

January/February 2025

# HSE POST 86

Henderson Smith Edmonds American Legion

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## From the Desk of the Commander

### Good day Family Members of Post 086,

Happy Holidays to all!! I hope everyone had a great Christmas. As for membership Comrades, we are presently at 66% and moving moderately toward our goal of 100% by the end of March 2025. If you have not submitted your renewal, please do by on line, mail it to the Post, or drop off to the Bartender at the Post. Our Post is still open at 4 PM Tuesday thru Saturday and at 9 AM on Sundays for Breakfast. I would like to see more

Family Members attend our Monthly Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of every month starting at 7 PM. The more participation and/or attendance, the better out come in decisions; the better happiness for all. If you can make it, it would be great. Hope to see you there.

Here is what we are doing the next two months, going to have a New Year's Eve Party on New Year's Eve from 2 PM until 7 PM, close at 8 PM and reopen on the 1st of January 2025 from 9 AM until 2 PM for a New Year's Brunch. Our General Meeting will be on 8 Jan 2025 at 7 PM. Keep watching our Facebook Page or website for the listing to Events, time of meals as well as what's being served, and Celebrations

that might be happening at Post 86. We will have something for Valentine's Day on 14 Feb 2025. Like I said above keep watching our Facebook Page.

We have had a great year thus far in Celebrations, Events, Friday Night Meals. and an average turn out for Meetings. Let's keep this going this upcoming year as well. I hope everyone has a Happy New Year and a Healthy one. Be Happy and Safe over the Holidays and see everyone next year 2025. To all the Family Members of Post 086 that are living outside of the State of Maryland, unable to attend functions at Post 086, or are under some type of Medical Care, I want to let you know that you are deeply missed and thought of. If you need assistance of any type please call the Post at 301-424-4886. **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!!**

*"This is your  
democracy. Make it.  
Protect it. Pass it on."*

*-Thurgood Marshall*

**For God and Country.**

**Randy Phillipp, PC**

**Commander  
District 5 Chaplain  
American Legion  
Post 086**

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:**

A Blessed New Year to All,

Sending everyone all the positive thoughts through the New Year.

January 10, 2025 - The Auxiliary will be serving Lasagna made by Rockville Council member Marissa Valeri, with Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert for \$14.00.

February 7, 2025 - The Auxiliary will be serving a Sweetheart Dinner of Spaghetti with Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert for \$12.00 - We know this is the 1st Friday of the month. We have switched our night with the Legion as the Kitchen staff for Shrimp Night will be short.

The Auxiliary will be sponsoring girls again this year for Girl's State, we are aware that there are 3 girls interested and will shortly be reviewing applications. This is a great program and the 2 girls we sponsored last year really enjoyed it and learned a lot of valuable information that they will carry beyond high school. We are thrilled to continue the tradition of sponsoring girls again this year! Thank you and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Thanks,  
Maryann Holmes  
President**



## **GREETINGS FROM COMMANDER DAVE HOLMES AND THE OFFICERS OF SAL SQUADRON 86**

Squadron 86 members are reminded that their dues are just that...DUE! Dues increased to \$30 this year so send in your dues and your card will be postal mailed to you or bring in your dues and leave it with The Bartender on duty and we can mail your card to you in a few days or you can come back to The Post and pick it up.

SAL Squadron 86 Commander David Holmes and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander & Chef Ryan Gates

continue to crank out delicious dinners every Tuesday night. With assistance of SAL 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Doug Campbell The SAL prepares meals a few Fridays each month and with assistance from SAL Adjutant Larry Chupella we continue to prepare and serve our famous SAL Sunday Breakfasts! Check out the Post's Facebook page or the Scroller on the TV above the Juke Box for selections and prices which vary.

SAL Squadron 86 Chaplain Dakota Holmes attended his first DEC meeting last weekend as he serves his term as Department Historian.

SAL Squadron meetings are scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month and all SAL members in good standing are invited to attend. Come join us and let us know what you would like to see from YOUR SAL Squadron this year!!

**Thank You and God Bless America,**

**Dave Holmes and Doug Campbell  
Commander and First Vice Commander**



### ***A FEMALE VETERAN PERSPECTIVE***

***by Patti Alexander, Second Vice Commander***

Handshakes are a common gesture used in professional settings to establish trust, confidence, and respect. In our Post and other informal gatherings, the handshake is like a silent agreement that you won't use hand sanitizer afterwards. Now that the holiday season is over, I wish to put out there a plea to my comrades. For less-firm handshakes for our older or infirm members. I'm not extra sensitive to handshakes. I shake hands all the time.



Males are taught at a very early age to give a strong, firm handshake and to look the person in the eye. Females also learn to do this when learning to compete in the male-dominated society. Speaking from experience, a firm handshake is now painful to me. I used to shake hands with a very firm grip and I miss being able to stand like the rest. Most elderly women have arthritis in their hands (from a lifetime of using hands of love). Elderly gentlemen can also feel pain with a firm handshake, but would seldom complain. I, on the other hand, am quite irritable and will not hesitate to tell you the next time to be gentle with my handshake. (You can confirm this with Unka Bill Carder). Veteran populations have a higher than normal incidence of arthritis in our joints. We need to continue to look out for one another and this is a simple way of doing just that.

I'm not recommending a limp fish or a half-way, fingers only, high society lady handshake. Rather, a full but gentle grip, flesh-to-flesh, without squeezing, until the other person gives you a firm shake as a show of respect.

I do recommend that when greeting any woman past the age of 55 or a man past the age of 70, you start out with a gentle grip and let them show you whether or not a firm handshake is appropriate. This also includes Homie Handshakes.

That feeling when you reach out for a handshake  
but they extend their arms for a hug



## FROM THE DESK OF THE DESK OF THE THIRD VICE COMMANDER

Hello Post 86 Members!

Happy New Year Post 086! 2024 has been a wild ride. I am amazed at all the events the Post Members engaged in; from observing a Flag retirement on Memorial Day to supporting Veteran's Day in November, I saw how Montgomery County paid respect to living and past American heroes. This year, we lost a few of our long-serving souls; from the former 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Jerry Rosenbaum and recently a new transfer, my uncle, Wellington Moy, a Vietnam combat veteran.



My goal is to deliver respect to those that honorably served our nation, and a commitment to ensure they have an honored place in our society.

For Boys State 2025, we have screened one candidate so far, and would like to see if Post Members have any additional referrals. Please have any interested high school youths connect with me at [rickyfmuimba@hotmail.com](mailto:rickyfmuimba@hotmail.com) or 478-955-3017, at their convenience. Maryland Boys State is a week-long civics and leadership development program, aimed to inform rising 12<sup>th</sup> grade students of the importance and function of state, county and local government systems on the welfare of our citizens. Boys State takes place in June 2025; applications are due in May 2025.

In December of this year Maryann Holmes, Unit 86 President, and her team coordinated a truly special Christmas season celebration. I hope that more members of the Post will consider attending future Post events, as the camaraderie, the stories, and the food made the Post feel like a second home.

Happy New Year and Stay Healthy!

**Sincerely,**

**Rick Mui**

**Third Vice Commander**



# COMMENTS FROM THE CANTEEN

**From The Club Manager:**

**BUCKETS ARE BACK!** Four Budweiser and/or Bud Light CANS in a Bucket for \$10 through February 2025!

If you want to have something added to OUR Post 86 Canteen selections, please let me know and I will try to get it on the shelf or into the cooler.

The Post Holiday Party was fun for all that attended, the food was delicious and everyone enjoyed themselves. Great to see some new faces and to reconnect with others.

The November 26, 2024 Red Cross Blood Drive at Post 86 was another successful event with 18 Units of blood collected bringing the total Units collected for 2024 to 80. Thank you to everyone who donated or recruited others to donate throughout the year and a special thank you to the Red Cross staffers. **“THE NEED FOR BLOOD IS CONSTANT”** so please sign up the February 18, 2025 Blood Drive at Post 86. You can sign up online at the Red Cross website or there is a sign-up sheet at the bar (ask the Bartender for assistance).

Post 86 will be serving a New Year’s Day Brunch from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm for only \$10 per person. SAL Squadron 86 will be doing the cooking, and all proceeds will be donated to The Post. The menu will be the regular Sunday Breakfast menu including \$4 Mimosas, Poinsettias (Mimosa with Splash of Cranberry) Bloody Mary’s and Bloody Maria’s (Tequila instead of Vodka). Remember “breakfast is the most important meal of the day” and this breakfast is made to order, not a buffet, so come on down and enjoy a hearty meal to start off your New Year and I promise to keep the TV’s and Jukebox volumes low in case you have too much fun the night before!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

New Year’s Eve – December 31, 2024 – Post open 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Light appetizers served from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

New Year’s Day Brunch – January 1, 2025 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sweetheart Dinner– February 6, 2025

Super Bowl Party—February 9, 2025

Red Cross Blood Drive – February 18, 2025 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! HELP OUT WHERE YOU CAN!**

**Doug Campbell**

**American Legion Post 86**

**Club Manager**



## Good Riding Post 86,

Happy New Year! We welcome you to this year's edition of the Riders Information Center! We have now switched to our Fall/Winter menu for our Wednesday and Monthly Friday Dinners for November. The first Wednesday we will serve Chili, Cornbread, Tortilla Chips and Dessert for \$12. The third Wednesday we will have Pot Roast, Crossant/Roll, and Dessert for \$12. The fourth Friday Dinner will be an Italian Specialty, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert for \$15. WE WILL NOT BE SERVING DINNER ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST.

### **Rider monthly meetings will be suspended until Spring/2025.**

The Riders continue to support Post 86 by furnishing music through the jukebox for selected events and Friday Dinners. Ask Kenny or Bill to play your favorite song.

The Riders welcomed a new member to their ranks. Congratulations Dakota Holmes. We look forward to your participation in our events.

American Legion Rider T-Shirts are available in selected sizes for \$15. See Kenny for one!

The AL86 Riders also supported the advertising campaign for the Blood Drive that Doug Campbell works so hard to organize with other Posts and the American Red Cross. Please give if you can. It is a worthy project that Post 86 supports.

**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,

Kenny Pegher

ALR86 Director



## **2024-2025 RIDER OFFICERS**

**Director—Kenny Pegher**

**Assistant Director—Bill Carder**

**Finance Officer—Kenny Pegher**

**Secretary—Patti Alexander**

**Sergeant of Arms—Rick Gates**

**Chaplain—Doug Campbell**



## FROM THE DESK OF OUR CHAPLAIN

Greetings Post Family,

This year has been hard and historic in so many ways, and yet we still have to press on. And when we do that, we must remember that in spite of everything, God's plan for our lives is still in effect.

So as we welcome the New Year, I pray that we re-dedicate ourselves by keeping with fulfilling our commitment to adhering to the principles of the American Legion.

"For God and Country"

I pray that during 2025 we continue to embrace and support each other as we diligently work toward achieving the goals as set forth by our Commander, and in accordance with the American Legion's Four Pillars.

Lastly, on behalf of our Post family I extend prayers, condolence, and sympathy to all members who are ill or have suffered a family loss.

If you know of anyone in our Post family who is ill, or has someone dear to them who has passed on to post everlasting, please let your respective chaplain know.

Keeping us all in Prayer 🙏 (including the Commanders!)

"Praise Be To The Lord," (PB TTL).

**Levelle C. Ferrell**

**Chaplain/Past Commander Post 86**





# **Important Dates in January and February!**

**January 1—New Year's Day**

**January 20 —Martin Luther King Birthday (observed)**

**January 22—Chinese New Year**

**February 2—Groundhog Day**

**February 3—Four Chaplains Day**

**February 4—USO Birthday**

**February 9—Super Bowl LIX**

**February 12—National Salute to Veteran Patients Week**

**February 14—Valentine's Day**

**February 16—Daytona Speedway**

**February 17—President's Day**

**February 19—Coast Guard Reserve Birthday**





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events in  
March and  
May!*

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**POST 86 T-SHIRTS  
NOW AVAILABLE  
FOR SALE!!!! M, L,  
and XL \$20. 2XL  
and 3X \$25.**

**GET YOURS TODAY  
AT THE CLUB  
CANTEEN!**



## President Jimmy Carter—Legionnaire 10.1.1924-12.29.2024

American Legion National Commander James A. LaCoursiere, Jr., issued the following statement today concerning the passing of former President Jimmy Carter:

"President Carter was a Legionnaire, a distinguished Navy veteran and a devout Christian. His commitment to human rights and community service was respected worldwide. He lived longer than any president in American history and made the most of his post-



presidential years by strongly advocating for world peace and improving the lives of the disadvantaged. His energy, integrity and humility were admired by people across the political spectrum. President Carter's wife, Rosalynn, was a leader in mental health awareness. They will both be missed. Our condolences to the entire Carter family and the many lives that they have touched, especially in their home state of Georgia."

President Carter will also be missed by the Post 86 Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Godspeed.

A photograph of a breakfast meal. On a white plate, there are two sunny-side-up eggs, several strips of cooked bacon, and a stack of pancakes. A glass of orange juice is partially visible in the background. The plate is set on a dark, textured placemat. The entire scene is framed by a dark background with vertical stripes, and the left and right sides feature a portion of the American flag.

**SAL Breakfast (almost) Every Sunday!**  
**From 9am to 12:30pm**  
**Made to Order**  
**Only \$10**

# HALL RENTALS

Post 86 operates as a non-profit organization and derives much of its income through the rental of the large room in the back of Post. Commonly known as the Bingo Hall, this room can be set up in many different ways using the tables and chairs that are included in the Hall Rental. Weddings, Birthday's, Quinceanera's, Funeral Wakes, Communion, Holiday Events, and Retirement Celebrations are just a few of the memorable events that have been held at the Hall. Please call 301.424.4486 to reserve your date or need more information.

# THANKS!!!!

To our valuable volunteers, without which Post 86 would not exist. As in most volunteer organizations, a core group of unselfish individuals put aside their time and keep the team focused and running smoothly. More volunteers are always needed (and welcome) for us to continue the important programs of the American Legion.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE POST FAMILY!** Here are a few photos from our Holiday Party. Everyone is welcome to stop by the Post on New Years Eve when we will be open until 8pm.



## **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!!!

# January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Happy New Year! POST OPENS AT 9AM FOR BRUNCH!	<b>2</b> Executive Committee Meeting @7PM	<b>3</b> Shrimp Night	<b>4</b> CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM
<b>5</b> SAL Breakfast & BINGO	<b>6</b> POST CLOSED	<b>7</b> SAL Dinner	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> General Meeting @7PM	<b>10</b> Auxiliary Dinner	<b>11</b> CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM
<b>12</b> SAL Breakfast & BINGO	<b>13</b> POST CLOSED	<b>14</b> SAL Dinner	<b>15</b> ALR Dinner	<b>16</b> SAL Meeting @7PM	<b>17</b> SAL Dinner	<b>18</b> CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM
<b>19</b> SAL Breakfast & BINGO	<b>20</b> POST CLOSED MLK DAY	<b>21</b> SAL Dinner	<b>22</b> CHINESE NEW YEAR	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Rider Dinner	<b>25</b> CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM
<b>26</b> SAL Breakfast & BINGO	<b>27</b> POST CLOSED	<b>28</b> SAL Dinner	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> American Legion Dinner	

# February 2025

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

**1**

CANTEEN  
OPENS AT 4PM

**2**

SAL Breakfast  
& BINGO  
  
GROUNDHOG  
DAY

**3**

POST CLOSED  
  
FOUR CHAP-  
LAINS DAY

**4**

SAL Dinner  
  
USO BIRTHDAY

**5**

ALR Dinner

**6**

Executive Com-  
mittee Meeting  
@7PM

**7**

Auxiliary Dinner  
  
SWEETHEART  
DINNER

**8**

CANTEEN  
OPENS AT 4PM

**9**

SAL Breakfast  
& BINGO  
  
SUPER BOWL  
PARTY!!

**10**

POST CLOSED

**11**

SAL Dinner

**12**

ALR Dinner

**13**

General Meet-  
ing @7PM

**14**

Shrimp Night  
  
HAPPY VALEN-  
TINES DAY!

**15**

CANTEEN  
OPENS AT 4PM

**16**

SAL Breakfast  
& BINGO  
  
DAYTONA!

**17**

POST CLOSED  
  
PRESIDENT'S  
DAY

**18**

SAL Dinner  
  
BLOOD DRIVE  
1PM TO 6PM

**19**

ALR Dinner  
  
COAST GUARD  
RESERVE  
BIRTHDAY

**20**

SAL Meeting  
@7PM

**21**

SAL Dinner

**22**

CANTEEN  
OPENS AT 4PM

**23**

SAL Breakfast  
& BINGO

**24**

POST CLOSED

**25**

SAL Dinner

**26**

**27**

**28**

ALR Dinner

**American Legion Post 086 Officers**

Commander—Randy Phillipp

1st Vice Commander—Jeremiah McGee

2nd Vice Commander—Patti Alexander

3rd Vice Commander—Ricky Mui

SAA—Paul Angell

Service Officer—Mike McCaskey

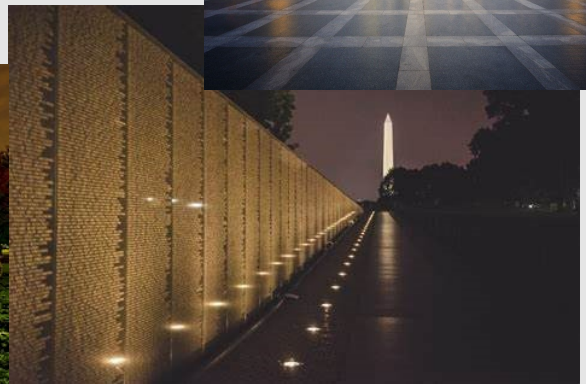
Chaplain—Levelle Farrell

Historian— Richard Metrey

Executive at Large—Rick Gates

Executive at Large—Bill Carder

Adjutant—Richard Metrey



***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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