

# Kent Island American Legion Post 278



## APRIL 2015

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### Post Everlasting Billy Black

#### Please keep these Legion families in your thoughts and prayers:

Suds Hicks  
Gordon Wheeler  
The Black Family

#### Volunteer Spotlight!

Shout out to the best group of Scouts and Parents ever! Troop 278! Thank you for everything that you do for you Legion Family! You outstanding commitment to all the events that you give your all, we Salute you! Thank you for providing awesome running teams for the Turkey Shoot! Your help with Flag Day, Veteran's Day, and the National Commanders Banquet and more make you a standout among your peers! You absolutely are the Best Scouts in the Nation! And we are blessed to be your Sponsor! SALUTE!

As the news get's out more and more 2015-2017 has been officially set aside to Honor All Vietnam Era Veterans, and Officially Welcome them Home Period. Thousand events across the Nation are ongoing and there are websites you can visit that will list all events near you. Your Kent Island American Legion Post 278, is committed to holding several events for these Brave men and women who were called to Serve during a difficult period in our history. Unlike the Hero's of World War II, these brave Hero's were greeted home to boo's, people spitting on them calling them murderers, baby killers. They came home with real problems and no one listened. The VA stalled their claims. Despite all of this, they stood up to this Ungrateful Nation and looked them in the eye and said "Never Again". These Hero's and These Wounded Warriors are the reason our returning Home Troops have what they have today. They are the ones that spearheaded many of the awesome organizations that treat our Active Duty Military Family with many perks, that those before us couldn't imagine. We will never be able to repay our debt to this amazing era of veterans. But we can ensure their legacy lives on and we continue to build upon it for our future veterans. As plans starts to form up, and committees are formed, stay tuned for the first event tentatively scheduled for June 2015. If you are a Vietnam Era Veteran, the Legion is compiling a registry (name, mailing address, Service, and Rank). This will ensure that you will be notified for special events. If you are a family member of Vietnam Era Veteran and your Veteran was killed in Vietnam, or has since passed, you are included as well, because we all know that families served too and felt and received much of the same abuse. So please stop by the Legion at your convenience and Register, or you can email me the information to: [einebierbitte@yahoo.com](mailto:einebierbitte@yahoo.com). I realize that for many of our Vietnam Veterans, this will be very hard for you to commit to. I understand. But know this, everything your Kent Island American Legion Post 278 Legion Family, Thanks you for what you did; Salutes you for your Service; and above all, Respects you for your Convictions and want You to know that We Welcome You Home with open arms! Welcome Home Sailor, Airmen, Solider, Marine, Coastie! SALUTE! (call me if you want to be a part of the planning group)

#### Up coming Entertainment and Events

##### April 10th

Orioles Opening Day  
Karoke at 7 pm

##### April 24th 7 pm

Commander Party  
RAFFLEPALOOZA

(like I know what we are doing... you just have to be here!!)

##### April 25th:

Indoor Yard Sale 8 am. (table rental \$10 contact Auxiliary for more info)

##### May 1st

Buckshot Creek 7 pm

##### May 8th

Sweetwater 8 pm

##### May 10th

Mothers Day Breakfast 8am

Thank you to all the Loyal Turkey Shoot Volunteer Staff.... We had a stellar year and it was extremely successful because of you!! THANK YOU! Becki, Rosalee, Penny, Sandy, Tracy, Carol B, Sally, Josh, John D., Mike, Boy Scout Troop 278! But most importantly thanks to our Loyal Shooters for braving the bitter cold, and inclement weather, and putting up with all the craziness! Next year will only be better!! Thanks: Bob, Cpt Andy, Dwight, Drew, DJ, Ed Mc, Brother, Mike Tom P. Nelson, Rich, Dean, Dan, George, Rob and Tammy, Dexter, Billy!!! See ya in the Fall!!!!!!!

# NOTES FROM THE FAMILY

Jimmy Taylor Membership (1st Vice)

We have 550 members who paid their 2015 dues! Your 2015 dues notices are in the mail. If you receive a dues notice for 2014 from the Legion National Headquarters, and you have already paid for 2014 - please disregard as this notice does not come from Kent Island American Legion Post 278!

I keep a file of member's DD 214s in case you or your family would ever need a copy. This document is needed when you require VA services and/or any time your military service information is needed. This is a valuable service as the post receives numerous inquiries during the year for these forms when family members cannot locate them. If you are unsure whether you have submitted a copy, you may send or drop one by the post. FYI - you can also take a copy to the Clerk of the Court in Centreville and it will be available to you or family members at anytime. There is no cost for this service. There is a website where you can get a copy of a DD214 if you have all of the military information required. The website is <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>.

Any member (AL, SAL, or LA) who is under 21 years of age cannot pay to have their names entered in the quarter or dollar books!! When you turn 21 years of age, please notify us, and your name will be put back in the drawing list.

Also, please notify us of any street address or email address changes so that you will receive your newsletter. If you wish to receive your newsletter by email send a request to [cataylor8@verizon.net](mailto:cataylor8@verizon.net).

## **TOM TYDINGS: SAL COMMANDER**

I want to thank the S.A.L Detachment 278 for For everything they do to make our Post Awesome!!! Summer is around the corner, so keep in mind that the Crab Palace will be opening. Watch the boards in the Lounge for volunteers!!! It's hard work, but a lot of fun!!! See you there!!

If your membership card doesn't say 2015 your dues are overdue.....



Thanks to Vicki Smoot and her Easter Party Crew! Fantastic Job! We had record numbers of attendance of kids! A great time had by all!!!! Well Done!! Well Done!!



## **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Faye Hickman: 410-604-6098

Hi Ladies--

April is here with I hope not too many showers as the ground is wet enough. Our calendar is not too full for April. We have one KI Junior (Anna Poe) going to Girls State in June. Our District Reception honoring our State officials will be April 26th. On Saturday, April 25th we plan to have another Inside Yard Sale. Clean out your unwanted items and rent a table for \$10.00. Just think of the new items you can buy with your new-found money. Just call me for a table or space. Also check the calendar for other events at the Post. May will bring us the "Cash Down" for the Dept. of Maryland at our Post. Put aside Saturday, May 2nd at 1:00 for this event. We will need cakes for the Cake Wheel, and there will be a Prize Wheel. Take a chance for \$10.00 to win the top prize of \$2500.00. Tickets will be sold in advance. Only 1000 will be sold. May will also bring elections of new officers for the upcoming year. This is your unit, so we take all suggestions and ideas. Just call me or come to a meeting to present them. Hope everyone has a great Easter holiday, and keep our veterans in your prayers.



**Greetings Auxiliary Members,**

**Just a reminder that your 2015 dues are \$25 and should be paid by 12-31-2014, Please mail your check to the legion at 800 Romancoke Rd, Stevensville, Md 21666 and I will mail your new membership card to you. If you are paying Junior dues, they are \$5 each.**

**I look forward to being the membership chair for the next year. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call 410-924-0957.**

**Also, please take time to attend our monthly meetings which are at 7pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Come and find out what your auxiliary is involved in.**

**Judy Kropfelder**



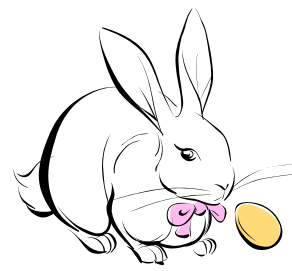
# APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 SSB 630 pm	3	4
5	<div style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ATTENTION LEGIONNAIRS:</b></p> <p><b>April Is Nomination Month for All Post Officers. If you been wanting to get involved now is the opportunity! Prior to the start of the general meetings on April 22nd, please let your intentions be known. !!!</b></p> </div>			9 SSB 630 pm	10 Orioles Home Opener (all day specials) Karoke 7 pm	11 NCF 7 pm
12				16 SSB 630 pm	17	18 NCF 7pm
19	20	21	22 Meeting Nite	23 SSB 630 pm	24 Rafflepalooza Commander Party 7pm	25 Indoor Yard Sale 8 am
26	27 Bingo 630	28	29	30 SSB 630 pm		

# May 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Buckshot creek Band 7	2
3	4	5 <sup>CH</sup> 630 pm	6	7	8 <sup>Sweetwater</sup> Band 8 pm	9
10 <sup>Mothers</sup> Day Breakfast	11	12 <sup>CH</sup> 630 pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 <sup>CH</sup> 630 pm	20	21	22	23
24 <sup>Memorial</sup> Day Ceremony 11 am	25	26 <sup>CH</sup> 630 pm	27 <sup>Election</sup> Night (Meeting)	28	29 <sup>Wild and</sup> Crazy Night	30
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**Kent Island American Legion Post 278  
Officers/Auxiliary / SAL/ Executive Committees  
2013-2014**

**Post Officers: Commander:** Nikki Randolph; **1<sup>st</sup> Vice:** Jim Taylor; **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:** Vacant **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice:** Bobby Fooks; **Adjutant:** Richard Randolph; **Judge Advocate:** John Davis; **Finance Officer:** Curt Kersey; **Service Officer:** William Nielsen; **Sgt. of Arms:** Chuck Lewis; **Historian:** Bob Moore; **Chaplain:** Ed Tolson; **Executive Committee:** Walt Smoot; Mark Plemons;

**Auxiliary: President:** Faye Hickman; **1<sup>st</sup> Vice:** Rosalie Kaufman; **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:** Judy Kropfelder **Secretary:** Barbara Foor; **Treasurer:** Joyce Moore; **Chaplain:** Kathy Dubel; **Historian:** Nancy Gardner **Sgt at Arms:** Becky Barbee; **Exec Committee:** Laurie Plemons; Melissa Harvey, Gayle Wilcox.

**SAL: Commander:** Tom Tydings; **1st Vice:** Charlie Schindler; **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:** Tom Caulk; **3rd Vice:** William Ewing; **Adjutant:** Jeff Maheux; **Finance Officer:** Brian Gartleman; **Chaplain:** Hugo Ward; **Historian:** Greg Cade ; **Sgt. at Arms:** Scott McClain