



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

November-December 2017

Commander's Corner

Hello and greetings to all family members of Post 86! Hope this finds everyone in great health and spirit! There are a lot of changes and happenings going on at the Post. We now have Bingo every Friday night from 7-10 pm as well as on Sunday afternoons from 2-5 pm held by our partners from the VFW. If you are interested, please come down and check it out! Due to some unforeseen circumstances, our Adjutant Nathan Sisco has resigned from his position at the Post. We wish him well. Our current Historian, Jordan Robinson has stepped up and is your new Post 86 Adjutant. Congratulations to you Jordan and we are excited to work with you!! We have dinner every Friday night from 5 pm until sold out! Lefty's Shrimp is a huge hit on the first Friday of each month and between the Auxiliary, SAL and Legion – we strive to provide you a delicious meal on the other Fridays of the month. A huge Thank You to Carolyn Davis, Bill Bird, Bill Brammeyer and all others who take their time to provide these delicious meals for us!!! We have had a steady stream of patrons come in throughout the week to play pool, the gambling machines, pull tabs and enjoy the camaraderie with fellow members!

We are still in need of more volunteers to come in and help clean the Post. While we have had a few members step up to help clean, we would like more people to volunteer their time. Even an hour of your time would go a long way and be very much appreciated! I would like to Thank the following members who have given their time to clean the Post....MaryAnn, David and Dakota Holmes, Jerry Rosenbaum, Kate Hopkins, Bill Bird, Danny Pounds, Robin Skiver, Karen Maxin, James Roberts and Mike Greer. Thank you all for your help and hard work!! Anyone I forgot, my apologies!

With the Holidays fast approaching, I'd like to take a moment to wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and last, but not least a Happy, Healthy New Year!!! May the joys and wonders of the season be with you 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. Longtime friend of Post 86 and Legionnaire from Pennsylvania, Mike Morlang (aka PA Mike) recently passed. Our condolences to all his Post 86 friends and his family. 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

We are doing well in both renewing and signing up new members to the Post. We've also had a few transfers recently and we want to welcome all to the Post 86 family! We are presently at 60% renewed with a goal to get to 100% by January 1, 2018. If you have not yet renewed your membership, we encourage you to do so before year end. You do not have to wait to get the renewal form from National to pay your dues. You can bring your dues to the Post to leave with the bartender on duty, mail your dues to the Post and as always, there's the option to pay your dues online. Let's finish the year strong and help Post 86 to be one of the best in the county for membership submitted!

Legionnaires also have the option for Lifetime membership under the Paid Up for Life (PUFL) program. Please go to www.americanlegion.org to find out more about the program or leave your information for me at the Post and I'll get you the cost for you to Pay Up for Life!

If, by chance, you have already paid your dues and have received your new membership card and happen to receive another renewal notification from National – please disregard the notification! You do NOT need to pay your dues twice.

Finally, I'd like to encourage everyone to recruit one new member before our fiscal year ends on May 31, 2018. Membership applications are available behind the bar. Please see the bartender on duty to pick one up!

Randy L. Phillipp, First Vice Commander

Bingo:

Bingo is doing well! We're averaging 13-16 people participating every Monday. We are still in need of volunteers to learn how to call, sell the pull tab games and help clean up after Bingo is over. If you are interested, please call the Post (301) 424-4486 or come visit us during Bingo each Monday from 7-10 pm. Everyone is welcome, and we invite you to come down and play so bring your friends, family and neighbors and support Post 86 Bingo!! Reminder that young adults must be 16 years old to come in.

Randy L. Phillipp, Bingo Chairman

From the 2nd & 3rd Vice Commander

Hello, my fellow Legionnaires, SAL and Auxiliary members! The Holidays are fast approaching us. We have our annual Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans park followed by our wonderful open house at Post 86. The Post will also be open for Thanksgiving dinner! We will open at 1 pm for football and dinner will be served at 3 pm. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy good times with your friends at the Post! More details are in the coming events section. I want to wish you all a very Happy Holiday season!

Jerry Rosenbaum; 2nd & 3rd Vice Commander

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Our November 7th speaker will be Professor Ben Cooling (National Defense University). He will be speaking on the Battles of Fort Donelson and Fort Henry in Tennessee. Professor Cooling is a noted Civil War scholar and expert on the C.W. Defenses of Washington, DC and the 1864 invasion of Maryland and Washington, DC.

December 5th will be our annual Camp Christmas Party. There is no actual meeting and we still need to determine the time and location of our dinner. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!!!

Bob Brewer; Sons of Confederate Veterans

From the Adjutant

General Meeting News: Our next general membership meetings will take place on November 9th and December 14th. There we will discuss end-of-year philanthropic efforts such as the Toys for Tots program, as well as other ways to give back to the community during the holiday season. Join us as we plan our holiday gatherings and cover important topics that are relevant to you as a member. We look forward to seeing you there!

Being Thankful: With the holiday season just around the corner, it is important to take a moment to reflect on all the amazing things we have accomplished over the past year. Because of your dedication and commitment to our post, we have been able to host fundraisers for charities, hold recreational events that boost morale, and sponsor activities that honor those in the community. It is a true privilege to live and work alongside such devoted and thoughtful people. There are too many people to name, but please know that your contributions have not gone unnoticed. We all see when one of us takes the time to help another, whether it's aiding someone in navigating their VA benefits to helping clean a disabled veterans' yard, to anything in between; these selfless deeds are things to be thankful for in our community.

What are you thankful for? Is it knowing that your family is safe and healthy? Is it your appreciation for your country and the men and women who've served to make this world a better place? Each one of us has things to be grateful for, and I for one am grateful to be among such good friends at Post 86. Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do to make our post a second home!

Annual Post Picnic: The Post 86 Annual Picnic took place on September 16th, 2017 at the Woodley Gardens Park in Rockville, just a few short miles for the post. As a pot-luck style event, there were many delicious dishes to choose from. Highlights from the picnic include great food, good friends, Beatles music, and friendly dogs. In all, over 40 members were in attendance.



KK Warriors Quarter Auction: A quarter auction benefit to support Kaisy Knott, the niece of Debbie Epley, was held in mid-September and raised over a thousand dollars to help fund her brain cancer treatments. The event was well attended, and everyone had fun! Thank you again to all who came out to show Kaisy your support, it really meant a lot to her and her family.



Halloween Party: This past Saturday, October 28th we had a small yet incredibly fun Halloween party at the Post. Many dressed up and a good time was had by all !!



*With Great Admiration and Respect,
Jordan Robinson, Adjutant*

Color Guard

Hi everyone! Thank you for all your support. November is here again and that means both Veterans Day and Thanksgiving will soon be upon us. Though we should Thank our Veterans all year long, we all should take the time out to give Thanks to them on Veterans Day. For those of us in the Color Guard, we are honored to take part in the annual Veterans Day ceremonies and service at Veterans Park. The service begins at 11 am with your Color Guard presenting colors. Following the ceremony, join us back at the Post for our annual Open House luncheon. We welcome everyone to come and join us!

We will also be presenting Colors at two senior citizens homes for our older Veterans who are unable to come out to the ceremony.

We are always looking for new members. If you or anyone you know is interested, please have them get in touch with me. As always, we love and Thank you for all your support!!!

From all of us in the Color Guard; we want to wish you and your families a Blessed Thanksgiving and Holiday season!!!

Daniel Pounds; Color Guard Commander

Historian

This month is National Military Family month, and we have many things to look forward to, including the Marine Corps Birthday (November 10), Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (December 7), the National Guard Birthday (December 13), Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa.

As a reminder, we will be having a Thanksgiving gathering on Thursday, November 23 from 1-5 p.m. The event is potluck, but we will have a sign-up sheet at post, so we can coordinate who is bringing what items. We will have fun games for kids and adults alike.

Another event to take note of is the Post 86 Annual Chili Cook-Off, taking place Sunday, November 19th. A panel of judges will determine the best chilis and prizes will be awarded to the top three finalists. Come hungry, and good luck!

Robinson's Riddles: Each newsletter will feature two riddles from our historian and the winners will be announced in the following newsletter. Test your wits against these riddles and see if you can solve the mystery:

Riddle 1 - Two ships are in the water. They each fire one missile at the other. Neither missile hit its target. But there were no counter measures launched and nothing entered the airspace during the time. Additionally, radar showed the misses were destroyed. How is that so?

Riddle 2 – What branch of the military do babies join?

Send your answers to the Post 86 Historian at jordan.robinson4@yahoo.com

Jordan Robinson, Historian

REMINDER: SAL BREAKFASTS

The SAL will be cooking breakfast on November 19th and December 3rd and 17th. Breakfast is served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come down and enjoy a nice home cooked breakfast.

Auxiliary Corner

The Auxiliary is in dire need of volunteers to help with the concession stand at Monday night Bingo. Currently, all the food served is donated by one person who also mans the stand each Monday night. If this continues, without any additional help, the Auxiliary will have to consider not providing this service. So, if you could find it in your heart and schedule to volunteer 3 hours on Mondays, it would be greatly appreciated.

Due to scheduling problems, we again have had to move our meeting time and day. The Auxiliary will hold their meetings on the third Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm. Please plan to attend as there are necessary things that need to be discussed at these meetings in order for the Auxiliary to continue to meet its' goals.

Yours in service, President Susan Sumner



Squadron 86 Report

Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Squadron 86

November - December 2017

SAL Meeting First Tuesday of Every Month

Dues are \$25 (21 and older);
\$10 (21 and younger)

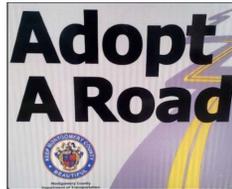
Membership stands at 23% with more to go out this week. Dues are \$10 for children under 21, \$25 for adults. Please contact Nat Sisco at 240-252-0099 or natsisco20878@gmail.com. Please help us meet our targets below.

Upcoming Detachment Membership Targets

November 15, 2017	35%
December 13, 2017	45%

Look for Squadron 86's

Adopt-A-Road sign on Rockledge Drive in Bethesda. We will need volunteers (SSL hours parents) in the year ahead, as we have to clean the road six times in that year.



Your Name Goes Here

Breakfast is being served November 5th and 19th; and December 3rd and 17th from 10 AM to 1 PM. All breakfasts are cooked to order for \$8.

Dinner will be served by the SAL on November 17th and December 15th from 5 PM to 8 PM. Check at the Post for the menu.

Collins Murphy, Squadron 86 3rd Vice Commander, has been in touch with the USO at Walter Reed National Medical Center. There are opportunities there for us to support Wounded Warriors and others at their Warrior and Family Center. They seemed interested in us cooking breakfast at their Center, and helping work on their Healing Garden. We have experience in both and will be discussing this at our meeting on 7 November at 1900 hours (7:00 PM)

Squadron 86 was chosen to participate in Rockville's Salute to Nonprofits on 4 November. We staffed a booth where we handed out information on flag etiquette, US Flags and patriotic stickers, and a comic book explaining military Veteran contributions to our country and the world, for the kids. The SAL is trying hard to inform our community about The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and Auxiliary in Rockville. Thanks to (below left, L-R) Doug Campbell, Finance Officer; Greg Dix, Chaplain; Bill Bird, Jr., Commander; David Holmes, 2nd Vice; and Ken Pegher, Adjutant for their help. Our Post Adviser, Jordan Robinson (not :- (pictured) was there as well.



Coming Events

Veterans Day: We are proud to participate in the annual Veterans Day service and wreath laying ceremony at Veterans Park on November 11th. Service starts at 11 AM and is open to all. Come to the Post following the service and join us in our Annual Open House luncheon!

Thanksgiving Dinner: We will be having a Thanksgiving gathering on Thursday, November 23 from 1-5 p.m. The event is open to the public and will be a potluck, but it is not mandatory to bring anything. Dinner will be served at 3 PM. We will have a sign-up sheet at post, so we can coordinate who is bringing what items. We will have fun games for kids and adults alike. Bring the family, watch some football and share a wonderful Thanksgiving meal with everyone!!!



Super Bowl

Football season is upon us again!! Post 86 will be holding their annual Super Bowl Party on February 4, 2018. The Super Bowl board is up in the bar area and we have already begun selling squares. Each square is \$100. You can reserve your square with a minimum of a \$25 deposit. Please see the bartender on duty to obtain your square(s). Remember, each square allows you and a guest to participate in the Post 86 Super Bowl party.

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. **Remember, during Football season, the Post will open at 1 pm on Sundays to coincide with game time!!**

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 delicious homemade breakfasts November 19th as well as December 3rd and December 17th. Come out and enjoy a home-cooked breakfast prepared by your favorite people. Breakfast is served from 10 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! Also, with the new partnership with the VFW, Post 86 will have Bingo on Fridays and Sundays. Please check the calendar for these NEW Bingo dates and times.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBHOUSE – Open Mic has officially been cancelled. Unfortunately, participation has dropped over the course of this year and the decision was made to cancel. Starting with the first Friday in November, we will be replacing open mic with the VFW Friday Bingo.

As always, YOUR Donations are greatly appreciated to help keep the Post operating as well as support the American Legion programs! Remember, your donations are tax deductible!

<p>American Legion Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86 Charitable Donation Form</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone Number/Email address: _____</p> <p>Enclosed is my donation of: _____</p> <p>Made Payable to: American Legion Boys State; American Legion Post 86; or The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 86. All donations are tax deductible</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please send donations to: American Legion Post 86, PO Box 5363, Rockville, MD 20848-5363</p>
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November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 DAV Mtg	2 Legion Executive Mtg	3 Lefty's Shrimp VFW Bingo Ace of Spades 7 pm	4
5 VFW Bingo 2 – 5 pm TURN CLOCKS BACK	6 BINGO	7 Sons of Confederate Vets Mtg 7 pm SAL Meeting Color Guard Mtg	8 Marine Corps League Mtg	9 Legion General Mtg	10 Auxiliary Dinner Ace of Spades 7 pm Veterans Day (Observed) – Open House at the Post	11 VETERANS DAY
12 VFW Bingo 2 – 5 pm	13 BINGO	14	15 FRA Mtg	16 VFW Mtg	17 SAL Dinner Ace of Spades 7 pm	18
19 SAL Breakfast VFW Bingo 2 – 5 pm Auxiliary Mtg 1:30 pm	20 BINGO	21	22	23 THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER AT THE POST	24 Thanksgiving Leftovers Ace of Spades 7 pm Bingo – 7-10pm	25
26 VFW Bingo 2 – 5 pm	27 BINGO	28	29	30		

DECEMBER 2017

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17 SAL Breakfast VFW Bingo 2 – 5 pm Auxiliary Mtg 1:30 pm	18 BINGO	19	20 FRA Mtg & Holiday Party	21 VFW Meeting	22 <u>Legion Dinner</u> <u>VFW Bingo</u> Ace of Spades 7 pm	23
24 VFW Bingo 2 – 5 pm	25 CHRISTMAS POST CLOSED	26	27	28	29 Legion Dinner VFW Bingo Ace of Spades 7 pm	30
31 VFW Bingo 2 – 5 pm	1 Happy New Year!					

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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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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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