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THE MARYLAND REGION

29TH DIVISION ASSOCIATION

To perpetuate the friendships we cherish; to keep alive the spirit that never knew defeat; to glorify our dead; and to further keep before our country the record of the 29th Division in all the wars; we associate ourselves in an organization known as the 29th Division Association, Inc.

Alsace – 25 Jul 1918 – Sep 23, 1918 – WW I
Meuse – Argonne 8 Oct 1918 – 29 Oct 1918 WW I
Normandy 6 Jun 1944 – WW II
Normandy – 6 Jun – 24 Jul 1944 – WW II
Northern France – 25 Jul – 14 Sep, 1944 WW II
Central Europe – 22 Mar – 8 May 1945 – WW II
Rhineland – 15 Sep 1944 – 21 Mar 1945 WW II

Iraqi Governance - 2004 - 2005 - Iraqi War
National Resolution - 2005 - 2007- Iraqi War
Iraqi Surge - 2007 - 2008 - Iraqi War
Consolidation I - 2001 - 2006 - Afghanistan War
Consolidation II - 2006 - Present - Afghanistan War



World War II veterans from the 29th Infantry Division join family, friends and members of the community for the departure ceremony for 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment held in Lynchburg Jan. 8 2010. (Photo by Maj. Cotton Puryear, Virginia Guard Public Affairs)

An open letter to all members of the 29th Division Association:

The First Battalion, 175th Infantry (5th Maryland) is extraordinarily proud of their accomplishment and achievements. To showcase their accomplishments and to celebrate their two hundred and forty second anniversary they will host the annual Pass In Review. Please plan to attend and bring a battle buddy. Help us to spread the word, make sure that all know that they are invited to attend.



Lieutenant Colonel (Md.) Gene L. Pulket

Honorary Colonel of the Regiment

and

Major John W. McDaniel Jr.

Commanding Officer of the

1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment

(Fifth Maryland)

request the honor of the presence of you and your guest

on the occasion of

the two hundred and forty-Second

Anniversary Review

Saturday afternoon the third of December

at two o'clock p.m.

Fifth Regiment Armory

Baltimore, Maryland

Military guests: Army Service Uniform

Civilian guests: Formal

The reception after the Pass-In-Review is a by invitation event. For more information about this contact LTC (MD) Gene L. Pulket (Ret) at glpulket@comcast.net

LIMESTONE POST 1-72

A few administrative matters remain open as to full integration of the records of Post 1 with those of Post 72. Any member experiencing errors should contact Post Finance Officer Bill DeHaven at 410-833-1574.

Unpaid members for 2016 are scheduled to be dropped from the rolls prior to the dues notice for 2017, which will go out in November. Also, we no longer issue Post membership cards because a few use them to claim "veteran" status, claiming Association membership as "proof" of active service.

The annual Post Christmas party will be held on Sunday, 11 December in the Schaefer Dining Room at the 5th Regiment Armory from 1pm to 4pm. As usual, we will be joined by members of the Veteran Corps, Fifth Regiment Infantry.

Best wishes for a very special Thanksgiving.

Houston Matney

Commander, Limestone Post 1-72

**POST 2 Florida West**

As the "Summer of our Discontent" slowly fades away from us and crosses over the Gulf onto the shores of Cancun.... Mother Nature has handed over the keys to our months long sauna here in South West Florida to Montezuma himself; our doors to Florida West Post 2 are open!

It certainly has been an unseasonably hot Summer here in South West Florida and I felt it was a prudent move to relax the attendance to our meetings until things "simmered down". Our last meeting on September 24th was attended by 29ner's Reverend Phil Bliss, Joseph Steimel, Angelo Lombino, Dennis Eiss, and myself. It felt good to open the doors as a "newbie" Commander and welcome our veterans home!

Our host, The Sarasota Red Lobster, was happy to see us back as well! I have decided that this place deserves a Gold Service Star for their great hospitality! I had made sure that their staff was recognized through a nice letter to their corporate offices written by me. They are well deserving.

As the meeting started, we were graced with a nice blessing of the meal by Pastor Bliss and then an impromptu "cameo" appearance by Cosmo Uttero (H/175th WWII) who couldn't stay, but wanted to shake a few hands and deliver a dues payment in person. Many thanks Cosmo for the guest appearance! Dennis Eiss and Angelo Lombino shared a video of their international travels throughout France and Germany to visit national landmarks and WWII national cemeteries. Among their stops was a humbling and solemn visit to Dachau Concentration Camp...."A day I will never forget", as Angelo Lombino related to our group.

Thanks again go out to the staff of The Red Lobster for their AV equipment assistance so that we could present Angelo's video.

After an afternoon of camaraderie and good stories, the meeting closed with a blessing from Pastor Phil. Our next meeting will be pushed toward the end of October, partly due to the conflict of my attendance to the National Convention of the 29th Division Association in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. I am looking forward to coming back with many pictures of our WWII heroes and to speak with the leaders of Posts throughout the country so that I can bring a quality effort to our honored Florida West Post 2! So, mark your calendars:

October 29, 2016 12:00pm, Sarasota Red Lobster. Welcome Fall!

Sean Malloy

Florida West Post 2

Jerome L Day Post 48

The Jerome L. Day Post 48 welcomes Richard Stem Jr. as an active member of the post. Comrade Stem served in the Army with the 24 Infantry Division. Currently he is the Senior Vice Commander of Post 31, American Legion in Westminster, MD.

The Alpha Battery plaque has been mounted in the Westminster Readiness Center. Plans are in the making for a formal dedication of the plaque. I will keep you informed of upcoming events at the monthly meeting and by means of the Chin Strap.

The Jerome L. Day Post 48 meets on the last Thursday of the month except for November and December due to the holidays. Our last meeting for 2016 will be on October 27th at the American Legion in Westminster. Dinner @ 6:30pm and meeting @ 7:00 pm. All comrade and their guests are invited to attend.

As always, I can be contacted by calling 240-367-6110 or E-mail, fm32@erols.com.

In Comradeship,

Frank M. Rauschenberg, Commander, Post 48

**Post 78 Cresap's Rifles**

By the time you receive this message, time will be getting very close for the Post 78 annual Crab Feed. Last year's attendance was probably our best ever at 129 people and we are expecting a number very close to that again this year. The feed will be held on April 29th, so I truly doubt if there will be time to get in before the cutoff time of April 22nd. Contact Adjutant John Wilcox for any last minute requests at 301-695-9558.

Cresap's Rifles Post 78 is now finalizing our "Christmas with the Vets" program and expect we will again be visiting roughly 170 veterans in 8 nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Frederick City. Our plan is to provide each veteran with a warm colorful lap blanket and two pairs of white cotton socks. This will be the four year we have made these visits and try to vary our gifts with a useful product each year. We are still hoping to be able to eventually expand the program into some county nursing facilities if financial and manual assistance become available in the future. We again thank Ken Wheatley and others from Post 88 in Cambridge for providing us assistance and guidance in getting this program off the ground.

We recently learned that many of Canada Post 3's members had dropped their membership and that post would likely be eliminated from our national roster. After checking with our National Commander David Ginsburg, emails were sent to several former members of Post 3 for whom addresses were available, to provide them the opportunity to remain members of the 29th Division Association in Post 78. I have had positive responses from 3 individuals so far and look forward to several more.

After losing 5 members to death this year, Post 78 now stands at 205, with 5 of these not yet paid for 2016. We still have 102 Life members on our rolls.

Post 78 has finally moved into the technical world and can now offer to accept dues and donations through Pay Pal on the 29th Division Association web site. This has been awhile in coming and we are beginning to receive dues via this media. We hope to make all our members aware of the fact that they can now use credit and/or debit cards to make these payments.

John Wilcox, Jr., Post Adjutant

**NOTICE**

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND THE CHIN STRAP TO YOU BY EMAIL. YOU WOULD RECEIVE IT SOONER AND WE WOULD SAVE THE COST OF POSTAGE.

IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS AND ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THIS METHOD OF DELIVERY, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO WILL MUND at chinstrap115@gmail.com AND WE WILL BEGIN SENDING IT NEXT MONTH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Eder George Post 85

Greetings to all from the members of Eder-George Post 85. We are continuing to provide funeral honors to the community. We are looking forward to the Annual Convention in October. Our next meeting is November 2, 2016 at 10:00 the North East VFW. Please join us starting at 9:45 for coffee and donuts!!

Valerie Hawkins, Post Adjutant

**Post 88**

Greetings from Post 88 on the Eastern Shore ! Our Annual Crab Feast took place at the VFW in Cambridge on Saturday, October 8th. Many members were in attendance, including several new members as well. The crabs were plentiful - many arriving to avoid Hurricane Andrew.

General James Fretterd was unable to attend due to a significant setback in his health. As of this report, he was in the Intensive Care Unit in the Nanticoke Hospital, Seaford DE. His family has asked that we keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 9th, 1:00 PM, Kay's Restaurant, at the Cambridge Airport, Cambridge, MD.

Bernie Liswell Commander

Post 88

**Post 94**

It is with a heavy heart that Post 94 announces the passing of Cecil L. Garrison, Sr., father of our Post Commander, Jay Garrison. He passed away in the early hours of 4 October 2016 following a brief battle with complications from pneumonia. Mr. Garrison was 97 years of age.

Mr. Garrison was proud to have been a member of the Clearing Company, 104th Medical Battalion, 29th Infantry Division. He enlisted in the United States Army on 12 December 1941 and was discharged on 30 September 1945. He served in the United States, Scotland, England, France, Holland and Germany. He received a Good Conduct Medal in April of 1944 and a European African Middle Eastern Services Ribbon with Bronze Arrowhead.

On 16 September 2016, another member of Post 94, Russell DeLuca, K/116, passed away in Columbia, MD at the age of 91. Mr. DeLuca was the recipient of the Purple Heart and many other awards and medals. In May 2014, he received the Legion of Honor from the French government. We extend our sincere sympathy and condolences to the families of these two veterans.

We would like to thank our several members who have registered to attend the National Convention in Harrisburg, PA. It is always nice to see Post 94 members at some of our activities.

William Mund, Adjutant/Editor

National Executive Director

**Lantern Post 729**

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Monday DEC 12th 2016 at the Savoy Restaurant located on North Church Street, Extended, Route 997 Waynesboro, Pa. Doors open at 5:00 PM with dinner at 6:00pm Cost: \$16.00 per person or \$32.00 per couple. Menu: Buffet style with Ham & Turkey, vegetables, salad, drinks and relish tray. Entertainment and 50/50, Door Prizes with 29th Div. Drinks All members and Guest come out for fellowship and to support our organization and Post Officers Reservations by November 30th 2016 Please send reservations with payment to Ward Simmons 10837 Durham Circle, Waynesboro, Pa 17268. Please make Payment and Number to attend to Lantern Post 729.

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Leonard Jindra—Floral Park NY

We have received financial support for the Chin Strap from the following individuals in the last month. Thanks to those of you who have helped by providing your monetary support as well as the kind words. Both are deeply appreciated. Please continue to contribute so we may continue to provide you a quality newsletter.

All Donations are greatly appreciated. Checks for contributions to the Chin Strap should be made payable to the:
Maryland Region—29th Division Association.

Contributions should be mailed to the Editor at: **1226 Allview Drive, Hampstead, MD 21074**



Maryland Region Commander's Report

We acknowledge the passing of National JVC Frank Dillon on 2 October 2016 at age 66. He was associated with the Virginia National Guard for 32 years and also served as a CSM in the Virginia Defense Force. His dedication to the 29th Association included service as finance officer of Post 64 in Roanoke, VA and Commander of the Southern Region.

The September issue of the Chin Strap featured a photo of Limestone Post 1-72 SVC Lee Hofmann at the 29th Division Memorial on Route 29 in Howard County, MD. Lee does an outstanding job of maintenance supervision at the Memorial, insuring adequate lighting and proper flag display. After publication, we received several inquiries as to the origin of the Memorial.

The Memorial was dedicated in 1994 on the 50th anniversary of D-Day on a large, wooded section of the median on Route 29 near Ellicott City, MD and the intersection of Route 29 and Interstate 70. The project resulted from the combined efforts of the 29th Association, Governor William Donald Schaefer, MD Adjutant General James F. Fretter, and the MD State Highway Administration which provided the site and expertise for the project. The Association arranged funding.

Houston Matney, Region Commander



Membership Director and Chin Strap Update

Until Bob Moscati is feeling better, Will Mund will temporarily take over Bob's responsibilities as the Membership Director.

If your post has any changes to their rosters, please contact Will Mund at duster197329@gmail.com or 443.529.4233.

To get on the Chin Strap email list, please send your name and email address to chinstrap115@gmail.com.

Meeting Schedule

- 2 Nov — Post 85 —VFW Northeast MD —10:00 am
- 2 Nov —Post 64—Roanoker Restaurant, Roanoke VA—11:30 am
- 9 Nov — Post 78 —Talley Recreation Center—7:00 pm
- 9 Nov —Post 58—Wells McComas VFW, Edgemere—6:00 pm
- 9 Nov —Post 110— Pikesville NCO Club —11:00 am
- 9 Nov —Post 88— Kay's Restaurant at the Cambridge/Dorchester Airport—1:00 pm
- 17 Nov —Post 729—Parlor House Restaurant, Waynesboro —8:00 am
- 21 Nov —Post 1 - 72—Schaeffer Room—5th Regiment—11:00 am
- 26 Jan—Post 48—American Legion, Westminster—6:30pm

Post Commanders—if you don't see your meetings listed please send me an email and let me know when you meet (like 2nd Tuesday of the month, where and the time.



BUS INFO FOR THE CONVENTION

There will be a bus running from the Park & Ride at Pikesville Armory to and from the Convention in Harrisburg. It will also do a run at BWI airport for those that flew in. The cost will be \$25 roundtrip. If you flew into BWI, please meet the bus outside Terminal A of BWI at 10:30am. The bus will then go to Pikesville Armory and pick up everyone by 11am.

The bus will return from Harrisburg around noon on Sunday, October 23rd and will drop people at Pikesville Armory around 1:30pm and then then BWI Airport around 2:00pm. Please be at BWI outside Terminal A by 10:30am. If you are taking the bus from Pikesville, please be at the Pikesville Armory by 10:45am. Park at the back of the armory (past the gate) and in the parking lot not against the building itself.

The bus captain will be Franklin Shilow. If you want to take the bus, please confirm with NED William Mund at 443.529.4233 if you are interested in taking the bus.

If you are flying in to BWI, please arrive at BWI NLT 9am on the Thursday morning to ensure you can catch the bus.



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