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In the Spotlight: The Rockville Patriot

In the
Spotlight

After months of hard work and dedication, American Legion Post 86 is officially announcing the launch of our brand new Rockville Patriot newsletter! The primary objectives of the Rockville Patriot are to keep our members up-to-date on Post 86 current events, activities, and information by simplifying our content and increasing the visibility of our programs. Our goal with this new newsletter is to provide an easier way to share more about Post 86 while allowing members to quickly browse articles based on their own individual needs.

In addition to the changed design and layout of the pages, new additional features have been implemented to enhance the overall member experience:

- **Commander's Corner** – Message from the Commander.
- **News** - Information and articles focusing on community, regional, and national news from your executive leadership.
- **Squadron 86 Report** – SAL related information and news, all in one place.
- **Auxiliary 86 Report** – Auxiliary related information and news, all in one place.
- **Membership and Engagement** – Photos and articles about activities, events, and philanthropic efforts.
- **Calendar of Events** – Stay up-to-date with happenings at the Post.

We want to thank our former editors of the Post 86 newsletter for their hard work and dedication in keeping you informed about our post. A HUGE thanks goes out to Kristy Huszai and Carolyn Davis for their efforts and commitment. Your contributions to the Post cannot be overstated!

Your feedback is also very important as we strive to maintain a newsletter that is valuable to our members. Please remember to submit any questions, comments, or concerns to jordan.robinson4@yahoo.com so we may continue to provide you with the information you need when you need it. Enjoy!

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Commander's Corner

New Year, New Outlook

Happy New Year and greetings to all family members of Post 86! I hope this message finds everyone in great health and spirit! With the New Year we have many goals to accomplish, such as paying off our mortgage, reducing our bills, improving communication, and increasing participation at our meetings and events. I am confident we will rise to the occasion to meet the challenges and opportunities that 2018 has to offer, and that together we will see positive changes for our membership to improve the Post.

We are very close to paying off our mortgage, and as of right now we are less than two thousand dollars away from achieving this goal. Once our mortgage is paid off, we'd like to make additional improvements in the areas of energy efficiency, emergency funds, financial compensation to our employees, and facility modernization. To best achieve these goals, we'll need the full support of our members and families. I ask that you please take the opportunity to participate in as many Post events as possible so that we can continue to provide our services to you and the greater community.

We will continue to 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. We could still use a few callers, volunteers, and workers on the floor, so if you are interested, please come down and check it out! Every Friday night we have dinner from 5 pm until sold out! Lefty's Shrimp is very popular 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.

This is the 99th year of the Legion's existence, and we want to honor our organization by working together with other Posts and organizations to commemorate our 100th birthday. Plans are in the works for a ceremony to be held in 2019 and more information about forming an official committee will be announced at our next meeting.

I'd like to take a moment to wish you and yours a very happy, healthy New Year!!!

***For God and Country,
Randy L. Phillipp, Commander***

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News

Keeping You in the Know

From the First Vice Commander

We are presently at 68% renewed membership with a goal to get to 100% by the end of March. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please renew as soon as possible to prevent losing your benefits and having a lapse in coverage. Currently we are 110 members away from our goal of 100%. May 31st 2018 is the final day of the fiscal year, so be sure to renew before then. 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 start the year strong and help Post 86 to be one of the best in the county for membership submitted!

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

From the 2nd & 3rd Vice Commander

Hello, my fellow Legionnaires, SAL and Auxiliary members! February 4th is not far away and the **Super Bowl party** is just around the corner. This is a fundraiser for the Legion and the Post is counting on your support. As of this publication there are 18 squares left on the Super Bowl board and they are going fast! The cost is \$100 per square. The purchase of a square entitles you and a guest to an open bar (draft beer, wine and rail drinks), appetizers, and dinner buffet. Final payments are due by Friday, January 26th; if not paid by due date the square will be forfeited.

Light appetizers will be available at 5:30 p.m. with the dinner buffet put out at the beginning of the second quarter. Open bar will be available at the start of the football game and close at the end of the game. Volunteers to help serve food, sell games, etc., are needed. Please let us know if you are interested in helping.

We are starting to work on our Boys State nominations, so if anyone has any nominations or knows of any high school seniors that are interested, please let me know. The nomination period ends April 15, 2018. For more information, visit the Department of Maryland American Legion website [here](#).

Jerry Rosenbaum; 2nd & 3rd Vice Commander

From the Historian

Our Morale, Welfare, and Recreation [survey](#) has been extended! Please take 2 minutes of your time to tell us what you like and don't like about Post 86 through this short and sweet survey. The survey will close January 11th at 3 p.m. so please get your feedback in to us by then.

Jordan Robinson, Historian

From the Adjutant

General Meeting News: Our next general membership meetings will take place on January 11th and February 8th. There we will discuss upcoming philanthropic efforts and plan ways to give back to the community. Join us as we plan our Super Bowl party and cover important topics that are relevant to you as a member. We look forward to seeing you there!

MLK Jr. Food Drive: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a man of unrelenting charity and goodwill, and the holiday in his honor has now commonly become known as the “King Day of Service,” a day which challenges Americans to transform the King Holiday into a day of citizen action and volunteer service. With that in mind, we’d like to put on a food drive in honor of MLK that will run from January 1st to January 15th. During those two weeks, our goal is to raise 75 pounds of food for needy veterans and other families in the Rockville area. The food will be donated to Nourish Now, a non-profit organization that brings food security to families, children, and seniors in need in Montgomery County, Maryland. Nourish Now has pledged to get the food into the hands of those families who need it most, including the many veterans they serve.

We are also organizing a group to go and help volunteer at Manna Food Center on MLK day for a few hours. If you are interested in volunteering, or for more information, please email Jordan Robinson at Jordan.robinson4@yahoo.com. Thanks for all you do for the community and for showing others what the American Legion stands for.

Jordan Robinson, Adjutant

From the Service Officer

January is National Veterans Mentoring month and the Caregiver Peer Support Mentoring Program (CPSM) was developed by The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) to assist family caregivers of veterans. The VA’s goal for CPSM is to help family caregivers share their wisdom and knowledge with other caregivers. The VA recognized that caregivers have a unique challenge and through sharing their experiences with one another, the level of care that veterans receive increases.

Most veteran caregivers are partners or family members of the veteran. The VA has several services to help support caregivers of veterans including the Caregiver Support Line at 1-855-260-3274. The Caregiver Support Line is a great place to learn about assistance available from the VA, or to connect you to a Caregiver Support Coordinator, a licensed professional that can match the benefits available to the services you need.

VA Caregiver Support offers workshops, training and other tools to keep veteran caregivers informed and up to date, helping veterans get the care they need. One tool is the medication tool box. Keeping a log of medications can help caregivers keep track of prescriptions and over the counter medications. A prescription log is a must have tool if changing caregivers are assigned to any one veteran. Log notes can be made noting what prescriptions are working best for the veteran and log notes should be shared with the veteran’s doctors.

Veterans that require the aid of another person to help with their everyday living functions, like bathing, feeding, dressing, using the bathroom, adjusting a prosthetic device, may be eligible for Aid and Attendance benefits. VA Aid and Attendance veteran’s disability benefits may increase the monthly benefits a veteran receives. Veterans that are bedridden, in nursing homes or that have limited eyesight may also be approved for Aid and Attendance. If you are the caregiver of a veteran or a veteran under the care of a caregiver and have questions about your benefits you can call me at 315-416-1330 or email me at rjroach86@gmail.com. I will be happy to take your call and explain the benefits that you may be entitled to.

Ryan Roach, Service Officer

Words from the Chaplain

Clara Brown, our oldest Post Home member at 95, has been in and out of the hospital since mid-November. She has been fighting pneumonia and will be moving to the Hebrew Rehab Center soon. Additionally, our Service Officer's Father, Tim Roach, was just diagnosed with advanced stage 4 Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia. Please consider donating to Ryan's father at his [Go Fund Me page](#). We ask that you please keep Clara and Tim in your prayers. We also lost a long-time Legionnaire, Jerry Hope, at the beginning of December. Jerry had been a member of Post 86 for many years. He had to move to West Virginia when Alzheimer's made it impossible for him to live here. There will be a memorial service for Jerry at the end of January; check with Dan Tuite for more information.

Randy L. Phillipp, Chaplain

From the Color Guard

Hi everyone! Thank you all for your support to your Color Guard. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. This year we are looking forward to a great year for the Post. Starting in January, we will be getting the Color Guard room fixed up from the leak. I am also hoping to get to sharp new uniforms and more practices in for the coming year. Please come out and support us (and your Post) for all the activities we have going in 2018.

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 very Happy New Year!

Daniel Pounds; Captain of the Color Guard



Squadron 86 Report

Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Squadron 86

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

Meeting First Tuesday of Every Month

Happy New Year Gentlemen,

We are trying our best to become part of the larger community by reaching outside our doors and making sure our neighbors know we are here to support them. In 2018, we will support our Wounded Warriors and Active Duty at Walter Reed National Medical Center with the USO Warrior and Family Center; the retired Veterans at The Armed Forces Retirement Home as we assist The Friends of The Soldiers Home; and extend our partnership with The Rockville Senior Center. If you're interested in helping, let us know!

The Squadron will continue to host Post home breakfasts and dinners in the months ahead, as well as, volunteer at BINGO, car washes, and continue our participation in the Post 86 Color Guard. Some will brave the frigid waters of the Chesapeake Bay in a few weeks to support Special Olympics at The Polar Bear Plunge. Your officers will continue to reach out to our local government, local businesses, and you, to make our Squadron and Post stronger.

We joined the SAL to honor our parents and grandparents, and support our Rockville American Legion and Legionnaires. Are we doing enough? The Legion is a wonderful place to gather, have a drink, eat a meal, and be with the friends we've made, but it's so much more. We invite you to join our meetings to strengthen our mission and Squadron. Please come down to the Post for dinners and breakfasts, as this helps bolster our coffers; and attend the events we participate in, such as, Flag Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day, to promote comradeship.

Forty percent of your dues go to the national organization, the rest to help support our programs and the Post. Please sign up your brothers, sons, grandsons, nephews, and neighbors who qualify, as we make our Squadron and Post stronger.

Sincerely and Yours in Service,

Officers of Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Sons of The American Legion Squadron of Post 86

Squadron 86 Officers

Bill Bird, Jr.
Commander

Ken Pegher
Adjutant

Nat Sisco
1st Vice Commander

David Holmes
2nd Vice Commander

Collins Murphy
3rd Vice Commander

Doug Campbell
Finance Officer

Larry Chupella
Sargent-at-Arms

Greg Dix
Chaplain

Nic Wissinger
Historian

Ms. Jordan Robinson, USMC
Post 86 Adviser



Auxiliary 86 Report

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. Our prayers for a recovery are to Clara Brown. She is at home on the recovery trail from pneumonia. Please keep her in your thoughts while you are with your families and friends.

Since the post will be closed, Bingo has not been scheduled for New Year's Day. We still need help at the concession stand when Bingo is on the schedule. In the past, it was the Auxiliary's duty to provide snacks for Bingo. Any money made goes into the bank for the Auxiliary account. Any of the people who serve are volunteers at the Bingo. Many of those who "work" at the Post are volunteers also. Support and thanks is needed for these unpaid workers.

In order to cover the increase in National dues, the Auxiliary voted to raise our dues for the year 2018-2019 to \$28 for senior members and \$5 for juniors. If you haven't already, please send them to Electra Stathes at 3041 Crawford Drive, Rockville, MD 20851. We hold our meetings on the third Sunday at 1:00 p.m. This coincides with the SAL breakfast. Please come out to the meetings and enjoy a good home cooked breakfast.

As Valentine's Day falls on a Wednesday, the Auxiliary decided to acknowledge the day by raffling off two "romance" baskets. Tickets will be available at the Super Bowl party and raffled off on Valentine's Day. Please stop by with your sweetheart and enjoy a cocktail with friends at the Post Home.

We got the news that a young lady named Tiffany Moore won third place in the Poppy Poster contest. She is a student at College Gardens Elementary School in Rockville.

Maryland Girls State 2018 will be held June 17-22, 2018 at Salisbury University. Applications must be received at the Department Office by Friday, March 23. If you know of any High School Juniors who are interested in this program, please let the Auxiliary President or 1st Vice President know. The cost this year to be paid by unit is \$290 per girl (with registration fee payable by parent \$45). Mandatory orientation sessions will be held in April.

Yours in Service, President Susan Sumner

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Membership and Engagement

Good People, Good Times

Our holiday festivities went off without a hitch! Thanks to everyone who came to our Veterans Day Ceremony, Thanksgiving dinner, Chili Cook-off, Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Service, and winter holiday party. It was a great time filled with food and fun, and left everyone in good spirits. Below are some photos from the various events:



Veterans Day Ceremony



Post 86 Color Guard

Veterans Day Ceremony



Pictured Right: Mayor Bridget Newton

Chili Cook-Off



Chili Cook-Off

1st Place: Ken Pegher
2nd Place: Jordan Robinson
3rd Place- Robin Skiver

Toys for Tots



Toys for Tots 2017

Christmas Party



Christmas Party



To share more membership and engagement news, contact the newsletter publishing team at jordan.robinson4@yahoo.com.

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Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day POST CLOSED (Food Drive Begins)	2 Sons of Confederate Vets Mtg SAL Mtg 1900 Color Guard Meeting	3 DAV Meeting	4 Legion Exec Mtg @1830	5 Lefty's Shrimp VFW BINGO	6
7 VFW BINGO 2-5 pm SAL BFAST	8 BINGO	9 TAMS Class @ 0930	10 Marine Corps League Meeting	11 Legion General Mtg @1830	12 VFW BINGO AUX Dinner	13
14 VFW BINGO 2-5 pm	15 BINGO MLK Day (Food Drive Ends)	16	17 FRA Meeting	18 VFW Meeting	19 VFW BINGO SAL Dinner	20
21 SAL BFAST Auxiliary Mtg @ 1pm VFW BINGO 2-5 pm	22 BINGO	23	24	25	26 VFW BINGO Polar Bear Plunge Legion Dinner	27
28 VFW BINGO 2-5 pm	29 BINGO	30	31			

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Legion Exec Meeting @ 1830	2 Lefty's Shrimp Groundhog Day VFW BINGO	3
4 VFW BINGO 2-5 pm SUPER BOWL PARTY!	5 BINGO	6 SAL Meeting @ 1900	7 DAV Meeting	8 Legion General Meeting @ 1830	9 VFW BINGO AUX Dinner	10
11 VFW BINGO Cancelled SAL SMD Mtg @ 1- 4 pm	12 BINGO	13	14 Valentine's Day AUX Raffle	15 VFW Meeting	16 VFW BINGO SAL Dinner	17
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25 VFW BINGO 2-5 pm	26 BINGO	27	28			

Super Bowl Party - February 4th, 2018

Post 86 will hold our 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 \$25 deposit. Please see the bartender on duty to obtain your square(s). Remember, one square entitles you and a guest to be part of this great time of camaraderie with lots of food and fine spirits, and the funds raised go toward supporting Legion programs. Volunteers to help serve food, sell games, etc. are needed.

SAL Breakfast/ Dinner

The SAL will continue with their delicious homemade breakfasts January 7th and January 21st as well as February 18th. Come out and enjoy a home-cooked breakfast prepared by your favorite people. Breakfast is served from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dinners will be held on January 19th and February 16th. Call ahead for the menu. Help is always needed and appreciated.

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Robinson's Riddles

Congratulations to **Bill Bird, Jr., Randy Phillipp, Karen Maxin, and Annie Cifarelli** for successfully solving the December riddles. Thanks to all who submitted, and keep on guessing!

January Riddle:

Who established January 1 as the start of the New Year?

A man was born on January 1st, 23 B.C. and died January 2nd, 23 A.D. How old did he live to be?

Please submit all answers to Jordan.robinson4@yahoo.com by **February 20th**.

December Riddle: **Just for Fun!**

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?

Answer: They crashed into each other

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

Answer: The Infantry

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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

Telephone: 301-424-4486

Fax: 301-251-7024

American Legion Eligibility Date

WWI - April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918

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.

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.

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. 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. 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. Reminder that young adults must be 16 years old to come in.

VETERANS SUPPORT GROUP - A "Life Balance: Military Veteran's Support Group" that is "In Support of the Balance Wheel of Life", welcomes veterans from all branches of the United States military. This group, led by Maria L. Wey, U.S. Navy Veteran, and Cynthia Flynn, U.S. Army Veteran, will meet the 4th Thursday night of each month at the Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center in Rockville, MD from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

This group will focus on working with Individual Development Plans (IDP) to help the group members set up their own life goals. The IDP goals will correlate to each area of the wheel of life. So, Take Care of Yourself & Please Join Us! See the presentation of this plan [here](#) or type <https://drive.google.com/file/d/18-LPSUX3ErmDZrKpOywsAqBwg4qU-eky/view?usp=sharing> into your browser. We hope to see you there!

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE - The Annual Polar Bear Plunge supporting Maryland Special Olympics will be held on Friday, January 26, at Sandy Point State Park. All monies raised from this event goes to support the Special Olympics. A number of very brave members of Post 86 are participating. Your support and donations are needed. Please contact the SAL Commander Bill Bird or Post Adjutant Jordan Robinson to participate or donate to this worthy cause.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBHOUSE – Check out our newly revamped [website](#) for information regarding events, hall rentals, officer bios, and other news at <https://mdlegion86.org>. Please also like us on Facebook at the following pages: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsofPost86RockvilleMD/> and <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionPost86/>

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!

American Legion Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86 Charitable Donation Form	
Name: _____	
Address: _____	Phone _____
Number/Email address: _____	
Enclosed is my donation of: _____	
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	

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