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GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND 21061

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American Legion Post 40, Newsletter

January 2023

POST 40 OFFICERS 2022 - 2023

Post Commander
Les Brumfield, Jr.

1st Vice Commander
Bruce Easley

2nd Vice Commander
Joshua King

3rd Vice Commander
Vacant

Adjutant
Ann Anderson

Chaplain
Rick Wilburt

Finance Officer
Evelyn Bowers

Historian
Vacant

Judge Advocate
Les Brumfield Sr.

Sergeant-at-Arms
Fred Meserve

Service Officer
Bobby Buckman

Trustees
Ray Watts
Burt Helmka

Past Commander
Keith Boone

Post Commander's Message

Post 40 Family,

Happy New Year!! This year has quickly put 2022 in our rear-view mirrors. We accomplished many things in 2022, and I as your Post Commander am excited to see what we as a Post can do in 2023.

Post 40 hosted a free Children's Christmas Party "Pancakes with Santa". Our Post registered over 98 families, provided free breakfast and free gifts to the children who registered and attended. DJ Dan Calhoun provided free pictures to each family of their child with Santa. It was a great day for Post 40 and the children/families of our community. We hope to make next years' event even bigger to allow more families to attend this amazing event on behalf of our post.

Our Next Monday Night bingo will be in January 2023. We encourage all members, and guests to attend and bring friends. This is open to our local community; we serve food and have a progressive jackpot. The cost is \$25.00 to attend. Actual date and time will be provided when they are confirmed.

We have several events upcoming I encourage you to participate in. Corn-hole will resume on Fridays in the hall when no bookings occur. SAL Valentines Dance is in February, Shrimp Feast will be in April, Crab Feast will be held in September, Bull & Oyster Roast will be held in December. I encourage all our members to help us make 2023 the BEST year and mark your calendars to support us and all our Events for 2023. We will have several more events that will provide dates when they are confirmed. I also encourage all Legion Members to include SAL & AUX to volunteer for a Bingo or Legion event at least 1 time in 2023 so the volunteers who always step up can have a break this year. We are a post, all members of the same Post, and need to be able to work together, depend on each other so we can do great things on behalf of Post 40. This past year I personally attended every Post 40 event and function and noticed the same ones volunteering, I challenge you as your Post commander to step up at least once this year to help make our Post Great!

Please help us here at post 40 by not throwing your cigarette butts on the ground out-front of the lounge and please do not put trash in the butt cans. We have worked very hard this year to make Post 40 look better, by painting, cleaning, and organizing the Post and we appreciate your help keeping it that way.

I am excited and honored to serve another term as the Commander of such an Amazing Post. I do this for you, for our Post and for our Community. Together we will achieve greatness.

Les Brumfield, Jr., Commander
Thank you for your Support!
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

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1st Vice Commander

Post 40 Family Happy New Year,

Are you taking full advantage of your American Legion Member benefits? Know other Veterans who would benefit? Pass the word.

The American Legion provides life-changing assistance and guidance for veterans, military personnel, their families and communities in thousands of ways every day around the world. Help comes in the form of personal assistance, cash grants, donated goods, disaster relief, labor, networking, volunteerism and advocacy.

And many other benefits such as, free subscription to The American Legion Magazine, Benefits Assistance, Career Assistance, Comfort for the Recovering, Homeless Veteran Outreach, Financial Services, Honors and Remembrance, Member Discounts, Advocacy in Washington, and innumerable Volunteer Opportunities.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION

IMPORTANT: EVERYONE MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF DD 214 OR DISCHARGE.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Eligible veterans applying for first time membership must submit the following information to Post Membership Committee:

1. Complete American Legion Membership application by clicking on "APPLICATION" button.

Print two (2) completed copies. Keep one copy for your records. Mail the other copy to above address, together with your dues payment. (Dues amount on application). Applications are also available at the Post.)

2. COPY OF DD214 OR DISCHARGE

3. Membership Dues Payment. Dues. (Amount Shown on Application). Make checks payable to our Post listed above. DO NOT SEND CASH.

4. If the information is correct, membership will be approved and then a membership card will be mailed to you.

5. For a link to the application or for more information on eligibility dates please visit our website: www.glenburniepost40.org.

TRANSFERS

Veterans applying for transfers from your current Post to our Post must submit the following:

- a. Completed Member Data Form.
- b. COPY OF DD214 OR DISCHARGE
- c. COPY OF MEMBERSHIP CARD

6. Membership dues payment, if current year dues are not paid. If current dues are paid, please pay dues for next year's membership.

Bruce Easley
1st Vice Commander
Together We Make a Difference

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Post 40 Service Officer

Greetings Legionnaires and Happy New Year,

I am Bob Buckman, your Post 40 Service Officer. I can be reached at 443-422-1738 or just walk up to me at the Legion. I am here to serve you and help with VA Benefits that you all well deserve.

Here are some updates:

VA Benefits for Presumptive Exposure

If you are a Veteran or survivor who may be eligible for the newly established military exposure presumptive conditions, VA encourages you to apply for benefits. Even if the illness or injury is not a presumptive, we still want every Veteran to file a claim for benefits they've earned and deserve. <https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/>

I have received many questions on how to appeal your VA Claim, please visit the below website.

Appeal Your VA Claim

Do you disagree with VA's decision on your claim? Veterans and other claimants for VA benefits can choose from three decision review options: Supplemental Claim, Higher-Level Review, and Board Appeal. Let me help you learn more about your appeal options. <https://www.va.gov/decision-reviews/>

Ask VA Your Questions

Do you have a question or want more information about VA benefits and services? Use the new Ask VA online question portal. It is an easy, fast, and convenient way to get your questions answered. <https://ask.va.gov>

VA health and benefits mobile app is here and has reached 1M downloads

Here is what you can do with the app:

- Check the status of claims and appeals
- Manage their health care appointments
- Securely message with their VA health care teams
- Download critical VA letters and documents
- Access their VA Vaccine Records
- Find a local VA facility
- Quickly reach the Veterans Crisis Line

https://news.va.gov/111424/health-benefits-mobile-app-reaches-1m-downloads/?utm_source=middle&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=07DEC2022

Subscribe to #VetResources to receive weekly newsletters for Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors. Have a resource to share? Post it on [#VetResources](#)

https://news.va.gov/vetresources/?utm_source=header&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources

Always it is a pleasure to serve you Veterans.

Bob Buckman
Service Officer

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Auxiliary Officers 2022 – 2023

President

Ann German

1st Vice/Membership

Barb Vasquez

2nd Vice

Wanda DiGregory

Secretary

Debbie Dean

Treasurer

Joy Wilburt

Chaplain

Cass LaMar

Sergeant-at-Arms

Debbie Cavey

Historian

Open

Color Guard

Open

Executive Committee

Rose Schoppert

Linda Schmidt

Donna Paul

Auxiliary President's Message

Happy New Year, I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday celebrations. Please remember when you submit your paperwork to become a member we MUST have a copy of the DD-14, the application filled out entirely and the \$30 membership fee. If this is not done, it will slow down or stop the membership process.

There will also be a Sock Hop this Spring. If anyone is available to volunteer for any functions please contact Ann at 717-778-7458. I know we can make this a great year!

**In the Spirit of Service, Not Self,
Ann German
ALA President**

Auxiliary Membership Dues

Seniors - \$30.00 | Juniors - \$6.00

Please update your address and phone number at the Post.

Mail ALL dues to:
Post 40 American Legion Auxiliary
500 5th Ave SE
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

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Sons of the American Legion Officers 2022 -2023

Commander
Don "JR" Hall

1st Vice Commander
Ron Knapp

Finance officer
Dave Sprucebank

Sergeant-at-Arms
Kaden Hall

Historian
Donnie Hall

Adjutant
Bobby Miller II

Chaplain
Jay Turner

Executive Committee
Steve Horseman
Ray Mull
Neal Sprucebank

SAL Commander's Message

Happy New Year to Everyone,

We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season and are excited about 2023. The Sons of The American Legion are very excited as we Mae plans for our 2023 Valentines Dinner Dance on February 11th from 7:00 to 12:00. For tickets reach out to JR Hall at 410-365-7758 or Bobby Miller at 443-986-3493. The cost of the tickets will be \$25.00 and covers dinner and limited open bar.

Your 2023 membership cards are here and if you have not paid your dues you will lose all your benefits a the end of January. Please remember part of you dues goes to supporting the many programs that the Squadron supports. Casey Cares, Maryland Special Olympics, Baltimore VA, Loch raven VA, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, NEF, have all already received donations from our Squadron this year. If you know of anyone that is able to join help us grow and become bigger and stronger.

We will have 6 members of the Squadron take the plunge to support Maryland Special Olympics in February so if you would like to sponsor any of our guys taking the plunge just reach out and we will turn it all in.

It is cold outside and many of our members have difficult Tim's getting out in this weather, please take time to do the right thing and check on one another. Buddy checks can be used for anyone. Lets work to help our veterans and their families and make the world a better place. You dont know who you can help mentally or physically but just calling and talking to somebody and asking if they need anything. Sometimes that call may be the only thing they needed.

We meet the first Tuesday of each month August through May so come out and take part in our meeting and be a part of your Squadron. Hope to see you at the post soon.

Serving Those That Serve,
The Members of Squadron 40

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 40 Dues

Youth (17 and younger) and Dual Members \$15.00 | All other member 18 and above \$25.00

Dues can be paid at the Post lounge or mailed in.

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A Special Message from the Detachment of Maryland

To; All Members of the Legion Family

The Maryland Legion Family is excited and honored that one of our own, Donald "JR" Hall, is the Leading Candidate for National S.A.L. Commander and will be nominated to hold the High Office of National Commander in Charlotte, NC at the National Convention which convenes on August 25-27, 2023.

I have received numerous inquiries in regard to attending the National Convention to celebrate and support JR's election process.

Every Department is allocated a limited block of hotel rooms for lodging during the National Convention, therefore, if you plan on attending the National Convention in Charlotte, please reach out to me via email at matoskaw@yahoo.com with your intentions of how many and type of rooms you will require ASAP.

This is imperative so that the Department block of rooms can be increased to accommodate everyone's needs or you could find that lodging is unavailable.

Thank You for your cooperation and understanding,

**William Matoska, Adjutant
Detachment of Maryland
Past National Commander**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy to report we now have two teams shooting 9Ball for Post 40, APA Division 240! The 2023 Spring Session started on 12/11/2022.

A Big Thank you to Post 40 for being an APA Host location for 5 consecutive years!

Team 1 - Chase Elliott - Post 40, *CAPTAIN - Sue Personett, *CO-CAPTAIN - Mark Personett, Steve Magrowsky, Paul Faris, +Kevin West, **Colleen Blankenship, *Sam Oldham, and George Sissleburger.

Team 2 - Team Name TBD - *CAPTAIN - Skippy Brumfield, CO-CAPTAIN - Nate Beam, Doug Morris, Terri Goodrich, Justin Herr, Tony Caruso, Jeanette Weese, and Nick Herrick.

*Active Members of Post 40

+Eligible to be American Legion Member

**Lifetime American Legion Member Post 34

As you see the team members around the Post, wish them well and let them know that we are proud of them for representing our great Post 40!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

Open to the Public

Every Friday - Cornhole Tournament Doors open at 5:00 p.m. bags fly at 6:00 pm. Admission is \$20 per person. Pre-register through the Scoreholio app or in person at the door. Cash bar and food will be available. No outside food or drink permitted. Bring your own bags, boards are provided. Cash Prizes Awarded.

***Please Note: Tickets for ALL events can be purchased from the bartender during regular business hours in the Lounge, unless otherwise specified above. Tickets will only be available at the door if the event is not sold out. Tables can only be reserved prior to the event if a whole table or more is sold. No outside food/drinks will be permitted, food/drinks are available for purchase.*

Events Open to Members & Guests

Ravens' Gameday Are you ready for some Ravens' Football?! The lounge has kicked off Football Season. Each gameday we will host a football event with food and drink specials, a 50/50 and sometimes a raffle. We encourage you all to bring your family and come watch the game and support the post. It's because of your support we can continue these events.

Every Friday and Saturday DJ/Karaoke in the Lounge from 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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If you have announcements, articles or other information that you would like to see in the American Legion Post 40 Newsletter, please contact Bruce Easley at easleyb003@gmail.com. I want to hear from you!

Also for more information on what's happening around the Post, visit our Website: <http://www.glenburniepost40.org>.

Like and Share our page on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/glenburniepost40>

POST LOUNGE OPERATING HOURS

Sunday - 12 to 6 pm

Monday through Wednesday - 12 to 9pm*

Thursday 12-11pm (in-house pool league)

Friday - 12 to 2am

Saturday - 5 pm to 2 am

****We will close daily as needed based upon the number of guests who come daily to support the post. Slots, Food, Drinks, Keno, Lotto, Pool Table, Shuffleboard and more. Come support your post!!***