

GREENBELT AMERICAN LEGION POST 136

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

With the start of the New Year, we can reflect on the accomplishments of this past year. Among them are the Post's successful first golf tournament, full-house crab feasts and other pleasant social events... I'll describe later. However we did have some issues with illegal fireworks during the Fourth of July picnic and vandalism to several cars during a social event. These issues were addressed and corrective steps taken to prevent future recurrence of such activities. The newly installed parking lot surveillance cameras and signs are examples of our stepped-up security that should help discourage future vandalism and other disturbances. Post patrons and guests should lock their cars and remove valuables from view. We learned from the issues of fireworks rowdiness and parking lot thievery and established new security procedures to ensure that the Greenbelt American Legion facility is a safe place for members, patrons and employees.

I have tasked Post Historian Bernie Zempolich to continue creating appropriate displays for placement throughout the Post. He will also maintain our Facebook page and website. Keeping our web presence updated will build a strong communication bridge to all of our Legion Family and other Legion Posts.

Everyone is encouraged to meet the **deadline to pay for your Super Bowl square** when it's announced. In January, we are going to make changes to the restaurant menu to reflect our patron's selections and their recommendations. It was a communications challenge, but reaching out to our restaurant patrons and members of the Post produced rewarding information. **Your patronage will go a long way to helping the Post maintain a solvent restaurant.**

I encourage all members to update their membership. As of January 1st we will begin checking for 2019 membership renewals. This will allow only members and guests to use the back bar or participate in Post scheduled events.

I'd like to bring to your attention the communications effort of our 2nd Vice Commander, Butch Hicks, and his accomplishments this year. His articles in the Greenbelt News Review describing Post events and community involvement helped us enhance our association with the Greenbelt Community. Whether covering a Memorial Day ceremony or publicizing a Post SAL Beef Cook-Off championship, he has effectively communicated how the Post Family – Legionnaires, SAL and Auxiliary – have worked with other Posts, veterans groups and the Greenbelt community. I sincerely hope that future articles in the Greenbelt News Review and other communication outlets will attract more folks to seek membership in our Post Family and help us to continue our good work supporting veterans and community involvement.

Some of the most successful events the Post supported this year have added to our sense of Americanism: Memorial Day, Rolling Thunder, Boys Nation Dinner, Veterans Day, Wills for Veterans, Law Enforcement/Fire Fighters Recognition Dinner and Pearl Harbor Day Anniversary.

God Bless America. Have a safe and Happy New Year.

For God and Country,
Greg Gigliotti

2018/2019

Commander
Greg Gigliotti
1 st Vice Commander
Ed Young
2 nd Vice Commander
Butch Hicks
Judge Advocate
Blaine "Tom" Davis
Sgt. at Arms
Danny Stange
Chaplain
Harold Bullock
Historian
Bernie Zempolich
Finance Officer
Doreen Clower
Executive Committee
Laurence M. Buck G. Paul Durance Edward Dwyer Mike Moore, J.P.C.
Adjutant
Mike Moore





CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

As we end the year and enter 2019, let us give our condolences to the families of the following members who passed on to Post Everlasting during 2018: Claire Lenihan, Roy Griest, Samie Scarpelli, Charles Ashurst, Bernard Weinland, Charles White, Jr., Eugene Reeside, Dennis Mack, Thomas Lank, George Hill, Frank Sullivan, Jack Owens, James Wersick, Richard Mensi, Horace Highsmith, Andrew Hanko, Alfonso Geiger, Howard Mooney, Forest Cox, William McDonald, William White, and Edward Cockerham.

Let us also remember our Brothers and Sisters in assisted living facilities and nursing homes by visiting them whenever possible. And, let us also be more patient with each other and show love for our Sisters and Brothers in this New Year.

The local Veterans Out Patient Center is located at 5801 Allentown Road in Camp Springs, Maryland. It is located across from the Joint Base Andrews (Andrews Air Force Base) Federal Credit Union. The phone number is: 301-423-3700. Do not forget to get your flu and pneumonia shots, especially for our Senior Citizens like your Chaplain. In addition, there is plenty of parking at the Veterans Out Patient Center location.

It has been my pleasure serving you in 2018. As we look forward to 2019, I want to thank all of our members, the management staff and our employees for your support and I hope that each of you will enjoy a blessed New Year filled with happiness and good health.

Prayer for the Bereaved: O Lord, our God, we ask that you comfort all who are bereaved with a spirit of faith and courage. May they remember with thanksgiving the love and joy shared in their earthly relationship and be comforted with the knowledge of a joyful reunion with those we love in Heaven.

God Bless you and God Bless Our Country.

Sincerely,

Harold Bullock
Post Chaplain

“PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAPLAIN IF YOU KNOW OF A COMRADE ILL OR TRANSFERRED TO POST EVERLASTING”

In Memoriam

Howard “Fred” Mooney (1942 – 2018)



The Preamble to the American Legion Constitution contains many aspirations that guide us as Legionnaires. I believe that the one that best describes Fred Mooney’s continuing contribution to our Post is:

“To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.”

Fred was a leader who didn’t mind getting his hands dirty. Whatever the mission, he would quietly jump in and help. He was elected as Second Vice Commander in 2015 -2016 and also served as an At-Large Member on the Post Executive Committee for several years.

However, Fred was most effective behind the scenes. He had extraordinary organizational skills and inspired others to volunteer for a variety of events. What follows are but a few of the activities that he helped to organize.

He enlisted volunteers for the Super Bowl Parties and managed the “Mother Shuckers.” Each year the “Mother Shuckers” shucked over 7 bushels of Maryland oysters for the Oysters Rockefeller served at the Super Bowl Parties

He also enlisted volunteers for major events such as: a very early breakfast at the Post for the Memorial Day “Rolling Thunder” Riders, the 4th of July picnics and the Labor Day picnics.

He and Sandy managed the Post Hospitality House during the annual Maryland Department State Convention in Ocean City.

Represented the Air Force at our annual Post Everlasting ceremonies.

He was a member of the Post Rifle Team that participated in the Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies held in the Greenbelt Town Center,

Managed the Back Bar football pools that raised “tons” of money for the Heroes to Hometown Program for severely wounded veterans.

Coordinated “TV Watch Parties” for Redskins games and the annual Army – Navy football game. Patrons came for the food and munches that Fred had arranged for as well as the game!

Most importantly, Fred dispensed his own version of wisdom every day in the Back Bar beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Fred was a generous soul who cared greatly for his family, and was deeply committed to serving fellow veterans. He was one of a kind, and he will be greatly missed.

Mike Moore,
Past Commander, Greenbelt Post 136

FIRST ANNUAL POST 136 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Brian Crabill Tournament Coordinator

On Friday, October 12th, 2018 Post 136 held its first Annual Golf Tournament at the Bowie Golf Course in nearby Bowie, Maryland. It was a great day for playing golf as we were blessed to have a 72 degree sunny day. And it turned out to be a spectacular success!

We had a total of 84 players. The players were Greenbelt Legion Family Members and guests. The players consisted of men, women and children of all ages ranging from 12 to 82 years. We also had several Legion members participate who came from as far away as Georgetown, Delaware and Frederick, Maryland to enjoy a day of golf with Legionnaire friends.

Food and beverages were supplied on the course and at the course awards ceremony held in Hofberg Hall. While on the course, there were awards for the following contests: closest to the pin, longest drive and putting. And thanks to our many sponsors, we were able to provide gift bags and door prizes so that everyone could feel like a winner.

WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS...

Corporate Sponsor: Buckley Sandler LLP, Washington, DC

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Gift Sponsors: Mission BBQ Greenbelt & Sandi Dutton w/Summit Group, Silver Spring, MD

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Past Commanders Club Greenbelt Post 136

Sons of the American Legion Greenbelt Post 136

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Hennon Construction Inc., Lanham, MD

Crowley Construction/Roofing Inc., Greenbelt, MD

Last but not least, Bernie Zempolich and Brian Crabill



We wish to extend a very special thanks to the following individuals who helped on the course and behind the scenes.

Amanda Beavers, Greg Gigliotti, Doreen Clowder, Elisabeth Darnell, Sandi Dutton, Gary Barber, Bill Cornelius, Bernie Zempolich, Christine Freitas, Jay & Rosalie Mayock, Butch Hicks, Mark Kuhn, and Bowie's Golf Pro John Huber.

We had many people ask if the Post would hold another golf tournament next year. We are very pleased to announce that the answer is yes! The Post is planning on making the golf tournament an annual event.

READERS NOTE:

Our readers are referred to an excellent article about the first Post 136 Golf Tournament in the November 22, 2018 issue of the Greenbelt News Review written by 2nd Vice Commander Butch Hicks, with photos provided by Commander Greg Gigliotti.

SHRIMP FEAST

Friday, February 22, 2019

6:00 - 9:00 PM

All you care to eat on Premises:

- ◆ Spiced Shrimp
- ◆ Corn/Potato Salad
- ◆ Draft Beer
- ◆ Roast Beef
- ◆ Baked Beans
- ◆ Fountain Sodas

Get your tickets on Tuesday nights!

\$25.00 per person (In Advance) \$30.00 per person (At the Door)

Sponsored by: Greenbelt Unit #136, American Legion Auxiliary





AUXILIARY UNIT 136

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:

I hope everyone had a wonderful and peaceful Holiday Season and I wish all of you a very Happy New Year!

Congratulations go out to our \$300 Money Bunny Raffle Winner, Melanie Cantwell. And a big thank you to everyone who supported the raffle, and continues to support our efforts to provide scholarships for youth dedicated to pursuing the Medical Technology field.

We closed out 2018 with some great events. We had a very successful Super Shotgun Bingo night in conjunction with the SAL. There were many door prizes and we especially would like to thank Lambert’s and Oliver’s restaurants for their donations and support. We also had another successful Craft Bazaar in spite of the weather. A host of vendors came out to share their work and donate door prizes for the event. We started something new this year by having a Chinese auction; many amazing gifts were won by those attending the bazaar. Thank you to all the members of the Unit and SAL who were able to come out and help at these events.

Shotgun Bingo will be back in full swing starting Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 PM. We would love to see you; so come out and join us and bring your friends!

We will be holding our Shrimp Feast on Friday, February 22nd. In addition to shrimp, we will also have: roast beef, some sides, desserts, beer and sodas. We also will be doing a 50/50 drawing, other games of chance and of course, a DJ to play popular tunes during the evening. Tickets are \$25 in advance, and \$30 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from any Auxiliary member on Tuesday evenings, or at the back bar anytime. Bring the family out for some food and fun.

Calling all VIETNAM ERA VETERANS! On April 11th, in conjunction with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), we will be hosting a dinner and program honoring Vietnam Era Veterans from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. If you are a Vietnam era Vet and have not previously been honored by the DAR and would like to participate please contact Sandi Dutton at Sandi.Dutton@summitmg.com.

God Bless America,

Elizabeth Darnell
Auxiliary President

2019 Dues For Auxiliary Members

\$30.00 Regular (Seniors)

\$20.00 Seniors with 50 yrs. or more and Dual Members

\$6.00 Juniors (Members under 18)

MEMBERSHIP

Please help us make our membership GOAL for 2019 – we are already at 60% - just send your \$30 check to the Auxiliary Unit 136, PO Box 1063, Greenbelt, MD 20768. Apologies for National’s typo error on the remit forms indicating dues were \$28. I’ve received several envelopes with the additional \$2; thank you very much

The Auxiliary would like to extend a hearty welcome to our newest members: Mary Waldron, Linora Carr, Lisa and Hannah Resutek, Carol Gorham, Pamila Allen, Cynthia Comproni and Karen Flanagan.

We are saddened to lose the following Sisters to Post Everlasting: Mariela Darnell and Kay Reed. Prayers go out to both family and friends; they will be missed.

Ladies call me with any questions 301-474-0849.

Susan Wiener,
Membership Chairman

2018/2019	
Unit Officers	
President	Elizabeth Darnell
1 st Vice President	Kathy Gigliotti
2 nd Vice President	Patty Rousseau
Secretary	Mary Fava
Treasurer	Sandi Dutton
Chaplain	Susan Wiener
Historian	Rusty Beeg
Sgt-At-Arms	Unfilled
Executive Committee	Dana Coleman Laura Fendlay Dora Hamm



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Auxiliary Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7:00 PM

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 136

SAL COMMANDER’S MESSAGE:

Happy New Year! Hopefully you’ve recovered from the holidays and all that good fattening food and liquid spirits we all like to enjoy with family and friends. Now we can start to plan for all that lies ahead of us in 2019.

Our Southern Maryland SAL District Drawdown was a complete success and I want to thank everyone that attended this exciting event. So many happy cash winners were on hand to enjoy. Many thanks to SAL 2nd Vice Dave Fendlay, Auxiliary officers Laura Fendlay, Sandi Dutton, and Auxiliary President Elizabeth Darnell for the efforts selling the lay down boards. Thanks to Trish Newbern for her bartending hospitality, all the volunteers who cooked and served the food, and the great support we received from the Post members in support of this event. As usual, great job!

Here’s one for all you Capitals Hockey fans out there. SAL 136 is holding a raffle just for you! It is a large lithograph (authentically autographed) picture-collage of Braden Holtby and ‘The Save’ from the 2018 Stanley Cup series fame. Raffle tickets are now on sale at 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. Drawing for this beauty will be held on St Patty’s Day in the banquet hall. Please see the flyers at the Post for more info. The lithograph will be located on a wall in the Back Bar until the winner claims it. Good luck to all, and Go Caps!

Our Queen of Hearts activity is back in full swing every Monday evening with the drawing at 7:30 PM. See the flyers at the Post for more information. The jackpot as of this writing was growing once again. Remember you can always buy your ticket chances at the back bar 7 days a week. So if you can’t make it on any particular Monday, you need not to be left out of your chance to win big.

The 2019 membership drive is in full motion, but we still have some folks that have yet to renew. Please do not hesitate! Remember your annual dues are the life blood of the many veterans and community programs we give to year round. They need our support and it’s what being an SAL member is all about.

Last, effective January 1st, anyone without a current 2019 membership card will NOT be allowed into Back Bar. This Back Bar area is for members only and one-time guests of current members. Post 136 staff and officers will be asking everyone to show their 2019 membership cards upon entering this area.

If you would like to learn what we, the Sons of The American Legion are all about, or like to help out on any of our events, we would welcome you to attend one of our meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Thank you all for your support, and have a prosperous and healthy New Year!

For God and Country,

Jerry Darnell
Commander



2018/2019 Officers	
Commander	Jerry Darnell
1 st Vice Commander	Lenny Wertz
2 nd Vice Commander	David Fendlay
Chaplain	Jim Harbaugh
Finance Officer	Bill Cornelius
Historian	Joshua Stewart
Sgt-At-Arms	Chris Field
Adjutant	Ray “Cory” Micallef
Advisor	Jay Mayock

S.A.L. RAFFLE

Authentically Autographed Large Lithograph Collage Picture of Braden Holtby’s “The Save” During the 2018 Stanley Cup Win

Ticket Chances Only:

1 for \$5/ 3 for \$10 (Sold at Back Bar)

Drawing to be held on Sunday, March 17th

in back hall at 5:00 PM

(Winner need not be present to win)



This is a must for all Caps fans, don’t miss your chance

Framed picture will be hanging on Back Bar wall for viewing until winner claims

MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Greetings to the Post 136 Legion Family,

I hope that everyone had a happy and safe holiday and that you also will be blessed with a healthy and happy year.

With the New Year, we will be introducing new menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The new menus will retain our most popular and signature dishes; however there will be additions and deletions based on patron feedback and market prices. For example, the astronomical cost increase of crab meat has caused us to price our crab cakes accordingly without compromising the quality. One additional section to the lunch and dinner menus will be children’s meals. Also we’ll continue to have daily specials for all three menus.

We've have made several environmental improvements in the Back Bar area. The heating and air conditioning duct system was insulated, and we have repaired a major leak in a pipe in the cellar. As with all older buildings components grow old and need to be replaced. Hence, our next big project has been mandated by WSSC. They have notified us that our main grease trap located in the front lawn by the front entrance is out of code and must be replaced. This major capital improvement will likely occur early next spring once the bidding process has been completed and the plans approved by WSSC. **Big Money!**

Don't forget that we have Legion Family Appreciation Day every Wednesday. Show your up-to-date membership card and receive 10% off food and non-alcoholic beverages (compliments of Commander Gigliotti).

Please let me remind you to lock your cars and do not keep any valuables in them. We have added additional security cameras but you can't be too careful. The management team is here if you have any problems or concerns that you'd like to bring to our attention, please let us know.

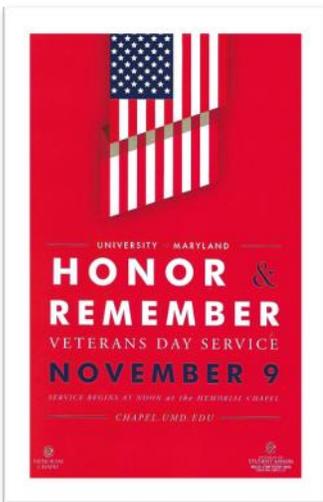
I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the staff and employees for their hard work and dedication helping to make the Post what it is. In addition, I would like to thank all those who have volunteered for all of our various activities and continue to help. Without them we wouldn't be able to provide such outstanding services to our members and patrons.

Regards,

Jay Mayock
Managerpost136@Comcast.net
Post 136 General Manager

VETERANS DAY HAPPENINGS

 On Sunday, November 11, 2018 the Post was fortunate to host the Greenbelt Concert Band's Veterans Day Concert. We would like to offer a sincere "Thank You" to the Conductor, Joan Rackey and the many talented musicians in the band for the awesome program they presented.



Past Commander Michael G. Moore, a Terp Vet, speaks regarding the topic, "Reflections on the Veteran Experience" at the University of Maryland Veterans Day Service.



Veterans Day 2018 Ceremony Greenbelt/Roosevelt Town Center

FALL 2018 NATIONAL SECURITY FORUM



From left, Major General Christopher P. McPatten, U.S. Army, Director of Strategy, Plans, and Policy, Deputy Chief of Staff G-3/5/7, Headquarters, Department of the Army; Dr. J. Travis Moger, Historian, U.S. Army Center of Military History; Department of Maryland Commander David J. Johnson; and George W. Owings, III; Secretary, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs

CDR Gigliotti presents Greenbelt Post 136 Challenge Coins to Dr. J. Travis Moger, Historian, U.S. Army Center of Military History and Major General Christopher P. McPatten, U.S. Army.

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS



Police award recipients, from left, are Maryland State Trooper of the Year College Park Barracks, Paul Nield; Greenbelt Public Works Employee of the Year, Jamie Rojas; Greenbelt VFD Auxiliary Member of the Year, Judy Hughes; Police Officer of the Year, Detective Danny Aguilar; Civilian Employee of the Year, Madison Mitchell; Berwyn Heights Firefighter of the Year, Tyler Oliver; U.S. Park Police Department's BWI Station's Officer of the Year, Benjamin Tomasiello. Not pictured is Jane Schmidt.



Greenbelt Police Chief Rick Bowers is applauded at the Police Awards.





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**St. Valentine's Day Dinner
 in Restaurant**

4:00 - 8:00PM



**"Surf & Turf"
 (Filet Mignon & 6 oz. Lobster Tail*)**

***Market Price**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, December 31st
 Tuesday, January 1st
 Monday, January 7th
 Wednesday, January 9th**

New Year's Eve Party - Starts 8:00 PM
 New Year's Day Buffet: \$8.00 pp. 12 PM to 3:00 PM
 Post Executive Committee Meeting: 6:30 PM
 Opening Day for Corn Hole League
 Point of Contact: Doreen Clower
 (443) 742-9948

**Saturday, January 12th
 Thursday, January 17th
 Saturday, January 19th
 Saturday, January 26th**

Super Bowl Party #1
 Post 136 General Membership Meeting: 7:00 PM
 Super Bowl Party #2
 Super Bowl Party Snow Cancellation Date

**Monday, February 4th
 Thursday, February 14th**

Post Executive Committee Meeting: 6:30 PM
 St. Valentine's Day Dinner in Restaurant:
 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM "Surf & Turf"
 (Filet Mignon & Lobster Tail - Market Prices)

**Thursday, February 21st
 Friday, February 22nd
 Sunday, February 24th**

Post 136 General Membership Meeting: 7:00 PM
 Auxiliary Shrimp Feast: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
 American Legion National
 Leading Candidate Reception

Auxiliary Meetings:
 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7:00 PM

SAL Meeting:
 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM

Shrimp Night:
 1st Monday of the Month

Every Monday:
 Weekly Queen of Hearts Raffle
 7:15 PM last call for tickets
 7:30 PM drawing

Shot Gun Bingo
 Every Tuesday @ 7:00 PM:
 Food, Refreshments and Fun

Wednesdays
 Legion Family Appreciation
 Day - 10 % off food and non-
 alcoholic beverages
**MUST HAVE CURRENT
 MEMBERSHIP CARD**