



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



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Commander

Please let myself or Stanley know if you have an email address. I cannot stress this enough– We are doing our best to curb costs in every area. Now that our webpage is up and running– I am keeping it updated as soon as I get information to share. All of your newsletters, etc. are on there. We have moved the Riders page to our Post home page saving over \$100 a year. It doesn't seem like a lot, but that money can go toward Veteran needs, St. Jude, or other charitable causes. Every bit helps. If we can cut our hardcopy newsletter by half, that's a chunk of change that could go somewhere else. It is imperative that we have your updated membership information to stay in contact. Please send all updates to Charles Stanley at charles.stanley7293@yahoo.com or call him at 304-707-3106.

We are doing well with our building fundraisers, I could not be happier with the support we have received with our 2nd and 4th Saturday breakfasts at the VFW. We are averaging over 100 patrons. We have never seen numbers like that. It would not be possible without the help of our volunteers and I thank each of you for the continued support. I recently received a donation to our building fund in the amount of \$500 in the memory of one of our local Army Vietnam Veterans, Edward "Glenn" Gageby. He passed away last year. I have thanked the Gageby family for their generous donation. During our Mid-Winter conference, our hospitality room volunteers raised \$1504, all of which went to our building fund. To date we have \$17411.75 in that account and it is growing each month. I thank the VFW for continuing to host our events, and for hosting our Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Rider meetings. As I stated in my last newsletter, this teamwork between Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) works. I was recently able to speak with our Executive Secretary and Department Adjutant. VSO's teaming up and working together is becoming the norm.

I want to congratulate two Post 14 members, Mike Immel and Brian Tolstyka. Once again, Mike walked away with several awards from the American Legion Department of West Virginia- Best Post History Book, Best Post Yearbook and, the Ben I. Golden Award for Community Service. From the American Legion Sons of the American Legion Detachment of West Virginia, he won the Best Squadron History Book. From the American Legion National side of the house– the Yearbook Contest he was a 2nd Place tie for Mike. His hard work and determination puts our Post history to print for people to enjoy for years to come. Brian won the 2017 Department American Legion Rider of the Year. As one of our founding members for Chapter 14, he continues to excel with his leadership abilities. We learned, at Mid-Winter, that Brian and another Rider may be allowed to teach the American Legion College courses at our local Posts to those of us that are unable to take a week away from our jobs responsibilities.

Our Post 14 Team performed the Mid-Winter opening posting of colors, and did another outstanding job! In case you are unaware, this team has often been requested to perform the various ceremonies throughout the state. On a somber note, the SAL performed the Post Everlasting ceremony for our Brother Steve Wright, the SAL Detachment Commander. Please continue to keep Tammy Workman in your prayers, as well as, the acting SAL Detachment Commander, he has a huge shoes to fill and she has a big void in her life.

We had our annual honoring of Mr. Frank Woodruff Buckle. This is from the Resolution American Legion Post 14 put in and received approval from American Legion Department of West Virginia 93 Convention in June 2011. The ceremony was conducted at the Doughboy Monument yesterday- March 1, 2017. We placed a wreath and said a few words about the life of the Oldest American WW I Veteran. Mr. Buckles lived on his farm outside of Charles Town in Jefferson County. We lost him February 27, 2011. At the Time of his passing he was to oldest American WW I Veteran.

Membership trouble arises in a community when a group with a narrow perception of the American Legion becomes dominant and suppresses any group with a different perception.

Certain perceptions can prevent the development of new activities that would produce new leaders and new members, while others can result in the expansion of programs, leadership and eventually membership.

They also help or hinder the establishment of Posts that might attract and serve an entirely new group of Veterans.

With that said, I am requesting that you join me and your Post brothers and sisters beginning on April 6th at the VFW Post 896 on 241 N. Queen Street in Martinsburg. We will have our House/Finance/Committee Meeting at 6pm and our open meeting beginning at 7pm.

Beginning at the next meeting– We will be reading the nominations for our Post elections– now is the time to get involved in YOUR Post-

It is requested that all officers pay their donation toward the annual Easter egg hunt. The amount requested is \$10.00 from Commander/Riders Director and \$5.00 from all other officers.

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



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. At this time we only have 287 paid members in the 2017's year of membership, and by National, if you haven't paid by January 1st you are delinquent in your dues and when they make the 2018 membership roster in February your card will show 1 year. But don't worry if you pay in the beginning of the year I will make the correction on your card. I have sent letters and emails to all non paid members and would like a response back.

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 are 8 members trying to make the Post 14 stay running for 522 members to enjoy the benefits. There are a lot of programs that we do that could use the help of our membership. Action speaks louder than words, so if you can say what should be going on, you can help make it happen.

Thanks for your service. Chuck Stanley

From the Americanism Officer

Thanks to those who help in the schools with the Flag Education. Thanks to Otis batten, Charles Stanley, Jacob McCarty, Bob Speaks and John Styer.. We trained 2000 students in Berkeley County. Also thank you to the Berkeley County Schools for letting us in to conduct the training.

American Legion Mountaineer Boys State will be held at Jackson's Mill, as always this year. Dates are 11-17 June 2016. We will start recruiting very soon for the 2017 session. Remember the Berkeley county has the current Governor from Hedgesville High School, Mr. Nile Deale. If you are interested in helping or know of a sponsor or would like to sponsor a citizen please contact Robbie Robinson, 304-260-0851.

Would like to thank all who help with the Veterans Day program. The AF JR ROTC Det 0-71 of Martinsburg, which consist of all four High Schools in Berkeley County, get a special thanks for honoring our Veterans this year. This was the first time they have conducted the ceremony and They did a great Job. If you see any of the Cadets- Thank them for there support.

The Oratorical Program is in full swing. Mike Immel is the District Chairman. Open to 9 -12 grade in High School. If you know a student who is interested please contact the Post at 304-267-6100.

Thank you- Robbie Robinson

House Committee Chairman

Hello Post 14 Members:

There is not a lot to report on the Home Club front. We completed the packing and move out of the Race Street building in the last week of December. On 31st December 2016, we held a flag retirement ceremony for the final time at that location. The ceremony was covered by the Martinsburg Journal with a very nice write-up about the history of Post 14. We are currently looking for a volunteer with either a small crane or backhoe that could assist in pulling our flag pole out of the ground. We also would need a trailer to move the pole to its storage area. Anyone that can assist can call 304-267-6100. We are still in search of a new location, but like most of the Committee, I feel that we need to have some fundraisers to build up our Building Fund. Our Auxiliary is doing great with the fundraising meals. We owe them a huge thank you for all the work they do.

Thank you- Frank C Fischer

American Legion Auxiliary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH

March 9, 2017 – ALA Meeting 6pm at VFW

March 11, 2017 – All you can eat Breakfast \$6 at VFW 8-11am

March 15-19, 2017 – Bake Sale at Big Lots from 9am-5pm. We are asking for money donations & any bake goods for our Bake sale. The proceeds are going to our Easter Egg Hunt & Sending Girls to Girl State. Any volunteers we would appreciate it. If you would want to donation anything thanks in advance.

Contact Savanna at 304-620-6467 or Sharon at 304-707-5512

March 17, 2017 – ST. PATRICK'S DAY, "Don't forget to wear green"

March 17, 2017 – Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner \$7 from 5-8pm

March 20, 2017 – VA Bingo 6pm at the VAMC in the Shenandoah room 1B-114

March 25, 2017 – All you can eat Breakfast \$6 at VFW 8-11am

APRIL

April 1, 2017 – APRIL FOOL'S DAY

April 1, 2017 – Spring Conference 8am at Romney

April 8, 2017 – All you can eat Breakfast \$6 at VFW 8-11am

April 13, 2017 – ALA Meeting 6pm at VFW, Notations taking place this night

April 16, 2017 – EASTER DAY

April 16, 2017 – Easter Egg Hunt at War Memorial Park starts at 1pm. All volunteers have to be there at 10:30am

April 17, 2017 – VA 6pm at the VAMC in the Shenandoah room 1B-114

April 21, 2017 – TBA Friday Night Dinner

April 22, 2017 – All you can eat Breakfast \$6 at VFW 8-11am

Dinners are every 3rd Friday of every month

Breakfasts are every 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month

Auxiliary Meetings are every 2nd Thursdays of EVERY MONTH

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

*ALL EVENT(S) – Any Volunteers we would appreciate it**

Thanks Savanna Kauffman
Secretary/Chaplain
Unit 14/Martinsburg

Monthly Meetings

House/Finance/Executive	6 pm, 1st Thursday
Post	7:00 pm, 1st Thursday
Auxiliary	6 pm, 2nd Thursday
SAL	TBD
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

SAL membership dues are due and they are \$25. Dual members are \$20 and under 18 for \$20. If you are a dual member, your payment is to be sent to SAL. We would like for everyone to attend the SAL meetings to find out what is going on and to voice your opinions. The Ladies Auxiliary needs help for the Easter egg hunt at War Memorial Park on Easter Sunday. If anyone would like to help, please contact someone from the AUX.

Thank you,
Brian Gano, SAL Commander

American Legion Riders

With the odd weather we have been having, it has allowed us to have a ride here and there. Last Sunday we rode out to Paw Paw, and while there we visited Post 128- Always good to help support one our own.

We just had our first gun raffle of the year, \$365 went towards this years Boys State. Keep you eyes out on the Post webpage for the next raffle. I do not see why we cannot do at least one a month with the funds going towards different areas within the Post.

April 1st we are having a joint Charity Ride with Post 71 Charles Town for 23 year old cancer victim. Details are on our Post Calendar online.

Reminder for the upcoming 150th Memorial Day Ride to Grafton. I need to know who is going and planning on sharing rooms so we can book the hotels now.

Officer nominations will be done at March 15th ALR meeting and voting for new officers will be on April 19th ALR meeting. You MUST be present to do nominate and to vote.

Ken Moneagle /ALR Chapter 14 Director



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Daylight Saving Time- Mar 12
Saint Patrick's Day- Mar 17
Easter- April 16

Tax Day - April 17
Mothers Day - May 14
Memorial Day - May 29

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Mentoring Youth
Promoting Patriotism and Honor**