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After 32 long years, American Legion Post 86 is proud to announce that our mortgage is finally paid off! The \$400,000 mortgage, originally signed back in 1986 by former Commander William Soper and Adjutant James Duffy, and later modified and extended in 1992 by former Commander Thelma O'Connell, 1st Vice Commander Donald Suddath, Adjutant Gordon Crago, and Finance Officer Michael J. O'Connell, made local news when the executive leadership decided to revamp the Post and invest into making it the forever home for Rockville's American Legion veterans. Over the years the mortgage has been refinanced and extended, but recently a Certificate of Satisfaction was issued to the Post on January 29, 2018, notifying us that the lien against the Deed of Trust had been released, indicating our outright ownership of the property. Amazing!

In honor of achieving this huge milestone, the Legion will be hosting a "Burn the Mortgage" party. The event details are as follows:

- **Date:** Saturday, March 17th (Yes, it's Saint Patrick's Day too!)
- **Time:** 1800 – until...
- **Entertainment:** Comedian Sandy Bernstein 1900-1945; Back N Time Live Band 2000-2300.
- **Food:** Catered by Mission BBQ and served at 1800.
- **Drink Specials:** Specials on GREEN beer all night long. Ask your bartender for details.
- **Who's Invited:** Legionnaires, SAL, Auxiliary, and their guests. The more the merrier.
- **Cost:** FREE

We want to thank YOU for all your love and support over the many years. We wouldn't be here today if it weren't for your continued involvement and participation, so come out and celebrate with us!

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 info@mdlegion86.org so we may continue to provide you with the information you need when you need it. Enjoy!



Commander's Corner

We are in a new year and busy as usual. Many repairs are being done around the Post to keep it up and running. We had a Super Bowl party early February that was both fun and very successful for all who attended. I want to thank Carolyn, Karry, and their helpers for a job well done. I cannot forget the bartenders Maryann and Sue for their hard work in keeping up with the abundant orders of drinks all night. Again, thanks to all and great job!

Our Mortgage is paid off and we are planning to have a Mortgage Burning party on March 17, 2018. Everyone is invited to attend. We are continuing to have great turnouts for our Friday Night Dinners, which is sincerely appreciated. For those who have not attended our dinners, please come down between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. and give it a try. I want give special thanks to the VFW Post 9862 for their donation and to other private donors who contributed to help pay off our mortgage. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

I am still looking for a respectable person who is willing to come down and clean our Post on a continuing basis. It will be only three hours a day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day of the week. If by chance you are interested, please stop by and leave your name and phone number with one of the bartenders.

We are still maintaining participation of 14-22 patrons playing Bingo at the Post every Monday evening from 7 to 10 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a caller and worker on the floor please let me know. There is also Bingo on Friday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m. hosted by the VFW. Everyone is invited to play. Come on down and have a great time.

On a final note, I would like to see more of our Post family come out to see what we are doing in the community and at home, and to have fun playing our gaming machines, pull tabs, billiards, shuffle board or to just enjoy sitting at the bar chatting with friends. I hope to see everyone soon.

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



News *Keeping You in the Know*

From the First Vice Commander

Membership is going well, we are sitting at 83% and are 61 members away from reaching our goal of 369. If we reach 100% by April 30th, 2018, it will look really great for Post 86 that our membership renewed on time. Therefore please don't delay; renew now and we can accomplish this feat together. Recently I have sent up 43 renewals, 3 new members, received 1 transfer in, and 68 members paid online. You may be receiving a second notice for renewal. If you have already paid your dues, simply disregard the letter. If you have not paid yet, please get us your dues right away.

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

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From the 2nd & 3rd Vice Commander

Hello, my fellow Legionnaires, SAL and Auxiliary members! We have three young men nominated to Boys State and we are beginning our round of interviews with them next week. Best of luck to the candidates and we wish them well on their path to future success. For more information, visit the Department of Maryland American Legion website [here](#).

Jerry Rosenbaum; 2nd & 3rd Vice Commander

From the Historian

The survey results are in! There were some excellent comments and suggestions to improve our Post. We want to thank you for your time and input into helping us make our post better. Your opinions are highly valued and remind us of what's most important to YOU. Please know that each suggestion is being taken into consideration and plans are in the works to implement many of the good ideas you all came up with. If you have other suggestions or ideas for how to improve the Post, please email me at Jordan.Robinson4@yahoo.com and I'll be sure to pass the information on to the executive board members.

Jordan Robinson, Historian

From the Adjutant

General Meeting News: Our next general membership meetings will take place on March 8th and April 12th. There we will discuss upcoming events and plan ways to give back to the community. Join us as we organize our Burn the Mortgage party and cover important topics that are relevant to you as a member. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bar Changes: As you may or may not have heard, bar prices have increased as of March 1st, 2018. The increase in price is due to the rise in prices of alcohol overall throughout Montgomery County. For your convenience, all drinks are now priced in .25 cent increments. **Happy Hour** times have also changed – they are now from 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday. We also plan to feature new specials on the weekends, so stay tuned!

Please note that smoking is prohibited at the front entrance of the Post, and smokers must be at least 25 feet away from the entrance of any establishment, per Montgomery County law. Thanks for your cooperation.

Officer Positions Available for 2018-2019 – A number of officer positions are coming available and we need your participation to continue to grow and thrive. Positions available include: Historian, Service Officer, and Chaplain, and a few other positions will be shifted around such as 2nd and 3rd Vice, Judge Advocate, and Sergeant at Arms. We highly encourage those of you who are continually involved with Legion affairs to step up and fill one of these very important roles. Even those of you who are new to the Post have a lot to offer, so please, consider an officer position. Your guidance is needed and sincerely appreciated. Thanks for all you do.

Jordan Robinson, Adjutant

From the Service Officer

Hello everyone, happy beginning of spring from your Service Officer. It has been a strong last few months in the world of benefits at Post 86. There have been news updates on Social Security Disability Insurance, caregiver assistance, and the “forever” GI Bill, among others. Since the last newsletter we have also helped more than half a dozen veterans enroll in VA-related benefits. With your support we can continue to spread word of these benefits to our brothers and sisters that need them.

If you need assistance, email me at rjroach86@gmail.com. I will be happy to help you navigate the benefits that you may be entitled to. Wishing you a wonderful spring!

Ryan Roach, Service Officer

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Words from the Chaplain

Clara Brown, our oldest Post Home member at 95, passed away January 21st, 2018 at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring after suffering on-going illness. Clara was a lifetime member of both the American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary and the VFW Post 9862 Auxiliary, where she also served two years as Madam President of District 2 for the VFW. Born on August 23, 1922 in New York City, Clara lived a full and rewarding life and is survived by her daughter Diana Martin, also a member of the Post 86 American Legion family. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Post on April 28th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in her honor.

Longtime member and post officer Edward Fields has also been ill. A card was passed around at the Super Bowl party and mailed to him in early February. Please keep both of these families in your prayers.

Since our last newsletter, our Post has lost 3 Legionnaires and 1 Unit 86 Member; their life everlasting to the Supreme Commander in the Heavens above. May they rest in peace, and all will be ever missed. My sympathy to the families for their lost loved ones. God Speed to all.

Ramdy L. Phillipp, Chaplain

From the Color Guard

Hi everyone, thank you for all your support. We are still working on the Color Guard room and are hoping to have it done soon. Below are some photos of the new room, which looks really great!



I hope you might have seen the new box for retired flags, and if not, take a look again as soon as you come in the front door. You can also find a photo of the new flag box below, in the Membership and Engagement section of this newsletter.

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!!!

Daniel Pounds; Captain of the Color Guard

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From Our Friends

Sons of the Confederate Veterans

Organized in 1896 by the sons of the Veterans themselves, the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) serves as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to insuring that a true history of the 1860's is preserved for future generations. The SCV offers local, state, and national programs including historical preservation, marking and maintaining soldiers graves, presentations and publications, all striving to maintain the integrity of American history.

Membership is open to male descendants of Confederate Soldiers, Sailors and Government Officials, regardless of race, color, creed or background. The SCV exist to honor American and Southern history and rejects and condemns the misuse of any modern or historical symbols for the purpose of hate. Many of our members belong to other historic and patriotic groups such as the Sons of American Revolution, local Historical Societies etc. We would be honored to have members, guests and friends of Post 86 attend any of our activities.

Upcoming Events:

March 06: "Divided Nation, Divided Town: One Woman's Experience"

Speaker: Emily Correll

The story of Rockville's Dora Higgins and her experiences during the Civil War. Based on a letter that Dora, an ardent abolitionist, wrote to her mother describing her trials as rebel general J.E.B. Stuart's men came through Rockville and captured her husband. Rockville's divisions over slavery and the war can serve as an illustration of the divisions in Maryland and the United States as a whole.

April 03: "Irritable Heart"

Speaker: Ashley Bowen

"Irritable Heart"- the diagnosis and treatment of Civil War Soldiers for what would come to be known as "Post Traumatic Stress Disorder." Ashley Bowen earned her PhD in American Studies at Brown University. Her dissertation is titled "All Broke Down: The Physiological, Psychological, and Social Origins of Civil War Trauma." Prior to entering graduate school, she worked for a variety of museums and public health organizations.

Bob Brewer, Commander

Ad: Kindly Donated by James Roberts, HDTV Proceeds help fund Burn the Mortgage party

American Legion Post 86, Rockville, MD HDTV Raffle



1 Ticket for \$1 or 6 Tickets for \$5

Drawing will be 17 March 2018

(Burn the Mortgage Party!)

SAMSUNG LED Monitor w/ HDTV Combo
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Squadron 86 Report

Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Squadron 86

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

Meeting First Tuesday of Every Month

Membership stands at 72%. Help us meet our 14 March goal of 80%. We have approximately 25 members who have not renewed. Membership enables our squadron to help veterans and participate in community programs. Please consider renewing as soon as possible. Take a look at your membership card and check the year. If you need help in renewing please contact me.
-- Nathan Sisco, 1st Vice Commander, 240-252-0099.

(On a side note, at the February Southern Maryland District meeting, Jim Alexander, the Detachment First Vice Commander suggested that the SAL membership card is a Thank You card. It's a thank you from you to your Dad, Mom, Grandfather, or Grandmother for their service. Let's get back on track in March so we can be 100% by the end of April. Get your Thank You Card.)

On January 21, 2018 Squadron 86 in conjunction with the Bethesda USO put on a party for the NFL NFC Championship game at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (National Naval Medical Center). Squadron 86 provided food and snacks for all Active Duty, Dependent, Wounded Warrior and care takers that wanted to attend. The party drew roughly 70 people and even though the game was a blow out, a great time was had by all. It was a great honor and privilege for Squadron 86 to have participated in this event. Squadron 86 would like to thank all those who helped with this event. We could not do this without the many volunteers and would like to thank the USO for allowing us to help with this

event. Be on the lookout for more events to come with the USO Bethesda and Walter Reed!

-- Collins Murphy, 2nd Vice Commander



(L-R) David Holmes, Nic Wissinger, Greg Dix, Collins Murphy, Jordan Robinson.

Breakfast The Squadron is hosting breakfast on 4 and 18 March, 8 and 22 April from 1000 hours until 1300 hours. Come join us for omelets, bacon, sausage, scrapple, potatoes, and comradeship. Breakfast is eight dollars. The comradeship is free.

Dinner is served on 16 March and 20 April from 1700 hours until 2000 hours. Our dinner in March is the day before St. Patrick's Day and we will be serving our Corned Beef and Cabbage that seemed so popular last year, for \$8. April's dinner is being planned so look to our website, <http://mdlegion86.org> or our Facebook page for the menu. The price has not been determined, the comradeship is still free.



Squadron 86 was represented at the Polar Bear Plunge benefiting Special Olympics. It was cold and windy on 26 January, the temperature in the mid-thirties. Larry Chupella and his son, Joey, along with Doug Bushnell, and Danny Pounds took it in stride as they dashed for the frigid waters of the Bay. We added \$300 dollars to the total \$11,200 that the Legion Team donated.



Polar Bear Plungers (L-R) Joey Chupella, Larry Chupella and Danny Pounds. (Doug Bushnell, not pictured)

The Detachment Commander Project this year is the Boy Scouts of America. Commander Dave Hullihen wants to help Maryland Boy Scouts go to the American Legion Jamboree in 2019 by providing buses. The American Legion Jamboree is held every three years with West Virginia hosting in 2019. The Commander would also like to send one troop from every Maryland Squadron District to Broad Creek Scout Camp in Harford County for 2 weeks and also help with renovations including painting, new windows, and air conditioner upgrades at Broad Creek are on the slate. Squadron 86 has donated \$500 to this project.



Nic Wissinger, Squadron 86 Historian and Post 86 Color Guard, has committed to Shepherd University for the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year. Nic has been the starting long snapper for the Richard Montgomery Rockets. Nic always worked hard for his position spending hours at the gym on the weekends and going to football camps. Hard work pays off and we wish him much success at Shepherd College.



NCAA March Madness is upon us and Ken Pegher, Squadron 86 Adjutant, is once again running our block pool fundraiser. Twenty five percent of your contribution goes to the programs we support which include Special Olympics, Boys State, the USO, and our Post Home. Support the programs we support and get your square. The games begin March 13. \$20 a square.



A cash raffle is being held by The Detachment of Maryland to benefit Special Olympics Maryland. Each ticket is one dollar (\$1.00). The drawing is 24 June and you need not be present to win. First prize is \$500.00 and Second prize is \$250.





Auxiliary 86 Report

If you haven't already, please send your membership renewals to Electra Stathes at 1304 Crawford Drive, Rockville, MD 20851. The cost is \$28 for senior members and \$5 for juniors (17 and younger). We hold our meetings on the third Sunday at 1:30 p.m. This usually coincides with the SAL breakfast. Please come out to the meetings to learn more and stay up-to-date with our unit. Remember, we require a minimum of 4 officers to be present in order to hold an official meeting. Otherwise the meeting is considered unofficial.

Maryland Girls State 2018 will be held June 17-22 at Salisbury University. The cost this year to be paid by the Unit is \$290 per girl (with registration fee payable by parent \$45). We have received applications from 5 girls, but we are going to reach out to other Units in the area to see if they can help us sponsor them. Interviews will be conducted in March by a panel of Auxiliary officers.

Thank you to everyone who entered the raffle for the Valentine's Day romance baskets. G. Chester and Jordan R. won the baskets and we raised \$80 to put towards Auxiliary programs.

Yours in Service, President Susan Sumner



Membership and Engagement *Good People, Good Times*

Our winter festivities went off without a hitch! Thanks to everyone who came to our Super Bowl Party, Polar Bear Plunge, USO Football Playoff Volunteer Event, Surprise Birthday Parties, and more... Below are some photos from the various events:

Eagle Scout Flag Retirement Box Donated to Post 86
By Tyler Funk



Pictured Left to Right: Tyler Funk and Daniel Pounds

Clara Brown and her daughter, Diana Martin
at Villa Rosa Italian Festival, 2016



Pictured Left to Right: Diana Martin and Clara Brown

Robin Skiver's Surprise 60th Birthday Party



Commander Randy Phillipp's 61st Birthday Party



Super Bowl Party



Super Bowl Party



Super Bowl Party



Super Bowl Party



To share more membership and engagement news, contact the newsletter publishing team at info@mdlegion86.org.

Calendar of Events

MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Lefty's Shrimp VFW BINGO	3 Legion Exec Meeting TBD
4 VFW BINGO 2-5 pm SAL BFAST	5 BINGO	6 SAL Meeting @ 1900 Sons of Confederate Vets Mtg Color Guard Meeting	7 DAV Meeting	8 Legion General Meeting @ 1830 & AWARDS NIGHT	9 VFW BINGO AUX Dinner	10 MoCo Public Safety Award & Meeting – 0800 - BFAST 0900 - Mtg
11 VFW BINGO 2-5 pm Daylight Savings Time Begins	12 BINGO	13	14 Marine Corps League Meeting	15 VFW Meeting	16 VFW BINGO SAL Dinner	17 Burn the Mortgage party @1800 St. Patrick's Day 
18 SAL BFAST Auxiliary Mtg @ 1:30 pm VFW BINGO 2-5 pm	19 BINGO TAMS Class @ 0930	20	21 FRA Meeting	22	23 VFW BINGO Legion Dinner	24
25 VFW BINGO 2-5 pm	26 BINGO	27	28	29	30 VFW BINGO Legion Dinner	31

APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter April Fools' Day VFW BINGO 2-5 pm	2 BINGO	3 Sons of Confederate Vets Mtg SAL Mtg 1900 Color Guard Meeting	4 DAV Meeting	5	6 Lefty's Shrimp VFW BINGO	7 Legion Exec Mtg TBD
8 SAL B-FAST VFW BINGO 2-5 pm	9 BINGO	10	11 Marine Corps League Meeting	12 Legion General Mtg @1830	13 VFW BINGO AUX Dinner	14
15 Auxiliary Mtg @ 1:30 pm VFW BINGO 2-5 pm	16 BINGO	17	18 FRA Meeting	19 VFW Meeting	20 VFW BINGO SAL Dinner	21
22 SAL B-FAST VFW BINGO 2-5 pm	23 BINGO	24	25	26	27 VFW BINGO Legion Dinner	28 Clara Brown Celebration of Life @ 1-4pm
29 VFW BINGO 2-5 pm	30 BINGO					

Burn the Mortgage Party - March 17th, 2018

Post 86 will hold a "Burn the Mortgage" Party on March 17th, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The event features food catered from Mission BBQ, a stand-up comedian performance from 7 to 8 p.m., and a live rock band from 8 to 11 p.m. All Legionnaires, SAL, Auxiliary, and their guests are welcome. St. Patrick's Day drink specials and Budweiser *green* beer will be offered at a discount. Volunteers to help serve food, sell games, etc. are needed.

SAL Breakfast/ Dinner

The SAL will continue with their delicious homemade breakfasts March 4th, March 18th, April 8th, and April 22nd. 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 March 16th and April 20th. Call ahead for the menu. Help is always needed and appreciated.

SAL March Madness Block Pool

Every game gives you a chance to win! Cost is \$20 per square. See bartenders or Kenny for more details.

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HALL RENTALS/CATERING - Our Post has a wonderful hall available for rental. Anyone interested in renting the hall, please call the Post 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. Click the link above to view the blog, sign up for the listserv, or to contact the group leaders. You can also sign up [here](#).

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](#). We hope to see you there!

IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING – A special thank you goes out to Robin Skiver and Karen Maxin for their hard work during the holiday season to help needy and disadvantaged men, women, and children at local shelters. They were able to donate 60 bags with much-needed toiletries, as well as food items, to brighten the spirits of the men at the homeless shelter on Gude Drive. For the women and children at Stepping Stone Shelter, toiletry bags, cold weather gear, and Christmas gifts were among the items donated. Thank you for doing what we do best – helping others! Your contributions to the community cannot be overstated!

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!

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