

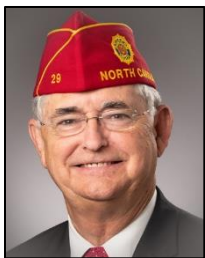


# The Legion Scoop

Newsletter for the American Legion Federal Post #19  
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## Comrade James Oxford elected as National Commander

On August 29, 2019, the 101<sup>st</sup> National Convention of the American Legion held in Indianapolis elected



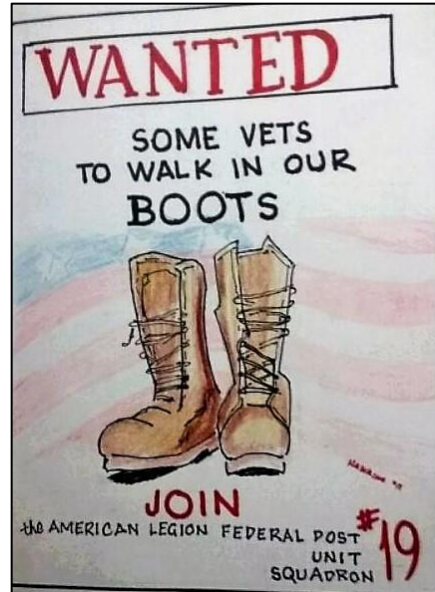
Comrade James W. "Bill" Oxford, 33 years old, a Legionnaire, Marine, Vietnam veteran, as elected National Commander. A resident of Lenoir,

NC, Oxford is a life member and past commander of [Charles Dysart Post #29](#) in Lenoir, North Carolina.

"First and foremost, I want to thank you for electing me as your 2019-2020 national commander. I look forward to working alongside the Legion Family as we move into our second century of service, and I am excited to see what the year holds for this great organization of ours."

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"As you may know, national commanders oftentimes have projects that they support during their year. From now until the end of December, my commander's project will be The American Legion's 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin series. Proceeds from coin sales will



help fund American Legion programs that support veterans, service members, their families, and the communities in which they live. Coin sales end Dec. 31."

"Those centennial coins make great gifts and American Legion memorabilia. To make a purchase or for more information about the centennial coins, visit [www.legion.org/coin](http://www.legion.org/coin) or call 800-872-6468."



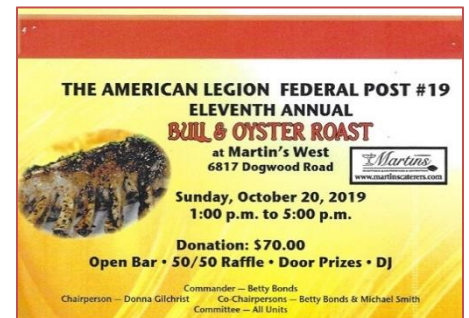
"Then, in January, my emphasis will shift to fundraising for The American Legion Veterans and Children's Foundation. All contributions to the foundation go directly to the Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance program and to Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation efforts—primarily training for American Legion service officers who work tirelessly to help veterans and families understand their health-care benefits, education, and employment opportunities."

**General Meeting  
Sun, Oct 6, 4 pm  
at the Post**

"As we think about who we are and what we do as stakeholders, as the future of this organization, we are building the foundation for the future of the organization for the next 100 years."

"We have a great team, and we will continue to have a great team. When we think about all the things that we do, that team makes it possible to accomplish those things."

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull and Oyster Roast scheduled for October 20

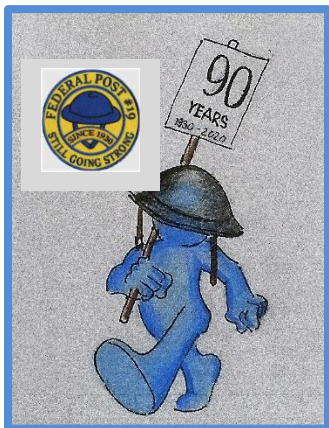


On Sunday, October 20, [Post #19](#) will sponsor our Eleventh Annual Bull and Oyster Roast at Martin's West from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Last year's affair was a huge success, and this year, we expect it to be even better. The buffet style menu includes beef, ham, barbeque ribs and chicken, oysters, clams on the half shell, a variety of pasta and vegetables, an assortment of desserts, coffee and tea, and much more including a premium

top-shelf open bar with cold beer on tap.

Tickets are \$70.00 and are currently available. For ticket information, contact Comrade Donna Gilchrist (443-255-0665), chair or Comrades Betty Bonds (443-621-6740) and Mike Smith (443-677-8208), co-chairs. Deadline for all monies or tickets is at the October General Meeting, Sunday, October 6.

The affair committee encourages every member to take at least two tickets. Even better, members should take ten tickets and sell a table. Two members could split a table. We need an all-out effort from every member to make this a successful fundraiser so that we can support our four pillars—Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.



Meet  
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Our  
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## Post #19 to visit Wall and other Memorial Sites in DC for Veterans Day

On Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, [Post #19](#) is hosting a bus trip to visit the memorial sites in Washington D.C. Those sites include [Arlington National Cemetery](#), the [World War II Memorial](#), the [Korean War Memorial](#), the [Vietnam War Memorial](#) (The Wall), the [Vietnam Women's Memorial](#), the [Women in the Military Memorial at Arlington](#), and the [MLK, Jr. Memorial](#).

We have seats reserved for the [Veterans Day Observance at the Wall](#)

from 1:00-2:00 pm. The keynote speaker is Brig. General George Price,



USA (Ret.). A Korean and Vietnam War veteran, Price served as Chief of Staff, 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Army in a career that spanned 27 years. The

Vietnam Women's Memorial Speaker is Marsha Four, who received the Bronze Star while serving as a U.S. Army nurse in Vietnam.

This year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Three Servicemen Statue and the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the In-Memory Plaque for veterans who returned home and died from war related causes. After the ceremony, we will visit Cook-Pinkney Post 141 in Annapolis for food, drink, and camaraderie. Buses leave [Post #19](#) at 9 am sharp. Donations are \$45, and for more info, contact 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Harriett Gross.

## Post #19 Family presents Trunk or Treat for Children

On Halloween, Thursday, October 31, members of the [Federal Post #19](#) Family will be presenting a "Trunk or Treat for Children." The event will be held at Madison Av and Mosher St across from the Post from 5:00-7:30. The event will provide less walking for little kids, a safer environment for Halloween, and fun for everyone!

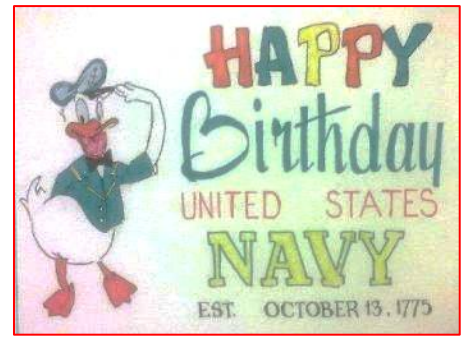
If you want to turn the trunk of your car into a spookfest or if you would like to make a donation, contact event coordinators Dwayne Washington, Lasharan Wallace, or Betty Bonds. More important, let's keep our kids safe, so please bring them by so that can trick or treat from trunk to trunk.



Federal Post #19 Commander Betty Bonds swears in new Comrade Ricky Jenkins at the Initiation Ceremony as Comrades look on.



Members of Federal Post #19 Color Guard pose for a picture at their Annual Western Affair.



On October 13, the United States Navy will celebrate its 244<sup>th</sup> Birthday with African Americans serving from its inception. Thus, the [African American Experience in the U.S. Navy](#) has a long tradition. Unlike the Continental Army, which originally banned African Americans, the Continental Navy recruited African Americans, both free and enslaved, at the outbreak of the American Revolution.

Today's U.S. Navy is diverse, and African Americans comprise 17-19% of the One Navy Team. They are fully integrated into the Navy, and their ideas, experiences, perspectives,

**Membership Due Now!**

capabilities, and skill sets help to ensure the safety of our nation. *The Scoop* would like to salute all the men and women of the Navy, active duty and veterans, who have served our nation. One free drink for Post #19 Navy vets on Sunday, Oct 13.



## Bulletin for Auxiliary Unit #19

### Nicole Clapp elected National President of American Legion Auxiliary

At the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) 99<sup>th</sup> National Convention held Aug 23-29 in Indianapolis, Nicole Clapp of Gladbrook, Iowa, was elected



National President of the ALA. A 44-year Paid Up for Life member of Ehrig-McTurk ALA Unit 127, Gladbrook, Iowa,

Clapp is eligible for membership through the service of her grandfather, Roger Schroeder, who served in the Navy during World War II.

Clapp joined the ALA as a Junior member at age four. She has held numerous leadership positions in the organization at the unit, district, department, and national levels. At the national level, she served as 1987-1988 ALA honorary National Junior President and chaired many committees and served special appointments.

"I feel very humbled and honored to represent us in our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, and to be the first honorary National Junior President to have life come full circle by becoming the National President," Clapp said.

Clapp's journey in the ALA started because she wanted to hand out poppies in exchange for donations. The little red flower is

what attracted Clapp to the ALA, but its mission is why she stayed. "As a Junior member, I enjoyed how I felt each time I went to visit veterans and saw the smiles on their faces. I still have that same feeling while serving our mission," Clapp said.

### Federal Unit #19 to honor breast cancer survivors



October is Breast Cancer Awareness, and on Wednesday, October 23, Unit #19 will honor all cancer survivors at the Post beginning at 6 pm. They will be serving light refreshments and along with providing small gifts to our survivors. Please let Committee Chair Pat Moore or Committee members Gina Jones and Trishera "Tee" Diggs know if you can donate food, paper goods, tablecloths, and so forth. And don't forget to WEAR PINK.



Members of Federal Unit #19 join Unit President Gina Jones at her recent retirement party.

### ATTENTION ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS

You may have received or will be receiving a 2020 Membership Renewal Notice from National in the

mail. In that correspondence the RETURN TO: address was printed incorrectly! PLEASE DO NOT MAIL ANY MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS TO THAT ADDRESS. If you want to PAY YOUR DUES, please pay on line, give to me directly, or place in our mailbox at the Post. Thank You! Shelleyarlene Scott, 1st Vice shelleyarlene41@gmail.com #ALASTRONG



Members of ALA Federal Unit #19 serve donuts to first responders on National Donut Day.



### A Word from the Sons

### Squadron #19 Commander

### Dwayne Washington leads fashion crew for Cancer Foundation

On Friday, October 18, the Fight for Life Cancer Foundation is hosting its first annual Fashion Show at East

Baltimore Elks Lodge #1043, 2008 Harford Rd., 8 pm to closing.



Commander Washington's Post

#19 Crew is being challenged to a fashion throwdown by SAL Comrade

Donnell Hughes' Elks Lodge #1043 Crew.

Members of Fight for Life want everyone to come out and party with them to support our loved one who suffer from this deadly disease called CANCER. There will be a light buffet while it last and parking on the courthouse lot. Donations are \$10, and for ticket info, contact Washington (410-622-2864) or Hughes (443-889-0825).

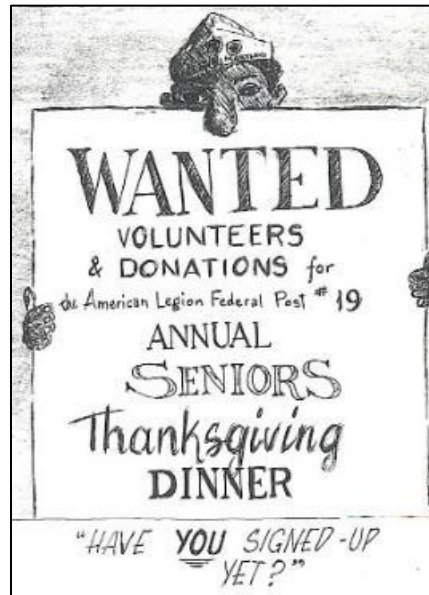
## Clint Bolt elected SAL National Commander

SAL Comrade Clint Bolt was elected national commander of the Sons of The American Legion in Indianapolis, IN during the 48th national convention of the Sons of The American Legion. A 21-year member of [John Sudduth Squadron #72](#), Warrenton, VA. Commander Bolt is a past National Vice Commander. He has served his squadron and detachment at all levels and is most proud of the detachment scholarship program he started in 2003.

"I'm excited for the organization," says Bolt. "I see great horizons for us, especially in membership because of the passage of The Legion Act. I think this will open up doors for us. Membership is Job One, always has been and always will be. My goal is 400,000 members this year."

"I've got a half million-dollar goal for the Child Welfare Fund (CWF). We have reached that before and I think we can do it again. The other big area I want us to concentrate on is the Veteran and Children's Fund, formerly known as the Endowment Fund. I was so proud earlier this year when The Legion stood up and helped out more than 3,000 children and more than 1,100 members of the U.S. Coast Guard."

## Post Notes



Senior and Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner, Sat, Nov 23, 1-5 pm.

We will soon have tickets for our Annual Building Fund Christmas Raffle with all proceeds going to help repair our Post home.

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 help keep the Post clean, clearing tables, getting up spills, and generally policing the building.

*The Scoop* salutes ...

all the members of the Post #19 family who volunteered their time, money, and energy to make the Wine and Cheese Social Gathering a success;

Unit #19 member Sandra Titus for her wonderful displays on the ALA bulletin board;

Apocalypse Lodge 4 AF & AM for their generous donation to the Back to School Block Party.



Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 4-8 pm, Jazz at the Post with

The Lifetime Band

## Our Comrades and Friends

Zorah Elliott Temple #77 Annual Bull and Oyster Roast, Sat, Oct 5, 2-6 pm, 2008 Harford Rd., \$50.

Northeastern Post #285 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Black and White Affair, Oct 19, 5-9 pm, 2324 McElderry St., \$40.

The [ALA Department](#) Fall Conference, October 25, 26, 27, Grand Hotel and Spa, Ocean City,

Baltimore District and Spriggs Post #294 Pre-Thanksgiving Showdown, Fri, Nov, 1, 8-12 pm, 4602 McClean Blvd., \$18 adv, \$25 at the door.

James Mosher Little League 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, Fri, Nov 1, 8-12 pm, Martin's West, \$100.

## Sick Call

Wendell Garland  
Bennie Griffin  
George Harvey  
Emmett Pope  
Warren Scott  
Thomas Wiggins

*Squadron Everlasting*



Raymond Queen, Sr.