

NEWSLETTER

Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world, but the Marines don't have that problem. – Ronald Reagan

Commander's column

July ended with a "bang" for the Post. It was a good month for the Post.

We had our Installation Banquet and Ceremony on Saturday, 27 July. It was well attended, and the Ballroom was full. Chef David Shoffner served up a delicious no-cost meal that everyone enjoyed very much. Club Manager Rodney Turner handled the bar duties in the Social Quarters and oversaw the entire operation. It was all very nicely done.

We had many distinguished guests present, who included:

- Past Department Commander Bill Lienhop (Post 160)
- Past 5th District Commander and current Department Employment Committee Chair Sam Perry (Post 29)
- Past 5th District Commander Al Jackson (Post 291)
- Past 5th District Commander Harold Watkins (Post 160)
- 5th District Commander James Watson (Post 70)
- 5th District Vice Commander Lamar Hester (Post 291)
- 5th District Vice Commander Ben Sinclair (Post 143)
- Past 5th District Vice Commander and current 5th District POW-MIA Committee Chair Tommy Cannon (Post 160)
- Department ALA President Cheryl Waybright (Unit 160)
- Past Department ALA President Betty Turley (Unit 160)

It was great to have all these distinguished guests present with us.

Department ALA President Cheryl Waybright installed the Unit 160 Officers and did an excellent job.

Past Department Commander Bill Lienhop installed the Post 160 and Squadron 160 Officers as he has done for many years now. His son William III stood in for him, as for the first time ever Commander Lienhop installed himself! He rejoins the Post Executive Committee as Immediate Past Commander now that Past District Commander Harold Watkins has moved to FL.

Commander's Column Cont'd

Donations were accepted for the cost of the dinner. Over \$200 was raised. This covered the direct cost of the meal, and was a nice outcome. Thanks to everyone who contributed!

Following the event, everyone adjourned to the Social Quarters for camaraderie and Music Bingo. Our members and guests had a good time, which is important.

Our Post hosted the 5th District Installation Ceremony 2 weeks earlier, on 13 July. It is an honor for our Post to be chosen for these events. I officially stepped down as District Commander, and James Watson replaced me in that position. The new District Officers were sworn in and installed in a nice ceremony.

Afterward, Chef David Shoffner served a nice lunch meal to our guests, and Club Manager Rodney Turner served beverages. Everything went very well. I say this because many of our guests stayed for several hours enjoying fellowship and our hospitality, Donations toward the cost of the lunch meal were also received and much appreciated.

For myself, it has been a very busy month. Normal Post duties require a lot of my time and attention.

I also served as the Installing Officer for 4 Posts in the 5th District:

- Newnan Post 57 on 6 July
- North Atlanta Post 134 on 11 July
- Powder Springs Post 294 on 13 July
- North Cobb Post 304 on 18 July

It is a great honor to be asked to do this, and I appreciate being asked.

In addition, I attended the installation ceremony at 7 other 5th District Posts:

- Mableton Post 264 on 7 July
- Atlanta Post 140 on 8 July
- Douglasville Post 145 on 12 July
- Villa Rica Post 70 on 14 July
- Dallas Post 111 on 20 July
- Atlanta Post 291 on 27 July
- Atlanta Post 1 on 28 July

I wish I could have attended more, but some Posts schedule their Installation on the same day and time. I want to continue to help and support the Posts in our District, and the new District Leadership Team.

I am also fully engaged in my new role as a Department Vice Commander. I am assigned multiple areas of responsibility by the Department Commander and I work to support him and the Department as a whole

Commander's Column Cont'd

I also wish to congratulate Department ALA President Cheryl Waybright. This is the first time in the history of our Post that the Department Legion Family has 2 senior Officers from our Post serving at the same time. I surprised President Waybright with a bouquet of flowers at the Post 160 Installation Banquet to congratulate her on her achievement and to wish her well.

Immediately following that flower presentation, I presented another bouquet to my wife Robin. She serves as Unit 160 2nd Vice President and as Chair of the Poppy Distribution Committee and as Co-Chair for the National Security Committee. Robin also became the 5th District ALA Sergeant-At-Arms. She works hard to support The American Legion Family. She also supports me in my work, without which I could not be as active as I am. It was past time for me to recognize Robin for all the help she gives to so many.

Don't forget this weekend coming up is Legion Comic Con! The event is Saturday 3 August and runs from 1100 - 1700 hours in the Post. If you are available to volunteer and help out, we can always use the help. SAL Squadron 160 Commander Ryan Marschark is in charge of this event. It is a great fundraiser for the Post each time we host the event. Bring your young children or grandchildren to enjoy the fun!

It is time to pay your membership dues for Legion Year 2025. Remember that dues are now \$50 per year. Multi Year memberships are available. Consider also becoming a Life Member. (Details and costs can be found only online at the National website, www.legion.org) Please pay your dues as soon as you can. Those who pay by COB on 30 September will have the coveted "Early Bird" stamp placed on their new 2025 membership card.

Thank you all for the honor of continuing to serve as your Post Commander. Let's make this new year the best ever for our Post! Best wishes to everyone.

For God and Country,

Wade S. Lnenicka
American Legion Department of Georgia
Department Vice Commander
Post 160 Commander

Installation

CELEBRATION

Joint Installation Ceremony

Call to Order.....Commander Wade Lnenicka
Presenting Colors.....Sgt At Arms Gary Williams
National Anthem..... Department of GA Honor Guard
Invocation.....Chaplain Tracy Blunier
Pledge of Allegiance.....Sr. Vice Commander Maher Abed
POW/MIA Ceremony.....Department of GA Honor Guard
Preamble.....Finance Officer Jefferson Oakes
Introduction of Guests.....Commander Wade Lnenicka
Blessing of the food.....Chaplain Tracy Blunier
Dinner.....Catered by Chef' David Shoffner



Installation

CELEBRATION

Installation Charges

Unit 160

Installing Officers.....Cheryl Waybright
President.....Kari Marschark
1st Vice President.....Susan Hiott
2nd Vice President.....Robin Lnenicka
Secretary.....Karen Lindgren
Treasurer.....June Burgess
Historian.....Cassandra Perkins
Chaplain.....Ramona McCary
Sgt-at-Arms.....K.K. Wrozier

President's Remarks/Award Presentations..Kari Marschark



Installation

CELEBRATION

Squadron 160

Installing Officer.....Bill Lienhop
Commander.....Ryan Marschark
Adjutant.....Harold Leverette
Finance Officer.....Dave Ullian
Sgt-at-Arms.....Scott Brigman
Chaplain.....Ron Smith



Installation

CELEBRATION

Post 160

Installing Officer.....Bill Lienhop
Commander.....Wade Lnenicka
Past Commander.....Bill Leinhop
Sr. Vice Commander.....Maher Abed
Vice Commander (Lounge).....Harold Leverette
Vice Commander (Ballroom).....Paul Peceros
Adjutant.....George Mithell
Finance Officer.....Jefferson Oakes
Assistant Finance Officer.....Chuck Dunlop
Sgt-at-Arms.....Bob Kingdon
Executive Committee.....Rhoda Basey
Executive Committee.....Camille Caldwell
Executive Committee.....Michael Cameron
Executive Committee.....Greg Gamble
Executive Committee.....Chantay Jones
Chaplain.....Tracy Blunier IT
Judge Advocate.....Kytile Frye



Legionnaire of the Year 2024



Eustacia McCloud Carter accepts the award of the Post 160 "Legionnaire of the Year" from Commander Wade Lnenicka. The presentation was made after the Installation of Officers Banquet held at the Post on Saturday, 27 July.

Post 160 "Legionnaire of the Year" for Legion Year 2024

THE most coveted award in The American Legion is for a member to be recognized as the "Legionnaire of the Year."

This award is presented annually at the end of each Legion Year. It is presented to a deserving Legionnaire at every level, from Post through District and Department to National.

The decision as to who should receive this award is solely the prerogative of the Commander at each level. It is based on an individual's contributions to the American Legion over the entire Legion Year.

Commander Wade Lnenicka has said this decision is the most difficult one that he must make each year. Post 160 is fortunate to have many members who are considered each year for the award. That means that many members are doing great things to help and support the Post and our community.

It is not necessary for an awardee to be an Officer. During Lnenicka's tenure as Post Commander (7 years and now going on 8), the award has gone several times to ordinary members who have done extraordinary things to help the Post.

For Legion Year 2024, which just ended, the award was presented at the end of the Installation Banquet and Ceremony for the new Post Officers. It was held on Saturday, 27 July, 2024. Post Commander Wade Lnenicka announced and presented the award.

The "Legionnaire of the Year" award was presented to Food Pantry Chair Eustacia McCloud Carter!

Eustacia was surprised and honored to be named as the recipient. Both she and Commander Lnenicka became emotional when discussing the award.

Eustacia took over the Food Pantry about 2 years ago. She followed Food Pantry Chair Gladys Hutson, who is fondly remembered by all who knew Gladys for her passion and dedication to the "ministry" of that position. Gladys did an incredible job as Food Pantry Chair for a year until serious health issues forced her to give up the position. Sadly, Gladys passed away in February of this year.

It is always difficult to follow a "legend" in any position, but Eustacia was not afraid of the challenge. She worked tirelessly to improve the operation in every way. She served and helped many local families in need. She improved the organization and accountability of the operation. She raised money to buy food that is needed, particularly proteins. Especially during the Holiday Season, Eustacia must seem like an Angel of Mercy to many families in need.

Eustacia has also been very active in supporting the Post at many community events. She has attended job fairs, business events that recognized their Veterans, community events focused on helping Veterans in need, etc. When the Post goes out in the local community to raise awareness and to seek Veterans, Eustacia is always part of the team.

Post 160 Legionnaire of the Year for Legion Year 2024 cont'd

Eustacia is passionate about helping and serving Veterans. She belongs to several other Veterans organizations. She is always interested in finding and bringing female Veterans into the American Legion. In every endeavor, she is always telling the people she meets about the American Legion and Post 160.

Please join all Post 160 Legion Family members in congratulating Eustacia McCloud Carter as the Post 160 "Legionnaire of the Year!"

Eustacia's name is permanently engraved on the "Legionnaire of the Year" plaque hanging in the hallway leading into the Social Quarters. Check it out the next time you are in the Post. She joins a long list of very deserving Legionnaires who preceded her in winning this award.



Congratulations Eustacia McCloud Carter

Congratulations



5th District Commander James Watson presents outgoing 5th District Commander Wade Lnenicka with a bayonet and compass Plaque of Appreciation. It reads "For Outstanding Leadership And Selfless Dedication As Our 5th District Commander" last year.



TO THE POST

Donations to our Post are a significant and important part of the revenue stream that allows the Post to remain in operation. Please consider the Post as you consider your options for charitable giving this year.

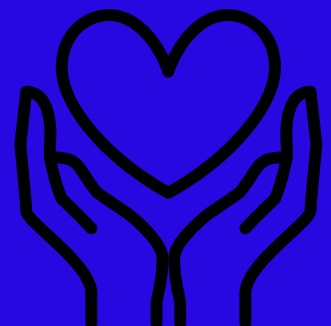
Donations are acknowledged with a letter signed by the Post Commander. They document the gift for members who itemize their tax deductions for IRS purposes.

Donations over \$1,000 can be acknowledged with a donor recognition plaque in the foyer hallway of the Post, if the donor desires this recognition. The size of the plaque increases as the donation increases in value. Donations may also be made anonymously. Please stop and review the plaques hanging there now recognizing the supporters of the Post.

There are many ways to make donations to the Post. Some of them are obvious, and some may be ways that you haven't thought about before.

- Cash, check or credit card donations are valuable sources of gifts.
- You can put in your Last Will and Testament your wishes, and thereby leave the Post a sum of money or physical assets (property, vehicles, art, furniture, etc.).
- Some of you are at the age where IRS rules require that you take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) of tax-deferred savings. You can meet the RMD requirements and avoid paying taxes on the RMD by donating (transferring) the funds directly to the Post's investment account.
- Members with funds invested in stocks and bonds, etc. can donate (transfer) assets directly from their investment account to the Post's investment account. This will create a tax credit for members who itemize their deductions.

In sum, please consider donations to "American Legion Post 160" as you plan your financial strategies for the years ahead. For questions please consult your financial and tax advisors. You may also contact Post Finance Officer Jeff Oakes or Senior Vice Commander Maher Abed.





American Legion in the Community



Department Commander Jim Fultz and his wife Thea Fultz attended the annual dinner meeting of the Korean Veterans Association (KVA) in Duluth on 23 July 2024. He was invited by the Korean Consul General in Atlanta and the head of the KVA to represent The American Legion.

Department Vice Commander Wade Lnenicka and his wife Robin Lnenicka accompanied Commander Fultz to the annual dinner meeting of the Korean Veterans Association (KVA) in Duluth on 23 July 2024.

Department Commander Jim Fultz is presented a Certificate of Appreciation and gift by Chairman Shin, Sang Tae of the KVA on 23 July 2024.

Department Commander Jim Fultz made remarks to the KVA at their annual dinner meeting in Duluth on 23 July 2024.

what's HAPPENING

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

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Special pricing for
\$159

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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.

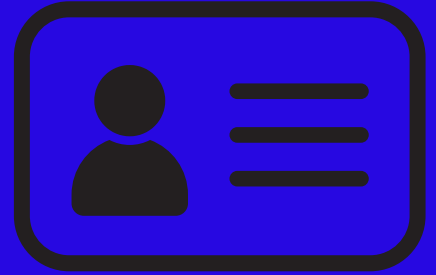
Food Pantry News

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://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://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.

URBNPOP COMICS COMPANY ART GALLERY

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 160
160 LEGION DR.
SMYRNA, GA 30080**

FREE COMIC BOOK FOR EVERY KID WHO ATTENDS w/ A PAID ADMISSION.

SCAN ME

What's Happening

We have a new menu and a Frequent Diners Card for MEMBERS.
If you buy 9 dinners, you get the 10 th one FREE! What a deal.

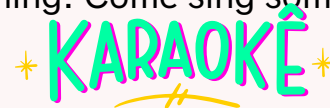


We are open on Wednesday from 4-9 PM. Full menu is available. Also we have line dance lessons from 6:30 to 8:30. Come join the fun.
It's an easy way to get in those extra daily steps! Everyone welcome.



Thursday is Team Trivia night. Starts at 6:30. Come have some friendly competition with your friends. Maybe learn something new.

Friday is karaoke night. Starts at 7:00. Always entertaining. Come sing some of your favorite songs.



Saturday is Soundcheck Music Bingo. Starts at 6:00. This is so much fun. It's easy. All the music you will remember. You win Legion Bucks too. Also on Saturday is the Queen of Hearts drawing at 7:30. Tickets are \$2.00 each.



Special Events!!!!

August 10 from 5:00 to 10:00 we are having a SUMMER FLING; put on your beachy best and join us. There will be flamingo races, music bingo, Queen of Hearts, raffles, a DJ and food & drink specials.



August 24 is 70's Disco Night. Starts after music bingo.
Dress in your 70's attire and show off your disco moves.



If you haven't been in the Social Quarters in while; come in, enjoy a meal and participate in the festivities.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 160

PRESENTS



COUNTRY MUSIC



& LINE DANCE LESSONS
Every
Wednesday



Doors open at 4PM
Dancing starts at 6PM



Let's Flamingle



Put on your beachy best
& join us for a
Summer Fling

Flamingo Races
Music Bingo
Queen of Hearts

DJ
Food & Drink Specials
Raffle

Wish you
were here!

August 10
5-10 PM

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Wednesday, August 14 @ 6:00
Executive Board meeting

Thursday, August 22 @ 6:00
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

