



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



**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY SINCE 1919**

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2018*



**Commander**

"Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior." (Habakkuk 3:17-18, NIV)

I borrowed this from the Auxiliary Department President– Without your membership, the hopes and dreams of having a building are just that, a Dream and not a reality....

**DO YOU JUST BELONG?**

Are you an active member- The kind that you would be missed; Or are you just contented That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and Mingle with the flock; Or do you just stay at home - To criticize and knock? Do you take an active part To help the work along; Or are you satisfied To only just belong?

Do you work with your committee And get right in and mix Or leave the work to just few And talk about the “CLIQUE”? Think this over MEMBER- You know right from wrong; Are you an active member Or “DO YOU JUST BELONG?”

Here are a few things Your Post has done in the past year-

**American Legion Post 14 2017**

- Jan 1, 2017- American Legion Post 14 lowers flag at building for last time
- February 2017- The American Legion Department of West Virginia 36th Annual Mid-Winter Conference
- March 1, 2017- Annual honoring of Mr. Frank Woodruff Buckle
- April 16, 2017 – Easter Egg Hunt at War Memorial Park
- Post 98th Birthday Dinner
- American Legion/VFW Combined Flag Retirement Ceremony
- May 29, 2017- 150th Grafton Memorial Day Parade
- Jun 19, 2017- Teacher, Veteran recalls Vietnam
- June 11, 2017-80th American Legion Mountaineer Boys State

Jul 3, 2017- Former Army Ranger fondly recalls service  
July 2017- 99th Annual Department Convention in Huntington, WV  
July 12, 2017- Martinsburg senior selected as area American Legion Boys Nation senator  
September 2, 2017- American Legion Mountaineer Boys State '17 class graduates  
November 2017- Veterans Day Flag Ceremony at IRS  
November 2017- American Legion Post 14 Early Bird Dinner  
December 16, 2017- Wreaths Across America Antietam National Cemetery

#### **American Legion Riders Chapter 14**

2/ 3-5 Winter Conference  
3/ 4 National Commander dinner at Charles Town.  
3/ 26 Home show - etc. at Big Bucks Bingo/ Tannermans  
4/ 1 Ride for Cancer (Vanessa Bishop) with CT Post 71  
4/ 16 Easter Egg Hunt at War Memorial Park  
4/ 29 ALR ride to Keyser (fun)  
5/ Honor Guard ( Legion Birthday dinner at VFW)  
5/ 20 Charity ride " For Otis Sake" dog rescue  
5/ 27 Grafton Memorial weekend ride  
6/ 4 Operation GOD Bless America ride  
6/ 11 Flag retirement ceremony at VFW grounds  
6/ 24 Poolesville ride to honor wounded warriors and their families at White's Ferry  
7/ 16 Rocky Gap fun ride  
8/ 19 Martinsburg Bike Night  
9/ 9 Meet with Leatherneck's for Ride to Shanksville and ceremony for 9/11 victims  
9/ 17 Whiffle ball picnic at VFW grounds  
10- Rained out rides " Iron Horse" and a fun ride  
11/ 11 Connie's funeral dinner & Ceremony at the Doughboy Statue  
11/ 15 Honor Guard at Kearneysville  
11/ 23 Thanksgiving dinner at the MOOSE club for needy and homeless  
12/ 9 Christmas visit to the VA patients  
12/ 16 Wreaths across America with Leathernecks etc.

Please bookmark our Post webpage [post14.wvlegion.org](http://post14.wvlegion.org) – It is constantly getting updated with information for our Post, AUX, SAL, and ALR.  
Thank you– Ken Moneagle



#### **Adjutant Corner**

DD214! This document is important not only to you but your family. In case of unfortunate situations or death, your DD214 can help expedite the process for assistance. Please discuss with your loved ones where your document is kept and how it may benefit your family: [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) is a great source of information. Hopefully, this started the 1st step of talking with your loved ones. In future articles, I will give strategies on obtaining a DD214 and introduction of benefits you could receive. Finally, post elections are in the near future and more information will be forthcoming. Please make your voice heard by attending meetings and voting when elections are held. Please all be safe and pay it forward.

Sincerely,

Ken "Bulldog" Leshner  
American Legion Post 14 Adjutant

### **From the Americanism Officer**

American Legion Mountaineer Boys State follows the Four Pillars the founded the American Legion VETERAN – DEFENSE – AMERICANISM - YOUTH

In the 1930 Adolf Hitler began make young Pioneer camps in New Jersey. The American Legion took action to combat this and establish the Boys State Program. In 1935 in Illinois the first Boys State program took place in a cattle barn at the State Fair Grounds. West Virginia was very impressed with the program and in 1936 the state received the second charter in the Nation and American Legion Mountaineer Boys State began. West Virginia not only has the second oldest Boys State Program in the Nation but it is the only program that has held its Boys State Program at the same location since 1936. The Mountaineer Boys State Board of Directors due to the war efforts recognized the need to suspend the Program. This will be our 81st year in West Virginia.

The staff at American Legion Mountaineer Boys States is all voluntary. No staff member is paid for his or her work at the camp. We have staff that has been with the program as many as 50 year and some just starting.

This program is truly “A Week That Changes a Life Time”.

To find out more or help with the program please contact one of the following below.

AL WV HQ Charleston, WV 1-888-534-4667  
[www.Mountaineerboysstate.org](http://www.Mountaineerboysstate.org)

Bob Speaks Boys State Rep / Mike Immel, and Robbie Robinson are Back ups

Thank you- Robbie Robinson

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### **Post Historian**

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers after my heart attach . Also to remind everyone about the District Meeting at the Berkeley Springs Post 60 and show their support to Bob Speaks in his bid to be the next District Commander . The Oratorical Sectional Contest was held on Saturday the 24th, the young lady from Spring Mills H S finished 3rd.

Michael W. Immel  
Post Historian  
10th District Vice Commander & District Oratorical Chairman  
American Legion  
Dept. of WV Asst. Historian

### **American Legion Auxiliary**

I want to thank everyone that helped with the 2018 Easter Egg hunt. We are still looking for new members and needing our current members to renew their dues. We are currently 72 members short from reaching our goal.

The breakfast is still being served on the Second Saturday of each month, please come down and support us and our Veterans!

### **Sons of the American Legion**

SAL would like to thank everyone for their support. The SAL election are coming up in May- if anyone would like to run for any office. Our main goal for 2018 is to support the SAL and our post and most importantly the Veterans. Hoping 2018 will be a better year with everyone's help, I think we can achieve this.

Thank you  
Vice Commander Brian Gano

Post 14, We could use your help. Support your organization and Veterans! Fill out the Get Involved/Volunteer form on our webpage—[Post14.wvlegion.org](http://Post14.wvlegion.org)

### **Monthly Meetings**

<b>House/Finance/Executive Post</b>	6 pm, 1st Thursday 7:00 pm, 1st Thursday
<b>Auxiliary</b>	6 pm, 2nd Thursday
<b>SAL</b>	TBD
<b>Riders</b>	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!**

### **American Legion Riders**

The American Legion Riders are moving forward, with several groups to plan and execute some large scale projects this summer/ fall. We are partnering with the Four State CVEB (Citizens Veterans Engagement Board) and others to promote a Veterans Family Picnic event this summer at the War Memorial Park in Martinsburg which will be open to all Veterans and their families for a fun filled day in the park. We will be seeking donations from the Community to help with food and help with this massive undertaking.

We are also spear heading an effort to honor our many local Veterans with a Veteran's Day Parade on the V.A. Hospital grounds.

We will be again partnering with the Four State CVEB and many local groups to accomplish this mission. This will require support from the Community for sponsors and assistance to accomplish but we think our Veterans deserve our best efforts.

At the February 21st ALR meeting, the following were nominated and unopposed as this years Officers

Director— Ken Moneagle

Assistant Director— Tom Smith

Secretary— Ken Leshner

Treasurer— Jack Lauer

Sgt at Arms- Joshua Bowman

Chaplain— Cindy Leshner

Road Captain— Bob Cunningham

Membership— Matt Campbell

Safety— Jerry Hitchcock

Historian— Jennifer Timmons

**You can find the Minutes posted here-**

<http://post14.wvlegion.org/riders/american-legion-riders-chapter-14-minutes/>

Ken / Tom