

NEWSLETTER

It doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle. - General H. Norman Schwarzkopf

Commander's column

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful Spring weather we've had (except for the usual pollen onslaught!). The mild temperatures have been a pleasant surprise.

The Post is busy with all sorts of new and different reasons for you to come and participate.

ALA Unit 160 had a very successful Casino Night fundraiser in April. Final figures are not yet in, but it was a successful event. Funds were raised to support Special Olympics Cobb and Post 160 programs. Thank you Unit 160 for the help! It was a very fun evening for everyone who attended.

It will sound "corny" but my favorite part of the evening was when everything was over. A great team of ALA, SAL and AL members stayed behind to break down, pack up, clean up and get the Ballroom ready for the scheduled church service in the morning. Teamwork makes the dreamwork! I give everyone who helped a hearty "Thank You" and "Well Done!"

The AL staffed a booth at the City of Smyrna Spring Jonquil Festival on the last weekend of April in the downtown area. We represented the American Legion and the Legion Family and met many Veterans and friends of the Post. It is important for us to be present and visible in our community at events like this if we want the community to help and support us.

The Post re-opened on Wednesdays in mid-April and so far it has been a success. There is a limited appetizer menu. Member Zeki (Zach) Ozyimaz is teaching Line Dancing classes during the evening starting at 1800 hours. Classes are free through May. If you want the Post to be open on Wednesdays, please come out and support the Post. The classes are a lot of fun!

In May the Post will serve again as a polling location for the Smyrna Ward 6 precinct. Doing this for our community demonstrates our support for free and fair elections and the democratic process.

The State Election Day is the third Tuesday, 21 May. Be sure to mark this date on your calendars. I strongly believe that no one, NO ONE, has more right to vote and a responsibility to vote than a Veteran! Be sure to vote in each and every election.

Commander's Column Cont'd

Because of the state election, the May Legion Family meetings are all moved up by one week. The Post Executive Committee will meet on the first Tuesday night, 7 May, instead of the normal second Tuesday night. And the Post General Membership meeting will take place on the second Tuesday, 14 May, instead of the normal third Tuesday. Be sure to note this change on your calendar.

At the May General Membership meeting on 14 May the Post will conduct its election for new Officers for the new Legion Year. The new Legion Year starts 1 July. Most current Officers signed up to remain in their current role. I am very grateful for their continued help and support. As of this writing there will be one member running unopposed to become the Sergeant At Arms, and one Executive Committee Member running as a write-in candidate for re-election. (Due to family health issues out of state, she was unable to sign up on the Declaration Board before the close of nominations.) So far, all positions are unopposed.

Past Department Commander Bill Lienhop is again overseeing the election process. Thank you Commander Lienhop for again helping the Post with this important duty! Nominations can be made from the floor, and any candidate so nominated will have to run as a write-in candidate.

There are several elected and appointed positions that remain vacant. If you have an interest in serving the Post members and Veterans in our community, please speak with any Officer. You can be trained on anything that you need to know, and you will be supported by all other current and former Officers.

Speaking of training, Post 160 will host Department of Georgia training for Legion Family Chaplains on Saturday, 11 May. The training is scheduled from 1100 - 1600 hours. The trainers include Department Chaplain Michael Schwartz (candidate for Department Senior Vice Commander) and 5th District Chaplain Clarence Sinkler.

The Post Chaplain 160 is an appointed position that is currently vacant. This Chaplain training will teach anyone all they need to know and do to be successful. We need someone interested in stepping forward for this important role. Anyone can serve as the Post Chaplain who is a Veteran, who has a spiritual presence about them, and who cares about people. The Post needs someone to take this role. Please consider volunteering.

The 5th District Annual Convention takes place on Sunday 19 May at Powder Springs Post 294. The meeting begins at 0930 hours. Election of new District Officers for Legion Year 2025 will take place.

An amendment to the District Constitution and Bylaws will also be voted on. The amendment eliminates the word "Junior" in the title of the 4 District Junior Vice Commanders. Going forward, the District will have a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and four (4) Vice Commanders. This change matches the 5th District with the National, Department of Georgia, and Post 160 Constitution and Bylaws.

Commander's Column Cont'd

All Legionnaires are invited and welcome to attend the District Convention. Learn more about the American Legion, its programs, and how it operates.

Remember the Smyrna Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, 27 May. The Smyrna Ceremony will begin at 0930 hours at the Veterans Memorial in downtown Smyrna, next to City Hall on the Village Green. Post 160 member Dr. Joel Desaulniers is the Keynote Speaker. In case of inclement weather the Ceremony will move indoors at the Smyrna Community Center.

Following the Ceremony, Post 160 will serve a delicious lunch featuring great BBQ and fried fish prepared by Chef David Shoffner. Come have lunch with us, enjoy free entertainment, and the camaraderie of Veterans and their family members.

For Legion Family members with children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. who are graduating from whatever education level around the country, best wishes to everyone for their future success.

Best wishes to everyone. For God and Country,

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



MAY

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER

HERITAGE MONTH

During Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, our Nation celebrates the diversity of cultures, breadth of achievement, and remarkable contributions of these communities; of brave immigrants who, motivated by the promise of possibilities, picked up their lives and found new homes here; of native peoples who have stewarded these lands since time immemorial; and of community leaders shaping a brighter future for us all. Throughout our history, they have represented the bigger story of who we are as Americans and embodied the truth that our diversity is our strength as a Nation.

They have been serving honorably in the United States Military, since the War of 1812. The first Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) to reach general officer rank was Brigadier General Albert Lyman, part Chinese American and Native Hawaiian, was the commanding general of the 32nd Army Division that fought in the Leyte campaigns in the Philippines in World War II. The highest ranking AANHPI in the military was Eric K. Shinseki, who was the former Army Chief of Staff. Currently, the highest ranking Asian Americans in the military are General John F. Campbell and Admiral Harry B. Harris Jr. while the highest Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander is Upper Rear Admiral Peter A. Gumataotao. The highest ranking female Asian American is Air Force Maj. Gen. Sharon K. G. Dunbar.

The first Medal of Honor recipient was US Army Private Jose Nisperos, from the Philippine Scouts Unit for action on September 24, 1911. The only Medal of Honor awarded during peacetime on January 21, 1915 was to Second Class Telesforo Trinidad. Twenty-one of the twenty four Medal of Honor recipients during WWII were Japanese-Americans serving with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team or the 100th Infantry Battalion. In the Korean War, the first Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders, Private First Class Anthony T. Kaho'ohanohano and Private First Class Herbert K. Pililaau were awarded the Medal of Honor for actions on Sept. 1, 1951 and September 17, 1951 respectively. Three Asian Americans were awarded in Vietnam War. A total of 33 Asian American and Pacific Islanders have received this prestigious honor for their actions during war and in peacetime.



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Maggie Gee and Hazel Ying Lee were one of the first two Chinese Americans in the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP). Rear Admiral Eleanor Mariano, MC, USN became the first military woman in appointed White House Physician. In 1994, was named Director of the White House Medical Unit and served as President William Clinton's personal physician. In 2000 she became the first female Filipino American Navy Admiral.

In 1815, General Andrew Jackson notes that Filipinos fought alongside his forces during the famed Battle of New Orleans near the end of the War of 1812. Chinese American John Tomney joins New York Infantry, later dies of wounds at Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. When America entered World War I, Bhagat Singh Thind joined the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged on 16th of December, 1918 and in 1920 applied for U.S. citizenship from the state of Oregon. Since several applicants from India had thus far been granted U.S. citizenship, he too was approved by the district court. However a naturalization examiner appealed this court's decision, and the rest is history. Samuel Amalu, Hawaii's renowned dean of lighthouse keepers, was the keeper of the Kilauea Light Station. Kilauea Light, the northernmost lighthouse in Hawaii, was built in 1913. Shigeo Uchino, a native Hawaiian, began a 30-year career with the Military Intelligence Service in 1945. Uchino was assigned to Korea for one year beginning in October 1950. In addition to earning the Purple Heart, he was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor and the Combat Infantry Badge. Chew-Een Lee, the son of Chinese immigrants, first enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1944 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1946. On Nov. 2-3, 1950, Lee's platoon came under heavy attack. Despite being outnumbered, Lee exposed himself to fire as he personally reconnoitered the area to better re-deploy his machine gun posts within the defensive perimeter. He reorganized his unit and moved up the enemy-held slope. Despite serious wounds, he pressed forward ultimately driving the hostile forces from the area. The Fitafita uniform is a distinctive piece of U.S. Navy and Samoan history. Unlike those who served in the 1st Samoan Marine Battalion during the Second World War, the Fitafita uniform had features of both Samoan culture and common U.S. Navy enlisted personnel.

This month Post 160 recognizes the dedication and sacrifices made by the AANHPI communities and we celebrate the vibrancy, contributions, and future of their efforts across America.

Scholastic Excellence



5th District Commander Wade Lnenicka presents the American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award to USAF ROTC Cadet Ritvik Verma at the Georgia Institute of Technology on 11 April 2024. On that date, Chuck Polk (North Cobb Post 304) and Lnenicka presented a total of 6 American Legion awards, 3 for Military Excellence and 3 for Scholastic Excellence, to cadets enrolled in Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC.

JROTC Awards



Post 160 Executive Committee Member Michael Cameron presents the American Legion Award for Military Excellence to Campbell High School Army JROTC Cadet First Sergeant Kam Torrance.



Post 160 Executive Committee Member Michael Cameron presents the American Legion Award for Academic Excellence to Campbell High School Army JROTC Cadet Major Ahide Espino.

City of Smyrna Spring Jonquil Festival



American Legion Post 160 members participated in meeting Veterans during the City of Smyrna's Jonquil Spring Festival on Saturday 27 April. The Post set up a tent and a table to distribute information about the American Legion and our Legion Family organizations. The effort was organized by Senior Vice Commander Maher Abed. Also participating on Saturday were Commander Wade Lnenicka, Executive Committee Members Greg Gamble and Michael Cameron, Food Pantry Chair - Eustacia McCloud-Carter, IT Officer - Chantay Jones and member Donovan Wade. More volunteers were scheduled to participate on Sunday 28 April. Thanks to everyone who helped!

American Legion Auxiliary

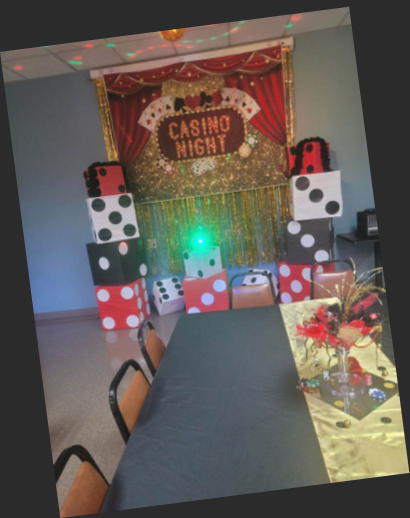


CASINO NIGHT



The American Legion Auxiliary did an outstanding job with this year's "Casino Night" which benefited the Special Olympics Georgia - Cobb County and American Legion Post 160.

Thank you to all those that supported the benefit.



Food Pantry News

Effective this month, there will be a box in the lobby for food donations. We'll collect food donations every Thursday. You can still donate at any time. We'll accept gladly! We'll also have quarterly monetary donations. Stay tuned!

Our next food giveaway will be the weekend before Memorial Day. We provide a much needed service to our Veterans and our local community. The giving of food is the least we can do! Thank you for continued support.

For our veterans and the local community in need. The food pantry provides parishable and non-parishable food item.

Reservations are required.

Post160foodpantry@gmail.com
770-284-1557

A vibrant, stylized illustration of various food items. At the top center, a basket of golden french fries is topped with three fried chicken wings. To the right, a white plate holds three more fried chicken wings. Below these, a large brown pot with a lid is open, revealing a stew with meat, vegetables, and mushrooms. To the left of the pot, a skewer with a pink heart-shaped vegetable and a mushroom is shown. In the center, a metal grill rack contains several pieces of meat and vegetables, including a heart-shaped vegetable and a mushroom. To the right of the grill, a blue fish-shaped grill is shown. Below the grill, a white plate holds a piece of salmon with a heart-shaped vegetable and a mushroom. To the right of the plate, a bottle of yellow mustard with a heart-shaped label and a bottle of red ketchup with a heart-shaped label are shown. At the bottom right, a pink pot with a lid is open, revealing a stew with meat, vegetables, and mushrooms. A blue fish-shaped grill is also shown next to the pot. The background is a solid yellow color.



We are seeking someone to
assume the role of

POST CHAPLAIN



If you would like to be
considered for the position of

Post Chaplain, please speak with a staff member or an Executive Board member.

Religious experience is not required, just a desire to help and serve.

Although we are without a chaplain, we continue to keep our Post family members in
our prayers .

Chaplain Training

A training/refresher course for all interested Chaplains at all levels (Post and District) will be
conducted on Saturday, May 11, 2024. The course will be conducted at Post 160, 160 Legion Dr.,
Symrna, Ga 30080

11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The host and trainers will be Michael Schartz, Department Chaplain and Clarence Sinkler,
Department Assistant Chaplain.

Course agenda will include the role of a chaplain, administrative procedures, 4 Chaplain services and
other duties associated with the role of a chaplain.

Please RSVP to Chaplain Schartz via email at ignitewithfaith@yahoo.com no later than Friday, May 3,
2024.

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“Georgia on my mind”

Smyrna Veterans Committee Memorial Day 2024

Smyrna, Georgia's renowned annual Memorial Day ceremony
Monday, May 27, 2024, at 9:30 AM
Veterans Memorial Park, 2800 King Street

Smyrna's 2024 Memorial Day honors the US Armed force's men and women with a special focus on those who died serving our great nation. The 2024 ceremony will nod to the 80th Anniversary of the June 1944 D-Day Normandy invasion.

You enjoy the Campbell High School JROTC Honor Guard, playing of Taps, a memorial wreath laying ceremony and recognition of all Veterans, vintage military vehicles and equipment displays.

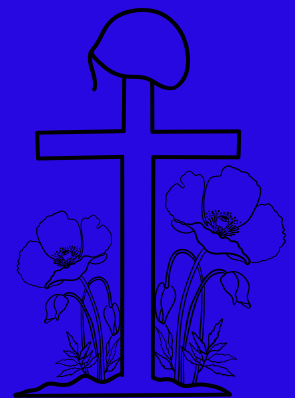
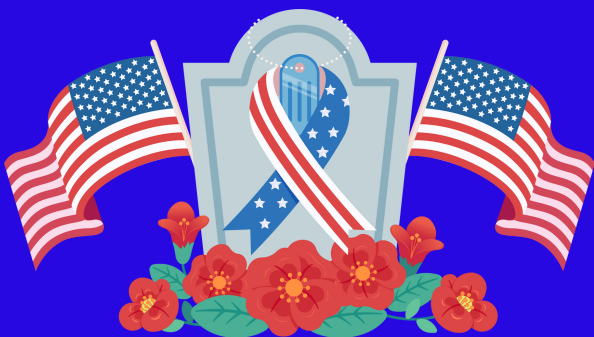
Featured Speaker Dr. Joel Desaulniers served four years in the United States Air Force. He honors all military personnel who died to defend our Country and especially his brother who died as a result of the Vietnam War.

Post-ceremony, the public can buy lunch at the American Legion Post 160's barbeque at 160 Legion Drive, SE, Smyrna GA 30080.

In case of bad weather, the event will be at the Smyrna Community Center.

Sponsors include The City of Smyrna, Smyrna Veterans Committee and American Legion Post 160.

The event and parking are free. Everyone of all ages is invited.



GEORGIA BOYS STATE

Georgia Boys State is a comprehensive one week course in state and local government and is a program of the American Legion Department of Georgia. This year's session will begin on June 9 2024 and conclude June 15 2024, and will be held at Valdosta State University.

Boys State is a “leadership action program” where qualified male high school rising seniors take part in a practical government course. It is designed to develop a working knowledge of the structure of government and to impress upon the citizens the fact that our government is just what we make it.

**Please contact your local
American Legion Post or your
guidance Counselor for more
information.**

For more information visit,

[HTTPS://WWW.DOGBOYSSTATE.ORG/](https://www.dogboysstate.org/)

GEORGIA GIRLS STATE

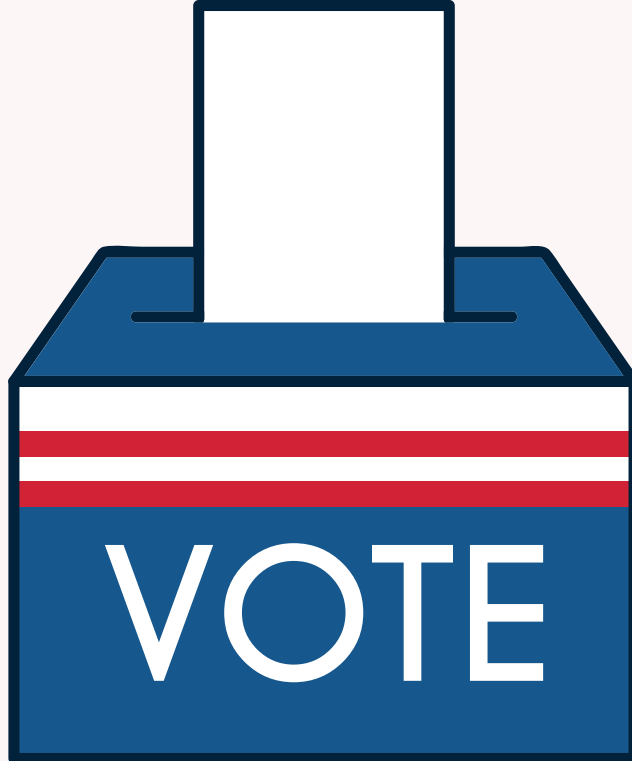
**Interested in learning how to protect your freedoms?
Get in on the Action! Apply right now!**

Girls State is an action packed government simulation program for girls, who will complete their junior year of high school in May 2024. The objective is to provide “hands on” training in city, county, and state government. All levels of government are explored; executive, legislative and judicial. As a citizen you will participate in a variety of activities. Learn the importance of your role in our government. Meet girls from all over the state of Georgia, and establish life-long friendships!

**Please contact your local
American Legion Auxiliary Unit
or your guidance Counselor for
more information.**

For more information visit,

[HTTPS://WWW.GEORGIAGIRLSSTATE.ORG/](https://www.georgiagirlsstate.org/)



Voting Matters

During the General Membership meetings in May, elections will be held for new officers for the new Legion year. Let your voice be heard. Come out and vote.

Our Post will serve this month as a polling location for the Smyrna Ward 6 Precinct

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2024



May						
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Tuesday May 7 @ 7:00 Executive Board meeting			Tuesday May 14 @ 7:00 General Membership meeting			



We're open on Wednesdays

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