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From the Desk of the Commander

Good day Family Members of Post 086,

This is Commander Randy once again hoping that you had a safe winter. I hope everyone is healthy and ready for the warm weather. The Post had a great January for income from Hall rentals and participation from Patrons that visited our home, Post 086. The Super Bowl Party had a great turnout, and during our regular hours, our meals were a success. Even Bingo had

great participation!

What's coming up? We are gearing up for March Madness, St. Patty's Day, warm weather, Easter, and a MEGA BINGO! I am hoping our Post 086 Family comes out and enjoy themselves at these events that are forth coming. We will be OPEN on Monday the 17th of March for St. Patty's Day, and I hope to see you there. On Monday, the 3rd of March, myself and other Family Members attended a special event at Rockville

"Better to fight for something, than live for nothing."

-George Patton

Town Hall Meeting with the Mayor of Rockville; where the Mayor presented Post 086 a Proclamation for recognizing our Vietnam Veterans of The Vietnam Era. Legionnaires present were: Comrade Chaplin/JAG Officer Levelle Ferrell, Comrade James Crampton, SAL 1st Vice Commander, Doug Campbell, Auxiliary Member Alex Kramer, and myself Commander Randy. It was a very nice presentation.

As everyone else throughout the Nation, our Membership is decreasing. I would like for all Members to sign up just one new member to help our Post 86 Family grow. If you haven't renewed your Membership, please do so as soon as you can. Again, you can renew by going on line, using the mail system, or stop by the Post and give it to the Bartender. Once received, I or our 1st Vice Commander, Jeremiah; will send you your Membership Card to you by mail. Please do this as fast as you can!!!

As Spring and Summer approaches us, I hope to see as many Patrons and Family Members

come out to the Post and enjoy themselves, as possible. I do have a question for everyone, **“What is the main reason why you do not attend our General Meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month?”** It would help me to determine how to make it easier for all to attend this type of meeting. I value all the input from everyone who is a Member of Post 086. Please suggest ideas to any Officer and/or our Club Manager, Doug; to help us make it easier for you. My Post 086 Family Membership matters to me!!!

As I close, I want to wish everyone a wonderful Spring and Summer and look forward in seeing you at our Post 086 Home.

For God and Country.

**Randy Phillipp, PC
Commander
District 5 Chaplain
American Legion Post 086**

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings from Unit 86,

We hope everyone is well and ready for Spring. I know I'm over the cold. The Unit has been a bit quiet the past few months. We have had a lot going on behind the scenes.

During this time of year all Units are working diligently to find High School Juniors to attend Girls



State. As of February, 2025 we have 5 Young Lady's interested.

Girls State is a week-long program for high school juniors that teaches about government and civic responsibility. The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) hosts the program, which takes place across the United States.

What's the program about?

- Participants learn about the US government, including the legislative process, branches of government, and parliamentary procedure;
- Participants develop leadership skills through mock government, elections, and debates;
- Participants learn about the ALA's mission of serving veterans, military, and their families.

Our **DINNER NIGHTS** are the **2nd Friday of the month**.

March 14th dinner is Fish and Chips with coleslaw for \$12.00.

April 11th dinner will be Shrimp Alfredo with Caesar Salad for \$12.00.

Thanks,

Maryann Holmes
President

2019-2020

2022-2023

"Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception."

—**Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

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 2nd Vice Commander & Chef Ryan Gates

continue to crank out delicious dinners every Tuesday night. With assistance of SAL 1st 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 meetings are scheduled for the 3rd 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

POST 86 RIDERS

Good Riding Post 86,

I don't have to tell you that SPRING is right around the corner, and with it comes MOTORCYCLE riding! We look forward to travelling to Laurel Post 60 in March for their annual Blessing of the Bikes event. No date has been set for the event and more information will be forthcoming.

Wednesday Rider Dinners have been cancelled.

Rider monthly meetings will be suspended until Spring/2025.

The Riders will be looking for new Officers for the 2025-2026 year. Please consider volunteering for one of these important roles.

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



COMMENTS FROM THE CANTEEN

From The Club Manager:

BUCKETS ARE BACK!

Budweiser, Bud Light, Coors and Coors Light cans 4 in a bucket for \$10 for March and April 2025! Ask your bartender for a bucket and YES you can mix and match brands/flavors!

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 in the cooler.

BLOOD DRIVES

The February 18, 2025, American Red Cross Blood Drive at Post 86 was another great event with 17 units of blood collected. Thank you to everyone who donated or recruited others to donate and a special thank you to the Red Cross staffers. Our goal for the drive was 18 units so we under achieved by 1 unit. This is a far cry from our 2024 average of 24 units collected at our blood drives. "The need for blood is constant" so let's ALL re-double our efforts to donate or sign-up donors for the May 20, 2025, blood drive at Post 86 just before Memorial Day. You can sign up online at the Red Cross website or see me for assistance.

ST. PADDY'S DAY WEEKEND

Post 86 will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day all weekend long from March 14th thru 17th, **YES WE WILL BE OPEN ON MONDAY MARCH 17th, THE OFFICIAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY.** See upcoming Facebook posts for more details. All weekend long thru Monday, we'll be serving Irish fare for LUNCH AND DINNER (Regular Sunday breakfast will be served as well with an IRISH BREAKFAST option) with beer specials (Guinness Stout will be on hand, and I acquired a fair supply of St. Patrick's Day themed Bud Light aluminum bottles for the occasion) and drink specials (Leprechaun Juice and Fuzzy Leprechauns) will abound! Make sure you stop by The Post AT LEAST once during the weekend for the "wearing of the green". There will be random raffles and giveaways throughout the weekend so come early and often and collect your share of Irish themed loot (hats of many styles, shirts, koozies, etc.)!

MEALS

The various entities that make up The Post 86 Family continue to serve delicious meals on their assigned Fridays and SAL Squadron 86 also prepares and serves informal meals (think Tacos, Steak & Cheese Subs, Meatball Subs, etc.) on Tuesday nights and their delicious Sunday Breakfast each week. Shrimp Night is usually the First Friday of the month (unless I'm allowed to travel away from the Post) with the Auxiliary, SAL, Color Guard and Legionaries receiving support from dinner sales throughout the rest of the Fridays in the month. So... bring your friends, neighbors, family or whoever down to YOUR Post Home to enjoy some delicious food and maybe even get them to join if they qualify for membership.

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

Doug Campbell

American Legion Post 86 Club Manager



FROM THE DESK OF OUR CHAPLAIN

Hello Post Family!

It is my daily prayer that God watch over us as we navigate through each day seeking to do his will with the knowledge that we go, but for his grace. and as we continue to embark through this new Legion year it is my sincere prayer that we Legionnaires, SAL, Auxiliary and Rider members combine our efforts to make the Post 86 Family successful in all endeavors . Also let us continue to pray for our Family Members who are suffering, physical, mental or emotional distress and for all of our other loved ones who have passed onto Post everlasting.



Further, as we continue to serve our God, I as one raised in the Catholic Faith, will offer up prayers asking God to grant us all good health and good fortune throughout this Lent season beginning on March 5 - April 17, 2025, and throughout the remaining years of our lives. Please remember “to love and trust in God... and not lean unto your own understanding... For the wheel of God won’t take you where the grace of God will protect you.”

And if you know of anyone who has passed or is sick, or hospitalized, please contact your respective chaplain.

Keeping us all in prayer

“Praise Be To The Lord,” (PBTTL).

Levelle C. Ferrell

Chaplain/Past Commander Post 86



Important Dates in March and April!

March 1—Ramadan Begins

March 3—Navy Reserve Birthday

March 5—Ash Wednesday

March 9—Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 13—K-9 Veteran's Day

March 17—St. Paddy's Day

March 25—Medal of Honor Day and Maryland Day

March 29—Vietnam Veteran's Day

April 5—Gold Star Spouses Day

April 13—Passover Begins

April 15—Tax Day

April 20—Easter Sunday

April 23—Army Reserve Birthday

April 25—Arbor Day



*Some hijinks from Karry and Doug before
St. Paddy's Day!*



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Actor Gene Hackman—Marine

1930-2025

Gene Hackman, the unpretentious actor whose performances in such films as “The French Connection,” “Hoosiers,” “Unforgiven” and “The Firm” elevated character roles to leading-man levels, has died. He was 95.

Hackman and his wife, Betsy Arakawa, were found dead in their home in New Mexico along with their dog, according to the Santa Fe County Sheriff’s Office.



He lied about his age to get into the Marines and served five years as a radio operator. He was brash and sometimes angry – he didn’t sugarcoat his attitude in interviews – and moved to Pasadena, California, in 1952 to take up acting.

While there, he fell in with Hoffman at the Pasadena Playhouse. The two were voted “least likely to succeed.”

That didn’t stop the pair, who moved to New York and became friends with a third struggling actor, Robert Duvall. Hoffman and Duvall became roommates; the three scavenged for parts.

Mr. Hackman, always a Marine, will be missed. Godspeed.

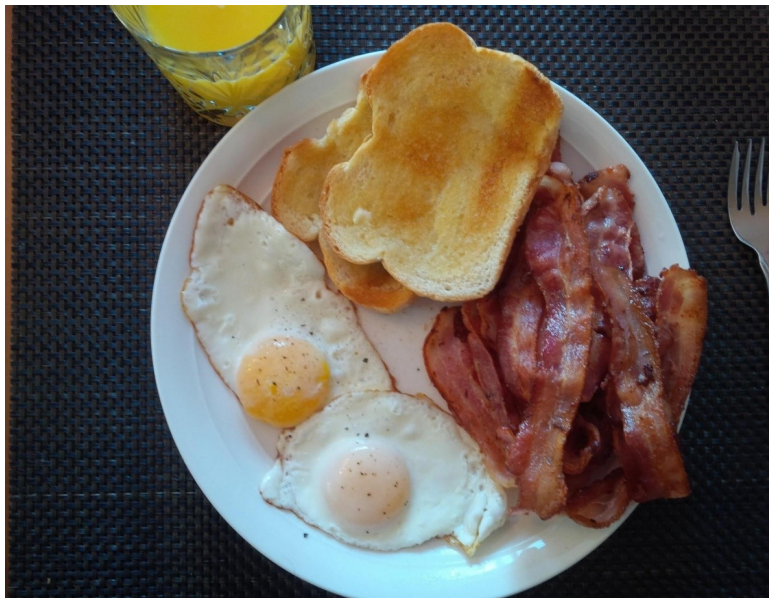


HALL RENTALS

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, Communions, 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.



SAL Breakfast (almost) Every Sunday!

From 9am to 12:30pm

Made to Order

Only \$12

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 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM |
| 2 SAL Breakfast & BINGO | 3 POST CLOSED | 4 SAL Dinner | 5 | 6 Executive Com- mittee Meeting @7PM | 7 Shrimp Night | 8 CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM |
| 9 SAL Breakfast & BINGO | 10 POST CLOSED | 11 SAL Dinner | 12 | 13 General Meet- ing @7PM | 14 Auxiliary Dinner | 15 CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM |
| 16 SAL Breakfast & BINGO | 17 POST IS OPEN FOR ST. PADDY'S DAY! | 18 SAL Dinner | 19 | 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 Dinner | 29 CANTEEN OPENS AT 4PM |
| 30 SAL Breakfast & BINGO | 31 POST CLOSED | | | | | |

April 2025

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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

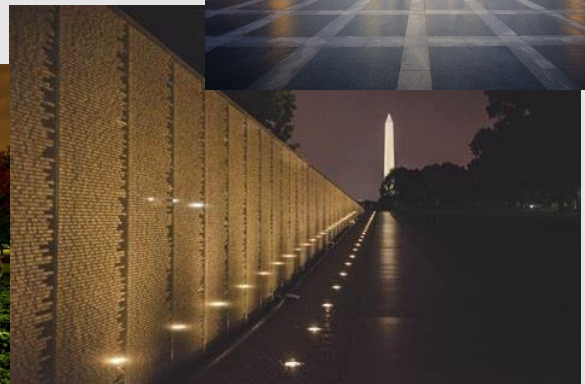
Chaplain & JAG—Levelle Farrell

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.

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