



# The Rockville Patriot Newsletter

Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86 | Volume 1 Issue 3

American Legion Post 86  
Bi-Monthly Updates  
May-June 2018



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## In the Spotlight:



This month the spotlight is on BINGO, our most interactive game of chance where you can try your luck while socializing with fellow friends. Every night is a chance to win!

**FUN FACT:** Bingo is known to relieve stress and boost the cognitive abilities of players too! Researchers found that playing the game keeps your brain trim and that bingo players are generally more mentally agile than non-bingo players. Come join us and stay sharp!

In order to keep our doors open and our games going, **your help is needed** and sincerely appreciated. After all, calling Bingo is fun! Take the time to volunteer a couple of hours once or twice a month and show your support! Anyone interested in becoming a caller and/or worker on the floor please let us know by calling the post at (301) 424-4486 or emailing [info@mdlegion86.org](mailto:info@mdlegion86.org). Remember, we couldn't do it without you!

Post 86 Bingo Info:

- **When:** Mondays 7-10 p.m., Fridays 7-10 p.m., and Sundays 2-5 p.m. *\*schedule subject to change*
- **Food:** Friday night dinners vary, call ahead for menu. Sundays we offer a variety of items including hotdogs, burgers, and sides (subject to availability).
- **Drink Specials:** Happy hour from 4-7 p.m. weeknights. Ask your bartender for details.
- **Who's Invited:** All Bingo enthusiasts welcome

*Did you know?* Bingo players tend to be very superstitious when it comes to the game. Some believe in lucky charms, lucky pens, lucky numbers and certain colors of daubers. Some even have lucky chairs, clothes and underwear. It is not surprising to see some go around their chair three times before sitting down.

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



## Commander's Corner

Hello everyone, I hope all are well and enjoying the Spring and Summer weather we are experiencing so far. A lot has happened these past 2 months; we are sole owners of Post 86; we have seen an increase of patrons during Happy Hour; our Friday night meals are going well; and Sundays are steadily increasing in attendance. We are currently getting ready for the Hometown Holidays music festival taking place over Memorial Day Weekend. Taking place in the Rockville Town Center, the festival features more than 30 free live performances, the Taste of Rockville, children's activities, and will culminate in a parade on Memorial Day! As usual, we will be manning one of the Beer Tents. If you have a moment, come out to have fun and enjoy yourself.

As another year is coming to a close, I am looking for new candidates to help run the operations and logistics of our home Post 86. The following positions are available for the Year 2018-2019:

1. Commander
2. 1st Vice Commander
3. 2nd Vice Commander
4. 3rd Vice Commander
5. Adjutant
6. Chaplain
7. Historian
8. Sergeant at Arms
9. Judge Advocate General
10. Executive at Large

If any of the above positions interest you, please contact me or the Adjutant here at post. We will be glad to elaborate on what each role does and we can discuss where you would fit best given your skillset and interests.

I am still looking for a Legionnaire, retiree, or anyone interested in becoming a custodian here at the post. As a paid employee, the job consists of working three hours a day Monday through Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. (hours negotiable) with Sundays off. Currently there are four Post 86 members who regularly volunteer to help clean, but it will not last with the weather getting better outside. Please pass this news along to anyone you believe would be interested. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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***

Just a short note to pass to everyone, we are at 85% and need 124 to make 100% of Membership within the County and Department. If you notice that your card says 2017, you will need to renew before the end of May. Dues are \$40.00, and you can leave it with the Bartender, pay online, or mail it in to the Post. Once I receive it, I will be mailing your new card out ASAP. If by chance you catch me here at the Post, I will give it to you right away.

Additionally, I would like to welcome the newest members to our Post and Family:

1. Keshia Alfred
2. Michael Pereira
3. Christopher Washington
5. James Onque
7. Randolph Underholm
8. Roy Davis

Welcome to all!

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 to pick one up!

***Randy L. Phillipp, First Vice Commander***

### ***From the 2nd & 3rd Vice Commander***

We are doing well with the hall rentals. Remember, there is an open house at the Legion after the parade at the Hometown Holidays on Memorial Day. We are sending 3 boys to Boys State this year and a special thanks goes to the SAL and other donors who helped to send our boys to the program this summer. Additionally, we gave certificates and awards to Gaithersburg ROTC Change of Command and will also do the same at Magruder High School.

***Jerry Rosenbaum; 2nd & 3rd Vice Commander***

### ***From the Historian***

We've had a great year full of events and camaraderie, and I have certainly enjoyed being your historian. One of the major duties of historian this year was revamping our newsletter, which was a pleasure to work on to help facilitate better communication around the post. I hope you've all enjoyed reading and that you'll continue to stay abreast of all the great things Post 86 is doing. As always, any comments and concerns are welcome at [info@mdlegion86.org](mailto:info@mdlegion86.org).

Signing off,

***Jordan Robinson, Historian***

### ***From the Adjutant***

**General Meeting News:** Our next general membership meetings will take place on May 10<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>. There we will discuss upcoming events and plan ways to give back to the community. Join us as we organize our summer events and cover important topics that are relevant to you as a member. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Officer Positions Available for 2018-2019** –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***

If you need assistance during this transitory period, send your request to [info@mdlegion86.org](mailto:info@mdlegion86.org) or leave your message with the post and we will be happy to help you navigate the benefits that you may be entitled to. Wishing you a wonderful summer!

***Ryan Roach, Service Officer***

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## ***Words from the Chaplain***

The following are the names of members that have passed away and joined the Father of Everlasting to the Heavens above:

1. Fred Bevenour
2. Clara Brown
3. Gino Capotosto
4. Joseph Rostkowski

May they rest in peace, and all will be ever missed. My sympathy to the families for their lost loved ones. God Bless all.

***Randy L. Phillipp, Chaplain***

## ***From the Color Guard***

Hi everyone, April showers are now leaving us and pretty May flowers are coming upon us. With that being said, the Post Color Guard has a busy month. We will be firing a 21 gun salute for Post 171 in Damascus on Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>. They have a beautiful ceremony for Memorial Day. Everybody should go and see it for themselves.

On Memorial Day, the Guard will be starting the day at Parklawn Cemetery. We will all meet at the Post at 7am and go to the cemetery around 7.30am. The Post service will start once all members have arrived. We will proceed to the post for refreshments after our services, and then onto Rockville Town Center. Rockville has a wonderful Wreath Ceremony and Parade, followed by a wonderful lunch at Post 86. Please come and join us to celebrate all the fallen servicemen and women that have died for our country. Thank you all for your support to the Post 86 Color Guard.

***Daniel Pounds; Captain of the Color Guard***

## ***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:

May 01: Reconciliation of North and South after the war

Speaker: Michael Virts

June 05: Historian and author of several Civil War articles will speak on the marking of the graves of 16 unknown confederates, killed in action during Gen. Jubal Early's 1864 invasion of Maryland. Confederate Grave Marker/ Monument @ 16th ST/ GA AVE Silver Spring MD

Speaker: Gordon Berg

***Bob Brewer, Past Commander***

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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

The end of the membership year is nigh bringing my second year as Commander to a positive close. It doesn't feel enough to say thank you to the Squadron and Post officers who help make our efforts successful, but thanks to all who made the year great with special thanks to the following.

**Ken Pegher**, as Adjutant and advisor is a treat. Every year the Commander asks someone to be Adjutant and Ken stepped up. Ken also ran (with help from the bartenders) the March Madness pool, our largest single fund raiser this year, as he does every year, and we thank him.

**Nat Sisco**, did a great job as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, and thanks to him for tackling membership. We wish him well.

**Nic Wissinger**, is off to college. As a member of the Color Guard and our squadron Historian he is valued and we wish him well in the near future, as the newly recruited long snapper for the Shephard University Rams, and all his future ventures.

**Jordan Robinson**, our Post Advisor is moving to be closer to work (welcome to the DMV) and will be leaving us. She really ramped up communication in the Post as the Adjutant and made time for us. We will miss her. (We have a Post Advisor, because although Sons has its own membership, we are not a separate entity. Rather, S.A.L. is a program of The American Legion.)

Breakfast is served from 1000 – 1300 hours on 20 May, 10 June, and 24 June.

Dinner, is served from 1800 – until sold out on 18 May and 15 June. (Please note the time change.)

**Membership** stands at 95%. We need four new or renewed members to meet 100%. Let's finish strong by 29 May. Join or renew and honor your parents and grandparents.

**Friends of The Soldiers Home** is holding their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling this year and Squadron 86 is volunteering to help. If you are interested, please go here,

<http://signup.com/go/TkupVCf>

We will leave the Post parking lot at 1100 hours sharp, if not earlier.

**Squadrons 86's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Swing** will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 1800 – 2100 hours. We are again welcoming the Rockville Swing Band to perform songs from The Golden Era of Swing. We are asking a donation of \$7.00 for admission. Finger food provided.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 86  
Presents at  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 86**  
SATURDAY, June 3, 2018  
2013 Veirs Mill Road  
Admission \$7.00      Dancing 6 to 9 pm.





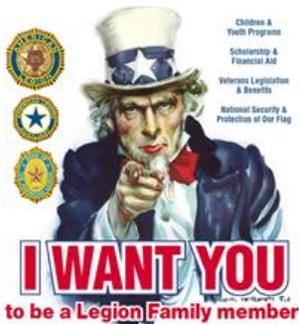
# Auxiliary 86 Report

We are funding four young ladies for Girls State. There were several applicants who were interested in Girls State and their applications were sent to several local units in the area. Thank you, ladies, for your help with the interviews. I've gotten notices and calls from other units and their Presidents will call me so I can let the non-sponsored girls know who will be sponsoring them.

Help is needed for Bingo callers and for help with the Bingo concession. Since we have only one person to help with snacks, etc., this is putting quite a strain on one person's budget. Thanks to the VFW for their help as callers. It was very much appreciated.

There was a good turnout at the Mortgage Burning Party Saturday night. It was good to see all the members there and we had a few surprise guests also. The music was good and several people were tapping their toes. Thanks to all who came.

*Yours in Service, President Susan Sumner*



## Membership and Engagement *Good People, Good Times*

Our spring festivities went off marvelously! Thanks to everyone who came to our Burn the Mortgage/St. Patrick's Day party, Clara Brown's Celebration of Life, Surprise Birthday Parties and more... Below are some photos from the various events:

Burn the Mortgage Party



Burn the Mortgage Party



Back N Time Band 1

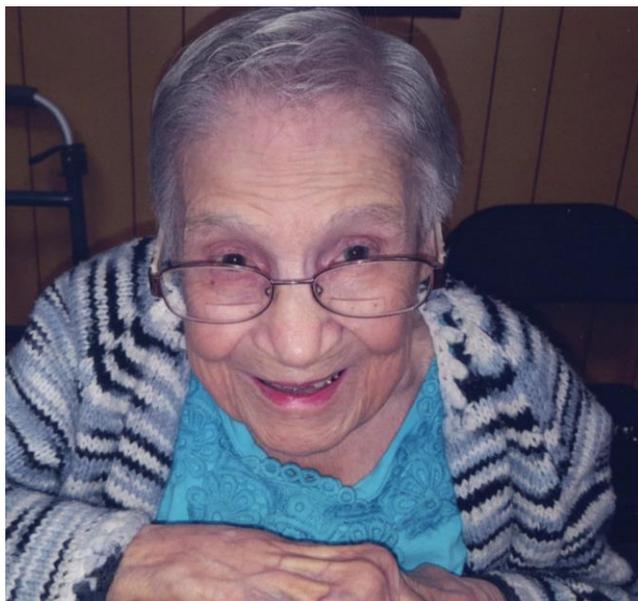
### Burn the Mortgage Party Cake



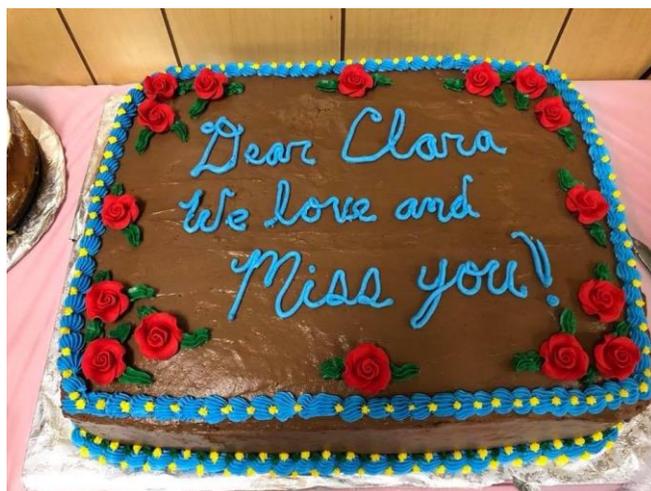
### Legionnaire of the Year Award for 2017 presented to James Roberts



### Celebration of Clara Brown's Life



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Fleet Reserve Association  
Triangle Branch 182  
**FUND RAISER**



Win 2 Season Tickets or \$1000, or one of two \$500 prizes  
Grand Prize Winner may choose the  
Redskins Season Tickets or \$1000 cash

**\*\*SEASON TICKET SEATS\*\***

FedEx field, section 135, row 1 seats 6&7  
Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 (only 200 tickets printed)  
Drawing will be held 4 p.m. July 28, 2018.

**Winner need not be present to win.**

Winner will be notified by phone.

### Welcome New Members of Post 86

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the  
newest members of our Post and Family:

**Keshia Alfred  
Michael Pereira  
Christopher Washington  
James Onque  
Randolph Underholm  
Roy Davis**

We look forward to seeing you around the Post!

To share more membership and engagement news, contact the newsletter publishing team at  
[info@mdlegion86.org](mailto:info@mdlegion86.org).

# Calendar of Events

## MAY 2018

| Sun  | Mon         | Tue  | Wed                                    | Thu                                   | Fri                                     | Sat |
|--|-------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|-----|
|  |             | 1<br>SAL Meeting<br>@ 1900<br><br>Sons of<br>Confederate<br>Vets Mtg<br><br>Color Guard<br>Meeting | 2<br>DAV Meeting                       | 3<br>Legion Exec<br>Meeting TBD       | 4<br>Lefty's Shrimp<br><br>BINGO        | 5   |
| 6<br>BINGO 2-5<br>pm   | 7<br>BINGO  | 8  | 9<br>Marine Corps<br>League<br>Meeting | 10<br>Legion<br>General Mtg<br>@ 1830 | 11<br>BINGO<br><br>AUX Dinner           | 12  |
| 13<br>BINGO 2-5<br>pm  | 14<br>BINGO | 15   | 16<br>FRA Meeting                      | 17<br>VFW Meeting                     | 18<br>BINGO<br><br>SAL Dinner @<br>1800 | 19  |
| 20<br>SAL BFAST<br><br>Auxiliary Mtg<br>@ 1:30 pm<br><br>BINGO 2-5<br>pm | 21<br>BINGO | 22   | 23                                     | 24                                    | 25<br>BINGO<br><br>Legion Dinner        | 26  |
| 27<br>BINGO 2-5<br>pm  | 28<br>BINGO | 29   | 30                                     | 31                                    |   |     |

# JUNE 2018

| Sun   | Mon         | Tue  | Wed   | Thu                            | Fri                                  | Sat |
|---|-------------|--|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|
|   |             |  |   |                                | 1<br>Lefty's Shrimp<br>BINGO         | 2   |
| 3<br>BINGO 2-5 pm                                 | 4<br>BINGO  | 5<br>Sons of Confederate Vets Mtg<br><br>SAL Mtg 1900<br><br>Color Guard Meeting | 6<br>DAV Meeting<br><br>Health Screening – call for details | 7<br>Legion Exec Mtg TBD       | 8<br>BINGO<br><br>AUX Dinner         | 9   |
| 10<br>SAL B-FAST<br><br>BINGO 2-5 pm              | 11<br>BINGO | 12<br>TAMS Class 0930-1400   | 13<br>Marine Corps League Meeting                           | 14<br>Legion General Mtg @1830 | 15<br>BINGO<br><br>SAL Dinner @ 1800 | 16  |
| 17<br>Auxiliary Mtg @ 1:30 pm<br><br>BINGO 2-5 pm | 18<br>BINGO | 19   | 20<br>FRA Meeting   | 21<br>VFW Meeting              | 22<br>BINGO<br><br>Legion Dinner     | 23  |
| 24<br>SAL B-FAST<br><br>BINGO 2-5 pm              | 25<br>BINGO | 26   | 27  | 28                             | 29<br>BINGO<br><br>Legion Dinner     | 30  |

## ***SAL Breakfast/ Dinner***

The SAL will continue with their delicious homemade breakfasts May 20<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 May 18<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 1800. Call ahead for the menu. Help is always needed and appreciated.

**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.

**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.

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6th Annual

# SPRING FLING

LIVE MUSIC  
FOOD TRUCKS  
BEER & SODAS

FACE PAINTING  
KID ACTIVITIES  
CARNIVAL GAMES

On the lower grounds of the  
**Armed Forces Retirement Home**  
(Enter at Rock Creek Church Rd. & Randolph St NW)

**Saturday, May 5th, 2018**  
**12:00 pm to 5:00 pm**



Parking for \$10 dollar donation  
Please leave pets at home.



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# Robinson's Riddles

Congratulations to **Frank Nice** for successfully solving the March riddles!

Thanks to all who submitted. The riddles portion of the newsletter is being suspended but we hope to have it up and running again soon.



## 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.*

### 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

**HEALTH SCREENING** - Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at American Legion Post 86 on 6/6/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word **circle** to 797979

**NEWS FROM THE CLUBHOUSE** - Check out our newly revamped [website](http://www.mdlegion86.org) 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!

NOTE: Individual ideas and viewpoints expressed herein are not necessarily those of Post 86.

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