IdentityTheft.gov/steps](https://www.identitytheft.gov/steps) to learn how to protect yourself before identity theft happens. And if you spot a scam, tell the FTC at [ReportFraud@ftc.gov](mailto:ReportFraud@ftc.gov)

Submitted by **Vic Librizzi**



On **July 4, 2026**, the US will celebrate its **Semiquincentennial**, marking 250 years since the signing of the **Declaration of Independence**. National and local organizations have launched a year-long series of festivities that will continue through the end of 2026.

**Independence Eve Ball Drop (July 3, 2026):** The Times Square Ball will drop again on July 3, 2026—the first time ever outside of New Year’s Eve—to anchor the nationwide countdown to the Fourth of July.

**Salute to America 250:** A White House-led task force is coordinating national programs, including a massive military parade, fireworks, and cultural showcases on the National Mall on July 4, 2026.

**Philadelphia** from June 19 through July 4 go to [july4thphilly.com](http://july4thphilly.com) for events.

**Washington, DC** go to these three sites for the latest [americanhistory.si.edu](http://americanhistory.si.edu) [archives.gov](http://archives.gov) and [dc250.us/dc250/events/celebrations](http://dc250.us/dc250/events/celebrations).

**Boston** [bso.org/boston-pops-fireworks-spectacular](http://bso.org/boston-pops-fireworks-spectacular)

**New York** on the morning of July 4th NY about 30 tall ships from around the world led by the USCG barque **Eagle** will sail from the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge past the Statue of Liberty up the Hudson River to the George Washington Bridge. Details at [sail4th.org](http://sail4th.org)

**New Currency:** The U.S. Mint is releasing special collectible coins, including dimes, quarters, and half-dollars with 1776–2026 dates and unique "Liberty Over Tyranny" designs.

Stay tuned for events as the year progresses.

Submitted by *Annette Lewis*

### Auxiliary Unit 10 Report

No report received.

*Peggy Pignone*, ALA Unit 10 President



### Auxiliary Membership Report



We currently have 185 mail-in renewals, 55 online, and 14 new members for a total of 254 members for 2026. We are at 80% of our 2026 membership goal.

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 for Your Continued Support!**

Your commitment to the Auxiliary makes a difference every day.

Thank you,  
*Johnnetta Jetten*, ALA Membership Chair

# FEBRUARY LUNCH SPECIALS

## Monday thru Friday, 11 AM x 2 PM

February 2026

Check with Post for current information.

MON 02 Chop Steak.  
TUE 03 Surprise!  
WED 04 Meatball & Cheese Sub.  
THU 05 Sausage Burger w/Cheese, Egg & Country Gravy.  
FRI 06 NY Strip.  
MON 09 CLOSED.  
TUE 10 CLOSED.  
WED 11 Tex-Mex Lasagna.  
THU 12 Chicken Cordon Bleu.  
FRI 13 Hangry Burger.  
MON 16 CLOSED.  
TUE 17 CLOSED.  
WED 18 Country Fried Steak.  
THU 19 Honey Butter Chicken Sliders.  
FRI 20 Stuffed Turkey Rolls.  
MON 23 CLOSED.  
TUE 24 CLOSED.  
WED 25 Sloppy Joe.  
THU 26 Fried Chicken.  
FRI 27 Brown Sugar Bacon Cheeseburger.

Sides will be listed on the board  
in the Social Quarters.

### SATURDAY DINNER SPECIALS

5:30 x 7:30 PM

14 FEB—Steak.

21 FEB—Prime Rib.

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



### February Entertainment

SAT, 14 FEB—*Red Sun King*  
Classic Rock—7:30 x 11 PM

If you have suggestions for entertainment see  
*Bonnie.*

**ATTENTION: Starting Monday, 9 FEB 2026, the Post will be CLOSED every Monday & Tuesday until further notice. There will be bingo Monday mornings.**

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

**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*

**MEETING TIMES CHANGES: 3rd Saturday. Executive Meeting at 0900;  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting at 1100.**

**Robert V. McMaugh Memorial  
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FEBRUARY 2026**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Four Chaplains' Ceremony 1 PM	2 Army Nurse Corps est 1901 Bingo in Hall 9:15 AM-Noon	3 Auxiliary Unit 10 Meeting 7 PM 	4 Bar Bingo 5:30 PM	5 Queen of Hearts 8 PM	6 <b>R.E.D.</b> Seafood Night 5:30-7:45 PM	7 
8 YM 1 x 5 PM <b>SUPER BOWL LX</b> See flyer	9 POST CLOSED Bingo in Hall 9:15 AM-Noon	10 POST CLOSED	11 Bar Bingo 5:30 PM	12 <b>Lincoln's Birthday</b> Queen of Hearts 8 PM	13 <b>R.E.D.</b> <b>USMC Women's Reserve est 1943</b> Seafood Night 5:30-7:45 PM	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> <b>RED SUN KING</b> Classic Rock 7:30 x 11 PM
15 <b>SON'S CHILI COOKOFF</b> See flyer 1 x 3 PM	16 POST CLOSED <b>Presidents' Day</b> Bingo in Hall 9:15 AM-Noon	17 POST CLOSED	18 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Bar Bingo 5:30 PM	19 Queen of Hearts 8 PM	20 <b>R.E.D.</b> Seafood Night 5:30-7:45	21 EX Mtg 9 AM GEN Mtg 11 AM- Prime Rib Dinner 5-7:30 pm
22 <b>Robert V. McMAUG</b> <b>H Born</b> <b>(1962)</b> YM 1 x 5 PM	23 POST CLOSED <b>1945 Flag Raising</b> <b>on Iwo Jima</b> Bingo in Hall 9:15 AM-Noon	24 POST CLOSED	25 	26 Queen of Hearts 8 PM	27 <b>R.E.D.</b> Seafood Night 5:30-7:45 PM	28
MARCH 1	Starting 9 FEB the Post will be CLOSED every Monday & Tuesday					

See Menu page for lunch and dinner specials.

Calendar subject to change—call Post on 703-369-4900 for current information.

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## American Legion Riders Chapter 10



Braving the Cold: January Polar Bear Ride. We kicked off the New Year in true Rider fashion! On January 3rd, we took to the road for our first **Polar Bear Ride** of 2026. The destination was **The Pit Stop BBQ** in Sterling, VA. Despite the winter chill, the turnout was fantastic, and the brotherhood (and the brisket) made every cold mile worth it. Thank you to everyone who bundled up and represented Post 10 on the road.

**Keep your gear ready:** We are currently scouting the route for our **February Polar Bear Ride**. We will announce the date and location at the upcoming meeting. Be prepared to ride!

**ATTENTION: New Meeting Schedule:** Please take note of a permanent change to our monthly meeting schedule. To ensure more of our members can attend, we are moving our meetings from Tuesday nights to Thursday nights. **EFFECTIVE:** February 2026 and 3rd Thursday of every month going forward. **TIME:** 7:00 PM **LOCATION:** Post 10 Hall. Our first meeting under this new schedule will be held on **Thursday, February 19th at 7 PM**. We hope to see a full house!

**Maintenance & Readiness:** While the weather remains unpredictable, don't let your bike sit forgotten. Now is the time for preventative maintenance. Check your tire pressure, battery charge, and fluids now so you aren't scrambling when the sun comes out.

**Ride Safe and Ride Proud, The Chapter 10 Officers For God and Country**

Director, *David Albrecht*—ALR Chapter 10

*Submitted photos*



**What Veterans should know re: IRS Form 1095-B** is a tax form that shows you had health coverage during the year. VA provides this form to Veterans and family members who are enrolled in certain VA health care programs. Due to changes in the Affordable Care Act, the IRS no longer requires Form 1095-B for federal tax filing. Because of this change, VA will no longer automatically mail the form. You may still need it for state taxes or to keep for your records. This change does not affect your VA health care coverage or benefits. It only changes how you receive the form.

Starting Jan. 31, 2026, you can access your IRS Form 1095-B electronically through your VA.gov account. If you prefer a paper copy, you can request one after Jan. 31, 2026, by calling 877-222-VETS (8387), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Submitted by *Joe Licari*

## 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.**

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

*Father D. Edward O'Brien, USMC*



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