



BERKELEY POST NO. 14 THE AMERICAN LEGION MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA



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Commander

Since our last newsletter we held another Post election, the Post 98th Birthday Dinner, American Legion/VFW Combined Flag Retirement Ceremony, 150th Grafton Memorial Day Parade, 80th American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, 99th Annual Department Convention in Huntington, WV. and many other ceremonies provided by our Americanism team.

I want to congratulate our Post 14– we won several awards last weekend at convention. Tracey Currey Award, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Award, Post with 400+ members, Special Americanism Award, best overall in state, Olin N. Wharton Award, Children and Youth Program, Post with 400+ members, T. H. McGovran Award, Children and Youth Program, best overall in state. Mike Immel won Department American Legion Scrapbook, and History Book, which are sent to National to be judged. He also won the Detachment Sons of the American Legion, (their Department), which will be sent to National to be Judged. Jack Lauer won the American Legion Riders Home Front Service Award. Officer David Johnson from the Martinsburg Veterans Hospital Police Department won Officer of the Year.

Remember, these awards are chosen from membership from all over the State, not just from our area. I am very proud to be the Commander of our Post. We continue to work our projects in the community without a Post Home. We meet at the VFW. Some may be tempted to throw up their hands and exclaim, "not now", maybe in the future when we have a Post Home. However, our Post Officers and members have continued to carry the torch and make us look good in front of the entire Department, as well, as nationally. This is supported by the number of awards received last week at convention. Our Post has been noticed...

Last note– We will have a Legion Baseball team once again this year– it will be coached by one of our newer members– John Goodreau

Please bookmark our Post webpage post14.wvlegion.org – It is constantly getting updated with information for our Post, AUX, SAL, and ALR.

Thank you– Ken Moneagle

Second-Vice Commander

Greetings – as your House Committee Chair, the only solid thing to report is that Mugs & Muffins has paid their bill for equipment purchased, in full. Thank you ladies for keeping your commitment and paying every month and not making me turn into a “Guido”. As far as a new location, Tilly and I are still looking for an affordable location. Currently, there is not much out there in our price range. The Post 14 Trustees agreed to relist our property for sale at the price of \$85,000.00 with Tilly Spies as Realtor thru the month of December '17.

As your newly elected 2nd Vice Commander, I have jumped head first into the Golf Tournament being held at Cress Creek Golf and Country Club on Monday, October 23, 2017. As this is my first Tournament and the fact that I have never played Golf before, I have jumped into the hip pocket of Commander Tim Murphy of the Eastern Panhandle Marine Corp League, who I am rapidly learning is the God & Guru of golf tournaments in the Eastern Panhandle. I am sure to learn how to setup a tournament for the future.

We have a couple of Sponsors – Parsons Ford, Chick fil A, Mugs & Muffins, and I myself am approaching American Public University and Bank of Charles Town asking for their sponsorship.

Folks, I am not too proud to beg – I need a lot of help with Post 14's first golf tournament. Remember, this is to raise money so we can find a new building (or HOME as I choose to call it). We need people to help find sponsors, people to work with several vendors on shirts, food, and we need help setting up, placing signs, water etc. around the course.

Now that I've given you some good news, some not so good news, and have begged you for help, I will sign off.

Hooaah

Frank C. Fischer
2nd Vice Commander
Berkeley, Post 14



Adjutant Corner

Thanks, to all the members who have paid their dues for 2017. If you haven't paid yet, please pay them now to keep your membership up-to-date. You can still pay online by credit card so the \$40.00 will not hurt so much all at one time. Just go to MyLegion.org, just make sure you put down that you are paying your Post 14 dues or you will be put in Post 200 membership in Charleston, WV for the next two years until they can get it straighten out.

Remember if you have any interest in what is going on at the post; come to the Post meeting which goes on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm at the VFW in Martinsburg. We may not have a building at this time, but we are still an active American Legion and need everybody's help to stay that way. If there is something you are interested in for the good of your Legion, please bring it before the Officers Committee.

We have heard from many members that the old Post mailing address is on their renewal form—we have submitted our address change back in February— so looking into why the change did not take place- the new 2018 membership cards will be sent out soon— we just picked them up at the convention.

Thanks for your service. Chuck Stanley/Membership Ken Leshner/Post Adjutant

American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary has been busy over the past few weeks assisting with Veteran activities at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center (VAMC) and holding breakfast at the VFW. Recently we had the honor of providing lunch to the National Veterans Awareness Riders on their way to Rolling Thunder from California.

On June 4 members volunteered to assist at the 27th God Bless America Ride where over \$50,000 was donated to Veterans at the Martinsburg VAMC. The selection process began in May for Girls State. This year the Auxiliary sent four girls from the local high schools.

The American Legion Auxiliary held elections in May and on June 1, were sworn in; President Sarah Tolstyka, 1st Vice President Margaret Vloedman, 2nd Vice President Kimbaly Stanley, Secretary/Treasurer Savanna Kauffman, Chaplain Wendy Roy, Historian Connie Anderson and Sergeant of Arms Fay Gano.

I would like to thank these wonderful and dedicated women for all their work.

We would all like to thank you for coming out and supporting the American Legion Family as we continue to support our Veterans and the community. Be safe this summer.

Sarah M Tolstyka

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 14 is proud that one of our own was elected for District 10 President and 2nd Vice for the Department congratulation Sharon Kauffman. Savanna Kauffman was picked by President Lisa for Department National committee on National Security.

We also won 5 awards The Ella Mae Short Music presented to Savanna Kauffman.

Girl State presented to Margaret Vloedman.

The Janice Gamerdinger award Unit Member of the year presented to Wendy Roy. Past President Parley Susan Brown best over all end of year report membership 10-300 presented to Sharon Kauffman. The Patricia Moore award Chaplains best overall report 10-150 presented to Savanna Kauffman. Good job we are proud of everyone.

We were down 59 members this year hoping for a better year this year. We appreciate all of our members

Thank you Savanna Kauffman
Secretary / Treasurer

Monthly Meetings

House/Finance/Executive	6 pm, 1st Thursday
Post	7:00 pm, 1st Thursday
Auxiliary	6 pm, 2nd Thursday
SAL	6:30 pm, 2nd Thursday
Riders	6:30pm, 3rd Wednesday

With the exception of the House/Finance/Executive meeting, all meetings are open to members. Come support the activities of your Post!

Sons of the American Legion

Newly elected SAL officers for 2017

Commander: Gerald Kauffman
Vice: Brian Gano
Second vice: Mike Trail
Sergeant of Arms: Dylan Gano
Chaplain: Robbie Robinson
Adjutant : Jeff Ryman
Historian: Mike Immel

The SAL would like for you to join us at our meetings and support the SAL in any way. Your voice and ideas are important. Remember we are here to support our veterans and our post.

Thank you.
Commander Gerald Kauffman

American Legion Riders

Our Road Captain has planned our Post first annual Wiffle Ball family picnic, next Sunday, July 30th at the VFW Picnic Grounds Route 9 East, Martinsburg, West Virginia 25405.

All American Legion Post 14 Martinsburg Members including ALR, AUX & SAL and all VFW Post 896 Martinsburg Members and their families are invited to our First Annual Wiffle Ball Picnic. This is for all ages!

We are also including a "Hunter Lipscomb Scholarship Fundraiser". Hunter's parents set up this scholarship to honor the memory of their beloved son who passed away in 2015. He was only 15. His family will be accepting donations at our event.

Please bring a dish to share. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided. This is a NON ALCOHOL event.

We will have Corn Hole and lots of other fun activities for all ages. A good, old fashioned picnic. Anyone that has Corn Hole equipment please bring to event, thanks!

We are also writing letters/cards to active duty and veterans thru an organization that will ship all of them accordingly. This will take place on the First Monday of each month beginning in August from 6pm-9pm.

Ken Moneagle /ALR Chapter 14 Director



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