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**500 5TH AVE SE**  
**GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND 21061**

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# American Legion Post 40, Newsletter

May 2023

## POST 40 OFFICERS 2022 - 2023

**Post Commander**  
Les Brumfield, Jr.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**  
Bruce Easley

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander**  
Joshua King

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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,

Greetings, I am excited to share all the good news of our Post with you. In the past several months you should have noticed the increase in Lounge and Hall business. Our Post has done an exceptional job bringing new ideas and events to our Post. We have Friday Night Cornhole every Friday evening, Karaoke Contest on Saturday Nights, in house pool league on Thursdays.

Post 40 had a nice turnout for the Shrimp Feast. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make that happen. We will be asking for help in our upcoming events May 12th Outback Grand Opening, Legion Fundraiser in August, and several other unannounced events we have planned for our Post.

I would like to address my concerns, and respectfully ask that you take them into consideration going forward for as long as I am the CDR of this post. If you have a problem, concern, issue that you would like to bring to my attention please ask yourself if you can assist in making the issue a non-issue before coming to me. Most of the complaints that are brought to my attention are from the members of this Post who I never see volunteering, never see picking up a mess, never see offering to help make the Post a better place. So, I challenge you to step up like I do daily here at "OUR POST" and do your part. Volunteer for events so it's not the same 5 at each event, help us and pick up trash, clean up a messes, especially your mess, and help the ones who are always volunteering before you complain about something that you can be part to make a difference.

With our Outback Tiki Bar opening in May, I want to remind you to keep it clean, throw your trash (including your beer caps) in the proper place. We recently got a new carport canopy that will be a great asset to us over the summer, and it will take all Members who enjoy time outside to help us keep it clean. If a storm is approaching, please make sure the outback is ready for it (umbrellas down, chairs and tables put back where they go, trash where it belongs etc. This includes cigarette butts OURFRONT AND OUTBACK needs to go in the butt cans/ashtrays not on the ground.

Monday night Bingo will resume in May, and I request that you come support the post. Share the Bingo with your family and friends to help us make it a successful Bingo Monthly!

I am excited and honored to serve 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,

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](http://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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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I am planning a Post Everlasting Ceremony for the May meeting. The SAL and ALA have both been invited to participate.

Also coming in May is the Placing of Flags at Glen Haven Cemetery on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May starting at 9:00 AM and the retrieval of flags on June 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 9:00 AM. I am contacting the Boy Scouts to secure their participation in the placing and retrieval of flags on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Also on the May 28<sup>th</sup> we will be placing a Flag, a Cross, and Flowers at each of 6 Memorials in the Glen Burnie area. These services will start at 9:00 AM at Post 40 and end at approximately 11:00 AM at the Glen Haven Cemetery.

Come out and show your love, we want to have as large of a turnout to remember those who have been called to the Commander of All.

Rick Wilburt  
Chaplain Post 40  
443-286-4580

## Post 40 Service Officer

From the Post 40 Service Officer's Office  
Greetings Legionnaires,

Here are some updates from the PACT Act, Expands toxic-exposed Veterans access to VA Care – Extends health care eligibility for Vietnam, Gulf War, and Post-9/11 era combat Veterans – Adds new presumptive conditions for radiation, Agent Orange, Gulf War toxins, and burn pit exposures. Call 1-800-698-2411 if you have questions.

Veterans who would like to file a claim must complete VA Form 10-10EZ to apply for benefits and submit any supportive evidence. You can visit <https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/when-to-file/> for help filing or call 1-800-446-4926, ext 6450.

VA disability compensation (pay) offers a monthly tax-free payment to Veterans who got sick or injured while serving in the military and to Veterans whose service made an existing condition worse. You may qualify for VA disability benefits for physical conditions (like a chronic illness or injury) and mental health conditions (like PTSD) that developed before, during, or after service. Find out how to apply for and manage the Veterans disability benefits you've earned.

Requesting your DD 214 is easy by go to this website <https://www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records/>

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## Post 40 Service Officer cont...

If you are a Veteran experiencing a crisis in your life, call the 24/7 VA Crisis Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Additional information and resources are available at [www.mentalhealth.va.gov](http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov).

Veterans benefits Administration – Go to this link to learn more <https://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/factsheets.asp>

Department of Veterans Affairs for Maryland - <https://veterans.maryland.gov/>

Are you eligible for a Veteran ID Card?

### Both of these must be true:

✦ You served on active duty, in the Reserves, or in the National Guard (including the Coast Guard), **and**

You received an honorable or general discharge (under honorable conditions).

If you received an other than honorable, bad conduct, or dishonorable character of discharge, you're not eligible for a Veteran ID Card. If you have an uncharacterized or unknown discharge status, we'll have to verify your eligibility before we approve your application. <https://www.va.gov/records/get-veteran-id-cards/vic/>

✦ You will need this information: Your Social Security number

✦ A digital copy of your DD214, DD256, DD257, or NGB22 that you can upload. This could be in a .pdf, .jpeg, or .png file format.

A copy of a current and valid government-issued ID, such as a driver's license, passport, or state-issued identification card.

You'll also need a digital color photo of yourself from the shoulders up.

Department Service Officer of Baltimore is Adrian Gamboa and he can be reached at [adrian.gamboa@va.gov](mailto:adrian.gamboa@va.gov) or 410-230-4420. Adrian is the only one in the Baltimore Office until they hire an Assistant Department Service Office, please be patient when asking or calling. Adrian will respond.

Always it is a pleasure to serve you Veterans.

**Bob Buckman**  
Service Officer

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## Auxiliary Officers 2022 – 2023

**President**  
Vacant

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

Greetings, the Post 40 Auxiliary is gearing up for Back to School. We will be collecting school supplies to fill backpacks for June and July in preparation for back to school in August. Please consider donating so those less fortunate will have supplies as they go back to school. Please contact Barb Vasquez to make donations or for more information.

**In the Spirit of Service, Not Self,**  
**Barb Vasquez**  
**1st Vice President/Membership**

## 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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

The SAL meets the first Tuesday of each month through the end of May so come out and take part in our meetings 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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Post 40 9 Ball Team

Awesome News!! Our Team came in 1st Place for the Session! Also, Playoffs were yesterday; 4/23/2023 and We Won 51-49 to finish the session as Division Champs!

APA 2023 Spring Session 9 Ball /Division 240/Team 3

*\*Sue Personett; \*Mark Personett; Stephen Magrowsky; Paul Faris; \*Kevin West; #Colleen Blankenship ; \*Sam Oldham; George Sisselberger; (\*Post 40 Members, #Lifetime Legion Member Post 34)*

The Post 40 Team will be shooting the TriCup Tournament on May 13, 2023 at the Bank Shot, Laurel, MD to compete against teams from the MD,DC & VA areas.

More Great News: Congratulations to Three of our players who finished in 1st Place in our Division for their Skill Levels: Mark Personett Skill Level 5; Paul Faris Skill Level 3; Colleen Blankenship Skill Level 1. They are also in the running to compete in the MVP Tournament to be held June 24, 2023 at the Center Pocket, Bowie, MD.

The Post 40 9 Ball team is sorry to report we were unable to build a 4th team for our Division so we won't be shooting out of Post 40 for the Summer.

Since we won the Playoffs we have to remain active so we had to relocate to Brews & Cues for the summer.

We expect to be back at Post for the Fall Session starting 8/27/2023 as long as we have a minimum of 4 Teams to start the Division back up. If you are interested in taking an active part in the team and know your way around a pool table we want to talk to you.

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



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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

### Events Open to Members & Guests

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

### 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.*

### 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**

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](mailto: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>.

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<https://www.facebook.com/glenburniepost40>