

**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Maryland
Fall Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
November 8, 2025 Towson Post 22**

MEETING NOTES

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- See Attachment

Committee Reports

Commander's Project – Patriot Point (Chairman: Joseph Lohman) Squadron60@verizon.net

Patriot Point (patriotpoint.org) is a 294 acre Veterans Retreat located on the Eastern Shore just outside of Cambridge. This retreat is open at no charge to all Veterans, families and caregivers and included activities such as hunting, fishing, kayaking, boating, fitness and more. Activities are tailored at the request of the group sending the Veterans. Lodging and food is also free of charge. The project is to build a new upgraded fire pit with safe access to and from for all Veterans to safely enjoy. Funds collected over the cost of the project will be donated to the general fund to ensure our nations heroes can continue to enjoy this healing and lifesaving retreat at no charge for years to come.

- A tour of Patriot Point is scheduled for March 15, 2026 at 10:00pm. RSVP
- The Detachment Draw-down will be held on March 7, 2026 at Perryville Fire Company. Proceeds benefit the project. Please contact Tom Deal for tickets. Tom.deal@verizon.net
- A Super Bowl Pool to support Commander Miller's Project and travels is being held. \$50 per block
- T-Shirts are still on sale for a donation of \$30.00 and Challenge Coins for \$20.00

Commander's Challenge- BINGO! (Chairman: Jerry Hudson) jhudsonIII@comcast.net

The Commander's Challenge is to educate, motivate and promote support of our many programs and activities. Squadrons or Post Families completing one line will receive a "Certificate of Recognition" and will be invited to an end of year celebration. Those completing the entire card will be entered into a raffle to receive a set of custom cornhole boards.

- BINGO cards and Verification Forms have been emailed to all Squadrons by Assistant Adjutant Brison.
- Questions and completed Verification Forms can be sent to Jerry Hudson, jhudsoniii@comcast.net
- Complete packet can be found here: [Commanders Challenge.pdf](#)

Americanism (Chairman: Michael Donnelly) mdonnelly119@gmail.com

NEF – The American Legion National Emergency Fund (NEF) is a fund established to provide immediate financial assistance of \$3,000 to American Legion members and \$10,000 to Posts affected by natural disasters. The NEF helps cover essential needs like temporary housing, food, and clothing.

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Scouting America – Scouting has been an important part of The American Legion for over 100 years. Take the time to see how many Troops are in your area and make sure you have a current contact. If you have any questions or concerns about Scouting America, reach out to Lenny Wertz at Buffalo8265@msn.com

Legion Baseball – Maryland has 51 teams for American Legion Baseball. These teams are all over the state so there is one near you. Wintertime is upon us, so baseball season is not in action yet, but it is a great time to start reaching out to anyone who wants to participate, either as a player or a volunteer.

Boys State – Boys State (mdboysgirlsstate.org) has opened its registration portal as of Nov 1. The deadline for applying is May 1, 2026. It is scheduled for June 21-27 at McDaniel College in Westminster. Find out if your Post is sponsoring someone for Boys State and investigate starting if you are not. Reach out to your local high schools to find good Candidates. They know the best students for it. Sawyer Cornelius- rscornelius@me.com

Flying Flags for Heroes – Veteran's Day remains as the last large event of placing flags. For all events, large or small, that flags are placed, please record it in flyingflagsforheroes.com. Try to do your part to help us make it a million this year. National is tracking who is putting down flags are several detachments have 0 or very low numbers. They know more flags are going down so please report them.

Oratorical Scholarship Program – The 2025 National Oratorical Scholarship competition begins in February, and our competitors need time to prepare. December 1 st is the deadline to sign up. The Department of Maryland Contest will be March 22 in Towson Post 22.

USA250 – This year we are celebrating our nations semi-quincentennial with The American Legion's USA 250 Challenge. Participate as an individual or as a group and promote physical fitness, mental wellness and community service. Check out the website to sign up and look at examples of ways to participate. Legion.org/250challenge

Children & Youth (Chairman: Sean Phelan) hug.a.gi.post217@gmail.com

Toys for Tots

Our annual Toys for Tots collection took place at this meeting. We collected 251 toys and approximately \$1,000 donated by Squadrons across the Detachment.

While this marks the end of our organized collection effort, remember—it's only November! Please continue to collect toys within your communities and either find a local drop-off location or register your Post/Squadron as one. <https://www.toysfortots.org/find-your-local-chapter/>

Special Olympics Maryland

Come out and support the youth at the **2025 Bowling Championships!**

Crofton Bowling Centre – Crofton, MD

Sunday, December 7, 2025

10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

It's also time to gear up for the **2026 MSP Polar Bear Plunge at Sandy Point State Park.**

Our SAL Team is registered—so help us raise funds for these brave souls (or join them in the icy water)! <https://support.somd.org/team/759394>

Friday, January 30, 2026

Registration: 10:00 AM | Plunge: 12:00 PM

Special Olympics Maryland Winter Games at WISP Resort:

February 22–24, 2026

If you're planning to attend, consider also joining the 2026 Deep Creek Dunk—a Garrett County tradition! Saturday, February 21, 2026

WISP Resort, 296 Marsh Hill Road, McHenry, MD 21541

Child Well-being Foundation (formerly CWF)

While the acronym CWF remains the same, it now stands for the American Legion Child Well-being Foundation (formerly the Child Welfare Foundation). The name officially changed back in 2024, so we all need to get used to using the new title moving forward.

Established in 1954, the Foundation was created as a repository for funds from individuals and organizations wishing to support the betterment of children across our nation. Over the years, it has provided millions of dollars in grants to nonprofit organizations that promote child safety, emotional and physical wellness, family stability, and education.

However, donations to the Foundation are currently lower than in previous years at this time, and the need for our support remains strong. Every contribution—large or small—helps the Foundation continue its vital mission of improving the quality of life for children and families in need.

Squadrons and members are encouraged to make a donation or hold a small fundraiser to benefit this important program. Let's help ensure the Child Well-being Foundation can continue its legacy of service to the youth of America.

Grant application deadline: May 31, 2026

Casey Cares Foundation

The Casey Cares Foundation provides uplifting, year-round programs for critically ill children and their families.

Squadrons are encouraged to host collection drives for monetary donations, gift cards, or new pajamas—helping to keep families' spirits high during challenging times.

Even a small effort can make a big difference for these families, reminding them that the Sons of the American Legion are thinking of them and care deeply for their well-being.

Children & Youth – Key Dates & Locations

Special Olympics Maryland – Bowling Championships

- Sunday, DEC 7, 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM at Crofton Bowling Centre, Crofton, MD

MSP Polar Bear Plunge

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Deep Creek Dunk

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CWF Grant Deadline

- May 31, 2026

VAVS (Chairman: Michael Anderson) mooserugby@hotmail.com

Fisher House (Mike Obremski) usnavybb62@gmail.com

Everyone please take a look at the Walter Reed Wish List and send it around to everyone so that can help Fisher House.

You can also contact Maurice Borde at 301-319-5442 or email him at maurice.borde.naf@army.mil

VA Clinics (Bob Manzo) bmanzo1085@yahoo.com

Perry Point VA (Tom Deal) tom.deal@verizon.net

Baltimore VA (Drain Plummer El) ikon69@icloud.com

Loch Raven VA (Bob Filippi) kassbob@aol.com

Charlotte Hall (Jim Alexander) jimalex831@verizon.net

Heroes Haven (Darryl English) englishsta14@msn.com

Single Fried Oyster or Frog Leg Dinner

Date: Saturday, January 31

Time: 5:00 pm

Venue: American Legion DORWIC Post 218

Location: 203 State Street, Sharptown, MD

Be The One (Michael Watts) lakehousemw@yahoo.com

The American Legion's top priority is to reduce veteran suicides by encouraging veterans, caregivers and others to "Be the One" to save the life of one veteran. Instead of focusing on the staggering number of veteran lives lost each day, it is time to focus on saving one at a time. That starts with destigmatizing mental health issues and making it OK for veterans to ask for help. Betheone.org

ALL OF THE UP AND COMING EVENT FOR VA :

Veteran Family and Resource Fair

When: Mon. Nov 10, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Perry Point VA Medical Center

Gymnasium.

361 Boiler House Road, Building 361

Perry Point, MD

2025 Family Caregiver In-Person Celebration

When: Wed. Nov 19, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. ET

Where: American Legion Post 130

8666 Silver Lake Dr

Perry Hall, MD

BIG NEWS :

Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC) teams now have a faster and more secure way to support Veterans in remote areas, even those without internet access, thanks to the recent implementation of the Oracle Health Community Care app, formerly known as Mobile Care.

The app allows HBPC staff to view critical patient information, including documentation, orders, medications, labs and histories, in an offline, read-only capacity, enabling providers to deliver consistent, high-quality care in rural or low-connectivity areas. The app also has additional features, such as essential risk assessments and offline free-text documents.

On Sept. 30, 2025, Veterans now have two secure options to sign in to VA.gov and VA mobile apps—a Login.gov account or ID.me account. Most Veterans have already made the switch. If you're still using a DS Logon username and password it will no longer work.

Legislative (Chairman: Darryl English) englishsta14@msn.com

The 119th Congress has shut down the Federal Government due to our Legislators in the Senate not passing the (CR) Continuing Resolution to fund our government. We need to hold our Legislators accountable to pass the CR, re-open the Federal Government and get back to work for America.

This will allow for critical services to be funded that support our National Security, our Veterans, active- duty military and our citizens. The disagreements taking place now can be negotiated in future bills.

Our Legion brothers and sisters need us to continue contacting our legislators to pass several bills. They have added 2 new Acts since the government shutdown.

- We proudly endorse a newly submitted bill **“Pay our Troops Act of 2026”** which would ensure the members of our Armed Services get paid in the event of a government shutdown. This will direct existing, unappropriated funds for FY 26 be used to pay members of the Armed Services active duty, reserve, and Coast Guard. It will also pay civilian employees and Department of Defense contractors designated by the Secretary of Defense as supporting the Armed Services in the event of a government shutdown.

- We also urge Congress to adopt Representative Bill Keatings amendment in the 2026 fiscal year **National Defense Authorization Act H.R. 3838** to update and preserve the Chaplains Hill Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. The memorial honors chaplains who have died while serving their country.

- The “**Saves act**”, **Service Dogs Assisting Veterans Act** has been amended in the “House Committee on Veterans”
- The “**Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2025**” is currently being reviewed in the “House Veterans Affairs committee”
- “**Major Richard Star Act**” has stalled in committees and sub-committees of both the House and Senate since March 2025.
- The “**Ships for America Act**” has passed the House, been read twice on the Senate floor and referred to the “Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation”.
- The “**Love Lives on Act**” has stalled in committees and sub-committees of both the House and Senate since March 2025.

VOTER VOICE: WE NEED YOU!

Please go to www.votersvoice.net/AmericanLegion/home ,set up an account, fill in the pre-typed letter and have it automatically email your representatives to support these acts and pass them into Law.

The 66th Annual Washington Conference will be held February 28th to March 4th, 2026, at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C.

On March 1st, 2026, the Sons of the American Legion National Commander, William Clancy will visit the World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Wall memorial and at 1:15p place a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Detachment Commander Miller will also be placing a Wreath at the Maryland Memorial on Sunday March 1st, 2026

If you are interested in attending to honor the sacrifices made by our nation’s military, please contact Legislative Chair- Darryl English or Adjutant Bill Matoska by December 30th

- Box lunches are being offered again this year, selections are Turkey, Ham or Roast Beef.

First Responder Award Nominations & Guidelines (Chairman: Mike Fayer) jmfayer@gmail.com

The purpose is to identify and honor a First Responder to state of Maryland, for outstanding service to his or her jurisdiction and local community. The committee will consist of a chairman and a member from each SAL region. The criteria is be a citizen of the United States of America, be a volunteer or career First Responder, licensed and certified in the state of Maryland.

Additional information and guidelines will be emailed out to all Squadrons and all are urged to participate.

Internal Affairs (Chairman: William Matoska) matoskaw@yahoo.com

-Squadron Constitution & Bylaws: See attachment. Additional information forthcoming via email.

-Revised DEC Guidelines: See attachment. Training will also take place at Mid-Winter Conference.

-Mid-Winter Conference- Ocean City – January 30th -February 1st

Grand Hotel: 410-289-6191 Reservation Code: Sons26

Virtual Plunge with the youth will be held on Friday evening at 7:00pm at the pool. Training (Public Speaking) will take place at 8:00pm followed by the opening of the hospitality room. Saturday beginning at 10:00am will be DEC Training followed by additional training topics. Draw Down has been sold out and there is now a waiting list. Meal Change: Grilled chicken, mash potatoes, green beans and roll. This is due to the increase in pricing across the board and to keep ticket cost down.

Raffle items and baskets are needed for the auction to be held during the draw down. This auction supports the Grossnickle Scholarship Fund which supports 4 students at 2k each. Please consider helping with this cause.

Detachment Convention- Hilton Garden Inn Baltimore/White Marsh – June 19th-21st 2026

Room reservations can now be completed online. Visit the Detachment website at www.mdsal.org or visit; [Detachment Convention | My Site](#)

All hospitality rooms will be combined into one “Four Corners” room this year. Regions should work together to decide on what they would like to do.

Registration will open Friday evening. The picnic and activities will again be held Saturday afternoon at Post 130. Friday Golf Tournament information will be forthcoming.

Membership “Hunting For Membership” (Chairman: John Davies) calldontsend@hotmail.com

The weekly Membership Report comes out each Friday and can be found www.mdlegion.org under Membership. You can also register to have the report delivered to your email.

2025 Membership EXPIRES December 31st. Renew for 2026 by this deadline

Members can also renew by visiting: legion.org/sal-renew

Standings as of November 7th:

Detachment: 42.718% Retained of 2025: 35.72%

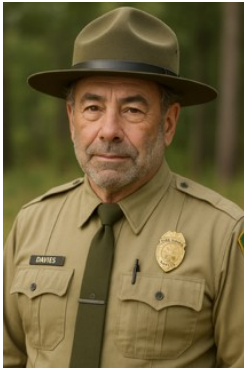
1st Place: ESR- 48.119%

2nd Place: NCR: 47.454%

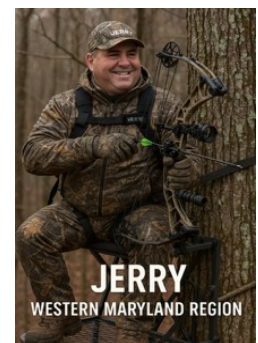
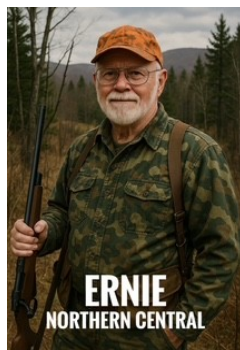
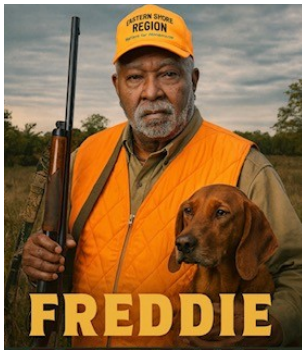
3rd Place: SMR: 47.144%

4th Place: WMR 34.282%

The Warden...



The Hunters...



The Hunting Guide..



NEC Report (NEC Tom Deal) tom.deal@verizon.net

I bring you greetings from SAL National Commander William Bill Clancy from New York, who was elected at the National Convention in Tampa. We just completed the fall NEC in Indianapolis on October 3rd to the 5th, a great meeting with a wealth of information, and it's all on the website. Commander Clancy is scheduled to be with us during the mid-winter conference on January 30th to February 1st in Ocean City, and is planning to plunge at the Polar Bear Plunge. He has a goal of setting a new record, surpassing the 400,000 members from this year, and BeTheOne is still his focus to help end veteran suicide. The American Legion created the 250 Challenge. We're asking everyone to get involved with one of three things, physical fitness, service, and mental health. We're asking everybody to create an activity centered around the idea of 250. The Commander Clancy's plan is to do 250 workouts as he travels the country, and a second component to plant 250 trees this year around the country and have them named after local veterans in the local communities. The challenge is simple. Do something that adds up to 250 hours of volunteer service. Walk or run 250 miles. Anything that equals 250.

Also at the NEC, we have a tradition for the last 20-some years of having a ta-ta tribe. Being October, we support breast cancer awareness. The tribe was developed 20 years ago. Every year we come into our hospitality room. Anyone can come in. You get your pinky-painted pink for \$20. And this year we raised \$2,700. And we've done that every year. That's the gratitude we get there. We work hard. We play hard. When we get done, we have a little fun. Massachusetts and Arizona have both established a tribe to help support this cause.

After the plunge on our way down to the Mid-Winter Conference, we will be taking the National Commander to Patriot Point. One of the activities we are looking to do is plant a tree at Patriot Point.

SAL Advisor's Report (Dennis Renehan) dawgtrucker@yahoo.com

Absent – No Report

Sickness & Distress / Squadron Everlasting (Chaplain Michael Anderson)

Please report sick call and Squadron Everlasting to Chaplain Mike Anderson

Email: mooserugby@hotmail.com Phone: 443-413-9289

Note: Be sure to report members who have been transferred to Squadron Everlasting via a Member Data Form or via MyLegion.

Unfinished Business

William Matoska: Confidential Books have been distributed to the Regions at this meeting. All are labeled. This would be a good time for DEC'men to visit their Squadrons to deliver these Confidential Books and be sure they all have updated information.

New Business

None

Good of The SAL

Eastern Shore Region Meeting to be held on December 7th, 1:00pm at Cecil Post 15

Northern Central Region Meeting to held on November 30th, 1:00pm at Bernard Tobin Post 128

Western Maryland Region Meeting to be held on November 15th, 12:30pm at Sykesville Post 223

Squadron 183- 7th Annual George Grossnickle Memorial Bull & Oyster Roast- Saturday, February 28th, 1-5pm. UAW Hall/Superior Catering-Baltimore, MD \$65 per person Rich Gracey: 410-382-2382

Squadron 135- Gun Bash – April 25th – Perryville Fire Company \$20.00 per ticket – Mark Fayer

Squadron 296- Wild Game Dinner – February 21st. – Karl Kibler

Squadron 191- Craft/Vendor Fair – November 15th 9-2pm Brett Beall

Squadron 11- Cash Bash- February 21st - \$10.00 per ticket. Jeff Seiler

Squadron 18- Annual Golf Tournament- April 20th . Jason Miller

Please remember to support Wreaths Across America.

Heroes Haven Annual Golf Tournament- April 25th

The Detachment is using a new email platform. If you are not receiving these email please first check your spam and junk folders for “Detachment of MD” and accept. If you are not getting these emails or would like to be added to the distribution list, please email Assistant Adjutant Brison with your name, Squadron, Position and email address. Email: ESRadjutant@gmail.com

PNC Gannon reminded everyone of Veterans Day approaching and to be sure to thank a Veteran. Additionally the USMC Birthday is this Monday, November 10th.

Detachment Draw-down- March 7th- Perryville Fire Company- Contact Tom Deal for tickets.

Next Pride (Newsletter) Cutoff: December 20th. Please have all articles submitted to Senior Assistant Adjutant Bill Hill by this date. hill1062@msn.com

Veterans Day is approaching on November 11th. Commander Miller asked all Veterans in the room to stand and recognized them for their service.

Thank you Squadron 22 for hosting us and for providing Mission BBQ for lunch!



Detachment of Maryland
Minutes of the
D.E.C. Meeting held at Laurel Post 60, (Laurel, MD)
August 2, 2025



Commander Miller opened the meeting at 1:05 PM in the normal S.A.L. manner, prayer, pledge, and preamble. Roll call conducted by Senior Assistant Adjutant Bill Hill. All Detachment Officers, and DEC were present. There was a quorum present.

Excused: Dennis Renehan - Department of Maryland, American Legion SAL Committee Chairman, Gabe Dorsey, Detachment Youth Commander.

The minutes outlined below are highlights of the presentations by the various chairmen and/or their representative. Donations for all Programs are outlined in the published Finance Report.

FINANCE REPORT:

The full list of donations for this administrative year were published and available for review at this meeting. If there are corrections, please submit them to the Detachment Adjutant or Sr. Assistant Adjutant.

COMMANDER'S PROJECT REPORT: Joe Lohman SQ #60, Chairman

Chairman Lohman provided details about the project activities, which are included in the appendix of these minutes. There is a special fundraiser of a Super Bowl Pool being coordinated by PDC Dave Hullihen to support this project, and you may contact him to participate. There was a video outlining the overall meaning and support provided by Patriot Point. Donations to support the project were presented by various squadrons and full accounting will be available at the next DEC meetings printed Finance Report.

AMERICANISM COMMISSION REPORT: 2nd -Vice Commander – Michael Donnelly SQ #116 Chairman

Chairman Donnelly provided details about the Americanism program activities, which are included in the appendix of these minutes. Donations to support the various programs under this commission were presented by various squadrons and a full accounting will be available at the next DEC meetings printed Finance Report.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION & REHABILITATION COMMISSION REPORT: Michael Anderson, SQ #175, Chairman

Chairman Anderson provided details about the VA&R program activities, which are included in the appendix of these minutes. Donations to support the various programs under this commission were presented by various squadrons and a full accounting will be available at the next DEC meetings printed Finance Report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION REPORT; Darryl English SQ # 218, Chairman

Chairman English provided details about the Legislative program activities, which are included in the appendix of these minutes.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION: – PNC Bill Matoska – Chairman

Missing Membership cards update. Update from the The American Legion, National SAL Liaison. Issue was with UPS lost a box of our cards. New cards are in the process of being printed and shipped.

General Officer & Advisory Training Subcommittee (GOAT)

PNC Hall noted the committee is there to support the Commander, and all who are interested in an opportunity to support the Detachment through a role as Commander, Chairman, etc. The committee meets regularly with candidates who have demonstrated an interest in becoming a Detachment Commander/Officer. As well as providing any guidance to the current administration as appropriate for the continued success of this Detachment. Those interested in consideration for Detachment Commander, or other officer's positions, should contact this committee.



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 1st-Vice Commander – John Davies SQ# 239

Chairman Davies provided details about the Membership program activities, which are included in the appendix of these minutes. This years theme is “Hunting for Membership”

Time & Place – Bill Hill SQ #191, Chairman

Chairman Hill provided an update on the Winter DEC 2026 meeting. All arrangements have been made to once again host the meeting at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City, MD. The DEC meeting will take place on Sunday, February 1, 2026. All events will be held at the Grand, too include the annual Raymond Edwards, Jr. Children & Youth Drawdown, on January 31, 2026.

53rd Annual Convention, which will return to the Hilton Garden Inn, in White Marsh *June 19th to 21st, 2026*. The convention meetings will be held at the hotel and all other activities will be hosted at Overlea Perry Hall, American Legion Post 130. The convention and details regarding hotel, golf and other events will be available at the Winter DEC meeting. The information will also available on the Detachment website.

Regions interested in obtaining a hospitality room during the convention need to contact Adjutant Matoska to coordinate. A deposit will be required. Information for the convention Ad Sales book is also available on our website, which is: WWW.MDSAL.ORG

SICK CALL & RELIEF: CHAPLAIN – Mike Anderson SQ #175

Please keep our Legion Family members and their families in your prayers! Also, please let him know if there are members within your squadron on sick, or have passed to squadron everlasting, whom he should be made aware of.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commander Miller announced a new project. Commander’s Challenge, chaired by Jerry Hudson (116). The challenge is set up like a Bingo card, with credit for supporting various programs or projects throughout the year. Additional information will be provided throughout the year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing at this time.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN (NEC) REPORT: – Tom Deal, SQ #135, NEC

NEC Deal brought greeting from National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion, Joseph Navarrette (NM), who is looking forward to the upcoming National SAL Convention, in Tampa, FL. NEC Deal is also looking forward to attending and being able to bring back information to the Detachment.

He also extended thanks to our very own PDC, and sitting National Vice Commander, of the Sons of The American Legion, Bob Manzo for an outstanding year, and in representing the Detachment in an impressive manner.

GOOD OF THE S.A.L.:

Comments by:

- Regional meeting dates were announced.

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With no further business to come before this body, Commander Miller closed the meeting in proper form, adjourning at 2:35pm.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Hill,
Senior Assistant Adjutant

Details from respective reports as outlined above.

COMMANDER'S PROJECT

By PDC Joseph Lohman, Project Chairman

As the project chair for Detachment Commander Miller, we have a unique opportunity to support our veterans in need in our own backyard. Commander Miller's project this year is to help our veterans at a retreat facility near Cambridge Maryland. The retreat facility known as Patriot Point's overall mission is to provide a safe, secure and tranquil outdoor recreational facility for wounded, ill, and injured, active-duty service members, veterans, their families and caregivers who face daily struggles related to their time spent defending our great nation.

The project will consist of building an upgraded firepit area along with a handicap walkway from the main building to the firepit area. This will help our veterans with limited accessibility to enjoy the firepit near the Little Choptank River. Show brief video of Patriot Point online mission!

We are looking forward to working with the 18,000 plus members of the Detachment of Maryland, turning this vision into reality. Please let us know of any fundraisers you may be having to support this project. If you have any additional questions regarding the Detachment Commanders Project, feel free to contact me at squadron60@verizon.net
Any Donations?

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By 2nd Vice Commander Michael Donnelly, Chairman

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Flying Flags for Heroes – With two major flag holidays behind us, only Veteran's Day remains as the last large event of placing flags. For all events, large or small, that flags are placed, please record it in flyingflagsforheroes.com. Halfway through the year and we are under half a million flags. Try to do your part to help us make it a million this year.

Oratorical Scholarship Program – The 2025 National Oratorical Scholarship competition wrapped up in May but the time to start reaching out to schools and other organizations about next year is now. The Post contests begin in February, and our competitors need time to prepare.

USA250 – This year we are celebrating our nations semi-quincentennial with The American Legion's USA 250 Challenge. Participate as an individual or as a group and promote physical fitness, mental wellness and community service. Check out the website to sign up and look at examples of ways to participate. <https://www.legion.org/get-involved/community-programs/usa250/challenge>

Veterans Administration & Rehabilitation Commission Report

By Michael Anderson, Chairman

Fisher House:

Fisher Houses are set up to encourage a sense of community while giving private respite to tired families. You can make your favorite meal in the gourmet kitchen before turning in for a good night's sleep.

The American Legion has been a steadfast supporter of the Fisher House Foundation, an organization that provides "homes away from home" for families and caregivers of service members and veterans receiving medical treatment at major military and VA medical facilities worldwide. These accommodations are offered at no cost to guests and are strategically located near treatment centers.

Fisher House has 3 houses in Maryland and 1 more in the works at Perry Point. There are no events scheduled in Maryland at this time.

2024 Highlights

Families served: More than 34,000 Awarded over \$2.9 million in scholarships Daily capacity: More than 1,400 families Since 1990



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Perry Point VA -

The Perry Point VA Medical Center is a leader in providing comprehensive mental health care to Maryland's veterans. The medical center offers long and short-term inpatient mental health care, including an inpatient alcohol and substance abuse treatment program that is unique in the Mid-Atlantic region. A new inpatient mental health care facility offers specialized treatment programs, rehabilitation services and enhanced patient privacy for veterans in a comfortable, state-of-the-art setting. The medical center also offers a full range of inpatient medical, intermediate and long-term care programs, including nursing home care, low-level rehabilitation, geriatric evaluation and management, respite care, chronic ventilator care and hospice care.

VA Clinics -

While the VA has made strides in improving care and access for veterans, challenges remain in areas like administration, funding, and access to specialized services.

Addressing these issues requires a multifaceted approach that includes streamlining processes, increasing funding, improving communication, and ensuring that all veterans receive the support they need and deserve. The Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Maryland and individual Posts have made significant financial contributions to the VA Maryland Health Care System to support veteran patients. These funds provide essential items and services such as food, clothing, transportation, adaptive sports programming, and holiday gifts for veterans in VA facilities. Please keep donating and volunteering.

Baltimore VA -

While there aren't any large-scale, recurring VA events listed for Baltimore City specifically in the immediate future, the VA Maryland Health Care System recently hosted a significant PACT Act Veterans Claims Clinic & VA Health Care Information Fair in July 2025, which included opportunities to file claims, get information on healthcare, and connect with resources. This expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era. Based on current compensation rates, a single veteran with no children and a 60% disability rating may be entitled to over \$1,000 in compensation per month. This amount increases too over

\$3,000 with a 100% VA disability rating. If you need more information go right to the website for the VA Baltimore.

Loch Raven -

The Loch Raven VA Medical Center had an event for the "Distribution of Salute to Veterans Week" at the Loch Raven VA Medical Center, organized by the Maryland Gold Star Moms. While specific events directly at the medical center are limited in public listings, it also hosts or supports various veteran programs and services, such as those for homeless, women, and minority veterans, as well as mental health, PTSD, and adaptive sports. You can contact the VA Maryland Healthcare System's Voluntary Service office is recommended. You can also inquire about volunteer opportunities or donating to support Veteran services at the Loch Raven facility.

Charlotte Hall Home -



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The Charlotte Hall Veterans Home also has events, including a 13th Annual Cruisin Southern Maryland Car Show and a local round-up donation event with Sneade's Ace Home Center, Inc. Donations play an integral role in ensuring that our residents continue to enjoy the comforts of life. Veterans Assistance Funds assist our residents as their needs arise, such as dental and optometry costs, Final Honors arrangements, and activities in and outside our the Home.

Heros Haven-

Heroes Haven is the brainchild of a few folks in the Sharptown community. Organized and incorporated in 2012, Heroes Haven was created for the express purpose of giving aid, comfort, and support to America's severely wounded Heroes. The organization came to fruition after a number of visits to Walter Reed National Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

The help them out in a variety of ways they help with
Mobility and assistive devices such as track chairs, ramps, and service dogs. Starting a new business
Relocation manpower
Receiving needed services and treatments
Providing transportation to doctors visits, hospital stays, court dates, and more. Events for them are
Saturday, August 16, 2025
Time: 9:00 am
Venue: Johnny's Tavern
Location: 39 Main Street, East New Market, Maryland

Be the One -

The "Be The One" initiative, spearheaded by The American Legion, is a significant program focused on preventing veteran suicide by destigmatizing mental health support and

encouraging individuals to actively support veterans in need. The Sons of The American Legion (SAL), as a program within The American Legion Family, actively participates in and promotes the "Be The One" mission, encouraging its members to be vigilant and reach out to veterans who may be at risk.

The GOAL is to have 100,000 Strong by the end on 2025. How many of you know suicide

prevention to where you can recognize it inside your post? That's where we're trying to go. When you meet people in the post, make sure you talk to them. You do not know what people are going through. 11,000 American Legion Family members have been trained in suicide prevention since February, but we need a lot more. Go to the website and log in for free training and Be The One.

Legislative Commission Report

By Darryl English, Chairman

Good afternoon everyone,

The American Legion needs our help supporting some key bills as they work through the Legislative process.



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- The “SAVES Act”, the Service Dogs Assisting Veterans Act is for Injured Service Personnel and Veterans with Mental Health Conditions.
- The Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2025,

Currently, National Guard and Reserve service members only earn credit, toward their Post- 9/11 GI Bill benefits when they mobilize and deploy for federal missions. National Guard and Reserve servicemembers activated under state orders do not accrue eligibility for Post- 9/11 GI Bill benefits.

This bill proposes to count every day they are in uniform.

- The Major Richard Star Act, currently combat-injured veterans face a reduction in their retirement pay for every dollar of disability compensation they receive. This act aims to rectify this by allowing combat-injured veterans to receive both their retirement pay and disability compensation without offset.
- The SHIPS for America Act, Shipbuilding and Harbor Infrastructure for Prosperity and Security for America Act. This intends to improve maritime security of the United States of America. This crucial element has been overlooked for far too long.

- The Love Lives On Act:

This will help our Gold Star Spouses as they currently must choose between companionship and remarriage before the age of 55 or keeping their benefits.

- This proposed bill will eliminate the age limit for remarriage without loss of benefits
- allow them to retain education benefits
- preserve commissary and exchange benefits and
- enable remarried spouses to retain Tricare benefits and abolish the “Hold Themselves Out to be Married” clause which is an outdated law.

Visit the American Legion Grassroots Action Center where you can find more detailed information on these bills and in the latest Pride publication.

Please also take the informational handouts that are on the sign-in table to share back at your Post.

Please go to <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home> where you can submit the auto-generated forms supporting these bills. Let your US Legislators know that we are holding them accountable to get these acts passed into law.

I can help you with getting this done today, come see me in the back of the Hall and we can get this done.

Membership Report

By 1st Vice Commander, John Davies

AS of July 22nd, the Detachment of Maryland 18,049 members and was at 11th in the nation with 101.53% of our year end goal. Maryland has a 90.35% renewal rate.



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The membership drive theme for 2026 will be **Hunting for Membership**. Hunters will be asked to seek their quarry, the SAL members and ask them to renew early.

Membership Target Dates 2025-2026:

Sept 10 – 10%
Oct 15 – 25%
Nov 13 – 35%
Dec 12 – 45%
Jan 14 – 60%
Feb 11 – 75%
Mar 11 – 80%
Apr 8 – 90%
May 13 – 100%
July 29 – 105%

Region Commanders (hunters) will be asked to encourage squadrons to use mylegion.org to enter renewals on a regular basis, ask them to enter them as they come in and not wait to enter a large batch.

Hunters are asked to email their squadrons biweekly to update them on current membership renewals and to encourage them to actively pursue their quarry (members).

The squadron in each region with the highest percentage of renewals will be given 2 tickets to the wild game feed, the highest region will be given 2 tickets.

End of Details from respective reports.

Michael Brison
10679 Watonga Road
Chestertown, MD 21620

**Sons of The American Legion
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2025-2026**

Summary of Donations		
<u>Americanism Commission</u>		
Americanism-Misc.	\$650.00	
Community Affairs		
Total Americanism Commission Donations		\$650.00
<u>Children & Youth Committee</u>		
George Grossnickle Scholarship Fund		
Casey Cares	\$1,675.00	
Children & Youth-Misc	\$2,600.00	
Special Olympica Maryland	\$1,860.00	
Laps of Love		
Toys for Tots		
Total Children & Youth Committee Donations		\$6,135.00
<u>VAVS Commission</u>		
Misc. Donations:	\$300.00	
Loch Raven VA	\$100.00	
Perry Point VA	\$100.00	
Baltimore VA	\$100.00	
Charlotte Hall	\$100.00	
Cambridge	\$100.00	
Pocomoke	\$100.00	
Veterans & Childrens Fund	\$600.00	
Heroes Haven		
Commander's Project-Patriot Point	\$ 18,870.00	
Total VAVS Commission Donations		\$20,370.00
Total Detachment Donations		\$27,155.00

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Detachment Executive Committeeman Visitation & Engagement Materials



This training packet includes:

- Squadron Visitation Checklist (Updated Edition)
- Squadron Visitation Summary Report Form
- Squadron Visitation Quick Reference Guide

Developed for Detachment-level officer training and Squadron engagement support.

For use by Detachment Executive Committeemen during official visitations and leadership outreach. A Detachment Executive Committeeman should visit their assigned squadron(s) at least two times during each administrative cycle. Recommend the first visit within 60 days of the new administrative year and the second visit after the mid-winter DEC meeting.

- First Meeting should include the following information to present to the squadron.
 - Listing of newly elected Detachment Officers
 - Listing of newly elected Regional Officers
 - Identify newly elected National Commander and Regional National Vice Commander
 - Introduce Detachment Commander's Project and Commander's Challenge if applicable
 - Listing of Detachment and Regional Meeting and Events Dates & Locations
 - Share Detachment web address and flow chart to navigate site for squadron use of forms
 - Drop off Message Points & Operational Procedures
- Second Meeting should include update on Detachment & Regional Activities and an emphasis on forms required and convention delegate registration fees.
 - Squadron Certification Form
 - Consolidated Squadron Report
 - Squadron Data Report (required only to update any changes)
 - Convention and Ad Sales Packages and associated required fees.

Note: A Detachment Executive Committeeman may visit their assign squadrons more frequently if a squadron permits or requests multiple visitations.

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Detachment Executive Committeeman (DEC)
Squadron Visitation Checklist – Updated Edition

1. General Operations & Leadership

- Recommended Questions:
 1. How often does your Squadron meet, and what's the typical attendance?
 2. Are all Officer positions filled and trained?
 3. What are your biggest challenges in day-to-day operations?
 4. What areas of Squadron administration or leadership could the Detachment assist with?
- Key Observations:
 - Meeting atmosphere and engagement.
 - Availability of minutes and records.
 - Leadership presence and collaboration.
- Notes:

2. Membership & Recruitment

- Recommended Questions:
 5. How many members are current vs. renewals?
 6. Do you have a membership plan or committee?
 7. What's been successful in recruitment or retention?
 8. Would your Squadron benefit from Detachment support for membership drives, renewal outreach, or materials?
- Key Observations:
 - Roster accuracy and tracking.
 - Recruitment materials present.
 - Age diversity and activity level.
- Notes:

3. Programs & Community Involvement

- Recommended Questions:
 - 9. Which SAL or Legion Family programs are active?
 - 10. What local community projects do you support?
 - 11. How do you promote your programs?
 - 12. Are there programs you'd like to strengthen but need help with (funding, volunteers, or promotion)?
- Key Observations:
 - Evidence of activity (flyers, photos).
 - Community involvement and partnerships.
 - Youth or family participation.
- Notes:

4. Training & Leadership Development

- Recommended Questions:
 - 13. Have members attended SAL College or workshops?
 - 14. How do you train or mentor new officers?
 - 15. Would your Squadron like Detachment assistance with officer training or leadership mentoring?
- Key Observations:
 - Awareness of training opportunities.
 - Mentorship and continuity planning.
- Notes:

5. Communication & Reporting

- Recommended Questions:
 - 16. How does your Squadron share information with members?
 - 17. Are reports (CSR/OCF) submitted on time?
 - 18. Are there barriers to submitting reports or communicating with the Detachment that we can help resolve?
- Key Observations:
 - Use of communication tools (social media, newsletters).
 - Report timeliness and completeness.
- Notes:

6. Post Relationship & Legion Family Integration

- Recommended Questions:
 - 19. How is your relationship with the Post Commander and Advisor?
 - 20. Do you participate in Post or Family events?
 - 21. Would you like support facilitating better cooperation with your Post or Legion Family organizations?
- Key Observations:
 - Tone of cooperation with Post leadership.
 - Joint events and facility use.
- Notes:

7. Morale, Engagement & Recognition

- Recommended Questions:
 - 22. How do you recognize members for contributions?
 - 23. What keeps members active or engaged?
 - 24. What could the Detachment do to help improve morale or recognize your Squadron's achievements?
- Key Observations:
 - Meeting energy and participation.
 - Use of awards, certificates, or recognition events.
- Notes:

8. Follow-Up & Support

Summarize any areas where the Squadron requests Detachment assistance or resources. Include any commitments made during the visit.

☐ Training requested ☐ Program support ☐ Membership assistance ☐

Communication support ☐ Other: _____

Notes or Action Items:

Visit Conducted By: _____

Date: _____

Region/District: _____

Squadron #: _____

Detachment Executive Committeeman (DEC)
Squadron Visitation Summary Report

****Visit Information****

Date of Visit: _____

Region/District: _____

Squadron Name & #: _____

Squadron Location (City/State): _____

Squadron Commander: _____

Squadron Adjutant: _____

DEC Name: _____

Contact Phone/Email: _____

1. Squadron Leadership & Meetings

- ☐ Squadron Officers present and active
- ☐ Regular meetings held and minutes maintained
- ☐ Financial records reviewed and up to date

Notes/Comments: _____

2. Membership & Recruitment

- ☐ Current roster reviewed
- ☐ Renewals in progress
- ☐ Recruitment plan or activity in place

Notes/Comments: _____

3. Programs & Community Engagement

- ☐ Active in SAL/Legion Family programs
- ☐ Participates in community events
- ☐ Promotes programs locally (social media, flyers, etc.)

Notes/Comments: _____

4. Training & Leadership Development

- ☐ Officers trained in duties
- ☐ Members attended SAL College or workshops
- ☐ Mentorship or leadership development evident

Notes/Comments: _____

5. Communication & Reporting

- ☐ Squadron uses effective communication (email, social media, etc.)
- ☐ CSR and OCF submitted on time
- ☐ Squadron communicates regularly with DEC/Detachment

Notes/Comments: _____

6. Relationship with Post & Legion Family

- ☐ Works cooperatively with Post leadership
- ☐ Participates in Post or joint family events
- ☐ Post Advisor involved and supportive

Notes/Comments: _____

7. Morale, Engagement & Recognition

- ☐ Positive member morale and participation
- ☐ Recognition of members for contributions
- ☐ Engagement in social or fellowship activities

Notes/Comments: _____

8. Overall Squadron Health Assessment

- ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Needs Improvement ☐ At Risk

Summary of key strengths: _____

Areas needing improvement: _____

Immediate recommendations: _____

9. Follow-Up Actions

- ☐ Assistance requested from Detachment/Commission (specify): _____
- ☐ Training or resource needs identified: _____
- ☐ Scheduled follow-up date: _____

DEC Signature: _____ Date: _____

Detachment Commander Review: _____ Date: _____

Detachment Executive Committeeman (DEC) Squadron Visitation Quick Reference Guide

Purpose of the Visit

- Strengthen the connection between the Detachment and Squadrons.
- Assess Squadron health, engagement, and program participation.
- Offer support, guidance, and resources — not inspection or judgment.
- Ensure open communication between all levels of the SAL organization.

Before the Visit

- Review previous visitation notes or reports.
- Confirm the visit with the Squadron Commander and Post Advisor.
- Bring copies of the Visitation Checklist and Summary Report.
- Review current membership, CSR submissions, and Detachment goals.
- Know what resources you can offer or reference.

During the Visit

Approach & Tone

- Be friendly, respectful, and collaborative.
- Present yourself as a partner and problem-solver.
- Start with introductions — reaffirm shared purpose and goals.
- Use the checklist as a guide, not a script.

Ask — Listen — Observe

- Ask standard and 'How can we help?' questions.
- Listen actively and note key issues or requests.
- Observe meeting conduct, officer engagement, and morale.
- Encourage sharing — success stories and challenges.

Be Supportive

- Offer immediate help where possible.
- Reinforce Detachment commitment to Squadron success.
- Avoid overpromising — escalate issues appropriately.

After the Visit

- Complete the Visitation Summary Report within 48 hours.
- Summarize strengths, challenges, and assistance requested.
- Report to the Detachment Commander or Commission Chair.
- Follow up on commitments within 30–60 days.

Reporting & Sharing

- Update the Detachment Executive Committee on findings.
- Recognize outstanding Squadrons — share their stories.
- Track recurring issues to identify larger improvement needs.

Best Practices for Effective DEC Engagement

- Build relationships — know Squadron officers by name.
- Be visible — attend local events when possible.
- Communicate regularly — check in quarterly.
- Encourage collaboration with Post, Auxiliary, and Riders.
- Stay informed on Detachment initiatives and membership goals.
- Follow through — reliability builds trust.

Key Reminder

A successful visitation leaves the Squadron feeling supported, valued, and connected — not inspected.

The DEC's role is to bridge communication, build confidence, and help every Squadron succeed.

Detachment of Maryland Sons of The American Legion

Constitution and By-laws Committee Outreach Initiative

Introduction

This report is presented to the Detachment of Maryland Sons of The American Legion by the Constitution and By-laws Committee. The purpose of this communication is to outline our upcoming statewide outreach initiative concerning squadron Constitutions and By-laws and to ensure compliance with the latest requirements established by the Detachment.

Outreach Plan Overview

In an effort to uphold organizational integrity and uniformity, the Committee will be conducting a comprehensive assessment of all squadrons within the State of Maryland. The primary objectives are:

- To determine whether each squadron has an established Constitution and By-laws.
- To assess whether these documents are in compliance with the new requirements as set forth by the Detachment.

Mailing Initiative

Within the next 14 days, the Committee will initiate a mailing campaign targeting all squadrons across Maryland. This correspondence will request that each squadron:

- Confirm the existence of their current Constitution and By-laws.
- Submit copies of these documents for review (if requested).
- Indicate whether their governing documents have been updated to reflect recent changes in Detachment requirements.

The mailing will include a cover letter, a compliance checklist, and instructions for submitting documentation or responses to the Committee.

Next Steps and Timeline

1. Mailing Distribution: All materials will be sent to squadron leadership within 14 days from the date of this report.
2. Response Window: Squadrons will be asked to respond within a specified timeframe following receipt of the mailing.
3. Review and Follow-Up: The Committee will review all submissions and follow up with squadrons as needed to address any issues of non-compliance or to provide guidance on updating documents.

Conclusion

The Constitution and By-laws Committee is committed to supporting all Maryland squadrons in maintaining up-to-date and compliant governing documents. We appreciate your cooperation and timely response to this important initiative. Further updates will be provided as the outreach progresses.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Gladden
PNC 2013-2014
Constitution and By-laws Committee
Detachment of Maryland Sons of The American Legion

Commander, Navy Installations Command
NAVY & MARINE CORPS

Fisher House Program

Supporting America's military in their time of need



Our Fisher Houses are eco-friendly. When selecting items from this wish list, please consider eco-friendly items.



Priority

Gift Cards: Visa, Amazon, Walmart, Navy Exchange

Paper Towels, Cleaning Gloves Medium (Nitrile, Latex Free), Dryer Fabric Softener Sheets, Keurig K Cups, Toilet Paper

Kitchen

Pantry, Paper Products, Housewares

Keurig Coffee Machines
Stovetop drip pans (8" and 6")
Store Bought Individually Prepared Meals
Cooking Pot Sets
Convection Toaster Oven
Canned Goods
Assorted Mini Boxes Cereal
Foil
Plastic Wrap
Sugar-Creamer
Dawn Liquid Dish Soap
Kleenex
Cascade Auto. Dish Soap
Bottled Water
Zip-Lock Bags
Keurig Water Filter Cartridges

Supplies

Office, Cleaning & Laundry

HP printer ink (972X or 972A)
Clorox Clean Up
8 1/2 x 11 Copy Paper
Stamps
Batteries AA, AAA
Fabric Softener Sheets
Tide Liquid Detergent (HE only)
Tide Pods HE
Pledge Cleaner
Lysol Disinfectant Spray
Febreeze
Granite Counter Cleaner
Shout (Stain Remover)
Magic Erasers

Guest Items

Amenities

Queen Bed Pillows
Umbrellas
Travel Size:
Shampoo
Conditioner
Body Wash
Lotion

Miscellaneous

Gift Cards, Entertainment, Etc.

Gift Cards:
Amazon
Visa
Walmart
Navy Exchange
Mattresses (Full/Queen)
(Contact for details)
Volunteer Painting Projects
Painting Outdoor chairs
(Contact for details)
Electric Dryer
(Contact for details)
Gas Dryer
(Contact for details)
Snowblower



Bethesda Fisher House
24 Stokes
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 857-9494



Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

2025 HOLIDAY WISH LIST

If you have a question regarding donations, please contact
Sade' Herbert: Monday - Friday between 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at
301-884-8171 ext 5143 or email
sade.herbert@pruitthealth.com

ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW TO BE ACCEPTED

Gift Cards to Restaurants, Netflix, Hulu, Disney+, and YouTube
Or Donate Visa, Walmart, or Amazon gift cards
and let us do the shopping for you!

Male and Female Body Wash (no bar soap)

Dove or Sensitive Skin Body Wash / Sensitive Skin Lotion

Laundry Pods Extra Strength (no liquid detergent) / Lint Rollers

Tri Head Electric Razors / After Shave Balm

Talking Clocks / Large Display Clocks

Large Face Analog Watches (large stretch bands preferred)

Velcro Shoes (Men and Women, wide widths, all sizes)

Closed Toed Velcro or Diabetic Slippers / Large Gripper Socks

Clip-on Battery Powered Fans

Branch of Service Hats / Bucket Hats / Fedoras / Newsboy Hats

Sports Team Apparel

Ladies Pants / Elastic Waist Capris

Men & Ladies Sweatpants / Men & Ladies Sweatshirts / Men's Pajama Pants

Men's Pants (Khakis, Jeans, Elastic Waist Shorts)

Men's Shirts (Long Sleeve, Flannels, Short Sleeve, Dress Shirts, Polos)

Men's Zip-Up Jackets / Men's Winter Coats

"My Life in a Book"

Large Doll Babies (Without Magnetic Accessories)

Newborn Baby Clothing (for Doll Babies) / Sensory Mats / Fidget Boards

Radios / CD Players / Amazon Echos / Bluetooth TV Headsets

Small Notebooks / Pens / Markers / Colored Pencils

Playing Cards / Board Games

Weighted Shoulder Wraps (No Heated Blankets or Massagers)

Gift Bags / Wrapping Paper / Bows / Ribbon

Store Bought Holiday Snacks