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Robert Vincent McMaugh Memorial
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Post 10 Commander's Report



Hello Legion Family. March has passed us by and Spring is finally here.

That means no more ice storms to keep us in the house like we just had, but lots of rain. Let's all hope that the rain spares our BBQ Competition on April 12th and the SAL Golf Tournament on April 17th. Both events look great.

Speaking of the BBQ Competition, things are gearing up really fast and it is looking to be another big success. All of the trophies have arrived, and the Grand Champion Belt is a sight to see. If you are curious to see it, just ask when I am at the Post and I will gladly show it to you.

As I have been saying recently, there are big changes coming to the Post and we are implementing them a little at a time. The newest change is showing your Membership card every time you enter the Post, order your first drink, and turn in a winning ticket. This is something that is mandatory by law. In order to keep our doors open, we have to do this. ABC, IRS, and the Virginia Gaming Commission require that we verify membership. To help facilitate this, there is an app called Legion+.

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KILLED IN BOMBING OF U.S. EMBASSY



On April 18, 1983, the US Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, was partially destroyed by a suicide bombing that killed 63 people. It was the deadliest attack on a U.S. diplomatic mission up to that time and was considered the beginning of Islamist attacks on U.S. targets.

LCpl Robert Vincent McMaugh was killed in the attack. He was a 1980 graduate of Osborn High School and joined the Marines a few months later. He volunteered to become a Marine Security Guard (MSG), and after training he was sent to Beirut. *Robert* was standing Post 1, front entrance to the Embassy, and was instantly killed by the explosion. He was posthumously promoted to the rank of Corporal.

Cpl McMaugh is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. In 2023 a ceremony was held on MCB-Q dedicating the McMaugh Hall in memory of *Cpl McMaugh*.

As you are aware our Post is named for *Cpl Robert V. McMaugh*.
Semper Fidelis, MARINE!

Article by *Gunny*



Commander's Report Continued:

Once you install it on your phone, you will have access to a virtual ID card and so much more, such as recruiting new members or paying your dues for the year. A QR code is at the end of this article and will be included in the newsletter from now on in its own space.

For the April General Membership meeting, we will be voting on the By-Law changes that were discussed in the March meeting. There are only a few changes that were necessary, such as formally changing the meeting time from 1000 to 1100. Take a look at them on our website under the Constitution link on the main page.

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

Access a digital membership card, manage membership information, recruit and save a life featured on new mobile app.

for more information go to the Legion website :

<https://www.legion.org/information-center/news/membership/2024/october/download-the-new-legion-membership-app>



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Volunteers Needed

On Saturday, 16 May 2026, from 10 AM (1000 hrs.) to 2 PM (1400 hrs.) the City of Manassas will host a **Veterans Fair** at Baldwin Intermediate School, 1978 Eagle Way, Manassas, VA.

The goal of the fair is a one-stop shop to familiarize active duty, separating military, retirees, and their families with what the Manassas Community has to offer. It is targeting those who are considering staying in the Manassas / Prince William County area.

There will be tables with representatives providing information about the Four Areas being addressed: Quality of Life and Employment, Housing, Education, and Veteran Resources.

The Manassas Veteran Service Organizations will be participating with tables.

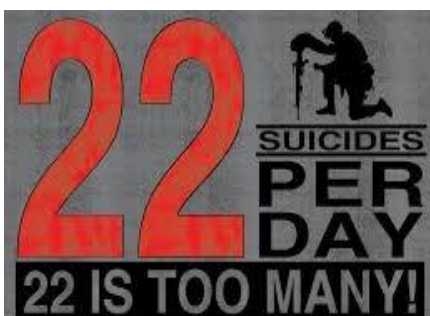
Volunteers are needed to man the **Post 10 American Legion, Unit 10 Auxiliary, and Squadron 10 Sons** tables.

Please sign up with the AL Commander and Presidents of our organization to make this a successful recruiting and informational event.

Light refreshments will be available.



Submitted by **Jerry Martin**





Legionnaire Membership Report from 1st Vice Commander

2026 - Renewals.

So far, we have signed up 34 new members and renewed 657. We are currently at 91.0% renewal. All 2025 membership cards expired on December 31, 2025. On January 1, members who had not renewed were considered delinquent and on February 1 unpaid memberships were suspended. **On June 30** all unpaid memberships are dropped from the roster if not renewed by this date. Renewing online would be the quickest and give us instantaneous verification of your renewal.

Please welcome our new Legionnaires: **Matthew Fernandes, USAF; William Fisk USA; Peter Gillis, USMC; Stan Harton, USAF; Settima Harton, USAF; William Norat, USMC; and Llyod Rowland, USAF**

Also, please welcome our newest transfers: **Mark Baker, USA; Edward Mattison, USA; George Ussery, USN.**

Now you can renew for up to 3 years online. Go to 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. 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
al10membership@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**

Connecting Veterans to a person, a plan and a place to call home: In today's AI era, it can often feel impossible to reach a human being on customer service portals. Not at VA. When a Veteran—or a concerned friend or family member—calls or chats with the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans (NCCHV), they can take comfort in knowing that they will always be connected to a real VA staff member. Day or night, a trained responder will be there to answer—24/7. They know that when a Veteran is ready to talk, every second counts; that's why they do their best to answer calls within just five seconds.

A conversation focused on you: Each call begins with a few basic questions to help NCCHV responders understand the Veteran's unique situation and determine how to best support them. What will they ask? Name (if they choose to share it). Current housing situation. Whether a safe place to go is available. Best method to reach them for follow-up.

VA staff members won't ask about or assess a Veteran's VA eligibility during the call. However, if a Veteran is open to a referral, they will be personally connected with homeless program experts from their local VA medical center. Responders are also able to share information about additional resources and programs that can support a Veteran's physical and mental well-being. For Veterans with hearing or speech impairments, NCCHV offers text telephone (TTY) services in addition to language translation services over the phone. If a Veteran is experiencing suicidal thoughts, staff members can also facilitate a warm transfer to the **Veterans Crisis Line**.

Who's on the line? Before ever answering their first call, NCCHV responders undergo a rigorous training process beginning with 2.5 weeks of dedicated instruction, followed by four to six weeks of on-the-job training. They don't just learn the systems, they learn to listen. Guided by an empathetic and nonjudgmental approach, their training ensures that every responder is prepared to meet—and support—Veterans exactly where they are emotionally, mentally and physically. Their job is to actively listen, understand each situation and connect Veterans with appropriate resources. And because every Veteran's needs are unique, there are never time limits on calls. Whether a question takes five minutes or a Veteran wants to talk through a more complex situation, they will have the full attention of a VA responder.

More than a number: In fiscal 2025, NCCHV responders handled over 196,000 calls and more than 17,000 chats while consistently maintaining a 4.5- to 4.7-star rating from Veteran callers. This includes more than 120,000 referrals to local VA medical centers for further assessment and services. These numbers reflect NCCHV's commitment to continuously evaluate and improve its approach to serving Veterans. But more important than the numbers are the lives that NCCHV helps change every day. In one instance, a female disabled Veteran caring for her young nephew expressed heartfelt gratitude for a responder whose compassion and willingness to help made all the difference on a late evening when she needed support most. Another Veteran similarly shared that NCCHV gave her hope the day after Christmas when she felt like she had none. She noted that because the responder truly listened, they were able to identify concerns she hadn't even been able to voice yet, allowing her to remain calm and supported through the weekend. While asking for help can be difficult, it is the first step to a new beginning. VA staff members at NCCHV are more than just a voice on the line; they are compassionate listeners committed to helping every Veteran find a place to call home.

[Source: VA News]

Submitted by *Vic Librizzi*



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2022 PACT Act**

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Republic of Vietnam
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VA  U.S. Department
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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

Our Post 10 Color Guard is a specialized unit of Veterans that present, carry, and protect the U.S. flag and other colors at ceremonies, parades, and community events. They promote patriotism and honor, often performing at funerals and sporting events. There are also several ceremonies held at the Post throughout the year.



Legionnaire **Gerald Sproles** (USN) transferred to Post Everlasting. Services were held at Windy Knoll Farm, Nokesville, VA on March 7 at 1100hrs. Special thanks to the Post 10 Color Guard members, **Dave 'Pops' Fisk**, Post 10 Color Guard Commander and SGT-at- Arms, **David Quimby**, **Carl Carey** and **Kevin Bryne** (Bagpipes). The Naval Honor Guard folded the flag, presented the flag to the next of kin and played taps. Post 10 Color Guard assisted with providing the National and Navy flag.

Special mention to Post 10 Riders, Auxiliary, Sons, and Scout Troop 884 for their assistance with the Saint Patrick's Parade.

Saturday, 11 April at 9am, at the E.G. Smith Baseball Complex, 10400 Godwin Dr, Manassas, Va. Is the opening ceremony of the Greater Manassas Baseball League. **Dave 'Pops' Fisk**, Post 10 Color Guard Captain, **Dave Quimby** (Colors), and **Carl Carey** (State Flag).

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION
IS NOT A
BAR**



**IT IS A VETERANS
SERVICE ORGANIZATION**



The national Young Marines has named the Manassas Young Marines the Division 1 Unit of the Year, the top honor for the division that consists of 40 units in 13 states and Washington, D.C. The distinction was awarded for the unit's community service, program achievement and dedication to the mission. The unit will now compete with five other units from across the country for the top honor, the National Unit of the Year. The unit, led by Commander *Deysi Vasquez*, has 17 youth members and five adult volunteers. The Manassas Young Marines are sponsored by Post 10. **Oorah!**

Article by *Gunny*



April is the Month of the Military Child, a dedicated time to recognize the resilience, sacrifices, and unique challenges faced by over 1.6 million children of U.S. service members. It highlights children's bravery during deployments and frequent relocations, with a major focus on "Purple Up! For Military Kids" day.

Key aspects of the Month of the Military Child:

- Purpose: To honor the sacrifice of children whose parents serve in the Armed Forces.
- "Purple Up!" Day: Often celebrated by wearing purple—representing all branches of the military—to show support. While often recognized on April 11 or other special days depending on the organization, the entire month is for celebration.

Common Themes: Bravery, adaptability, and sacrifices (e.g., changing schools frequently).

Resources: Organizations like the Military Child Education Coalition offer toolkits, arts opportunities, and social media tools, such as the #MOMC and #PurpleUp hashtags.

Military children often face challenges like separation from parents during deployments and adjusting to new schools and environments, making this month a key time for support and recognition.

Submitted by *Annette Lewis*

At Post 10 we believe in safety, dignity, and respect for ALL. Your words matter. Your behaviors matter. The safety and well being of our members, guests, and employees matters. There is NO place at the Post for unacceptable behavior such as: Aggression; Use of inappropriate language; Use of racist language and/or behavior; Bullying; Verbal abuse; Threats; Assaults; Property damage. Anyone exhibiting violent and aggressive behavior will be told to leave at once. Failure to obey the ABC manager on duty will result in suspension from the Social Quarters—*immediately*. We ask for your cooperation.

Thank you. Gunny

REPRINT FROM APRIL 2023:**40 Years to the Day!**

I have looked at the portrait painting of Corporal Robert Vincent McMaugh in the foyer of Post 10, many times, and always with a feeling of pride, coupled with a strange sadness for this young Marine, who lost his youth and his life in the line of duty. It would take a visit to Quantico to come to learn more about the person in the uniform, and about the boy who became that Marine.

On Tuesday morning, April 18, 2023, Gunny Lewis and I entered the West End of Marine Corps Base Quantico and navigated toward the Marine Corps Embassy Security Group Headquarters Building to witness the naming and dedication of that building to Corporal Robert Vincent McMaugh, an undertaking that had taken much time and persistence before it could become a reality. We were greeted and tended to by Marines of various ranks and experience, all of whom were genuinely pleased to have us there.

Before long, many family and close friends gathered in small groups and eventually, were called to be seated under a canopy to focus attention on the podium, behind which loomed the two-story building to be dedicated. I was proud to be seated between Gunny and Post 10 Commander Dave Quimby, whose contributions of service to our country are well-founded.

Behind the podium to the left and right were two platoons of Marines. We stood for the posting of the colors and for the Pledge of Allegiance, all very familiar to many other ceremonies, but it was what followed that became a one-of-a-kind experience for me. A string of speakers, each delivering a different chapter, offered us the life of Cpl. McMaugh, the boy and the man.

On April 18, 1983, Corporal Robert Vincent McMaugh was standing duty at Post 1 at the US Embassy in Beirut. when a terrorist in a VBIED barreled through the chancery with 2,000 pounds of explosives, and detonated. Cpl. “Bobby” McMaugh was killed instantly in the explosion. Sixty-two civilian personnel died that day, too, including seventeen Americans. Shortly afterwards, hundreds of mourners in Manassas, VA, lined the streets to offer respect to their hometown athlete and hero, followed by a service at Fort Myer where a contingent of 150 Marines gave honor. In his eulogy, Navy Chaplain James Mennis said, “He gave his life willingly. He was on duty at his post, as he ought to have been. For all of us, that is all that can be asked—no more can be expected.”

Former US Ambassador Dillon, assigned to Lebanon, and there in Beirut at the time of the bombing, spoke highly of the Marine Security Guards (MSG) at the Embassy. With controlled speech, he recounted the horrific series of events which occurred so suddenly and progressed so quickly on that April day. One moment, he was looking out the window at the Mediterranean Sea. After the sound of the explosion, he was actually facing the sea without benefit of a wall. He continued to describe his own and others’ attempts to escape down a central staircase, and then the frenzy that followed to rescue the injured and cover the dead. His descriptions, difficult as they were to image, succeeded in placing all of us at the scene and certainly a little closer to Cpl. McMaugh. Ambassador Dillon hinted that he was no stranger to terrorist attacks. This comment served to move me to remember all other survivors of war and violent attacks. So many still live with the images of the battlefield and the loss of comrades.

A more personal portrait of Cpl. McMaugh as a real person with traits that touched others, followed with the reminiscing of his sister, Teresa, who shared “Bobby’s” prankster side as well as his love of family and family interactions. She told us of how Bobby rode his one-year-old baby sister, Cherie, regularly, on his bike, to a nearby park, and how just being with family was always a priority for him. Teresa said, “Bobby was my ‘rock’ big brother...” At fourteen, Teresa spoke to Bobby about going to her first dance, and instead of hearing some funny remark, she was pleasantly surprised to hear Bobby say, “I will take you, as no one is good enough.” He even bought her a corsage.

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In closing, Teresa related how just before “Bobby” left to begin his duty as a Marine, he asked her to meet him at that park. Expecting some light-hearted joke in store, Teresa was impressed to be asked to sit on a bench with her brother, so he could tell her how much he loved her. Teresa ended her comments with an exhortation to all of us to “find a bench somewhere, and then tell someone you love them.” At this point, I could not hold back the tears any longer.

The portrait painting of Marine Corporal Robert Vincent McMaugh at Post 10 which bears his name as well as his image, will continue to impress me each time I enter the Post. Only now, I will feel his presence as the successful young athlete from Osbourne High School, the dedicated son and brother, the Marine who shared his gifts with family and fellow Marines, and the young man who considered duty a privilege, to which he could only give his best!

Article by *Annette Lewis*

History of the Marine Security Guard: A Marine Security Guard (MSG), also known as a Marine Embassy Guard, is a member of the Marine Corps Embassy Security Group (formerly Marine Security Guard Battalion), a brigade-sized organization of the United States Marine Corps whose detachments provide security at American embassies, American consulates and other official U.S. government offices. The Marine Corps has a long history of cooperation with the U.S. State Department, going back to the early days of the country. From the raising of the American flag at Derna, Tripoli, and the secret mission of Archibald H. Gillespie in California, to the Boxer Rebellion in Beijing, Marines have served many times on special missions as couriers, as guards for embassies and delegations, and to protect American citizens in unsettled areas.

The formal and permanent use of Marines as security guards began with the Foreign Service Act of 1946, which authorized the Secretary of Navy to, upon the request of the Secretary of State, assign Marines to serve as custodians under the supervision of the senior diplomatic officer at a diplomatic post. The first joint Memorandum of Agreement was signed on 15 December 1948 regarding the provisions of assigning Marines overseas. Trained at the Foreign Service Institute, the first Marines arrived at Tangier and Bangkok in early 1949. The Marine Corps assumed the primary training responsibility in November 1954. The authority granted in the Foreign Service Act of 1946 has since been replaced by 10 U.S.C. § 8183 and the most recent Memorandum of Agreement was signed in October 2020. Although embassy duty is a crucial aspect of the Marines’ mission with a long tradition, the Corps is only budgeted to train and maintain a limited cadre of guards to cover over 100 embassies worldwide. In response to the 2012 Benghazi attack, Congress ordered a near doubling of Marine Security Guards in the midst of a post-war drawdown in overall USMC numbers. The USMC has responded by redeploying one company from 1st Battalion 1st Marines while additional guards are trained.

The primary mission of the MSG is to provide security, particularly the protection of classified information and equipment vital to the U.S. diplomatic posts. This is accomplished under the guidance and operational control of a civilian federal agent of the Diplomatic Security Service, known as the Regional Security Officer (RSO) who is the senior U.S. law enforcement representative and security attaché at U.S. diplomatic posts around the world. In addition, MSGs provide security for visiting American dignitaries and frequently assist the RSO in supervising host country or locally employed security forces that provide additional security for the exterior of embassies. The MSGs fall under operational control of the RSO and are administratively controlled by the Marine Corps Embassy Security Group. The secondary mission of Marine Security Guards is to provide protection for U.S. citizens and U.S. Government property located within designated U.S. Diplomatic and Consular premises during exigent circumstances, which require immediate aid or action.

MSGs focus on the interior security of a diplomatic post's buildings. In only the most extreme emergency situations are they authorized to provide special protection to the senior diplomatic officer off the diplomatic compound. MSGs carry a certain level of diplomatic immunity in the performance of their official duties.

Submitted by *Gunny*

EASTER EGG HUNT



Bring the kids and join us
for a fun afternoon!



Saturday,
April 4



12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Ages: 0-12

★ Special Arrival! ★

The Easter Bunny will arrive
on a Fire Truck!



Plus, enjoy some delicious

PIZZA!



The American Legion Post 10 Pavilion

9550 Cockrell Road
Manassas, VA 20110



Hosted by The American
Legion Auxiliary Unit 10

Active military service dogs, Military Working Dogs (MWDs), are highly trained canines deployed alongside U.S. troops for security, detection (explosives/drugs), and tracking. Roughly 1,600 MWDs are on active duty, trained primarily at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. These specialized dogs are crucial for operational support, with some acting as specialized, non-commissioned officers.

Roles of Active Military Working Dogs (MWDs)

- **Detection:** Specialized in locating explosives, drugs, and other contraband.
- **Patrol & Security:** Used for tracking, scouting, and protecting personnel in hostile environments.
- **Combat Support:** Deployed for specialized missions including IED or mine detection.

Training: MWDs undergo intense training, with only about 50% passing to active service, and are often sourced from Germany or the Netherlands.

Key Facts About MWDs:

- **Rank:** Traditionally, U.S. military dogs are considered to be one rank higher than their handlers, a practice originating to ensure dogs were treated with respect.
- **Adoption:** Since 2000, retired MWDs can be adopted by civilians or law enforcement.



Submitted by *Gunny*





Three Servicemen Statue at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial



"Celer, Silens, Mortalis"
"Arrugha!"



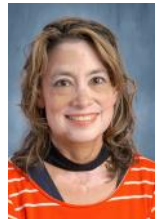
The Vietnam Women's Memorial to honor the women who risked their lives to serve their country. Depicting three women caring for a fallen soldier.



"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

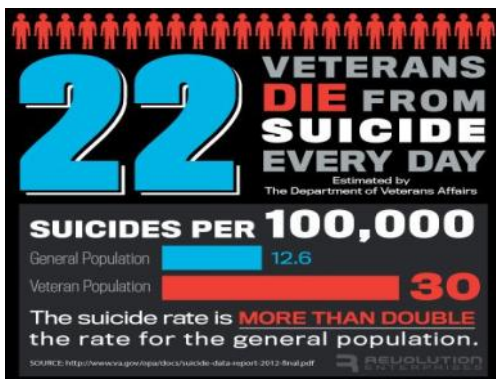
I hope all of our Post 10 Veterans and their families have a nice Easter on April 5, 2026! Thank you for your selflessness and dedication to our country and thank you to the families of veterans for their support and strength. As your Post 10 Veterans Advocate, I will continue to guide and assist veterans 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 for VA claims assistance. Please include all of your contact information so that I can better assist you.

Post 10 Veterans Advocate, *Ginger Harvey*



Changes to the Post 10 By-Laws:

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Post 10 members in good standing present at a general membership meeting, provided all the proposed revisions have been presented at the previous general membership meeting. Amendments shall become effective 30 days after acceptance by the membership.

Changes to the Post 10 Bylaws

By-Laws:

ARTICLE II - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 2. The Post Executive Committee shall meet for organization and such other business as may come before it at the call of the Post Commander within 10 days after the installation of the new officers. Thereafter the Post 10 Executive Committee shall meet ~~one (1) week~~ prior to the regular membership meeting or at least once a month and as often as the Commander deems necessary.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

~~*Duties of the Quartermaster.* The Quartermaster shall be responsible for the maintenance and preservation of the building, property, and grounds of the Post.~~

ARTICLE IV - POST COMMITTEES

House Committee

The House committee shall be responsible for the maintenance and preservation of the building, property and grounds of the Post.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

General membership meetings of this Post shall be held on the third Saturday of each month and shall be called to order promptly at 11:00 AM. Meeting time may be changed on a case-by-case basis with 14 days' notice by the Post Commander.

Submitted by ***Rick Goodman & Rick Raskin***

Auxiliary Membership Report

We currently have 196 mail-in renewals, 70 online, and 21 new members for a total of 287 members for 2026. We are at 90% of our 2026 membership goal.



Welcome to our newest members: ***Dana Boyle, Carolena Dixon, Sara Payne, Susan Potendyk,*** and ***Katrina Smith***

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 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

Joint Leadership Council (JLC) Report

The JLC met on March 17 in Richmond, Va. Reports were presented by Timothy Williams, Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs and John Maxwell, DVS Commissioner. Both stressed making access to benefits easier including community involvement. Following their comments reports were presented by the Board of Veterans Services and The Virginia Veterans Services Foundation.

View full comments at [https://www.vfw7589.org/JLC Reports 3-17-2026.pdf](https://www.vfw7589.org/JLC%20Reports%203-17-2026.pdf).

Following those comments, an after-action review was conducted on this year's JLC initiatives. The two top priority issues. VMSDEP and Claim Sharks were discussed at length. VMSDEP needs further defining to determine what level of coverage is possible, given the budget impact the program requires.

On Claim Sharks I spoke of our frustration that the Legislature would want to legitimize operations that have already been determined to be unconstitutional (Louisiana) and illegal (USC Title 38). Additionally, I mentioned that the VA is now pursuing action against veterans who have had their compensation increased through inflated submissions prompted by Claim Sharks. As was highlighted in the JLC's position paper, "*the veteran files their own claim with 'assistance' from the Claim Shark and if anything goes wrong, the veteran is solely responsible for the error and could owe the Veterans Administration money.*" This apparently had no impact on legislators. Delegate Amy Laufer's bill that would ban Claim Sharks unfortunately failed to make it out of committee. The legislation that legitimizes Claim Sharks is now on Governor Spanberger's desk. Depending on her action we will consider bringing a renewed initiative for the next legislative session.

Of note, there is pending Federal legislation (HR1732) "Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding VA Benefits Act or the GUARD VA Benefits Act" that if passed would ban Claim Sharks nationwide.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1732>

The JLC initiative to provide veteran suicide death information (HB529) passed and is on the Governor's desk.

There was also discussion about Charitable Gaming. Our request that 501 C 19 be recognized as a charity in Virginia as it already is in the Federal Tax Code went nowhere. One legislator even questioned how having C 19 recognized as a charity would affect other gaming operations. This demonstrated that he clearly did not understand the issue. There will be an interim JLC meeting on April 14 to discuss initiatives for the next session. The next regular JLC meeting will be on June 10.

Rick Raskin

Alaska Doctor Sentenced to Prison for Multi-Million-Dollar Healthcare Scheme

Dr. **Claribel Tan** of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced to more than six years in prison for executing a \$12.5 million healthcare fraud scheme. Dr. **Tan**, and her husband, **Daniel Tan**, operated a rheumatology medical clinic in Anchorage. As part of their decades-long scheme, the **Tans** deceived their patients about the kinds and doses of medications Dr. **Tan** administered. They also fraudulently billed health insurance plans for reimbursement of medications that the **Tans** did not purchase or administer to patients. This case was investigated by the VA OIG, IRS, FBI, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration, FDA, and State of Alaska Division of Insurance Investigation Unit.

Washington Woman Sentenced to Prison for Defrauding VA Benefit Programs

Kelly M. Lee-Carroll, of Kent, Washington, was sentenced to 17 months in prison for stealing more than \$1 million in VA benefits. She was also ordered to pay more than \$930,000 in restitution. **Lee-Carroll** claimed she was bedridden with paralysis in one leg and arm and required round-the-clock care. She repeatedly represented that she needed a wheelchair to leave home. The investigation revealed that **Lee-Carroll** did not require a wheelchair and had the use of both hands. **Lee-Carroll** also recruited her son and sister to participate in the scheme as caregivers. The VA OIG investigated this case.

[Source: VAOIG]

Submitted by **George Moschatos**



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 for events.

Washington, DC go to these three sites for the latest americanhistory.si.edu archives.gov and dc250.us/dc250/events/celebrations.

Boston 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 Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge past the Statue of Liberty up the Hudson River to the George Washington Bridge. Details at 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.

Submitted by *Annette Lewis*

Sail250 Virginia: Norfolk is an official port of Sail250®, a global gathering of tall ships and military ships to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States. For ten days in June 2026, 10,000 officers, cadets, and crews of more than 60 ships from 20 nations will engage with residents and visitors across the Chesapeake Bay region in events and programs symbolic of the bonds of international goodwill.

Virginia International Tattoo: The 2026 Virginia International Tattoo proudly honors 250 years of American independence. More than 800 performers from around the world will take the stage, including massed pipes and drums, renowned military bands, precision drill teams, dancers, choirs and more. Through stirring music, historic imagery, and moving tributes, the 2026 Virginia International Tattoo will celebrate the enduring promise of freedom that defines our nation.



Submitted by *Mark Kowalewski*

Happy Birthday America

Paul Revere's famous midnight ride on April 18–19, 1775, was a covert mission to warn patriot leaders **Samuel Adams** and **John Hancock** of approaching British troops, not a public shout of "the British are coming." Tasked by **Dr. Joseph Warren**, **Revere** rode from Boston to Lexington, alerting colonial militia to stop British plans to seize munitions.

Key Facts of the Ride:

The Mission: *Revere* aimed to warn that British regulars were marching from Boston to seize colonial military supplies in Concord and likely arrest rebel leaders in Lexington.

"One if by Land, Two if by Sea": Two lanterns were hung in the Old North Church to signal that the British were crossing the Charles River by boat, not marching over land.

The Route: After crossing the Charles River to Charlestown, *Revere* rode through present-day Somerville, Medford, and Arlington to Lexington, then toward Concord.

Capture: Near Lincoln, *Revere* was captured by a British patrol in the early hours of April 19, 1775, and briefly held at gunpoint before being released, though he lost his horse.

Other Riders: *Revere* was not alone; **William Dawes** and **Dr. Samuel Prescott** also rode to spread the alarm.

Submitted by **Joe Licari**



How scammers are using the Iran conflict to try to steal your money and information: With global attention focused on the conflict in Iran, it's no surprise scammers have already added that situation to their story lines. Some recent reports to the FTC about imposter, romance, and fake charity scams include an Iran twist. The details change, but the scammer's goal is always to trick you into paying or sharing your personal information. Here are some examples of these scams — and how to protect yourself.

Scammers contact you unexpectedly about a fraudulent charge. The call or text appears to come from your bank or a company you know. They say they've detected charges from Iran on your account (a lie). They transfer you to someone who says they work for a government agency like the FTC (that's another scammer) who convinces you to share your bank account information. But the truth is government agencies will *never* ask you to share financial information. Learn more at ftc.gov/imposters.

Scammers pretending to be a friend or love interest in the military ask for money. Perhaps you've been chatting for a while with someone you met online. Now they tell you they're deployed to Iran. Suddenly you get an urgent request to send them money — maybe because they can't access their bank account or they have a medical emergency. But that's when you know you're likely dealing with a romance scam.

Scammers create fake charities that sound and look official. They might claim to help people displaced or affected by the conflict in Iran and pressure you to donate in cash, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or wire transfers. Before you donate, go to ftc.gov/charity to learn how to research, what questions to ask, and how to spot a charity scam.

Act right away if you think you've sent money or given your information to a scammer, and report them at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

[Source: FTC]

Submitted by **Vic Librizzi**

APRIL LUNCH SPECIALS

Monday thru Friday, 11 AM x 2 PM

April 2026

Check with Post for current information.

WED 01 Hot or Cold It. Sub.
THU 02 Stuffed Turkey Roll.
FRI 03 Clam or Shrimp 'Po Boy'.
MON 06 Popcorn Chicken Bowl.
TUE 07 Hot Brown Turkey Sand.
WED 08 Cowboy Chicken Sandwich.
THU 09 Shepards Pie.
FRI 10 Bronco Burger.
MON 13 Baked Rigatoni & Sausage.
TUE 14 Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo.
WED 15 Cheese Burger Sliders.
THU 16 Country Pork Ribs.
FRI 17 Chicken Bacon Ranch Quesadilla.
MON 20 Timmy's Hot Hamburger Plate.
TUE 21 Creole Country Steak.
WED 22 Sloppy Joe.
THU 23 Fried Chicken.
FRI 24 Brown Sugar Bacon Cheeseburger.
MON 27 Cashew Curry Coconut Shrimp o/Rice.
TUE 28 Honey Butter Chicken Sliders.
WED 29 Patty Melt.
THU 30 Sweet & Sour Teriyaki Shrimp or Chicken o/Rice.

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

Menu & Prices Subject to Change.

SATURDAY DINNER SPECIALS

5:30 x 7:30 PM

4 APR—Steak or Butterfly or Coconut Shrimp

18 APR—Prime Rib

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

TACO TUESDAYS HAVE RETURNED

4:30 x 7 PM—WHEN? EVERY TUESDAY,

Duh!



April Entertainment

FRI, 10 APR—Karaoke 8 x 11 PM
SAT—11 APR—*Bob Cook* Bluegrass
7:30 x 10:30 PM

SUN—12 APR for BBQ—
Period 8, Noon x 3 PM and
Whiskey Driven, 3 x 6 PM

If you have suggestions for entertainment see
Bonnie.

NOTICES: When playing the 'electronic 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. For other games you have 30 days or the ticket is void. Anyone who turns in a winning ticket for ANY game must show a VALID/CURRENT Legion/SON/AUX card to collect their winnings. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 must 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*



Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 10

March was the calm before the storm. We used this time to plan the BBQ Showdown on April 12th and our Golf tournament on April 17th. A lot goes into planning events like this, and we can't thank everyone enough for taking the time to help putting this together. Anyone interested in helping on the day of the BBQ please contact **Stan Moore, Mike Dixon** or **Tom Ramirez**. You can never have too much help. The BBQ Showdown is a joint venture with the Legion and the SAL. This is in honor of Squadron 10 Commander **Dan Frye** who passed last May. Even if you don't have time to help come out and support the event. It should be a lot of fun, and you get the opportunity to eat some amazing BBQ.

Squadron 10's annual **Jimmy Bryant Golf Tournament** is April 17th and is always a great event. From the opening ceremonies, where the Color Guard and Pipers get the day started, to the after-golf lunch back at the Post. It is a day where the golf is secondary and Squadron 10 does what it does best and that is raise money to be donated to various charities. Pretty sure we are number 1 in the state as far as the amount of money we donate each year. So come on out and be a part the great events put on by The American Legion Post 10!!!!!!

Thanks

Tom Ramirez

2nd Vice Commander, Squadron 10

Mike Dixon, Squadron 10 Commander

Chaplain's Report:

No report received.



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

Respectfully, **Steven M. Botello**, Chaplain, Post 10

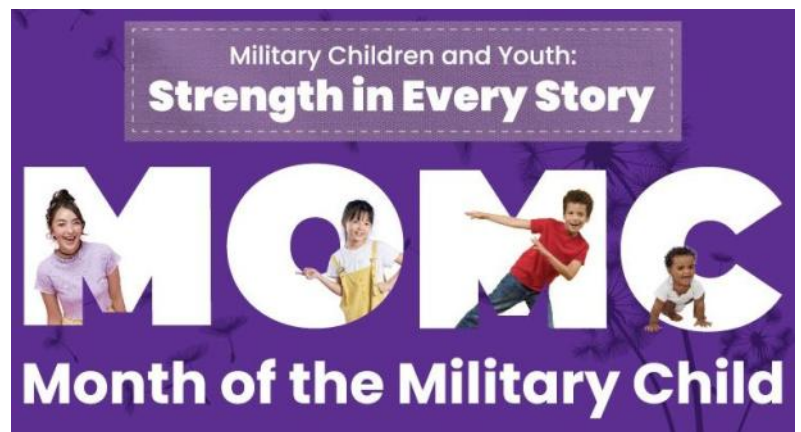


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OVER 120,000
VETERANS HAVE
DIED BY SUICIDE
SINCE 2001.



APRIL is the Month of the Military Child



Robert V. McMaugh Memorial American Legion Post 10 APRIL 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MONTH of MILITARY CHILD	TACO TUESDAY RETURNS 4:30 x 7 PM	 7 TACO TUESDAY AUX Unit 10 Meeting 7 PM 	1 Passover Begins at Sunset Bar Bingo 5:30 PM	2 Queen of Hearts	3 Good Friday R.E.D. Seafood 5:30-7:45 PM	4 Kids Easter Egg Hunt Noon x 2 PM Steak or Butterfly or Coconut Shrimp
5 Easter	6 US Entered WWI (1917) Bingo 9:15 AM-Noon	7 TACO TUESDAY AUX Unit 10 Meeting 7 PM 	8 Bar Bingo 5:30 PM	9 Queen of Hearts	10 R.E.D. Seafood 5:30-7:45 PM Karaoke	11 Desert Storm Cease Fire (1991) Bob Cook Bluegrass
12 BBQ SHOWDOWN Noon Entertainment PERIOD 8 Noon x 3PM & Whiskey Driven, 3 x 6 PM	13 Bingo 9:15 AM-Noon	14 TACO TUESDAY Squadron 10 Meeting 7 PM 	15 Bar Bingo 5:30 PM	16 Queen of Hearts	17 R.E.D. Jimmy Bryant Golf Tourn. PWC Golf Course Seafood 5:30-7:45 PM	18 Marine Cpl McMaugh KIA (1983) in bombing of US Embassy Beirut. EX Mtg 9 AM GEN Mtg 11 AM Prime Rib
19 Young Marines 1 x 5 PM	20 Bingo 9:15 AM-Noon	21 TACO TUESDAY Riders Chapter 10 Meeting 7 PM 	22 Bar Bingo 5:30 PM	23 Queen of Hearts	24 R.E.D. Seafood 5:30-7:45 PM	25 Spanish American War Began (1898)
26 Young Marines 1 x 5 PM	27 Bingo 9:15AM-Noon	28 TACO TUESDAY	29 Bar Bingo 5:30 PM	30 Queen of Hearts		

See Menu page for lunch and dinner specials.

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

Our website is: www.post10manassas.org



American Legion Riders Chapter 10



Braving the Cold: March Polar Bear Ride: For this month’s Polar Bear ride, the Riders participated in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Manassas. We had 14 motorcycles participate, *Liz, Rick, Bob, Dave, Carl, Karl, Tim, Steve, Roger, Carey* and his guest, *Leon, Dave, Todd* and his guest and *Andy*. The weather was beautiful, sunny and the route was lined with many smiling and waving faces.

Three Riders, *Rick, Leon* and *Gregg* rode together with many other Veterans groups to support and remember a fellow rider who tragically passed. It’s amazing the amount of comradery the Riders share with one another, they really do come together.

Finishing off the Polar Bear rides this season will be a trip to the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Followed by lunch.

Maintenance & Readiness

Spring is the time when many motorcycles return to the roads. It’s essential to be aware of motorcycles and the challenges they face.

Ride Safe and Ride Proud,

The Chapter 10 Officers for God and Country

Director, *David Albrecht*—ALR Chapter 10

Submitted photos. Article by *Leon Kowalewski*



AUXILIARY UNIT 10 REPORT

No Report Received

Peggy Pignone, ALA Unit 10 President

Military Slang:

“**Hangfire**” - To wait until you’re given the next orders.

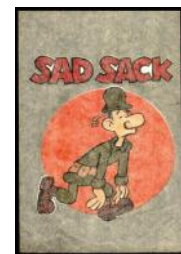
“**Chewed Up**” or “**Chewed Out**” - Reprimanded from a senior.

“**Rack Out**” - To go to sleep.

“**Pill Pusher**” - A medic.

“**Joe**” - A junior enlisted.

“**Soup Sandwich**” - A mess, a service member who doesn’t have his/her life together or a uniform that is worn incorrectly.





Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 10, JIMMY BRYANT
Memorial Golf Tournament, APRIL 17, 2026, Sponsor Registration Form:

Sponsor Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Contact Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

___ **"EVENT SPONSOR"** (\$2,500.00) includes a sign in your, "COMPANY NAME" on a designated hole, recognition during the Tournament Awards Ceremony, Four (4) Individual Players (a team) entered in the Tournament, and your Company Name displayed as the Event Sponsor larger at the top of our banner at the Tournament and the Awards Ceremony.

___ **"ELITE SPONSOR"** (\$1,000.00) includes a sign in your, "COMPANY NAME" on a designated hole, recognition during the Tournament Awards Ceremony, Four (4) Individual Players (a team) entered in the Tournament, and your Company Name displayed on a banner in larger font as an elite sponsor at the Tournament and the Awards Ceremony.

___ **"GOLD LEVEL"** (\$600.00) includes a sign in your, "COMPANY NAME" on a designated hole, recognition during the Tournament Awards Ceremony, Four (4) Individual Players (a team) entered in the Tournament, and your Company Name displayed on a banner at the Tournament and the Awards Ceremony.

___ **"SILVER LEVEL"** (\$250.00) includes a sign in your, "COMPANY NAME" on a designated hole, recognition during the Tournament Awards Ceremony, One (1) Individual Player entered in the Tournament, and your Company Name displayed on a banner at the Tournament and the Awards Ceremony.

___ **"BRONZE LEVEL"** (\$100.00) includes a sign in your, "COMPANY NAME" on a designated hole, recognition during the Tournament Awards Ceremony, and your Company Name displayed on a banner at the Tournament and the Awards Ceremony.

___ **"CASH DONATION"** Please make check payable to, "The American Legion, Post 10, SAL".

The proceeds from the Sons of the American Legion events support its mission of providing needed services to Veterans and their families as well as funding numerous local and regional charities. In recent years, S.A.L. Post 10 Manassas has submitted numerous donations to include USO, Habitat for Humanity, Fisher House Foundation, NJROTC, Virginia Special Olympics, Comfort Our Troops Foundation, Make-A-Wish, American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Children's Miracle Network, Boy Scouts of America, Food for Others, Final Salute Inc., American Legion Charities including Boys State & Youth Baseball, and many others supporting local people in need. SAL campaigns place emphasis on preserving American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, and teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 10
JIMMY BRYANT MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE, NOKESVILLE, VA
APRIL 17, 2026

Four Person Teams/ Captains Choice - All are welcome to attend. The first 144 golfers registered will be accepted. 0830 Shotgun Start!! NO RAIN DATE!!!

COST:

\$110 Per Golfer - Includes round of golf, door prize, and 50/50 drawing.

\$440 Per Team (4 golfers) - Includes round of golf, door prize, & 50/50 drawing for each golfer.

Sponsors - Please see Sponsor Registration Form.

TOURNAMENT PRIZES:

- Top Three Teams and Our Infamous "Horses Ass Trophy"
- Closest to the Pin (Par Three's) Including "The Hamm Hole"
- Longest Drive(s) - Women (Red Tee) / Men (White Tee)

Golfers over sixty years of age may use Gold Tees, if desired. **NO MULLIGANS!!!**

Please mail completed form with golfer names, phone numbers and email addresses along with check payable to:

American Legion Post 10
 Attn: Tom Ramirez or Mike Dixon
 9950 Cockrell Road, Manassas, VA 20110

Please mail no later than APRIL 10,2026

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tom Ramirez at bdaddy8@comcast.net or Mike Dixon at mdixon7744@gmail.com.

- Pre-registration along with payment is preferred due to the tournament size.
- All tournament prizes will be distributed after the tournament at the Awards Ceremony at Post 10.
- Food and refreshments will be provided as well as a 50/50 drawing.
- All tournament proceeds benefit the Sons of the American Legion Post 10 charities.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
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The Golf Tournament will be played rain or shine unless the golf course facility closes due to inclement weather, in which case a rain check will be issued to all registered and paid players.

**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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