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Commander:

Robert M. McFadden

1st Vice Commander:

Bob Hall

2nd Vice Commander:

Robert Brooze

Finance Officer:

John Grubb

Historian:

Don Ockerman

Chaplain:

David Watson, Jr.

Adjutant:

Jim DeRan

Sgt-At-Arms:

Tim Stevens

Post Service Officer:

William Thacker

Meeting night- 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7:30pm

Post Board of Director's

Bill Straw - Charlie Beall

Jim DeRan - Dave Watson

John Grubb - Bob Hall

Don Williams - Tim Stevens - Don Ockerman

Meeting night- 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6:30pm

S.A.L. Officers for 2006

Commander:

Tom Kahl

1st Vice Commander:

Carl Glackin

2nd Vice Commander:

Robert Johnson

Finance Officer:

Charles Evans

Historian:

Donald Mabe

Sgt-At-Arms:

David Holmes

Chaplain:

Stanley Simon

Adjutant:

Richard Tarbert

S.A.L. Advisor:

David Watson, Jr.

Meeting night- 1st Sunday of the month at 5:00pm

Unit Officers for 2006

President:

Lynn Kahl

1st Vice President:

Bonnie Morris

2nd Vice President:

Joyce Johnson

Secretary:

Sandra Asbury

Treasurer:

Donna McFadden

Chaplain:

Carolee Watson

Historian:

Gale Smith

Sgt-At-Arms:

Shelly Thompson

Executive Board:

Kelly Wiley

Meeting night- 3rd Monday of the Month at 7:00pm

Commander's Message

I would first like to congratulate the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 182 on a job well done, with the success of their All Night Bingo and Thanksgiving Dinner. These are good examples of what can be accomplished when good planning and good help come together. All organizations worked together during the All Night Bingo, which brought back the family tradition. A special thank you goes to Julida Straw for planning out the Thanksgiving Dinner.

I would also like to congratulate the S.A.L. on the work they are doing with their membership and programs, especially the Toys for Tots. "Has everyone seen what has been collected so far?" What a great job. They also sponsored the Northern Central District Pool Tournament at our Post, of which "Your Post", Slate Ridge Post 182, took first and third places. Another project, which deserves a pat on the back, was the food drive for the Mason Dixon Food Locker. Cub Scout Pack 842 donated a great deal of food as they always do. Pack 842 is a great organization which Post 182 sponsors every year.

I need to say a special thank you to seven of our regular members. I am very proud that these seven individuals stepped up to participate in a tribute to a past member, Larry Smith Sr., by standing casket guard at his viewing. These members are William Straw, David Watson Jr., Bob Hall, John Grubb, Don Ockerman, Tim Stevens, and Donald Williams. This meant an awful lot to Larry's family and I am glad that we could show our respect in this manner. Due to the fact, that our Post no longer has enough interest in maintaining an honor guard, I have decided that when one of our regular members enters into Post Ever-Lasting, I will check with the family to see if they would like this honor. I believe that this is a tribute that these departed comrades solely deserve.

My concentration at this time is on two projects. The first is membership. Please get your dues paid as soon as possible. Northern Central District is currently sitting in 1st place. Harford County is sitting in 8th place, and "Your Post", is currently sitting in 52nd place within Northern Central District. Post 182 has 185 paid members which is 80.8% of our goal which is 229. We need 44 more paid members to make goal and 43 to make us a 3 Star Post again this year. Please get these dues paid to reach this goal.

The second item of interest to me is to

get our Post back on track of working more together as a family. We have had some troubled times in the past and hopefully we can put this behind us and get this tradition back on track. We ALL have to remember that this is a volunteer organization and it takes everyone to accomplish our goals.

I would like to see more members attending our meetings. We need some new ideas and suggestions. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting at 7:30PM. You are also invited to attend the Board of Directors meetings which is held the same night at 6:30PM. Come out and see what we are doing. Please check out Post 182's website at <http://alpost182.tripod.com>.

On 2/5/06, Harford County Council Meeting is scheduled at our post at 1pm. Also on, 2/12/06, the Northern Central District Meeting is at Overlea/PerryHall Post 130 starting at 1pm.

Bingo is doing very well as usual. We still need more help. If interested in lending a helping hand, please leave a note at the Post Home or send email to legion182md@tripod.com. I have said this before and continue to say "If it was not for Bingo, your Post may not be able to stay operational." I extend my "thanks" once again, to those who help out week after week--I don't know what we'd do without you.

The Commanders Xmas Party will be held on 24Dec05. We will open at 12Noon and close at 5PM with food being served at 1PM. This is open to all members of the Post, S.A.L. and

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The Chaplains Corner

I ask you to read this very slowly and carefully. Then absorb it. This is what we are all about.

OUR PREAMBLE

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to Preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote

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S.A.L. Commander's Message

Hello,

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and has a prosperous New Year. As we close out this year, I hope we can all look back and say that the good outweighed the bad. First, I would like to thank the boy scouts and their troop leader, Don Howard, for collecting 700 pounds of canned goods for the S.A.L. We donated the food along with a check for \$100.00, to Mason Dixon Food Locker. Thanks so much to all that helped.

We are planning the "Adult Puppet Show" in March. As of this writing, the date is not set, however, if you call the Canteen in February, they can give you more updated information, or look for it in an upcoming ad in "The Star" newspaper. We will also be having a gun show the first weekend in September, so put that on your calendar to attend, as well.

The Fall Pool Tournament was a success, it raised \$225.00 for the N.C.D. and was won by our own Lee Kittelt. Second place winner was by Bob Trzbickz, from Parkville Post 183. Third place went to another Post 182 S.A.L. member, Bob Andrews. Congratulations guys--We had a great time. Thank you to the Auxiliary for having lots of good food available for us.

If anyone has a problem, complaint or perhaps something good to say, please bring it to our meetings on the first Sunday of the month at 5pm. We are also looking for fundraiser ideas, so let me know what's on your mind. Give me a call at 410-836-0504 or please just come to our meetings.

Tom

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peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principals of Justice, freedom, and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Jim DeRan is under the weather. Pray for the sick among us and all our military, wherever they may be.

We express our sincere sympathy to the families of our Comrades who departed this life recently:

Walter Price "Buck" Bush- 10/18/2005

Larry D. Smith- 11/13/2005

Robert W. Harvey- 11/22/2005

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord"

I hope all had a Merry Christmas and I wish everyone has a Happy New Year.

David Watson
Post Chaplain

Unit President's Message

Greetings,

By now most of you know that the Auxiliary's first All Night Bingo was a huge success and all were pleased enough with the results to have it again on April 1, 2006, so I hope that you will participate again. Special thanks goes out to the American Legion men, S.A.L. members, Auxiliary members, and friends for volunteering their time and material to help make this a successful evening. We had 19 volunteers just on the day of the Bingo and to be honest, a couple more helpers would have been great. So anyone interested in helping with the next one please, let one of our officers know.

Julida took the task to host a Thanksgiving Dinner and although I was not able to make it to the dinner myself, I have heard nothing but good things about it. "Great Job" to you, Julida, and your helpers in the kitchen for this successful event! Thanks also go to the patrons and friends that donated money to help defray the cost of the dinner.

Because of these and previous functions, we were able to generously sponsor families and individuals for both Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays this year with food, energy assistance and gifts.

At the district level, the VA&R committee is filling coffee cans to give to the veterans, these will be made up in February.

1st Vice Commander's Message

Membership for 2006 is being collected. We made "3 Star" last year, let's try to get those dues paid, so we can make "3 Star" in 2006! Thanks very much to all of those who have paid their membership dues, to date. I look forward to working with and seeing all of you this year.

For God and Country, Carl

Adjutant's Message

I would like to ask for your help in recruiting new members as well as getting your family and friends to renew their membership. Please remember, every member is a recruiter.

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year.

Thank you,
Jim DeRan, Adjutant

SCOUT CORNER

The American Legion proudly sponsors Cub Scout Pack 842. Cub Master is Don Howard. He can be reached at 410-836-0409. Don says they currently have 60 cub scouts and approximately 25 adult leaders. They meet at the legion hall on a monthly basis for their Pack meeting.

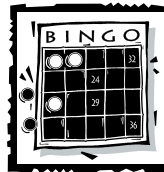
From: Don Williams
Post Board Director

They are in need of trial size toiletries such as shampoo, powder, shaving cream, deodorant, soap, etc.; included in the cans will be socks, razors, combs and a tooth brush. Even with the short notice, anyone wishing to donate some of these items, please drop them off at the post and put my name on the bag. I will take them with me to the January district meeting on the fifth. Department President Carol Robinson's focus this year is on membership. As of 11/30/05, our District is in 4th place in membership, so those of you that haven't paid up your dues, please take a minute to do so. If you know of someone eligible for membership, ask them if they would like to join.

Currently I have 50/50 raffle tickets for NCD American Legion Family Department of Maryland, this is to offset the expense of the Membership Rally, and they will be available in the canteen. Also from the department, is that a simple way to show our support for the troops, is to wear red on Fridays.

Until next time - may the love of family and friends enrich your New Year.

United We Stand,
Lynn E. Kahl



Wednesday Night BINGO

7 - 10PM-Doors Open at 6PM

POST 182 NOTICE TO EVERY MEMBER

Deadline for the Second Quarterly newsletter is March 17, 2006. Anyone wishing to add to the newsletter can do so by emailing their text to legion182md@lycos.com or dropping them off at the Legion Canteen, Attention: Lynn Kahl.

Unit Chaplain's Message

The year is swiftly coming to an end and we are still waiting to hear from a lot of you. We had a "get together" night at our post for all Auxiliary members to meet our Department President, Carol Robinson. She is a member of Parkton Unit 256. We also had the honor to have present, our District President, Yvonne Rhone. It was a very informative meeting and we learned a lot. We had refreshments and really enjoyed the evening.

Suzanne Barnett is very ill and homebound. She would enjoy cards and notes, which may be addressed to: 4591 Delta Rd., Delta, PA 17314. Sara (Sallie) Williams is having health problems, having tests done and possible surgery. Shelly Thompson's father passed away suddenly while at work, in November. He was also Gale Smith's father-in-law. Joyce Johnson injured her back

several months ago and can't work. She is in a lot of pain. These members need our prayers for healing, strength and sympathy. If there is anyone else who needs prayers or concerns, please let us know. Pray for our unit to work together with each other, the S.A.L. and the Legion. We are all here to serve our community and country. We have to overlook each other's faults, be-

cause no one is perfect.

Pray for our veterans and those in the Military, wherever they may be this New Year. We wish everyone a very healthy and Happy New Year. Please let us know if anyone needs our prayers.

God Bless
Carolee Watson
Unit #182, Chaplain

Anniversary Greetings



- On 1/23, we have a special day as Bob and Lynn Hall celebrate their **15th** wedding anniversary. Hope it is as special as your first one. Enjoy yourselves!
- On 1/27, Blair and Ruthie Mallonee will be celebrating their **21st**. Happy Anniversary to you both and may you enjoy another 21+ years together.
- We have another special day here. On 2/1, Dave and Brenda Holmes celebrate their special **20th**. Happy Anniversary to you both and there is "no doubt", you will enjoy it!
- On 2/7 Happy Anniversary wishes are extended to Don and Sue Mabe on their **36th**! Again, there's no doubt, they will have lots of fun! Enjoy!
- On 3/22, Don and Sally Williams will be celebrating their **31st**. Very best wishes are extended to you and may you have many more happy and healthy years ahead. Enjoy yourselves!

Lynn Kahl

LEADERSHIP IT ISN'T THE UNIT --- IT'S YOU

If you want to have the kind of a Unit like the kind of a Unit you like,
You needn't stand on the corner and talk and forever and ever gripe.
Come out to the Unit on meeting night for there's plenty of work to do,
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your Unit, it isn't the Unit --it's you.

When you hear a rumor that things are going wrong and trouble somewhere is brewing,
It's time for all of us to quit our talk and stop our fretting and stewing.
Just take a look at yourself, and say --"What is there that I can do?"
Are you doing your bit to make things a hit?-- it isn't the Unit -- it's you.

It's really strange sometimes, don't you think that things go as well as they do,
When we think of the little -- the very small mite -- we add to the work of a few.
We sit, we stand around, and complain about what's done and do very little, but stew,
Are we bearing our share of the burdens to bear? It isn't the Unit -- it's you.

So, if you want to have the kind of a Unit, like the kind of a Unit you like,
Rub off the guile, and put on a smile - don't gripe, my sister, don't gripe.
There's plenty of work, that has to be done, and shouldn't be done by a few,
It isn't the Unit that's always wrong - it isn't the Unit -- it's you. (anonymous)



A SMILE A DAY

A few military guys I know took a trip to France and decided to attend Mass in a small town. Not one of them understood French. They did well enough, when to stand, kneel, and sit when everyone in the congregation did, so not to be so obvious they were foreigners. The priest continued to speak in French and at one point, the man sitting next to them stood up, so of course, they did too. At that time, the entire congregation bursting out laughing. When service was over, my friends approached the priest, which also spoke English, and asked him what had been so funny. The priest said he had announced a birth in the parish and asked the father to stand up.

American Legion Auxiliary. Commander's Message

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I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and I extend a "Happy New Year" to all. Remember, "Do not ask what your Post can do for you, but what you can do for your Post." Let's make this our motto for 2006 and everyone pull together to let everyone know what your Post is all about. We have some very good programs and need some more members to take interest in them.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



- * A very Happy Birthday to Glen Miller, Sr. on 1/15. We hope your day is everything you want it to be. Enjoy!
- * In this same week, on 1/19, we extend a Happy Birthday to Bob Hall. Have **lots** of fun in whatever you get into!
- * And the very next day, we have Deano Corsello turning **41**. Happy Birthday Deano and wishes are extended for a **really** fun one!
- * Although this comrade just passed away a month and half ago, We fell compelled to insert this "Happy Birthday" in his honor. Larry Smith, Sr. would have turned **68** on 1/27. When he was asked if he wanted to participate in our Birthday list, he smiled brightly and said he wanted his age in there too! He was proud of it!
- * And to the Valentine's baby --wow, Charlie Beall will be turning **61** on 2/14 --Looking good Charlie! Have a great day and night. Happy Valentine's Day too!
- * The very next day, 2/15, we have Wanda Jones having a birthday. She wouldn't give up her age -- but that's okay -- we still say "you go girl" and have a really nice day.
- * On 2/21, Joyce Johnson will be celebrating her day as well. Best wishes are extended for a happy day and night.. Have fun!
- * On 2/26, Tonna Evans will be celebrating her **35th** again, and again, and again. It's not necessary to extend wishes to her, as she will "no doubt" have fun!
- * And on 3/16, Adam Baldwin will be turning **22**. I bet there are a whole lot of us out there that wish we could be celebrating that age again. Although, we extend happy birthday to Adam, those who know him, knows that he too, will enjoy himself, **lots!**
- * Charlie Snyder will be celebrating his **65th** birthday on 3/31. Charlie, we hope your day is everything you want it to be and more!

REMEMBER: The secret to happiness is to count your blessings, not your birthdays!!

For God and Country
Your Post Commander

Upcoming EVENTS
So mark your CALENDAR'S

Happy Holidays

Wednesday Night Bingo
 7 - 10 PM
 Doors Open at 6 PM

Winter Shrimp Feast

Saturday, January 14, 2006
 1:00-5:00PM with Dance 6:00-9:00PM

For more information call 410-452-5819

Saint Patrick Day Dinner



Corn Beef, Cabbage,
 Potatoes, in Canteen,
 per plate charge.

March 17, 2006

For more information call
 410-452-5819

Bull and Oyster Roast

Saturday, March 18, 2006
 1:00-5:00PM

For more information call 410-452-5819

ALL NIGHT BINGO

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2006

And it's no April Fool's joke!
 Call post home for more information

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