

NEWSLETTER

"May we think of Freedom not as the right to do as we please but, the opportunity to do what is right"
– Peter Marshall

Commander's column

June ended up being both an interesting and a great month for the Post in many ways. Let me relate a few stories about why I say this.

Following up on Memorial Day, the Post entered the summer months unsure of what to expect from sales in the Social Quarters. During the summer many members take vacation out of town. However, this year, food and beverage sales remained strong in June. We appreciate our members supporting the Post. Thank you!

The Post is again hosting the same summer day camp that we had last year. A local company rents the Ballroom during the day and the rental income provides a significant jump in rental income for the Post.

When you see the kids and the adult counselors in the Post at the end of the day, please be kind to them. The Post needs the rental income, and helping kids is always a good thing for the Post to support. (Remember the "Children and Youth" Pillar of The American Legion.) The camp will continue through July.

For the last 3.5 years the Post rented the Ballroom on Sunday mornings for a new church in Smyrna. Pastor Herb Zabel and his wife Michelle started TRU/2:42 Church. They have been a great partner with us and have helped the Post in several ways. You may have seen them in the Post for Music Bingo or other events.

In May, Pastor Zabel informed us that he has been called to move to Virginia to lead a church there. TRU/2:42 Church last met at the Post on Sunday 1 June. The Zabels move to Virginia in a few weeks.

The Zabels mentioned they wished to make a donation to the Post before they left, in appreciation for all that we do. We tried to dissuade them, to no avail.

Pastor Zabel's donation, made in June, totaled over \$10,000!

Commander's Column Cont'd

Wow! Totally unexpected, and very generous, to say the least. If you get a chance to see the Zabels before they move, please thank them for this kind gift. For now, we've put all the money into the Post savings account.

And let's not forget Club Manager Rodney Turner, who also made a donation to the Post. At the June General Membership meeting, Rodney came into the meeting and we thanked him for his gift that day of \$1,000 made in honor of his late parents.

Both donors now have a plaque on the foyer wall acknowledging their donation to the Post.

Donations make up a large part of the Post's operating budget each year. The Post needs donations to continue operating. If you know of a potential corporate or individual donor, please reach out to them.

Many of our members also make personal donations. Large or small, all donations are helpful and will be acknowledged and appreciated.

As most of you know, I served the past Legion Year (LY) as the 5th District Commander. It was a very rewarding job. I enjoyed helping other Posts and working with their members.

The new 5th District Commander is the former Senior Vice Commander for Villa Rica Post 70, James Watson. Let's all support and help James as he takes up this new challenge.

Appreciation is also due to Executive Committee Member Greg Gamble who returns to the 5th District as the Senior Sergeant At Arms. Member Tommy Cannon also remains as the 5th District POW / MIA Committee Chair. Thank you Greg and Tommy!

Post 160 will host the 5th District Installation Ceremony on Saturday, 20 July at 1300 hours in the Ballroom, followed by a lunch meal. All members are welcome to attend.

June ended with the Department of Georgia's Annual Convention in Gwinnett County. Several of our members attended the event. For the first time in a long time, Post 160 now has more than a member or two who will serve or who will continue to serve on a Department Committee.

The 5 members of Post 160 who are on a Department Committee for LY 2025 are:

- Maher Abed (Employment),
- Rhoda Basey (Chair of POW / MIA),
- Tommy Cannon (POW / MIA),
- Eustacia McCloud Carter (American Legion Female Access), and
- Bill Lienhop (Chair of Resolutions / Credentials).

We appreciate these Legionnaires stepping forward and volunteering to help the Department. This is more great visibility for Post 160 and what we can bring to the Department.

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I ran for election at the Department Annual Convention for one of 5 Department Vice Commander positions. I was blessed with strong support across the state, and I won that election.

I am humbled to serve the Department in this new role. I promise to do my best. I want to thank Past Department Commander Bill Lienhop for all of his help and mentorship over many years. Without Bill's support, I would not be in this position.

I also want to recognize Unit 160 member Cheryl Waybright on her election to serve as the Department President for the American Legion Auxiliary. Congratulations! Well done! It has been a very long time, if ever, that the 160 Legion Family had 2 Department-level Officers at the same time.

As I have said many times, the members here are as good as, if not better, than those anywhere. The 160 Legion Family needs to get used to "Leading The Way" (as per the Army Ranger motto) in the Department of Georgia on all kinds of things. Let's be the Post, Unit and Squadron that all others aspire to be like.

I also return for another year as your Post Commander. I am honored to serve in this role for what will be my 8th year. Eight years as Commander is the longest period in Post 160 history. I thank you all for your support and help. Teamwork makes everything possible. I appreciate the great Executive Committee members who work hard to help the Post.

Remember that the Post will install the new Officers on Saturday 27 July. (Note: The new Officers assumed their duties as of the close of the Department Convention. The Post Installation Ceremony is just that, ceremonial.)

We will have a no-cost dinner in the Ballroom at 1800 hours, followed by the Installation Ceremony at 1900 hours. Afterward we will adjourn to the Social Quarters for camaraderie. All members and their spouse or a guest are welcome to attend. Your children are welcome. Donations towards the cost of the dinner are appreciated.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and enjoyable summer. Let's make LY 2025 the best ever for the Post.

For God and Country

Wade S. Lnenicka
American Legion Department of Georgia
5th District Commander
Commander Post 160
Candidate for Department Vice Commander

Senator Jon Ossoff Speaks at Department Annual Convention

Saturday morning, 29 June, the Department of Georgia was honored to host US Senator Jon Ossoff as the Keynote Speaker.

Senator Ossoff spoke about the many legislative efforts that he and his staff have made to help Veterans. He recited numerous pieces of legislation that he co-sponsored specifically to help Veterans in many areas.

Senator Ossoff remarked that most of this legislation is co-sponsored by members across the political aisle. He noted that his style is not to engage in cable tv shows attacking members of the other party. Rather, he seeks to focus on the work at hand, which in his mind is to serve the people of Georgia.



After the speech, he spent about 20 minutes in a Q & A session with the Legionnaires. He responded to every question.

Many of us were reminded of the style of well-known previous Senators and Congressmen from Georgia, to include Max Cleland, Sam Nunn and Johnny Isackson, to name a few. They worked with all of their colleagues to get the people's work done. They were work horses, not show horses.

When questions came up about the VA, Senator Ossoff called upon some VA staff members who were present to come up to the podium. He had them answer the questions and complaints that were voiced. The Legionnaires appreciated his holding the VA accountable for making improvements.

At the Department Convention Senator Ossoff's staff set up a Constituent Services table where they met and got information from Legionnaires about problems and issues where they needed help. This was perhaps the most valuable service the Senator and his staff provided that day.

After the Senator's speech, he spent almost 45 minutes outside the Ballroom meeting with every Legionnaire who wished to speak to him. Photos were taken of all who met with him. No one was turned away.

Out of the 55 Departments in the American Legion, only Georgia had a sitting US Senator as its Keynote Speaker. Congratulations to Team Georgia for a job well done!



Questions & Concerns



CHILDREN IN THE SOCIAL QUARTERS

From time to time a question or issue arises about whether or not children are permitted in the Social Quarters. Here are the rules and guidelines about this subject for everyone's general knowledge.

This matter is governed by the House Rules Policy adopted by the Post Executive Committee on 20 December 2016. First, under Section I, A. Definitions, it states (in part):

2. Social Quarters: Includes the Club Room/Lounge/Bar, hallways, restrooms and the Post Grounds.

5. Management (Manager on Duty): As applied to the House Rules, shall refer to the Junior Vice Commander - Lounge on Duty, Club Manager, or the senior Post 160 officer present.

6. House Committee: Is the committee appointed by the Post Commander, in accordance with the Post Bylaws, to oversee the operations of the Social Quarters.

7. Minor: Is any person under the age of 21 in accordance with Georgia State Law.

8. Guest: Is anyone who is not a member of Post 160 or a member in good standing of any other American Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit, and Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron or the American Legion Riders (ALR).

9. Misconduct: Any infraction or violation of the Post 160 House Rules listed herein.

13. House Rules: Rules of conduct, dress, and behavior apply equally to all persons on the Post premises. House Rules are established by the Executive Committee with the approval of the General Membership.

14: Authority: The Constitution and Bylaws of Post 160 are the final authority on any matter covered by the Constitution and Bylaws. In areas not covered by the Constitution and Bylaws, these House Rules shall govern.

Under Section I B Persons Permitted in the Social Quarters, it states (in part):

1. Except as stated elsewhere in these rules, the following persons shall be admitted:

a. Any member of The American Legion showing his/her current American Legion card and his/or her spouse or significant other.



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- b. Any member of The American Legion Auxiliary showing their current card and his/her spouse or significant other.
 - c. Any member of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron showing his current card and his spouse or significant other.
 - e. Minor children/grandchildren of any member stated above, during authorized times, and when accompanied by the member.
 - f. No pets are allowed except for valid service animals.
2. A member in good standing of Post 160 shall be allowed to bring guests into the Social Quarters at any time. All guests will be signed in by their sponsor, in the "Sign In Log", at the bar. (Note: This log is now kept in the foyer.)
- b. Members shall be wholly responsible for the conduct of their guests. The Executive Committee, as appropriate, will address issues resulting from guest's misconduct.
4. No unattended minors, under the age of 18, will be permitted in the Social Quarters after 9:00 P.M., except on nights of Special Post functions, or as deemed appropriate by the House or Executive Committee. An adult member must accompany all persons under the age of 18. No persons under the age of 21 will be seated at the bar. No persons under the age of 18 are allowed in the game room without a parent being present at all times. No persons under the age of 18 may play electronic gaming machines, or buy any lottery tickets.

Under Section C Beverages it states (in part):

3. No alcoholic beverages will be served to minors, (persons under the age of 21), nor will they carry any alcoholic beverages to any person in the Social Quarters. Bartenders and servers should always ask for age identification if there is any doubt about the age of the patron. No patron with a red or vertical Georgia Driver's License will be served.

The important points that I want to convey to our members and guests are these:

Children are allowed in the Social Quarters up to 9 PM. The American Legion is a family-friendly space, and we should welcome all of the family members to the Post.

Children must be under the supervision of an adult or their parent(s). And,

No minors under the age of 21 are allowed to sit at the bar, in accordance with State Laws and Regulations.

The Vice Commander Lounge is empowered and responsible for enforcing these House Rules. In the absence of the Vice Commander Lounge, the Club Manager or any Post Officer may exercise these responsibilities.

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Members and guests may not confront other members or guests about our House Rules. Bring any concerns to the attention of the Vice Commander Lounge, the Club Manager, or any other Post Officer who is present. They will handle the situation.

Members and guests should comply with all lawful directives of the above Post representatives. Failure to do so may subject the person to Post disciplinary action.

I hope this clears up any confusion that any of our members may have. Thank you,

Wade Lnenicka
Post Commander





Leadership in the Legion

The Department of Georgia's Newly Elected Officers

Jim Fultz	Commander
Michael Schwartz	Sr. Vice Commander
Phil Youngblood	NEC
Randy Goodman	ALT NEC
Gary Ely	Vice Commander
James Felton	Vice Commander
Tania Griffin	Vice Commander
Wade Lnenicka	Vice Commander
Thomas Pinkney	Vice Commander
Raymond Rollins	Treasurer

Jim Fultz

Department of Georgia

Commander

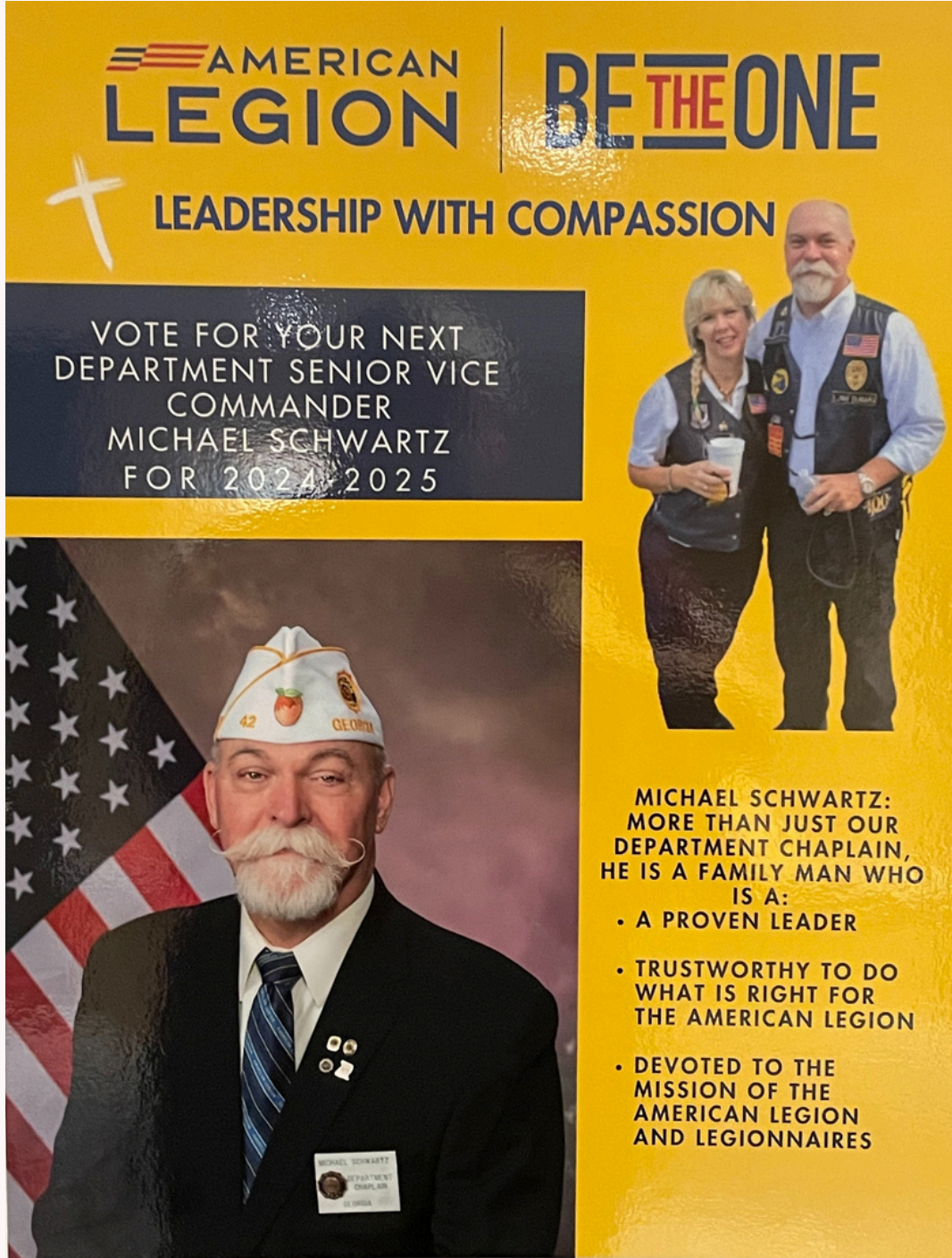


Your New Department of Georgia Commander James Fultz takes the oath of office from former National Vice Commander Patricia Harris of North Carolina. This took place on Sunday morning, 30 June 2024, at the Department An Convention. Looking on at the left is his granddaughter Harlem Grange and wife Thea Fultz who presented Commander Fultz with his new Legion cover.

Michael Schwartz

Department of Georgia

Senior Vice Commander



A yellow poster for the American Legion. At the top left is the American Legion logo with the text "AMERICAN LEGION" and a stylized American flag. To the right is the slogan "BE THE ONE" in large, bold letters. Below the logo is a white cross and the text "LEADERSHIP WITH COMPASSION". In the center, a dark blue box contains the text "VOTE FOR YOUR NEXT DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER MICHAEL SCHWARTZ FOR 2024-2025". On the right, a photo shows a man and a woman in American Legion vests. At the bottom left, a portrait of Michael Schwartz is shown, wearing a white sailor's cap with "42" and "GEORGIA" on it, a dark suit, and a striped tie. A name tag on his lapel reads "MICHAEL SCHWARTZ DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER DE GEORGIA". To the right of the portrait, text describes him as more than just a department chaplain, a family man, and a proven leader.

AMERICAN LEGION | **BE THE ONE**

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WHAT IS RIGHT FOR
THE AMERICAN LEGION
- DEVOTED TO THE
MISSION OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION
AND LEGIONNAIRES

Michael Schwartz of Cartersville Post 42 was elected as the new Senior Vice Commander for the Department of Georgia. The election took place on Saturday 29 June 2024 at the Department Annual Convention in Gwinnett County. SVC Schwartz served the last several years as the Department Chaplain. He brings a record of strong leadership and is a Veteran of the US Navy.



Wade Lnenicka
Georgia Department
Vice Commander
and
Post 160 Commander



James Watson
Georgia
5th District Commander



100th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



World War II Navy Veteran John R. McClure was honored by his neighbors on his 100th birthday, June 30th, 2024. McClure lives in the Forest Hills neighborhood adjacent to the Post. He was present on D-Day, June 6th, 1944 and he has had many interesting life experiences. Kudos to ALA Unit 160 Chaplain Ramona McCary for helping the neighborhood to honor this deserving Veteran. McClure is a member of Post 160.

Good in our Community



June 22, Executive Board member Michael Cameron supported Boy Scout Troop 11 during their flag retirement ceremony. The ceremony was held at American Legion Post 76.

Remember to return all unserviceable and faded flags to your local American Legion Post or to your local Boy Scout Troop.

what's HAPPENING

Join us

Adopt-A-Mile / Keep Smyrna Beautiful

When: Saturday, July 20

Time 9:00AM - 11:00 AM

Where: Meet at Post 160

(160 Legion Drive, Smyrna, Ga)

Dress comfortably (no open toe shoes)

Bring bottled water



Pictured at the KSB 40th Anniversary picnic: Eloise Holland (Keep Smyrna Beautiful (KSB) Coordinator), Mahal Abed (Vice Commander Post 160), Kingsley Dike (Post 160 KSB and Adopt-A-Mile Chair, Amy and Malia Dike @ Campbell High School student



**Help us keep our
community beautiful**

POST 160 PRESENTS



Saturday, Aug. 24 * 8PM

Music Bingo at 6pm - Karaoke after 10pm - Dress to Boogie!

Screen for:
Carotid Artery Disease
Atrial Fibrillation
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
Peripheral Artery Disease
Plus a FREE Hypertension
screening



Life Line Screening

coming to
Post 160

Wednesday, August 21

**Health
is wealth**

Special pricing for
\$159

Call 888-814-0466

Use promo code

"HSCA001"

Or text

"circle" to

216-279-1607

BAD NEWS

Every 33 seconds, someone dies from cardiovascular disease

4 out of 5 people don't have symptoms before a stroke

GOOD NEWS

80% of strokes and heart disease can be prevented, according to the American Heart Assoc.

Screening is easy, painless and provides peace of mind and early detection

The Post has (3) complimentary certificates that can be used by current (2024 membership card) Legion Family members (only). They will be given out on a first come - first served basis. (Membership has its privileges.)

The certificates are good for 1 individual screening up to \$85 in cost. Or, \$55 can be applied toward any vascular package valued at \$159 or more.

Once you have a complimentary certificate, pre-registration is required.

If you are interested in using one of the complimentary certificates, please contact Post Commander Wade Lnenicka. He will email the certificate.

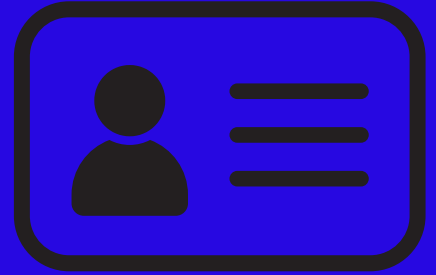
Food Pantry News

The Food Pantry is grateful for the donations of food last month. However, we need to keep those donations coming in. We've designated every Thursday as the day to drop off your donation. Please drop your food donation in the box at the entry of the Social Quarters. It was also determined that we collect monetary donations each quarter at our General Membership meetings. Of course, you can make donations at any time. All food and monetary donations go towards helping Veterans and their families as well as the surrounding community.

Remember, if you're experiencing food insecurity or want to make a donation, you can contact the American Legion Post 160 Food Pantry at post160foodpantry@gmail.com or 770-284-1557, Food Pantry Chair



FYI



Military Retiree and Military Dependent ID Cards | [Military.com](https://www.military.com)

Retirees and military family members who have identification cards with no expiration date can choose to upgrade to the new Next Generation Uniform Services Identification, or USID, cards whenever it's convenient -- as long as it's done within the next four years, according to the Defense Department.

There is no looming deadline for use of those old non-active duty cards without expiration dates, but the department expects to completely phase out and replace them with the next-generation IDs, which are more durable and have enhanced security features, by 2026, Maj. Charlie Dietz, a spokesman, told [Military.com](https://www.military.com).

LEGION
COMIC BOOK, TOY AND ART CONVENTION
AUG 3rd 2024
11-5pm
\$5
KIDS UNDER 10 FREE
COMICS, TOYS, ANIME ARTIST, WRITERS AND MORE.
URBANPOP COMICS COMPANY ART GALLERY
AMERICAN LEGION POST 160
160 LEGION DR.
SMYRNA, GA 30080
SCAN ME
FREE COMIC BOOK FOR EVERY KID WHO ATTENDS w/ A PAID ADMISSION.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 160

PRESENTS



COUNTRY MUSIC



& LINE DANCE LESSONS
Every
Wednesday



Doors open at 4PM
Dancing starts at 6PM



2024

July

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Tuesday, July 9 @ 7:00
Executive Board meeting

Saturday, July 27 @ 7:00
General Membership meeting



We're open on Wednesdays

Every Wednesday - 6:00 Country Line Dancing

Every Thursday Night - 6:30 Trivia

Every Friday Night - 7PM Karaoke with DJ Twitch

Every Saturday - 6PM Music Bingo

Every Saturday - 7:30PM Queen of Hearts drawing

