

**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

Dear American Legion Post 136 Family,

Thank God there have been no Post members reported as passing in the last month or so. Post Commander Mike Moore, and yours truly, plus Post Officers conducted an excellent Post Everlasting Ceremony and luncheon on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Post. We hosted the families and loved ones of 21 Legionnaires, one Son of the American Legion (SAL) member and 13 Auxiliary Ladies who passed during the year. Also, Commander Moore conducted the usually-outstanding Memorial Day ceremony at the Greenbelt Community Center complete with wreath-laying, rifle salute, and presentations by the Mayor and City Council.

Truly a first-class Community affair.

Blaine "Tom" Davis, Post Executive Committee and Department Executive Committee (DEC), appears to be nicely recovering from a heart attack. Our prayers were truly answered for Tom's recovery. We would also like to wish Past Post Commander Dick Dutton a speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

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

Prayer for the Bereaved: Our Lord and 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 may they be comforted with the sure knowledge of a joyful reunion someday with those they love. Amen.

God Bless you All and God Bless Our Country.

Sincerely,

Mike Duggan  
Greenbelt Post 136 Chaplain

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Two Post 136 "Icons" have decided to retire from the Executive Committee. Although Sam Hofberg and Dick Dutton did not run for re-election, we know that their love and support for the Post is undiminished. Sam will continue to serve as a member of the Department Executive Committee and he has been designated as "Post Judge Advocate – Emeritus". Dick has provided great leadership and service over the years as a Past Commander and as the chair of the Post Home Committee. Well done and thanks to both of these extraordinary Legionnaires.

At our Installation on June 17<sup>th</sup>, the Post recognized Steve Messer with an Honorary Life Membership. We will recognize Steve's contributions to the Post when he returns from an extended and well-earned vacation. We will keep you informed about a party for him. Finally, I am honored to serve again as your Commander. We have a great deal to accomplish in the upcoming year and I look forward to hearing your ideas and concerns. Thank you for the opportunity to lead Greenbelt Post 136 into the future.

For God and Country,  
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