

SLATE RIDGE FAMILY NEWS
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Commander's Message

This is the beginning of a New Administrative Year for Slate Ridge Post 182. I expressed in the last newsletter, congratulations to all new incoming officers for the 2006/2007 year. "Now it is time to get to work". Committees and chairpersons should be well underway for Post 182 Regular Membership, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 182, and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 182 for 2006/2007 to successfully complete all of their projects for the upcoming months and year.

All of us need to look back, think, and appreciate all that we have done together to make this Post, the outstanding Post that it is. The items we have accomplished together were fun and beneficial to us all. "Working together makes the work better."

Membership is doing well. Northern Central District is in 4th position at 67.4%, Harford County is in 11th position at 68.8%, and Slate Ridge Post 182 is in 53rd position at 70.4% as of 22Sep06. We need everyone to get their dues paid by 1Jan07. **"Effective 1Jan07 your Post dues will be going up to \$25.00 per year due to an increase that Department has bestowed upon us. If you pay by 1Jan07, you will still pay the current rate of \$20.00"** If you are thinking of becoming a PUFL or Paid up for Life Member, now is the time to take care of it. Those rates will also be increasing.

We need everyone to participate in the programs of the American Legion. Think about what they do and what they are for. Don't know what the programs are? Come to the meetings which are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM for the Board of Directors Meeting and the Regular Meeting is held the same day at 7:30PM. We need various amounts of input and feedback to keep these programs running at a smooth pace. Visit our website at <http://alpost182.tripod.com> and email us at legion182md@lycos.com to give us information or to get information. Your emails will be answered as quickly as possible and as efficiently as possible. If we don't have the answer we will find it.

Post members, who also included members of our Squadron 182 and Auxiliary Unit 182, went on our 1st Annual Legion Crawl on 9Sep06. We had 39 members sign up to travel with us, however, we had a total of 34 who went. We rented a school bus and visited other Posts in and around Harford County. Those visited included Susquehanna Post 135, Perryville; Joseph L. Davis Post 47, Havre de

Grace; Edgewood Service Post 17, Edgewood; Bernard L. Tobin Post 128, Aberdeen; and Harford Post 39, Bel Air. We departed Slate Ridge at 12:30PM and returned at 8:00PM. The group had a wonderful time and we plan to keep this an annual event. Thanks to all who gave up their Saturday to go along.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors who gave me a Veteran's watch which states the Vietnam era on the face, has an Air Force insignia on the band, a Vietnam ribbon on the band, and on the back has my name, post number, and dates I had served in the United States Air Force. It was a very touching gift and I will never forget those who made that happen. Thanks again!!!!!!

We will be holding our Fall Bull and Oyster Roast at the Post Home on 18Nov06 and our Winter Shrimp Feast on 13Jan07. Contact the Post Home at 410-452-5819 for details on tickets. Tickets for the Oyster Roast will be running at \$35.00 due to the increase in costs of oysters. Tickets for the Shrimp Feast will be running at \$30.00. The Commanders Christmas Party will be held 24Dec06. Post will be open from 12Noon-5:00PM with food served from

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The Chaplains Corner

So many have called or sent cards inquiring about Carolee that I thought I would use the Newsletter to update everyone on her condition. We thank all who have called or sent cards. You don't realize how much this means to a sick persons healing until you are in that position. The flowers the Auxiliary sent and the fruit basket the Post sent were received with grateful hearts. They were gratefully appreciated. Again the power of prayer brought us through. So many prayed for us from Oklahoma to the East Coast and the South. As to Carolee, she is doing remarkably well. Her left hand and leg need more therapy. She is slowly gaining back her mental capabilities. The doctors told us she would in all probably regain 80% of her capability. I believe this will take the longest. The stroke damaged part of the right side of her brain, it will take the longest but she shows progress weekly. Please keep us, all sick and shut-ins and our military in your prayers.

David Watson
Chaplain

Post Officers for 2006-2007

Commander:

Robert M. McFadden

1st Vice Commander:

Bob Hall

2nd Vice Commander:

Don Coe

Finance Officer:

John Grubb

Historian:

Don Ockerman

Chaplain:

David Watson, Jr.

Sgt-At-Arms:

Tim Stevens

Adjutant:

Bob Hall

Post Service Officer:

John Engel

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

Post Board of Director's

Bill Straw - Charlie Beale

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 2006-2007

Commander:

Robert Johnson

1st Vice Commander:

Carl Glackin

2nd Vice Commander:

Stanley Simon

Finance Officer:

Edward Coscia

Historian:

Donald Mabe

Sgt-At-Arms:

Sherrie Van Hart

Chaplain:

Tom Kahl

Adjutant:

Richard Tarbert

S.A.L. Advisor:

David Watson, Jr.

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

Unit Officers for 2006-2007

President:

Lynn Hall

1st Vice President:

Joyce Johnson

2nd Vice President:

Bonnie Morris

Secretary:

Sandra Asbury

Finance Officer:

Donna McFadden

Sgt-At-Arms:

Nicole Coe

Historian:

Jean Ulrich

Chaplain:

Carolee Watson

Executive Board: Kelly Wiley, Julida Straw,

Jane Hale, Joyce Johnson, Bonnie Morris

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

S.A.L. Commander's Message

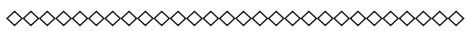
The S.A.L. Gun Show was a huge success!! I want to thank everyone who attended and to those who stopped by for Pit Beef and Ham Sandwiches, Thank you! A special thanks goes out to Janie Hale, Don Mabe, Russ Dodds, Carl Glackin and Richard Tarbert for all their help in making the Gun Show a success.

Our S.A.L. took 1st place in North Central District for Membership in 2006. Great Job!!

Christmas Boxes will be placed in the Legion on Nov. 1st for dry goods and canned foods for the S.A.L. Christmas Drive for families in need.

On behalf of the S.A.L. thank you for your continued support.

Bob Johnson
S.A.L. Commander



S.A.L. Advisors

The new detachment Commander is Andy Dadds. Go to the September 24, 2006 issue of "The Pride" for programs, projects and the N.C.D. news. Our meeting time is the first Sunday of the month at 5:00 PM in the Post home. Come out for an hour or so and help make your S.A.L. active and productive. Tell us what you want the S.A.L. involved in, it's your organization. Its success depends on you.

Your Officers for 2006-2007 are:

- Commander - Robert Johnson
- 1st Vice - Carl Glackin
- 2nd Vice - Stan Simon
- Finance Officer - Ed Cosica
- Chaplain - Tom Kahl
- Adjutant - Steve Tarbert
- Historian - Don Mabe
- Sgt @ Arms - Sherrie Van Heart

These guys are striving to make your S.A.L. successful, come out and support them. If you have spare time on Wednesdays 6:00 to 7:00 or 8:00 to 9:00 come out and help the Post with Bingo. We will train you, it isn't hard and becomes fun! Remember you are part of the Legion family; Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L. Let's all pull together.

David Watson
S.A.L. Advisor

POST 182 NOTICE TO EVERY MEMBER

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 Hall.

Latest letter from Veterans Administration on stolen laptop

THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, WASHINGTON

August 2006

Dear Servicemember or Veteran:

I am writing to share with you the most current information regarding the theft of a laptop and a hard drive containing personal identifying data on servicemembers and veterans. You should have received a prior letter from me explaining that an employee took home electronic data from the VA, which he was not authorized to do. The data was downloaded to the hard drive. The employee's home was burglarized and the laptop and hard drive were stolen.

I am pleased to report that both the laptop and the hard drive have been recovered thanks to hardworking law enforcement officials in the local and federal communities. Based on the results of forensic tests, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has told us that they are highly confident the sensitive data was not accessed.

Given the FBI's high degree of confidence that the information was not compromised, individual credit monitoring will not be necessary. However, VA has obtained data breach analysis services as a means of further ensuring no misuses of this data occurs in the future. Data breach analysis is used to detect patterns of misuse related to a specific data loss incident. While it is highly unlikely that the data was accessed, data breach analysis will provide back-up assurances.

In addition, we encourage all service-

members and veterans to be an extra vigilant and carefully monitor their financial records. For information on how to protect yourself against identity theft, please visit the Federal Trade Commission's website (www.consumer.gov/idtheft) or call 1-877-438-4338.

We apologize for any concern that this situation may have caused you. Although this has been a painful lesson, it has identified gaps in VA's information security practices that we are correcting. I am committed to having our employees adequately trained, with strengthened policies and procedures in place so that this does not happen again. We are thoroughly examining every aspect of our information security program to ensure that veterans' sensitive data are not stolen or compromised. Veterans have a right to expect that VA will take all necessary precautions to safeguard their personal information. I am confident that VA will achieve the highest standards in the realm of cyber and information security, just as it has in the realm of electronic medical records and the delivery of health care to veterans. I appreciate your understanding through this difficult situation.

Even as we have been addressing the issue, VA has been attending to its core mission of caring for veterans – providing excellent health care, benefits, and burials – with no diminution of quality or commitment. For further information, please contact a Veterans Service Representative at 1-800-827-1000.

Sincerely,
R. James Nicholson

Post 182 would like to wish John and Melanie Engel a very Happy 20th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 8th. May they have many more!!

Anyone wishing to send an Anniversary or Birthday wish in our Newsletter please send info to: legion182md@lycos.com

Wednesday Night

BINGO



7 - 10PM-Doors Open at 6PM

GROUNDHOG
(SHUFFLEBOARD)
EVERY FRIDAY
NIGHT
5:00PM - 7:00PM

“Let us reflect a moment on the Maryland Soldiers who have been lost since the beginning of this theater”

October 11, 2006 - Informal List of Maryland Casualties

Killed in Theater (65) - Iraq (58), Kuwait (1) and Afghanistan (6)

USA (42), USMC (19), USN (3), USAF (Ret) (1)

1. Staff Sgt Walter Cohee III, Mardela Springs, MD (A) USMC - 19Jan02
2. CWO Thomas Gibbons, 31, Prince Frederick, MD (A) USA - 30Jan03
3. Staff Sgt Kendall Damon Waters-Bey, 29, Balto, MD (K) USMC - 20Mar03
4. SPC George A. Mitchell, 30, Rawlings, MD (I) USA - 07Apr03
5. Cpl Jason David Mileo, 20, Centreville, MD (I) USMC - 14Apr03
6. LT Kyland Jones-Huffman, 31, College Park, MD (I) USN - 21Aug03
7. SPC Jarrett Thompson, 27, Chestertown, MD (I) USA - 7Sep03
8. Command Sgt Major Cornell Gilmore I, 45 Balto, MD (I) USA - 7Nov03
9. SGT Jeffery L. Walker, 33, Havre de Grace, MD (I) USA - 8Jan04
10. PVT Bryan Spry, 19, Chestertown, MD (I) USA - 13Feb04
11. 1st LT Adam G. Mooney, 28, Cambridge, MD (I) USA - 25Jan04
12. SPC Jason C. Ford, 21, Bowie, MD (I) USA - 13Mar04
13. PVT Brandon L. Davis, 20, Cumberland, MD (I) USA - 31Mar04
14. Lance Cpl Anthony Roberts, 18, Balto, MD (I) USMC - 6Apr04
15. CWO Bruce Price, 37, Chevy Chase, MD (A) USA - 15May04
16. Lance Cpl Patrick Adle, 21, Bel Air, MD (I) USMC - 29Jun04
17. PFC Samuel Bowen, 38, Berlin, MD (I) USA - 7Aug04
18. PFC Raymond Faulstich, 24, Leonardtown, MD (I) USA - 6Aug04
19. Special Agent Richard Albright, 49, Waldorf, MD (I) USAF (ret) - civilian support in Iraq - 8Aug04
20. SSG James Pettaway, 37, Balto, MD (I) USA - 3Oct04
21. SGT Maurice Fortune, 25, Forestville, MD (I) USA - 29Oct04
22. SPC Thomas K. Doerflinger, 20, Silver Springs, MD (I) USA - 11Nov04
23. Lance Cpl David Branning, 21, Cockeysville, MD (I) USMC - 12Nov04
24. Cpl Nicholas L. Ziolkowski, 22, Towson, MD (I) USMC - 14Nov04
25. Cpl Dale A. Burger, 21, Port Deposit, MD (I) USMC - 14Nov04
26. Cpl Kirk J. Bosselmann, 21, Dickerson, Montgomery Co, MD (I) USMC - 27Nov04
27. SPC Erik W. Hayes, 24, Harney, MD (I) USA - 29Nov04
28. Cpl Kyle J. Renehan, 21, Oxford, PA, formerly of Howard Co, MD (I) USMC - 9Dec04
29. Lance Cpl Michael L. Starr Jr., 21, Edgemere/Perry Hall, Balto Co, MD (I) USMC - 26Jan05
30. Private First Class Robert A. Guy, 26, Willards, Wicomico Co, MD (I) USMC - 21Apr05
31. SGT First Class Neil A. Prince, 35, Balto, MD (I) USA - 11Jun05
32. Chief Warrant Officer Keith R. Mariotti, 39, Cecil Co, MD (I) USA - 27Jun05
33. Specialist Toccara R. Green, 23, Rosedale, MD (I) USA - 14Aug05
34. Staff Sgt Jeremy W. Doyle, 24, Chesterton, MD (Pocomoke City, Worcester Co, MD) (I) USA - 18Aug05

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**“Let us reflect a moment on the Maryland Soldiers who
have been lost since the beginning of this theater”** *(continued)*

35. Staff Sgt Damion G. Cambell, 23, Balto, MD (I) USA - 26Aug05
36. Staff Sgt William A. Allers III, 28, Fallston, MD (I) USA - 20Sep05
37. Sgt First Class James J. Stoddard Jr., 29, Crofton, MD (A) USA - 30Sep05
38. Sgt Brian R. Conner, 36, Balto, MD (I) USA, Maryland Army National Guard - 14Oct05
39. Specialist Samuel M. Boswell, 20, Elkridge, MD (I) USA, Maryland National Guard - 14Oct05
40. Specialist Bernard L. Ceo, 23, Balto, MD (I) USA, Maryland Army National Guard - 14Oct05
41. Sergeant Kendall K. Frederick, 21, Randallstown, MD (I) USA - 19Oct05
42. Lance Cpl. Norman W. Anderson III, 21, Parkton, MD (I) USMC - 19Oct05
43. Cpl. Joshua D. Snyder, 20, Hamstead, MD (I) USMC - 30Nov05
44. Staff Sergeant Keith A. Bennett of Holtwood, PA (I) USA (Born in Havre de Grace, MD where he remained until he was about 13.) - 11Dec05
45. Sgt. Michael J. McMullen, 25, Salisbury, MD (I) USA, Maryland Army National Guard - 10Jan06
46. Cpl Justin J. Watts, 20, Crownsville, MD (I) USMC - 14Jan06
47. Lance Corporal Matthew Albert Snyder, 20, Finksburg, MD (I) USMC - 3Mar06
48. Pfc. Amy A. Duerksen, 19, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD (I) USA - 11Mar05
49. Staff Sergeant Robert Hernandez, 48, Silver Spring, MD (I) USA - 28Mar06
50. Sgt. Alessandro Carbonaro, 28, Bethesda, MD (I) USMC - 10May06
51. Spc. Armer N. Burkart, 26, Rockville, MD (I) USA - 11May06
52. Staff Sergeant Marion Flint Jr., 29, Balto, MD (I) USA - 15May06
53. 1st Lt. Robert A. Seidel III, 23, Gettysburg, PA (Emmitsburg, MD) (I) USA - 18May06
54. PFC Michael J. Potocki, 21, Balto, MD (I) USA - 26Jun06
55. PFC Justin R. Davis, 19, Gaithersburg, MD (A) USA - 25Jun06
56. Cpl. Matthew P., Wallace, 22, Lexington Park, MD (I) USA - 21Jun06
57. Staff Sgt. Christopher W. Swanson, 25, Rose Haven, MD (I) USA - 22Jul06
58. Petty Officer 2nd Class Edward A. Koth, 30, Towson, MD (I) USN - 26Jul06
59. Lance Cpl. James W. Higgins, 22, Frederick, MD (I) USMC - 27Jul06
60. Sgt. First Class Daniel A. Suplee, 39, of Ocala, FL (Transferred from the MD National Guard to FL NG last year) (A) USA - 3Aug06
61. Spc. Thomas J. Barbieri, 24, Gaithersburg, MD (I) USA - 23Aug06
62. Staff Sgt. Dwayne E. Williams, 28, Balto, MD (I) USMC - 24Aug06
63. Petty Officer 2nd Class David S. Roddy, 32, Abingdon, MD (I) USN - 16Sep06
64. Sgt. David J. Davis, 32, Mount Airy, MD (I) USA - 17Sep06
65. 2nd Lt. Emily J. T. Perez, 23, Ft. Washinton, MD (I) USA - 12Sep06

**KILLED PRIOR TO
DEPLOYMENT TO
THEATER**

1. PFC Carlton D. Newman, 21, Landover, MD Maryland Army National Guard (HUMVEE accident at Fort Stewart, GA)

**DIED OF NATURAL
CAUSES IN SUPPORT OF
IRAQI FREEDOM**

1. Seaman Jakia Sheree Cannon, 20, Balto, MD Died of natural causes aboard the USS Enterprise on October 25, 2003



Commander's Message

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1:00PM-4:00PM. Hope to see you there even if it is just for a short time to stop in and say, "Hello".

Please keep those who are sick in your prayers and also the men and women of our Armed Forces who serve their country to protect us all.

In closing, please keep Membership the number one priority and remember to get your dues paid early. The American Legion loses so many members during the course of the year; we need to constantly recruit new members. We are doing very well so far this year and I commend everyone for their hard work in the recruitment phase. Please remember our meeting nights and if you have an idea and cannot attend, remember our website and our email address. We would like hearing from you.

For God and Country
Veterans serving Veterans
Robert "Mike" McFadden,
Commander

Auxiliary Presidents Message

I am very excited about our up coming year. We have many projects and events planned that will benefit the Community and our Veterans. First of all we have our 3rd All Night Bingo planned for Saturday, October 14th. We have had lots of fun at the past two and I am looking forward to this one. This is a very good fund-raiser for us and we were able to help many members of our community that were in need last year because of how well they have done. We also have a Thanksgiving Dinner planned for Sunday, November 4th. Many thanks go out to Julida Straw for chairing this event once again and we all look forward to a wonderful meal and good time! A new part of this function will be a 200 Club Raffle. The tickets cost \$10.00 each and there will be only 200 sold. 1st prize is \$500.00, 2nd prize is \$250.00 and there are (5) \$50.00 prizes. So you have a 7 in 200 chance of winning! Those are pretty good

odds and just in time for Christmas. I hope to send half of our proceeds to our Department Presidents Project which is called Operation Second Chance. This program aids in the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded service men and women, assists in the modification of housing to accommodate disabled veterans, assists families of wounded service men and women and helps transition the men and women back into civilian society. We have so many wounded Soldiers, Marines going through Walter Reed Army Medical Center right now that the Soldiers, Marines and their families need all the support they can get. You may read more about this organization at www.operationsecondchance.org.

Finally we have an All You Can Eat Breakfast planned for Sunday, December 4th. This will be our first try at a breakfast and are excited to see how it turns out, hopefully there will be many more.

I attended Octobers District Meeting. This was my first one and I learned very much. As of this meeting Northern Central District was in 1st place for membership. Our unit reached our goal for membership but we will have to try and work very hard to reach Novembers goal. All of you can help by paying your dues as soon as possible. I would hate to be the only Unit who didn't reach the goal in our District.

As I said at Installation, if everyone knew how much fun you could have doing good things we all might be better off, so please come and volunteer. Your Legion, Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L. need all the volunteers we can get!!!

Lynn Hall
Auxiliary President

HOT OFF THE PRESS

— "Received word 27Sep06 that this Bill has passed"

PERA Vote Slated Tomorrow in House - Legion Calls on Congress to Pass Bill Ending "Judicial Blackmail"

Legion Calls on Congress to Pass Bill Ending "Judicial Blackmail"

INDIANAPOLIS (Sept. 25, 2006) - With a floor vote scheduled Tuesday in the House of Representatives for the Veterans' Memorial, Boy Scouts, Public Seals, and Other Public Expressions of Religion Protection Act of 2006, the leader of the nation's largest veterans organization strongly urged lawmakers to pass the measure.

"This legislation, if enacted, would amend the United States Revised Statutes to eliminate the threat of judicial blackmail on constitutionally protected expression of religion by state and local officials," American Legion National Commander, Paul A. Morin, wrote in a letter to Members of Congress today. "This chilling effect results from the financial threat to cities and municipalities by potential litigants seeking civil damages and attorney fees under Title 42 United States Code (USC) 1988."

H.R. 2679, and its companion bill in the U.S. Senate, S.3696, would eliminate the authority of judges to award attorney fees

in litigation against religious symbols at Veteran's Memorials, the Boy Scouts, public seals, and open displays of America's religious heritage.

"The real threat of such judge-ordered fees is that they have terrorized local elected officials into surrendering to the plaintiff's demands to remove religious symbols, such as crosses from Veterans' Memorials, city logos, police badges, and any public environment where the rich religious heritage of the nation flourishes," Morin said.

"It is time to put an end to this outrageous exploitation of a law designed to encourage individual plaintiffs injured by racial discrimination to seek judicial relief," he added. "Attorney-fees awards, although discretionary with a trial judge, are usually approved for the prevailing party; however, some have twisted this civil rights legislation to achieve results The American Legion believes Congress never intended.

"The American Legion fully supports this legislation because it fairly addresses the constitutionally protected expression of religion and rectifies the excessive awards of attorney fees paid from public funds," Morin said. "On behalf of the 2.7 million veterans of The American Legion, I strongly urge all Members of Congress to pass PERA legislation."

Canteen Hours

Monday thru Thursday
12 Noon - 11 p.m.

Friday and Saturday
12 Noon - 12 Midnight

Sunday
12 Noon - 9 p.m.

Upcoming EVENTS

So mark your CALENDAR'S

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

Bull and Oyster Roast

Saturday, November 18, 2006

1:00-5:00PM

For more information call 410-452-5819

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2006

Call post home for more information

Commanders Christmas Party **Sunday, December 24, 2006**

Post will be open from 12Noon-5:00PM

Food Served from 1:00PM-4:00PM

Call post home for more information

Winter Shrimp Feast

Saturday, January 13, 2007

Call post home for more information

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