

GREENBELT AMERICAN LEGION POST 136

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

We kick off our summer season with a bang, as we celebrate our nation's 241st birthday with our annual Fourth of July Legion Family Picnic. It is always a great event and I hope that you will join us. Many of us will be representing Post 136 at the Department of Maryland Convention to be held in Ocean City, Maryland on July 11th -14th. Just a reminder, we will not have a General Membership meeting in July because of the Department of Maryland Convention. I am delighted to announce that we will host our annual dinner for the 98 exceptional young men from American Legion Boys Nation on Sunday July 23rd. We will be joined by National Commander Charlie Schmidt and a host of other dignitaries.

With the departure of our beloved Post Manager Steve Messer in late June, the Executive Committee has modernized our management structure to improve our financial condition and strengthen our ability to deliver services to our Legion Family. Jay Mayock will serve as General Manager and will oversee all Post operations. Jay brings extensive experience and a deep personal commitment to the success of our Post. He holds a BS in Business Management from UMCP. Many years ago, he began here as a dishwasher and custodian while attending college. He has been a bartender and most recently has been our assistant manager/bookkeeper. Jay has served in several elected positions including first vice-commander, adjutant and finance officer. He has been instrumental in upgrading our management systems.

Our new Bookkeeper is Amanda Beavers, who just earned her Associate Degree in Business Management from Prince George's Community College and is pursuing her BS Degree from UMUC. Working with our financial advisor, John Helbert, she has gained a full understanding of our new accounting system and is eager to put it into practice. We have a new Food and Beverage Operations Manager, Brian Crabell, who brings 25 years of experience in catering and bar operations. Brian will help us to increase our income from hall rentals and special events, reduce operating costs, and will have oversight of our servers, bartenders and custodial staff. He will work closely with Executive Chef and Manager of Kitchen Operations, Kevin Cantwell, to ensure that we continue our tradition of providing great food and beverages at reasonable prices. Please welcome our new management team!

As we embark on a new administrative year, I believe that Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will continue to thrive. The election results provided us with a solid team of officers for the 2017-2018 administrative year. I am particularly grateful that most of last year's officers have agreed to stay on to provide continuity in our operations. The list of this year's officers can be found on the right margin of this page. We have two new officers, Ed Dwyer and Larry Buck, who will be serving as At-Large Members. Ed is a Past Commander of VFW Post 7757 in Largo-Kettering. He earned a BS in Accounting and Finance from UMCP in 1973 and is a Certified Public Accountant. Larry has been active in the Maryland Civil Air Patrol for over 55 years and is a Past Grand Knight of the St. Hugh Council of the Knights of Columbus in Greenbelt. Larry recently retired from the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Also, Tom Davis has been elected as our Judge Advocate.

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Commander
Michael "Mike" Moore

1st Vice Commander
Nate Calloway

2nd Vice Commander
Greg Gigliotti

Judge Advocate
Blaine "Tom" Davis

Sgt. at Arms
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Historian
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Finance Officer
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Executive Committee
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Ed Dwyer
Paul Durance
Butch Hicks

Adjutant
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