



The Legion Scoop

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Department of Maryland celebrates 103rd Convention in Ocean City

This year, the American Legion [Department of Maryland](#) will hold our 103rd Anniversary Convention in Ocean City, Maryland from Tuesday, July 13 through Friday, July 16. In the Summer Edition of the [Free State Warrior](#), [Department](#) Adjutant Russell Myers offers several of the Convention's highlights including the Legion College on Tuesday at 8 am, which *The Scoop* incorrectly reported was cancelled.

Follow this link, [Legion College](#), to register. Adjutant Myers notes that "these courses are essential for officers at all levels, and I guarantee the instruction will teach you something about the Legion you didn't know. We will attempt to stream all of the courses, and the link to find the courses will be posted on the Dept website the week prior to the Convention."

Myers also notes that while our Joint Reception and Opening Ceremonies will not take place, the [Department](#) is planning "a great experience" to fill the space. Moreover, on Tuesday at 6 pm, the [Department](#) will screen the documentary "[The Six Triple Eight](#)" about the 6888th Central Postal Battalion, the only black WAC's unit to serve in Europe during World War II. Comrade Dorothy Carter, transferred to Post Everlasting, served with the 6888th and often talked with pride about their victorious march into Paris. Follow this link, "[The Six Triple Eight](#)," to view the trailer for



the documentary. The entire family is invited to attend the screening.

Membership awards will be distributed on Wednesday morning, and this year, [Federal Post #19](#) ranks 20th among Posts statewide to achieve 100% membership. Big salute to North Eastern Shore District for its overall number one District in the [Department](#) and another a big salute to [Jack R. Cross Memorial Post #233](#) for being first in membership among Posts.

Other Convention highlights include the Department Oratorical winner Sri Sreenivasan from Southern Maryland District, this year's Boy' State Governor, and this year's recipients of our National Security-Public Safety awards to first responders from across our State who "stand guard and answer the call when needed."

Adjutant Myers also explains that "Our Department Convention offers a glimpse at the busy year (even during the pandemic the Posts were still hard at work) and above all allows the Department to thank the committees and commissions for their hard work

General Meeting
Saturday, July 3, 4 pm at
the Post

and to thank the Posts that are the heart and soul of our organization. It also gives the Legion Family a week of fun in the sun, and ability to share the good times through a family vacation or get-away." Please see the Summer Edition of the [Free State Warrior](#) for the full schedule.

Post #19 Commander Larry Little re-elected to a second term

This past June, members of [Federal Post #19](#) re-elected Commander Larry Little to a second term as commander. "Thank you to my Comrades for your vote of confidence in me as your commander of [Federal Post #19](#)," says Comrade Little. "Last year was challenging, difficult, tragic, yet most rewarding. The pandemic took so much from us as individuals but also as a post in The American Legion. Yet adversity often tests the mettle of a person and a post, and I am proud to say that we stood firm in the face of adversity and thrived because of the Federal Post #19 family. You!"

"From the COVID Relief Committee to the Four Pillars to the redone backyard, you displayed resilience, tenacity, and generosity. You took care of your Post and made us better. You displayed what Legion stands for. In spite of the pandemic and sometimes because of it, we came

together as a family and moved forward. With the continued support of the members and guests, all will be well with [Federal Post #19](#).”

Along with Commander Little, Reggie Baker was elected 1st Vice; Betty Bonds, 2nd Vice; John Jones, 3rd Vice; Kendall Cooper, Adjutant; Joe Harden, Finance Officer; Reggie Baker, Service Officer; Thomas Russum, Judge Advocate; and Thomas Kennedy, Sgt-at-Arms. Appointed were Comrades LeCount Grace, Service Officer; Margaret Conaway, Chaplain; and Marlin Johnson, Historian. Also elected as at-lodge members of the Post Executive Committee were Comrades Adrian Barbour, Kermit Brown, Willie Christian, Ron Holcombe, Germaine Jefferson-Chappell, and Rodney Reid.

Officers’ Installation scheduled for Sunday, July 25th

On Sunday, July 25, 2021, the [Federal Post #19](#) family will install officers for 2021-2022 at 3:00 am at Monumental Lodge #3, 1528 Madison Avenue. We will also give awards for Lifetime Service and Legionnaire of the Year.



Along with Comrade Larry Little as [Post #19](#) Commander, ALA member Lasharan Wallace will be installed as President for [Federal Unit #19](#), and SAL Comrade William Pinder assumes another year as Commander of [Federal Squadron #19](#). A complete list of all the officers will appear in the next edition of *The Scoop*.

Installation is open to invited guests, and we hope that as many members as possible can join us and celebrate this momentous occasion. After Installation, we will take group photographs, and refreshments will be served shortly thereafter.



Bus trip to D.C. and Randolph Furey Post #170 for July 31 sold out

To say that after a year of being couped up at home because of the pandemic, people are ready to get out of Baltimore would be an understatement.



On Sunday July 31, Post #19 is sponsoring a bus trip to [Randolph Furey Post #170](#) with a two-hour pit stop at the MGM National Harbor Casino. We announced the trip on Tuesday and sold out two buses by Saturday. We got another bus on Monday and sold out by Wednesday. Post #170 said the more the merrier, so we got another bus that sold out immediately. People are ready to go!

Buses leave at 12 pm sharp and will return at 10 pm. Light refreshments will be served on the bus. Although sold out, there is a waiting list in case someone cancels. For more information, contact 2nd

Vice-elect Betty Bonds or [Unit #19](#) President-elect Lasharan Wallace.

Anniversary Week 2021





North Central Region and District 4 elect and appoint slate of officers for 2021-22

At the recent North Central Region (NCR) and District 4 Caucuses, Comrades elected and appointed a slate of officers to guide us into the Region's inaugural year. For the NCR, Comrades Dave Heredeia (pictured) was elected Commander and Eric Warthen, Vice Commander. Appointed were Ivory Nicole Harris, Adjutant; Michael Bush, Finance Officer; Fred Rock, Judge Advocate; Bill Ganz, Jr.; Sgt-at-Arms; Wilbert Geigan, Chaplain; and Charles Jay, Historian.

The new elected officers for NCR District 4 include Jumious Lewis (pictured), Commander; Vernon Brown, 1st Vice; and Ismael Veguilla, 2nd Vice. Appointed were Larry Little, Adjutant; Marian James, Finance Officer; Bob Berlett, Judge Advocate; Betty Bonds, Sgt-at-Arms; and Goether Roberts, Chaplain. Department Executive Committee members from District 4 include Comrades Austin Ball, Bob Berlett, Bill Ganz, Marian James, Clyde Thomas, and Darrell Truesdale.

The Scoop salutes all of the Comrades who stepped forward and assumed leadership positions in the new Region and Districts. To be successful, they will need the full support of everyone in the spirit and letter of our pledge to "mutual helpfulness."



This year's Bull and Oyster Roast is a go. Sunday, October 17, 1-5 pm
Donations \$70.00



Bulletin for Auxiliary Unit #19

Lasharan Wallace elected President for Federal Unit #19 for 2021-22

The Scoop would like to congratulate ALA member Lasharan Wallace who was recently elected to a first term as President for [Federal Unit #19](#). Also elected or appointed were Shelleyarlene Scott, 1st Vice; Tangi



Turner, 2nd Vice; Charae Sydnor, Treasurer; Yvonne Oliver, Secretary; Jean Robinson-McCauley, Historian; Donna Simpson, Chaplain; and Donetta Simpson, Sgt-at-Arms. Daneen Cameron, Germaine Jefferson-Chappell, and Stephanie Kent were elected to the Executive Board.



Joyce Kuwae, Voluntary Service Specialist at the Perry Point VA Medical Center thanks Squadron #19 Comrade Petey Dorsey, Unit #19 member Pat Dorsey and the entire Post #19 family for donations of more than 200 word find books, note pads, pens, and pencils. Pat wanted to further thank the support of members and friends for making the entire project a success.

Join to Serve



A Word from the Sons



Squadron #19 Commander William Pinder inducts newest member Darnell Gordon as SAL Comrades look on.



VA Corner

VA emphasizes Gulf War health issues

If you served in the Gulf War in Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm any time after August 2, 1990, you may be at risk of certain health conditions. Learn about these conditions and what to do next to take care of your health.

You may be at risk of health problems caused by toxic chemicals or other hazardous materials in the environment, like: [sand, dust, and particulates](#); [depleted uranium](#); [oil well fires](#); [chemical and biological weapons](#); [Chemical Agent Resistant](#)

[Coating \(CARC\) paint](#); and [pesticides](#).

You might also be at risk for illnesses and injuries caused by [extreme heat](#); [toxic embedded fragments](#); [noise](#); [infectious diseases](#); and [occupational \(job-related\) hazards](#). There are also possible side effects of [vaccinations](#) and [pyridostigmine bromide \(PB\)](#), an anti-nerve agent pill used as a pretreatment to protect military personnel in the event of an attack with the nerve agent soman.

If you believe you are at risk (1) talk to your primary health care provider or your local VA environmental health coordinator about any health concerns related to your military service. [Find your local VA environmental health coordinator](#). (2) Ask about getting a free exam and joining these registries to document your exposures and health concerns: [The Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry](#); [The Gulf War Registry](#); [The Ionizing Radiation Registry](#). (3) Find out if you can get disability compensation (monthly payments) and other benefits if you have an illness or injury caused—or made worse—by your active-duty service. See if you qualify for disability benefits due to [Gulf War illness](#) or [contact with hazardous materials](#).



Post Notes

Take the online [Basic Training Course](#) on the [National](#) website.

Please take time to visit or call our members who are sick and shut-in. They must not be forgotten.

Please remember to clean your own areas at the Post. Personal

responsibility and discipline will help keep all of us safe.

Membership for 2021-2022 is currently due. We achieved 100% membership for 2020-2021, so keep up the good work, and please make every effort to pay your dues in a timely fashion.



We have 90th Anniversary shot glasses on sale. \$3 each and 3 for \$10 (It's a fundraiser!)

The Scoop salutes ...

all the members of our [Post #19](#) family whose donations and **volunteer** work helped make Anniversary Week and Open House successful;

all the women of our [Post #19](#) family who provided a very special Father's Day meal for the men; a whole lot of food and love;

Baltimore District Commander Reggie Baker and the outgoing officers of the Baltimore District Council for dedicated service in a difficult year.

Sick Call

Louis Hardy
Freda Holley
Jimmy Johnson
Marlin Johnson
Kim McCoy
Verlon Mills
Emmett Pope
Warren Scott
Lincoln Stokes

New Members

Thomas Bailey
Tabitha Laws