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Henderson Smith Edmonds American Legion

Post 86 Newsletter Ph. 301.424.4486



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From the Desk of the Commander

Hello Again Post 086 Family,

Post 086 Family had a great month of January 2024. The Super Bowl Party was a success, a great turn out, and great time by all. I want to thank The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 086, Club Manager Doug, Past Commander Rob Hebron, and Committee Members for a job well done. There was a Special Mega Bingo, Saturday, February 18th, that was played and it was also a success. Bingo had a

very large turnout and they had a lot of fun. I have no idea when the next one is going to be, as soon as I get a date; I will put it out to everyone. Bingo is open to everyone, both Civilian and Post Family.

There was a big clean up at the Post around the Back Offices and Conference Room. Thank you to the volunteers who helped to make sure it was a success. Also at the Post, we are gearing up to update our Security and Camera System throughout the Post. We have received one bid and are seeking a total of two more before making any type of decision. If you know anyone who might be interested in helping our Post 086, please have them get in touch with Club Manager Doug at 301-424-4486 to set up a meeting. Once this is accomplished, then the Executive Board can act on it accordingly. We would love to hear from anyone (or knows someone) that will give us a Veteran's Discount!

The Executive Board is seeking nominations for all Officers for the upcoming year. That is for Commander and Executive Board. Any Comrade who might be interested of a certain position, please notify the Commander at the Post. Again, all positions are open for election/reelection.

The Post on Mondays is now closed. I would like to invite you to come down to the Post and see the changes and cleanliness that has been done by the Post Family. We are still seeking volunteers to help set up Sunday Bingo after a Hall Rental that occurs on Saturday Evenings. The Set Up after a Saturday Night Hall Rental will be on Sunday morning. Your help and volunteerism will be greatly appreciated.

The Post is still serving meals on Tuesdays by the Son's of the American Legion, the first and third Wednesdays by the Riders, and Fridays by the four Family units of Post 086. Please come down and check them out. We are having great turnouts.

"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."- Peter Marshall

From the Commander's Desk (con't)

Upcoming events coming this Spring and Summer are the Memorial Day Parade in Rockville, Flag raising at the Bethesda Steam Rollers Baseball Stadium, and Election of New Officers of our Post 086 Family. Times and Dates to follow in the next Newsletter.

For God and Country,

**Randy L. Phillipp PC
Commander
American Legion Post 086**

Auxiliary Unit 86 Officers

- President—Maryann Holmes
- 1st Vice President—Alex Kramer
- 2nd Vice President—Electra Stathes
- Treasurer—Virginia Onley
- Secretary—Diana Martin
- Chaplain—Electra Stathes



Sons of the American Legion Officers

- Commander—David Holmes
- 1st Vice Commander—Douglas Campbell
- 2nd Vice Commander—Ryan Gates
- 3rd Vice Commander—Collins Murphy
- Finance Officer—Doug Campbell
- Chaplain—Greg Dix
- Sgt at Arms—Larry Chupella



Good Riding Post 86,

The Riders have been quite busy the past two months, but we have more to do! Our riding season is just around the corner and the RIDERS will be having their monthly meetings restart in March. Wednesday, March 6@7pm will be the next meeting. We are having Chili as our RIDER dinner and will start the meeting after the dinner. Please stop down early to eat and support the RIDERS.

The 3rd Wednesday of March (21st), the Riders will host our last Winter Menu meal of Pot Roast. This has been a success and we thank all that have supported our Winter Menu meals. The Spring/Summer Menu will begin in April and we are working hard to put together a delicious meal for YOU! More information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

The 4th Friday is the RIDER DINNER. A quick shout out to Rick Gates, Ryan Gates and Dave (Digger) Holmes who stepped in on Friday February 23rd to replace Director, Bill Carder and Asst. Director, Kenny Pegher who were unable to cook, clean, and serve the delicious Fish and Chips Dinner! Because of a previous commitment and a health emergency, we were unable to fulfill our obligation and these guys met the challenge and the Post Family delivered. A heartfelt THANK YOU from the RIDER leadership!

Saturday, March 16th will be the Blessing of the Bikes at the Laurel Post 60. We have attended this event in the past and it is a lot of fun. We will meet at Post 86 at 9am to ride to the Laurel Post.

On Saturday March 9th, the Spring State ALR Meeting will be held at Post 96 in Brunswick. Our RIDER group has participated in the Veteran's Day Parade through Brunswick and it is a blast. The folks are very friendly and the Post is great.

We are having a couple of raffles in the month of March. The first is a women's RIDER blouse (size M) that is being raffled for \$1 per ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets. We are also having a NASCAR POOL for the Bristol Race on St. Paddy's Day, Sunday March 17th. Squares will be sold in the weeks prior to the race.

We are also looking for ALR 86 SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP. If you are a business owner or an individual that would like to support this valuable NATIONAL RIDER PROGRAM, please see Bill Carder or Kenny Pegher.

Post 86 RIDERS are open to all members of Post 86. You don't need to ride a motorcycle to be a SUPPORT member. There are no dues and the group is FUN! **RIDE ON!**

Yours in Service,

Bill Carder

ALR86 Director



COMMENTS FROM THE CANTINEEN

Greetings from The Club Manager:

Special thanks to those that have pitched in to clean and maintain the Post over the last couple of months. It looks great and I have received many compliments on the surroundings. We still need more participation on these clean up details. Remember this is your Post Home and “many hands make light work”.

Still trying out new items on the bar such as Loose Cannon beer from the Heavy Seas Brewing Company and some new bourbons and whiskeys so stop by and give them a try.

We are still looking for assistance cleaning the hall after rentals and resetting it back to “bingo condition”. Any interested parties can contact me or show up on Sunday mornings and we can go over what needs to be done. The hall is available for rental by members and non-members alike. This is what keeps the Post going financially, so the more HALL RENTALS we have the better. Please refer anyone interested in renting the hall (it is available for use by community members at no charge under certain conditions) to Doug Campbell or Trina at 301 424-4486.

St. Patrick’s Day is coming up and the Post will be serving traditional Irish fare (Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, etc.) all day on Sunday March 17, 2024. BEER SPECIALS (Green and Regular) will run all weekend and some SPECIAL DRINKS (custom green concoctions) will be available for the duration as well. POST 86 WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC so bring your favorite neighborhood leprechaun and enjoy the festivities. I am also coordinating with other groups to provide a St. Patrick’s Day meal to 1st responders.

Post 86 donated 40 bags of personal care items to the Veterans at The Wilson Health Care Center at Asbury Methodist Village. These bags of personal care items (think socks, lotions, powder, tooth brush and toothpaste, etc.) were generously donated to the Post by the Visiting Angels Living Assistance Services group for us to distribute.

Post 86 provided a lasagna meal to Rockville Fire Station 3 in January and are delivering a meal on February 28, 2024 to the station as well. Special thanks to Alex Kramer for making this happen. The Post would like to continue the meal delivery monthly to the Police or Fire stations in the surrounding area.

Post 86 visited the Free State Roller Derby Bloody Valentine event in Rockville February 10th and hosted the Roller Derby participants at the Post for an after party event. It was great seeing this live and in action and spending time with them afterwards. We hope to continue to host the Free State Roller Derby group for future events.

Suggestions for new/different bar items are always appreciated, so let me know if you want something new on the bar or in the cooler.

Regards

Doug Campbell



HELP WANTED!!!

Post 86 would like assistance leading their Blood Drive! Currently Doug Campbell has been manning this Project and has been very successful. Doug has his hands in many Post projects and is looking for someone to assist him with this important function. It doesn't take much time and it can help **SAVE A LIFE!**

Thank you for your volunteerism.

THANK YOU!!!

A quick shout out to Bill Bird who answered the call last Newsletter for a WEB-MASTER! Bill has volunteered at the Post in many capacities and we thank him for his service. Also, cudos go out to Mary Ann Holmes and Alex Kramer for the hard work in putting together the Post Super Bowl Party! Great Game and Food! Lastly, a big TY to Karry for running the SB Pool!

FLAG POLE PROJECT

Here's an update on our **FLAG POLE PROJECT**. Post 86 has three flag poles that are attached to the building that need repaired. The flag poles are old and the rigging is broken. As in the past, we are blessed to have the Montgomery County Fire Department Engine 23 assist us with their Bucket Truck to remove the poles and replace the rigging. By having our friends in the Fire Department assist us once again, we are able to save money and repair **OLD GLORY TO HER FINEST LOOK!!!** Your assistance with this project is still needed to help us pull the flag poles and reattach the rigging. Please see Doug Campbell if you are able to volunteer. We anticipate completing this project in the **Spring/2024.**





St. Paddy's Day is a fun and eventful day at the Post! We will be having Corned Beef and Cabbage to eat. For those that enjoy BINGO, since this falls on a Sunday, Miss Betty welcomes all players for her weekly games. NASCAR season has begun and the race at BRISTOL IS ON AT 3:30. The Riders will be running a Block Pool for \$20 per square. The winner will get \$250 while the runner up will get \$150. Only 25 squares will be sold. Come down to the Post and enjoy our new TV's and have some excellent food and drinks!



MARCH MADNESS IS BACK!!!

The SAL Men's Basketball Block Pool runs again for the 14th consecutive year! No, you don't need to know anything about basketball to play or win. \$20 could mean that you win \$250 (or more)! Squares sell out fast so if you want to play, get down to the Post and buy a square. Last year paid out 47 squares to lucky winners. Tuesday payouts to all winners after each weeks games in your little brown envelope (if you have played in the past, you understand this system)! \$1500 gets paid out to winners and \$500 goes to the Post's valuable programs.

JOIN THE POST 86

COLOR GUARD!

See Larry Chupella (301.424.4486) for more information about joining this Prestigious Unit!



The Post hosts a BINGO GAME every Sunday at Noon! Stop by and play Bingo with Miss Betty and her friends. Breakfast is served from 10am until 1pm each Sunday for ONLY \$10! Enjoy a quick bite to eat and then try your luck at Bingo!



VIDEO GAMING MACHINES AND SMALL GAMES OF CHANCE!!!

The Post has Maryland State Sponsored Video Gaming Machines for you to try your luck and has a Small Games of Chance License for all guests or members to play pull tab games. \$1 can win you \$500!!!

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Shrimp Night	2 POST CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM
3 SAL Breakfast & BINGO and National Anthem Day	4 POST CLOSED	5 SAL Dinner	6 ALR Chili Dinner	7 Executive Committee Meeting	8 SAL Dinner and International Women's Day	9 POST CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM
10 SAL Breakfast & BINGO	11 POST CLOSED National Johnny Appleseed Day	12 SAL Dinner	13	14 General Meeting	15 Auxiliary Dinner and The Ides of March	16 POST CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM
17 SAL Breakfast & BINGO St. Paddy's Day Celebration	18 POST CLOSED	19 SAL Dinner and FIRST DAY OF SPRING!!!	20 ALR Pot Roast Dinner	21	22 ALR Dinner	23 POST CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM
24 SAL Breakfast & BINGO	25 POST CLOSED National Tolkien Reading Day	26 SAL Dinner	27	28	29 AL86 Dinner and GOOD FRIDAY	30 POST CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM
31 EASTER SUNDAY						

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 POST CLOSED APRIL FOOLS DAY	2 SAL Dinner	3 ALR Din- ner SPRING/ SUMMER MENU	4 Executive Committee Meeting	5 Shrimp Night	6 POST CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM
7 SAL Breakfast & BINGO and National Beer Day	8 POST CLOSED	9 SAL Dinner	10 Golfers Day	11 General Meeting	12 SAL Din- ner	13 POST CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM
14 SAL Breakfast & BINGO	15 POST CLOSED	16 SAL Din- ner	17 ALR Din- ner SPRING/ SUMMER MENU	18	19 Auxiliary Dinner	20 POST CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM
21 SAL Breakfast & BINGO	22 POST CLOSED Passover begins	23 SAL Din- ner	24	25	26 ALR Din- ner Arbor Day	27 POST CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM
28 SAL Breakfast & BINGO	29 POST CLOSED	30 SAL Din- ner Passover ends				

American Legion Post 86 Officers

Commander—Randy Phillipp

1st Vice Commander—Jeremiah McGee

2nd Vice Commander—Bill Carder

3rd Vice Commander—Randy Hoi

SAA—Paul Angell

Service Officer—Mike McCaskey

Chaplain—Levelle Farrell

Executive at Large—Bill Carder

Executive at Large—Jerry Rosenbaum

Adjutant—Tim Allman



DONATIONS!

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!

Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86 Charitable Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Enclosed is my donation of: _____

Make checks payable to: American Legion Post# 86, American Legion Auxiliary Unit# 86, or Sons of The American Legion Squadron# 86, or American Legion Riders Chapter #86.

All donations are tax exempt.

Please send donations to:

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