

# Kent Island American Legion Post 278

## May 2015



### **Post Everlasting**

L/CPL Jacob Matthews

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

Suds Hicks

Gordon Wheeler

Matthews Family

It is with great sadness that I share with you the loss of L/Cpl Jacob Matthews, USMC. Jacob was killed in a fatal car accident April 10th returning back to his base after being home on leave. Jacob was a 2011 graduate from KIHS, and was stationed at Camp Lejeune. In his short career, Jacob saw combat action in Iraq, and most recently was assigned to Lejunes Provost Marshall Office as a Military Policeman. Jacob's father (Marvin) served and retired from the USMC and served in Vietnam, Jacobs brothers also served in the Armed Forces (Adam USN, Matt, USCG). Our hearts and prayers go out to the Matthews Family for this difficult time. But most importantly we Salute the Matthews Family for their Service to our Nation. Jacob will be missed. Salute!

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On behalf of the Legion Family, I cordially invite you to join us at our annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Stevensville Cemetery at 1100.

We are just weeks away from the Crab Shack opening. Always looking for great volunteers for this event. (July - October) . Look for the sign up sheet in the lounge.

Last month I spoke about the Legion's vision in celebrating and honoring our Vietnam Vets in different ways for the next 3 years. I am in the process of creating a registry for all Vietnam Era Veterans. You can either email me your information ([einebierbitte@yahoo.com](mailto:einebierbitte@yahoo.com)) (name, address, dates served, where and any other information and any pics you would like to share), or drop by the Legion and fill out the Registry book behind the bar. This list will ensure that all Vietnam Vets in our area will have a heads up on upcoming events, because after all it is all about you now! I also am keeping a second registry for Families to register if you have a family member who was killed in Vietnam, or has since passed since returning home. Families Serve too and we want to be sure that we are able to honor all of these Hero's still here and those that have transferred to Post Everlasting.

Our First Welcome Home Event is scheduled for Saturday June 27th (Annual Shrimp Feast and Casino Night) and old fashioned USO Big Band Dance and more. Tickets will be \$30.00 per person. All Registered Vietnam Vets will receive two tickets per \$30.00 (buy one and get one free). Tickets will be available within the next few weeks, but feel free to call the Legion and reserve your tickets today! (At this date: Reserve seating will only be available on a case by case bases with priority going to all Vietnam Era Veterans. (But don't worry.. We have plenty of space for everyone!!

With Summer coming towards us quickly (you know I am happy), lets remember our elderly families that may not handle the weather and make sure they are doing ok!

May 27th is election night. Mark your calendars today to Join us on Sunday Jun 14th for our Flag Day (burning ceremony). Till next time...Remember to keep our Legion Family and all of our Active Duty serving far from home in your prayers!! Good

### **Up coming Entertainment and Events**

**May 1st**

TBA 7 pm

**May 8th**

Sweetwater 8 pm

**May 10th**

Mothers Day Breakfast 8am

**May 27th** Post Elections

### **NASCAR Schedule**

**May 2nd** (Sub Night)

**May 16th** (pulled pork sandwich and FF)

**May 30th** (Sub Night)

**June 19th** Spaghetti Dinner and Desert Auction (530 pm) \$10

**June 21st** Fathers Day Breakfast 9-11

**June 27th** Shrimp Feast 6-midnight \$35 per person.

.....(oh yea...come out the last Friday in May....about 7 ish and see what crazy event the Commander has in store....Never a dull moment! )

## NOTES FROM THE FAMILY

Jimmy Taylor Membership (1st Vice)

We have 565 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.....

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Faye Hickman: 410-604-6098

**May brings us to the close of our Auxiliary year. Election night is the meeting of May 27 at 7:00 p.m. We will install the new officers for the 2015-2016 year during the meeting. Please try to attend and meet your new officers. Our reports for the past year's achievements have been sent to Department, and I hope we get some citations this year. The Scholarship Committee will be meeting to decide on the young lady for our winner this year. We all have done a great job this year in contributing to both the Post and community. We have given out over \$10,000 this year. This is what all your donations and hard work help to achieve. We make a great "Family Team." I look forward to the new coming year and hope to see some new faces at our meetings. Until next month--keep safe and have a great Memorial Day.**

**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**



# May 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
CH= Corn-hole	SSB= Social Shuffle-board				1 Band TBA 7pm	2 NASCAR Sub Night
3	4	5 <sub>CH 630 pm</sub>	6	7 <sub>SSB 630</sub>	8 <sub>Sweetwater Band 8 pm</sub>	9
10 <sub>Mothers Day Breakfast</sub>	11	12 <sub>CH 630 pm</sub>	13	14 <sub>SSB 630</sub>	15	16 <sub>NASCAR Pulled Pork Sandwich and FF</sub>
17	18	19 <sub>CH 630 pm</sub>	20	21 <sub>SSB 630</sub>	22	23
24	25 <sub>Memorial Day Ceremony 11 am Cem- etary (NO BINGO)</sub>	26 <sub>CH 630 pm</sub>	27 <sub>Election Night (Meeting)</sub>	28 <sub>SSB 630</sub>	29 <sub>Wild and Crazy Night</sub>	30 Nascar Sub Night
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# [ JUNE 2015 ]

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 <sub>CH 630 pm</sub>	3	4 <sub>SSB 630</sub>	5	6
7	8	9 <sub>CH 630 pm</sub>	10	11 <sub>SSB 630</sub>	12	13 Nascar Sub Night
14 Flag Day Ceremony	15	16 <sub>CH 630 pm</sub>	17	18 <sub>SSB 630</sub>	19 Spaghetti Dinner and Desert Auction 530 pm \$10	20
21 Fathers Day Break- fast 9-11	22	23 <sub>CH 630 pm</sub>	24	25 <sub>SSB 630</sub>	26	27 SHRIMP FEAST
28	29	30 <sub>CH 630 pm</sub>				

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**Kent Island American Legion Post 278  
Officers/Auxiliary / SAL/ Executive Committees  
2014-2015**

**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