



American Legion Family Newsletter Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86 Rockville, Maryland

May-June 2017

Commander's Corner

Hello to all of Post 86! I hope everyone is doing and feeling the best they can. I want to Thank everyone for the support I have received as your Commander these past 5 months. As I prepare for the next year as your Commander (if elected by you), I am hoping that more of you will come to the meetings, visit the Post and participate in our various fundraisers. I am looking for two members that might be willing to help fill two positions on my team as officers of Post 86 – as my 1st Vice Commander and 3rd Vice Commander. Please help!! If you are interested in either position, please email me at: rphillipp@yahoo.com I encourage all members of Post 86 to attend our next meeting in May for the election of new Officers and to approve our by-laws. Your voice does count!!!

I am inviting all members to come visit the Post to enjoy the games, socializing with other members, participate in our dinners/events and just have fun with other members of our Post 86 family. I am encouraging all members to think about and come up with ways of making our Post function in a better, more fun and enjoyable way. Your ideas and suggestions are most welcome and will make a difference.

At the middle of June, the VFW of Gaithersburg will begin holding their meetings at Post 86 on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Starting on Father's Day, they will be holding a Bingo here at Post 86 from 2 PM to 5 PM. This Bingo will be held every Sunday. You and your friends and family are all invited to participate. So come, have fun and get acquainted!!

Lastly, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to our families of Post 86 who have lost a loved one this past year. May they rest in peace. God speed to all.

For God and Country, Randy L. Phillipp, Commander



Words from the Chaplain

On behalf of our Post family, the Legion extends prayers, condolences and sympathy to all members who are ill or have suffered a family loss. Recently two of Post 86's past Commanders have gone to Post Everlasting – Gino Capatosto (1983) and Donald Suddath Sr (1974). Donald is survived by his wife Margaret (a long-time Post 86 Auxiliary member) and son Donald Suddath Jr (a long-time Post 86 SAL member). Sadly, my mother, Mamie Ferrell has passed after a long illness. Post 86 bartender/Auxiliary member MaryAnn Holmes' mother Terry Belcher passed suddenly just 7 short months after her husband and Legionnaire Samuel. Legionnaire Junior Warf passed. Prayers to Jerry Rosenbaum for a successful surgery and speedy recovery. If you know of anyone who is ill, passed on to Post Everlasting, or celebrated a milestone birthday, please let your respective Chaplain know.

Levelle Ferrell, Chaplain

From the First Vice Commander

Hello members of Post 86! We are coming up on the end of the fiscal year of 2016-2017. We are presently at 76.4% in membership as of April 13, 2017. Last year, at this time, we were at 100%. I would like to see the remaining members to pay their membership dues by the end of May so you do not lose your benefits offered to you through the American Legion. So, please do not hesitate toward renewing. If you are not sure if you have paid your dues or not, please contact me at the Post to verify. Thank you!!!

Colleen received the following note from National Vice Commander – Vincent Troiola.....”[Thank you for continuing to recruit new members into The American Legion. Your membership efforts are truly appreciated as our veterans, their families and the youth of America need a strong American Legion Family. Keep up the good work and for your dedication to carrying our legacy forward](#)”.

Randy L. Phillipp, First Vice Commander

Bingo:

We are still having Bingo every Monday evening from 7 PM until 10 PM. I encourage everyone to come down to the Post, participate and have fun! We are averaging anywhere from 16-20 players every Monday. Just a reminder that our Bingo is open to the public, all Veterans and their friends and family. The minimum age to play is 16 for those younger players that may want to join us. I still need volunteers to help work the floor, call Bingo and sell the games at the beginning of Bingo. Whether you're a Legionnaire, SAL member or Auxiliary member – we would love for you to come down and volunteer your time either learning how to call Bingo or by helping me on the floor. We hope to see you there!!!

Randy L. Phillipp, Bingo Chairman

A Word from the Finance Officer

The video gaming machines were installed in the Post Home to help INCREASE revenue for the Post and social entertainment for the membership. I would like to explain how playing the video gaming machines benefits the Legion. The Legion receives credit for every winning ticket (small or large) cashed in. So, it benefits the Legion if you would cash each winning ticket as you play instead of putting them back into the machine to continue playing. After you cash the ticket, you can continue to play again with your cash winnings. Please help the Post by honoring this request. Please try to do this simple task to put money in our coffer, not take it out. Any questions, please contact the either myself or the Post Commander.

Sheila Chodorov, Finance Officer



American Legion Post 86

Annual Mother's Day Breakfast

May 14, 2017

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

ALL Mother's eat for free

\$8.00 for everyone else

Upcoming Events



Volunteers Needed!

American Legion Post 86 Support to City of Rockville Home Town Holidays 27-28 May 20

Once again American Legion Post 86 will support the City of Rockville during the Memorial Day Home Town Holidays celebrations on May 27th & 28th. Volunteers will provide support by manning one of three beverage booths to handle beverage sales disbursement, ID checks, and mug sales on Saturday and Sunday. As a result of this support, the City of Rockville will make a generous donation to the Post. The booth location is on Maryland Ave. near Courthouse Sq.

On Saturday and Sunday, the event hours are **12 PM to 10 PM**. Activities include the Taste of Rockville, featuring over 20 local restaurants, kid's activities, sponsor and nonprofit booths, and 30+ bands on multiple stages. The Legion volunteers should be on site by 11:30 a.m. on both days to prepare the booths. The City is dependent upon the Legion volunteers showing up on time and ready to work. If volunteers cancel or fail to show, the Legion's profit will be reduced if the City has to find volunteers to fill in. The post volunteers' shifts are:

Saturday (27MAY) 11:30AM to 5:00PM

Saturday (27MAY) 4:45PM to 10:00PM

Sunday (28MAY) 11:30AM to 5:00PM

Sunday (28MAY) 4:45PM to 10:00PM

As of April 23, 2017 all shifts have sufficient volunteers expect for one additional volunteer is needed for Sunday (28MAY) 11:30AM to 5:00PM and three are needed for Sunday (28MAY) 4:45PM to 10:00PM. As a side note, for the last three years the Sunday evening shift has ended about 9:00PM due to the lack of traffic and it is expected this will be the same this year.

To volunteer, please contact James Roberts (301-424-4486), the project coordinator for the post. The list of volunteers must be turned into to the City of Rockville by May 5th. Seriously, the hours are short, it is a fun time for all, and supports a good cause.



Memorial Day Service at Damascus American Legion

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join members of the Damascus American Legion family—Post, Auxiliary Unit and Sons Detachment—for the annual Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 28th, at the Post Home, 10201 Lewis Drive in Damascus.

The service opens at 1:30 PM with a concert by the Browningsville Cornet Band followed by ceremonies honoring veterans who served America in uniform and have gone on to Post Everlasting.

Dr. Glenn Johnston, Chairman of the Public History Department at Stevenson University and a veteran, will be the keynote speaker.

Weather permitting, the service will be held on the front lawn of the Post Home, and it will be followed by a light lunch provided by the Auxiliary Unit. Come early to get a seat in the shade!

City of Rockville Memorial Day Activities

73rd Annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade

Monday, May 29 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Rockville Town Center

9 a.m. - Rockville Band and Chorus • 9:30 a.m. - Ceremony • 10:30 a.m. - Parade



[Learn more about the ceremony.](#)



[Learn more about the parade.](#)

Join us Memorial Day Weekend May 27- 29

There will be an Open House luncheon at American Legion Post 86 following the conclusion of the parade.

For Good of the Legion

Congratulations to CDR Greg Gellman for winning the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award for the POST, COUNTY AND SOUTHERN MARYLAND

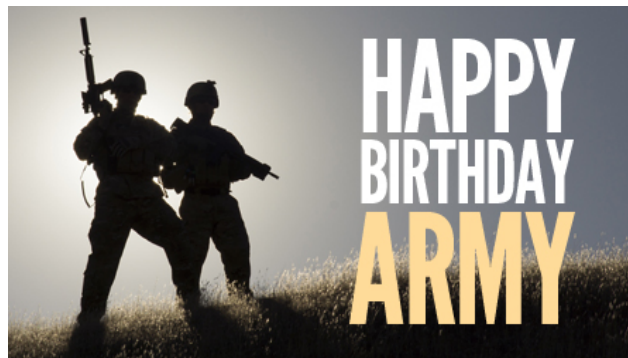
He was honored at the Southern Maryland District Meeting on March 11, 2017 at Post 86.

A huge Thank You to everyone who has sent in Donations to the Post!! Your donations have been a huge help in supporting the Post and our Legion programs. Please keep them coming!!

Colleen participated in the Change of Command ceremonies at Gaithersburg High School for their NJROTC program.



Happy Birthday U.S. Army



June 14, 2017 is the 242nd Birthday of the United States Army.

June 14th is also known as Flag Day. There will be the annual Flag burning ceremony at the Rockville Elks Lodge on this day at approximately 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

REMINDER: SAL BREAKFASTS

The SAL cooks breakfast on May 7th and 21st and June 11th and 25th. Breakfast is served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come down and enjoy a nice home cooked breakfast.

From the Adjutant

Just a reminder -- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Recently the turnout for the general membership meetings have been GREAT! Thank you for all your ideas and feedback on the Post.

POST ELECTIONS 2017-2018 will be held this month and the Installation of Officers will be on June 10, 2017 at 3:00 PM at the Post. Refreshments will follow the swearing in ceremony.

Beginning on Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM, the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be holding their monthly meeting at American Legion Post 86. In order to join the Sons of Confederate Veterans, you must be a direct descendent of a Confederate Veteran. However, you are welcome to attend any of their meetings. The program on May 2nd will feature local historian Susan Soderberg, whose topic will be "Woman from Maryland in the Civil War". Their next meeting will be held on June 6th and the program for that evening will feature Kevin Patti, National Park Service Ranger, who will discuss "Clara Barton, Civil War Nurse". Please feel free to attend any of these meetings if you are interested in these topics. We will advise you of the topics to be discussed at each meeting in future newsletters.

Colleen Mulrone, Adjutant

Auxiliary Corner

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our members who have lost loved ones recently. Lori Pounds' father passed away. MaryAnn Holmes lost her mother and Margaret Suddath's beloved husband went to Post Everlasting.



THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Poppy Girl, Katherine Merryfield and I attended the Rockville Mayor's meeting on April 17th. At the meeting, the Mayor proclaimed May as Poppy month. The American Legion Auxiliary has put forth the effort to bring greater attention to the symbolism of the Poppy, and the support of veterans, active-duty military and their families. We encourage all families to participate in National Poppy Day on May 26th.

As we didn't have a quorum to elect new officers at the last meeting, it is imperative that we do so at the May meeting. Due to Mother's Day, the next auxiliary meeting will be held on May 21st. Installation of new officers will be on June 10th.

We have three young ladies who will be attending Maryland Girls State 2017 at Salisbury University June 18-23, 2017. We are hoping we can get the young people to come to our special Americanism night in September.

We are in dire need of help at the Monday night Bingo concession stand. We have been selling grapes, cheese, salads, hot dogs and sandwiches. If you would like to donate your time, a cake or other goodies, it would be greatly appreciated.

Dues for 2017-2018 are \$25 for seniors and \$5 for juniors. They can be sent to Electra Stathes at 1304 Crawford Drive; Rockville, MD 20851. The dues will be increasing for the 2018-2019 year to \$28 for seniors and the junior dues remaining at \$5.

Yours in service, President Susan Sumner



American Legion Post 86 Ladies Auxiliary

Annual Father's Day Breakfast

June 18, 2017

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

ALL Father's eat for free

\$8.00 for everyone else

Club Area

HOURS OF OPERATION - Monday-Thursday 2 pm to 10 pm; Friday 2 pm to 12 am; and Saturday/Sunday 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. It is the bartenders' discretion to close early if there are less than five customers at the bar. It is not cost effective to have the bar when there are only one or two customers.

HALL RENTALS/CATERING - Our Post has a wonderful hall available for rental. Anyone interested in renting the hall, please call the Post at 301-442-4486 and leave your information with the Financial Officer after 11 a.m. or if after 2 p.m. with the bartender on duty.

FRIDAY NIGHT SHRIMP/FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS - Lefty's "Spiced Shrimp" night remains on the first Friday of each month from 5 pm to 8 pm. Come enjoy some tasty shrimp -- a half-pound goes for \$6.75; whole pound \$12.25. Please check the flyers at the Post Home or call for the menu for the other Friday Night Dinners.

BREAKFAST AT THE POST - The SAL will continue with their breakfasts May 7th and May 21st and June 11th and June 25th. Come out and enjoy a home-cooked breakfast prepared by your favorite people. Breakfast is served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Help is always needed.

BINGO - Bingo is held Monday nights. Doors open at 6:30 pm and Bingo starts at 7 pm. You and your family, neighbors and friends are all welcome to come and have a great time. Oh yeah, the Auxiliary ladies also work and play the game. SO PLEASE COME ON DOWN, PLAY, AND HELP OUT!

MUSIC FROM THE CLUBHOUSE - Open Mic will be the first Friday of each month. Anyone interested in playing, come in and sign up by 8:30 pm. ALL MUSICIANS ARE WELCOME! Come early and enjoy our Friday night dinner!

American Legion Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86 Charitable Donation Form

Name: _____

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Made Payable to: David Collins Scholarship Fund: American Legion Boys State; American Legion Post 86; or The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 86. All donations are tax deductible

Please send donations to: American Legion Post 86, PO Box 5363,
Rockville, MD 20848-5363

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 BINGO	2 Sons of Confederate Vets Mtg 7 PM SAL Meeting Color Guard Mtg	3 DAV Mtg	4 Legion Executive Mtg (6:30 pm)	5 Lefty's <u>Shrimp</u> <u>Open Mic</u> Ace of Spades 7 PM	6
7 SAL Breakfast	8 BINGO	9	10 Marine Corps League Mtg	11 Legion General Mtg (6:30 pm)	12 Auxiliary <u>Dinner</u> Aces of Spades 7 PM	13 SAL presents the Rockville Swing Band
14 Legion Mother's Day Breakfast	15 BINGO	16	17 FRA Mtg	18	19 <u>SAL Dinner</u> Ace of Spades 7 PM	20 Armed Forces Day
21 SAL Breakfast	22 BINGO	23	24	25	26 <u>Legion Dinner</u> Ace of Spades 7 PM	27 Rockville Hometown Holidays
28 Rockville Hometown Holidays	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Legion Executive Mtg (6:30 pm)	2 Lefty's <u>Shrimp</u> <u>Open Mic</u> Ace of Spades 7 pm	3
4 SAL NASCAR Party	5 BINGO	6 Sons of Confederate Vets Mtg 7 PM SAL Meeting Color Guard Mtg	7 DAV Mtg	8 Legion General Mtg (6:30 pm)	9 Auxiliary <u>Dinner</u> Ace of Spades 7 PM	10
11 SAL <u>Breakfast</u> Auxiliary Mtg 11:30 AM	12 BINGO	13	14 Marine Corps League Mtg FLAG Day	15 VFW Meeting	16 <u>SAL Dinner</u> Ace of Spades 7 PM	17
18 Auxiliary Father's Day Breakfast	19 BINGO	20	21 FRA Mtg	22	23 Legion Dinner Ace of Spades 7 PM	24
25 SAL Breakfast	26 BINGO	27	28	29	30 Legion Dinner Ace of Spades 7 PM	

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WWII - December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946

KOREA - June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955

VIETNAM - February 28 1961 to May 7, 1975

LEBANON/GRENADA - August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984

PANAMA (Operation Just Cause) - December 20,
1989 to January 31, 1990

Persian Gulf/War on Terrorism - August 2,
1990 to present

*All honorably discharged veterans
who were assigned to active duty sometime during
the above periods are eligible for membership
in the American Legion.*

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Post 86 is in the Twinbrook area of Rockville, MD
at 2013 Veirs Mill Road

Hours:

*Posted hours below are subject to change for special
occasions/events for example Lefty's Shrimp, Hall
Rentals etc which will be announced in advance.*

Monday - Thursday: 2 pm to 10 pm

Friday: 2 pm to 12 am

Saturday & Sunday: 2 pm to 10 pm

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