



Commander's Message

I hope you and your family have stayed well.

At the May 8 General Meeting nominations of Post 154 officers for 2024-2025 were closed, election of officers and installation of officers was held. This was necessitated because we have to submit new officer names to Department prior to the Department Convention. Election results are below. Also at the meeting, Gintaras Buivys, Walter Cooper, Vincent Dulys, Henry Gaidis, Joe Jankevicius and John Potts were elected delegates to the American Legion Department of Maryland 2024 Convention.

Though the officers were installed at the meeting, Post 154 will have its traditional formal installation of officers on September 15th at Lithuanian Hall. Complimentary refreshments will be served from 1 PM to 2 and after the formal program. There will be no drinks served during the program. After the program you and your guests are welcome to stay and watch a performance by the Lithuanian folk dance group while enjoying a complimentary hot buffet.

All Post members are welcome to attend the Installation. Admission is free. If you plan to attend, it is essential that Post members RSVP no later than September 1 to Chairman Vincent Dulys to insure there is adequate seating and food. We will have tables reserved for Department and special invited guests. There will be a several tables set up for open seating, but if you are bringing guests and want your own table, please ask for it when you call.

Enjoy the summer!

Lithuanian Post 154 Officers 2024 - 2025

Commander	Gintaras Buivys
Vice Commander	Joe Jankevicius
Adjutant	Vincent Dulys
Finance Officer	Vincent Dulys
Service Officer	Patrick Dohlus
Chaplain	Gintaras Buivys
Judge Advocate	Patrick Dohlus
Historian	Henry Gaidis
Sergeant At Arms	Walter Cooper
Executive Committee	John Potts
Executive Committee	Augustinas Uleckas

Memorial Day Service



Vincent Dulys, at the podium, conducts KIA Service as Alt. National Executive Committeeman Ronald L. Holcombe and Post 154 Commander Gintaras Buivys place KIA flag on helmet mounted on rifle.

On Memorial Day, May 30, The American Legion North Central District held its Memorial Day Service at the Baltimore National Cemetery in Catonsville. Lithuanian Post 154 Adjutant Vincent Dulys conducted the POW/MIA Service. Post 154 members Gintaras Buivys, Vincent Dulys, Henry Gaidis, Joseph Jankevicius and Yvette Muhammad attended. Our Post's friend and supporter, Mark Zaruba volunteered to play Taps

Tanya Bradsher, United States Deputy Secretary of Veteran Affairs was the keynote speaker at the Memorial Service. She stressed honoring our departed veterans by remembering them and their legacy. She recommended use of the Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM) program which provides a website for each veteran where family and friends can submit content about the veteran. See page 2 for more information about Veterans Legacy Memorial program and how to use it.



Tanya Bradsher, Keynote Speaker

Membership

As of June 22. Post 154 fiscal year 2024 membership was 74.

Fiscal Year 2025 will start on July 1, 2024. All members should have or soon will get a renewal notice from National.

You may renew on-line by following the renewal link on our website www.lietuvis.net. If you wish, you can send me a \$38 check made out to American Legion Lithuanian Post 154 with your renewal notice to my address for processing. My address is on page 4.

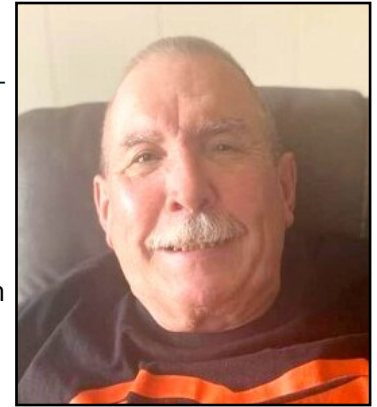
Vincent Dulys,
Membership Chairman

Taps

After a prolonged illness, fellow Lithuanian Post Legionnaire Leon George Lukas passed away on May 10th, 2024, Leon was a member of The American Legion for 52 years and attended Post 154 meetings whenever he could. Leon served on Post 154's Executive Committee and was a source of common sense.

Lithuanian Post 154 members Gintaras Buivys, Patrick Dohlus, Vincent Dulys, Henry Gaidis, Joseph Jankevicius and Yvette Muhammad participated in a Poppy Service to say "Fare well my fellow Legionnaire" to Leon.

His kind, gentle personality will be missed by all.



Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM)

"The [Veterans Legacy Memorial \(VLM\)](#) is the nation's first digital platform dedicated entirely to the memory of nearly 10 million Veterans interred in VA's national cemeteries; VA-funded state, tribal, and territory Veteran cemeteries; Department of Defense-managed cemeteries; National Park Service cemeteries; and private cemeteries within and outside the United States. Currently VLM includes Veterans laid to rest in private cemeteries since 1996 who received a VA-provided headstone, flat marker, niche cover, or medallion.

Individual Veteran profile pages are populated with military service and cemetery information. Publicly available information gathered from VA records includes service branch and seal, dates of birth and death, rank, war period, decorations, emblem of belief, and cemetery information.

Interactive features allow family, friends, and the public to submit Tributes (comments), images, biographical information, and historical documents; create their Veteran's military service and personal achievements timeline; and generate a Word Cloud that describes their Veteran. The site also allows visitors to share Veteran profile pages by email and post them to social media, and users can "Follow a Veteran" to receive email alerts when new content is added to that Veteran's page."

You can view and submit content at www.va.gov/Remember.

Any user can view VLM pages and submit content. You can view content as a visitor by finding the veteran using basic search criteria such as name, branch of service, cemetery, etc. You will need to provide identification in order to submit content. Content can be submitted using various text fields, images, pdf files, etc. All content is reviewed by VLM Moderators before being posted to Veteran pages to ensure it conforms to the [VLM User Policy](#) and appropriately honors Veterans.

A VLM Customer Support representative for the [Veterans Legacy Memorial website](#) is available Monday to Friday (excluding Federal Holidays) from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Central Time at [1-866-245-1490](tel:1-866-245-1490). Or you can [email VLM Customer Support](#)* and someone will get back to you within 24 business hours.

Happy Birthday



July

Raymond W. Beares
Gintaras Buivys
Terrence Chesson

August

Algimantas Grintalis
Victor A. Kareiva
Thomas A. Keane
Roy W. Kemmer
Joseph Lazaravich
Mark Nauyalis
Toivo Tagamets
Algirdas M. Veliuona

September

Vincent Dulys

Baltimore Lithuanian Festival A Huge Success



From left, Augustinas Uleckas, Walter Cooper and Gintaras Buivys manning the Post 154 information table.

Baltimore's Lithuanian Community held its Lithuanian Festival on Mother's Day weekend at Our Lady of Victory Church Hall, on Wilkens Ave, Baltimore, MD. The church had plenty of free parking and is conveniently located just one mile east of Baltimore Beltway (695) exit 12, Wilkens Ave. making it easily accessible to Washington DC visitors.

The festival was well attended. Attendees were continuously entertained by folk dancers, by music and singing performances. There was plenty of delicious Lithuanian food and drink.

Vendors were on hand to sell Lithuanian jewelry, souvenirs, smoked meats, cakes and excellent hand crafted wood carvings and paintings.

Lithuanian Post 154 had an information table with Post literature, hats and ties. Our table was a great hit with children since we were giving out free balloons. After you heard a pop in the hall, you knew that a kid would soon be back for another. Besides balloons, we gave

American Legion Department of Maryland Convention

The American Legion Department of Maryland Convention will be held at the Ocean City Convention Center from July 15 to 19, 2024. The convention schedule is on page 4.

Lithuanian Post 154 will have a visitor Hospitality Suite at Bradley on the Bay Condominium, building A, unit 304, 3901 Ocean Highway. If you are in Ocean City and wish to visit, contact Vincent Dulys (410) 960-7874 prior to walking 3 flights of stairs to be certain Hospitality Suite is open.



Attendees browsing vendor tables, dancing, eating delicious Lithuanian food and socializing while sipping on Lithuanian drinks.

out over a dozen membership applications, hopefully some of them will be returned.

Our Post 154 Historian, Henry Gaidis provided visitors information about Lithuania and its interesting history. Legionnaire Tom Sadauskas instructed attendees how to begin to research their genealogy.

If you missed the Baltimore Lithuanian Festival, you have an opportunity to go to a Lithuanian Festival in Pennsylvania's coal country in August. See below.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA COUNCIL #144

CATALPA GROVE
26 Park Ave
Barnesville, PA

LITHUANIAN DAYS

August 17-18, 2024

FOOD-ENTERTAINMENT-VENDORS

\$10 A Day Per Person	Saturday 11am-6pm
\$15 Two Days Per Person	Sunday 12pm-5pm

Lithuanian Days
 All Proceeds Benefit Lithuanian Nonprofits

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Meeting Information**Lithuanian Post 154
General Meetings**

The Post General will be held at
Lithuanian Hall,
851 Hollins Street.
Baltimore, MD 21201
at 11 AM on the 2nd Wednesday
of January, March, May,
June, August, September and
November.

Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee
meeting will be held on the
last Wednesday of every
month except December at
1 PM, Meeting will be at
Spirits West Country Club,
2601 Wilkens Avenue,
Baltimore, MD 21223.

Calendar & RemindersJuly

Lithuanian Hall closed for summer break during July

Thu	04	Independence Day
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**The American Legion Department of Maryland Convention - Ocean City, MD
Convention Itinerary:**

Mon	15	Fish Fry - 4 PM - Dockside Hall, SW corner Convention Center
Tue	16	Delegate Registration - 8 AM, Legion College classes
Wed	17	Convention meetings - 8 AM, Memorial Service - 7 PM
Thu	18	Convention meetings - 8 AM
Fri	19	Convention meetings - 8 AM, Department Officers Election

Wed	31	Lithuanian Post 154 Executive Committee Meeting Spirits West Country Club - 1 PM
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August

Sun	04	United States Coast Guard established (1790)
Tue	06	First atomic bomb dropped, Hiroshima, Japan (1945)
Wed	14	Lithuanian Post 154 General Meeting - Lithuanian Hall - 11 AM
Wed	14	Japan Surrendered, ending WW II (1945)
Wed	28	Lithuanian Post 154 Executive Committee Meeting - Spirits West Country Club - 1 PM

September

Mon	02	V-J Day, Japan Signed Formal Surrender (1945)
Mon	02	Labor Day
Wed	11	Terrorists attacked World Trade Center and Pentagon (2001)
Wed	11	Lithuanian Post 154 General Meeting - Lithuanian Hall - 11 AM
Fri	13	"Star Spangled Banner" written by Francis Scott Key (1814)
Sun	15	Installation of Post 154 Officers Lithuanian Hall - 1 PM
Tue	17	US Constitution Approved (1787)
Wed	18	US Air Force established (1947)
Fri	20	POW/MIA Recognition Day
Sun	22	First day of Autumn
Wed	26	Lithuanian Post 154 Executive Committee Meeting - Spirits West Country Club - 1 PM

October

Wed	02	Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
Fri	04	Rosh Hashanah ends at sundown
Mon	07	Afghanistan War Began (2001)
Fri	11	Yom Kippur begins at sundown
Sat	12	Yom Kippur ends at sundown
Sun	13	US Navy Established (1773)
Mon	14	Columbus Day
Mon	14	Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
Wed	23	Grenada Campaign began (1983)
Wed	30	Lithuanian Post 154 Executive Committee Meeting - Spirits West Country Club - 1 PM
Thu	31	Halloween