

# THE TURNER TIMES

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

First of all let me wish you all a Happy New Year. And hope you all had a wonderful Xmas with your families. But now we need to start off the new year off right.

Our Post has a few events coming up in the next two months. On Feb 2nd the lounge will hold a Super Bowl Party. The cost and the food are being work on and a flyer will be posted with the details soon. On Valentine's Day we will be having a special Friday night dinner. The Music for that night will be Jerry and the Heartaches. I am looking to cook either Prime Rib or Lobster Tail. I will post the dinner menu at a later date. Our post has the Honor to host the 5th Annual Bluegrass Marathon Jam the 22nd of Feb. 12pm to 12am. We need volunteers to work in the kitchen and the back bar. See Mac if you can give up a few hours of your time to volunteer for this event.

The Post has a Oratorical Contestant this year to represent our post. MS. Naudia Porter is Post 276 contestant. I am honored to have Naudia represent our post and the American Legion.

I need to thank a few members around the post. Don and Scott for bartending, so the bartenders can have off during the holidays to spend time with their families. Mac and Arbo and their crew for the great job they did with the Breakfast with Santa. And Scott for getting the News Letter out on time. Chris and Phil for keeping up with the Membership. And to Chaplin Mike for going out of his way to welcome our Military home when they come in to BWI. Our Chaplin takes his job to heart and we all need to thank him for this. He does our post proud and most of all what American Legion is about.

I have a few members who like to come to me with concerns about the post. Most of the time they have been in the lounge drinking that day they want to talk to me. I will not talk to anyone or discuss Legion matters if you have been drinking that day. If is important that you talk to me, talk to me before you take that first drink.

In closing we all need to remember why we are here. For our Veterans and their Families. To support our Military and their Families, not just during the holidays but all year long. We all need to remember that we are a American Legion Post not private club as some members believe. God Bless America and may our Military return home to their love ones safe. God Bless them all

My Honor to Serve  
Andrew  
Commander Post 276



## First Vice Commander

Legionnaires,

Membership is coming along nicely but there is still work to do. Currently, we have 77% of our goal in renewals and new members. We have been adding 8 to 13 new members a month. I feel that we can do better and be the leader of the pack in getting our membership numbers up. Keep bringing in those new members.

The early bird party was a great success and I would like to thank Andrew for the amazing food and support. Thank you all who made this party a success.

I also would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who made Breakfast with Santa a success. A special thanks goes to Mac, Mike Arbogast, and Scott Payne for their kitchen work. We had 108 hungry mouths to feed and they made it happen. It was great to see the Legion, Sons, and Auxiliary working together to make this event a great success.

In Legion Service,

Chris

### **Notice**

The WNG J (Wednesday Night Garage Jammers) will hold their 5th Annual "Mostly Bluegrass" Marathon Jam on Saturday, February 22nd, 2014, from noon til midnight, at the American Legion Post 276, 8068 Quarterfield Rd, Severn MD 21144. This is a 12-hour marathon jam session to benefit Fisher House Foundation.

This Jam Session will be held simultaneously with several other cities across the US. This is the 11th year for the Marathon Jam and the 5th year for Baltimore. The Baltimore Marathon Jam has raised over \$75,000 in it's 4 years of existence for Fisher House. Other musicians, especially active military, are welcome to come sit in with the jam for as long as they like (acoustic instruments only please). The public is also invited to come and enjoy the music. Free admission. Come stay an hour .. or two .. or ten. You'll hear some great music and it will help us raise money for a great cause.

See page 5 for more details

### **Another Notice**

Because of the 12 hour Marathon Jam being held on the 22nd of February, the Post Breakfast for February will be served on the 3rd Sunday (16th) vice the 4th Sunday (23rd).

Please mark your calendars for both events.

# AUXILIARY UNIT 276



Greetings to the American Legion Family,

Hope everyone had a joyful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Breakfast with Santa was a great success with 108 attendees, 50 attendees were Active Duty families!

Santa was his Jolly old self and the children enjoyed his visit as well as gifts. Children were mesmerized by the Magician's entertainment. A great time for all!

Now that the Holidays have passed everything seems to be slowing down, it's a good time to reflect and rejuvenate.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> the Legion will be hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamboree; all proceeds benefit The Fisher House.

Twelve hours of continuous music (12pm-12am). All welcome to bring your instrument and play along, or just stop by for some great food and music. Free admission, lots of raffles items on display to win.

Membership is not going so well, Southern Maryland is in last place. Please ask your friends, neighbors, and anyone that might be eligible, to join the Auxiliary to sign up, only \$20.00 per year! Also those who have not paid their 2014 dues yet, please do so.

## ALA's COUPON CLIPPING PROGRAM TO BENEFIT MILITARY FAMILIES STATIONED OVERSEAS.

**WHAT KIND OF COUPONS?** Any manufacturer's coupons that you would clip from your local newspaper or magazines which you do not plan to use yourself

**EXCEPT:** Those which can only be used in U.S. stores (e.g., not TARGET, McDonald's, or those specified for use only in a specific grocery chain or drug store).

If you wish to **exclude products** we understand are not honored by the commissaries - a list is included. However, the list was generated a few years ago by the commissary that no longer accepts coupon shipments and may be outdated. We exclude them from our program because we don't want to send something that may not be useful.

**WHAT ABOUT EXPIRATION DATES?** Coupons can be used (in overseas commissaries only) up to six months past the expiration date. However, we exclude any that are over 3 months past the date to allow for shipping and handling delays.

**MUST THEY BE CLIPPED?** Yes. The commissaries do not have staff to clip them and the extra paper involved will increase your cost of mailing dramatically.

**KEEPING TRACK:** Bring those coupons to the Auxiliary meetings, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month starting at 7:00pm, so we can send them in.

For God & Country  
Linda Starlings, Unit President

### Chaplain News Nov-Dec 2013

Were you ready for Christmas? Christmas is a holiday that I have always enjoyed. As a boy, my family, aunts, uncles, grandparents and cousins always came together over the holidays for a celebration to visit and enjoy the company of those that we may only see but once a year. However, during my Navy career, some of the loneliest times experienced were during the holidays. My first 6 years (1976-82) were years spent overseas and/or at sea and being on the lower end of the pay scale, I could not afford to fly home. Though, of course thankful that I was not in a war zone, it was still a very sad time for me since it was the first time I was ever away from family at Christmas. As we go through the holiday season let us remember our military and veterans. Many are away from their family and live in places that do not allow for their loved ones to come together. If you know of a military person or veteran that is alone, invite them to share Christmas with you and your family. It will truly be a rewarding experience for you.

Speaking of rewarding experiences, earlier this month, I volunteered to welcome our troops returning from war through *Operation Welcome Home Maryland*. Each week, hundreds of our Sailors, Airmen, Soldiers and Marines return from the War on Terror through the gates of BWI airport. It felt terrific to shake the hands and tell as many of the troops as I could of how proud I was of them and giving them the hero's welcome they truly deserve.

If you are interested in volunteering for this, here is the link to this wonderful and rewarding experience. Events happen almost daily!

<http://www.operationwelcomehomemd.org/>

Finally, I need to make a correction in the Post Everlasting section of the last newsletter where I incorrectly spelled Sonny Boteler's last name. My apologies to family and friends of Sonny!



Chaplain Mike



We are always looking for new members for each of the organizations associated with our Post.

Please recommend your friends that may be eligible.





# 5TH ANNUAL MOSTLY BLUEGRASS

## MARATHON JAM



### FREE ADMISSION



*Donations accepted and appreciated.*

**12pm - 12am**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014**

**American Legion Post 276**

**8068 Quarterfield Rd,  
Severn, MD 21144**

**ALL**

**MUSICIANS,**

**SINGERS,**

**& TOE-TAPPERS**

**WELCOME**

*Acoustic Instruments  
Only Please!*

All proceeds will go to  
**FISHER HOUSE™ FOUNDATION**  
Providing a "home away from home" for military families,  
allowing them to be close to a loved one during  
hospitalization for an illness, disease or injury.

**12 HOURS OF  
NON-STOP MUSIC!**

**GREAT FOOD**

**COLD BEVERAGES**

**SILENT AUCTION**



Hosted by the  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
GARAGE JAMMERS**

[www.meetup.com/marathonjam](http://www.meetup.com/marathonjam)

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO:  
MDIAM4FISHERHOUSE@COMCAST.NET  
OR NEIL @ 443-875-8797



# January 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Happy New Year!	2 Executive Board Meeting 7pm	3 Baby Back Ribs 6-8 Karaoke in Lounge	4
5	6	7 Boy Scouts 7pm	8 Steak Subs 5:30-7:30	9 Gen Mbshp 7pm Aux Mtg 7pm	10 1/2 Baked Chicken 6-8	11 OBs
12	13 Roast Beef w Fries & Gravy 5:30-7:30	14 Boy Scouts 7pm	15	16 ALR Mtg 7pm Blue Knights	17 Dinner 6-8 Karaoke in Lounge	18 Submariners in the Lounge
19	20 Martin Luther King Day	21 Boy Scouts 7pm	22 Steak Subs 5:30-7:30	23 DAV 7pm	24 Spaghetti, salad & roll 6-8	25
26 Breakfast 9-12 SAL Mtg 12:30	27 Roast Beef w Fries & Gravy 5:30-7:30	28 Boy Scouts 7pm	29	30	31 Past Commander's Dinner 6-8 Karaoke in Lounge	

Not all of this month's Friday dinner menus are available at this time.

# February 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Super Bowl Party in Lounge	3	4 Boy Scouts 7pm	5 Steak Subs 5:30-7:30	6 Executive Board Meeting 7pm	7 Roast Pork 6-8 Karaoke in Lounge	8 OBs
9	10 Roast Beef w Fries & Gravy 5:30-7:30	11 Boy Scouts 7pm	12	13 Gen Mbshp 7pm Aux Mtg 7pm	14 Happy Valen- tines Day Special Dinner 6-8 Jerry & the Heartaches	15 Submariners in the Lounge
16 Sunday Breakfast 9-12	17 President's Day	18 Boy Scouts 7pm	19 Steak Subs 5:30-7:30	20 ALR Mtg 7pm  Blue Knights	21 Dinner 6-8 Karaoke in Lounge	22 Marathon Jam Noon to Midnight (See page 5 for details)
23 SAL Mtg 12:30pm	24 Roast Beef w Fries & Gravy 5:30-7:30	25 Boy Scouts 7pm	26	27 DAV 7pm	28 Sausage, peppers onions & beans 6-8	

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## The American Legion Membership Application

_____ (Name)			_____ (Phone)
_____ (Mailing Address)			_____ (Date)
_____ (City)	_____ (State)	_____ (Zip)	_____ (Post #)
_____ (Membership ID# former member)	_____ (Email Address)		_____ (Dues)

**Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 2, 1990 – cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Government | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989 – Jan. 31, 1990   | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984   | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975   | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955   | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946  | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41 – 12/31/46 (only eligibility) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917 – Nov 11, 1918  |   |



I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

_____ Signature of applicant	_____ Name of recruiter
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## Hall Rentals

Do you have an event coming up? Remember that the Post 276 Hall is available for you. Big or small, we can help. We offer special pricing for Post members and full catering can be arranged. This is one of your membership benefits so be sure to take advantage of it.

Call 410-969-8028, and ask for the 2nd Vice Commander, Mac Machiela for more information.