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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

In spite of the threat of snow, ice and rain, we started 2019 with two successful Super Bowl parties. I believe that everyone enjoyed the food, entertainment and good fellowship. It was a team effort and I want to thank all the volunteers who made the parties such a success. Because the demand for Super Bowl squares is so high, I made a decision that will encourage square holders to pay for their slots in a timely manner and allow us to manage the parties with more certainty. After making numerous calls to owners of unpaid squares last November and December, I have set a deadline for the coming year, of October 1, 2019, for Super Bowl payments. After that date all unpaid blocks will be sold on a first-come, first served-basis. I hope you enjoyed our St. Valentine's dinner on February 14th. It was a great time to be with your loved one and share a special meal.

I was particularly proud of those members of Post 136 who stood in front of the U.S. Supreme Court on February 27th during oral arguments concerning our beloved Peace Cross Memorial. Your support for the memory of the 49 Prince George's County men who died in WWI was inspirational. Our voice was heard. Peace Cross has honored these veterans for nearly 100 years and we cannot allow their memory to be destroyed.

As Commander, I take full responsibility for the overall wellbeing of the Post and our Legion Family. This includes ensuring that our Post Home offers a safe and pleasant experience to our members and their guests. Since January, I have instituted several measures that are designed to ensure that only paid-up members and their sponsored guests enjoy the benefits of our Members' Lounge (Back Bar). The 100% card check by our bartenders has yielded an increase in the number of paid-up members. Special emphasis on guests being signed in by their sponsoring members and accompanied by those members for the entire duration of their visit, keeps us in conformance with our Post Constitution and By-laws as well as IRS rules for non-profit Veterans organizations. I have asked the bartenders to be attentive to this process and to challenge anyone who is not in compliance. I expect us all to be welcoming to new faces while the bartenders ensure that only authorized people get served in the Member's Lounge.

I was asked not to reveal the names of the two Greenbelt Legionaries who helped a Legionnaire from another Post the day his car broke down on one of our major highways. The two Legionaries stopped what they were doing and spent the entire day helping the guest member get his car to a service center and that evening gave him a ride home. That's the kind of great brotherhood that we at Post 136 can be proud of. You guys know who you are. Thank you for your kindness and being great members of the Greenbelt American Legion Family. When you give kindness, you get kindness. I'm glad to know we have members like you two.

Now that springtime is approaching, the green in the Irish comes out in all of us on Saint Patrick's Day. On Sunday, March 17th we will offer our traditional corned beef sandwiches and a delightful Irish dinner so you can enjoy the entire day at the Post. I'm sure that Irish music will be played. It's always a nice time. If you're into the games of chance, on Friday, April 12th, we will host Super Shotgun Bingo. This is always a big event for the Auxiliary at the Post. Come join us. We're not done yet. The Easter buffet on Sunday, April 21st is always a great meal at a reasonable price. I urge you to come early.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation for the enthusiastic support that I have received from so many members. I am honored to serve as your Commander.

For God and Country,
Greg Gigliotti

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