

GREENBELT AMERICAN LEGION POST 136

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As our 2016-2017 administrative year comes to an end, I believe that we have made substantial progress in improving our management practices and we are on the right track in addressing our financial situation. Thanks to a strong cadre of officers, a committed management team and many willing volunteers, we have been able to sponsor a variety of successful events that appealed to a broad spectrum of our Legion family. Whether it is celebrating national patriotic holidays, recognizing our first responders, providing support and advice to Veterans and their families, or hosting social events, your Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 continues to be a valued partner within our community, the state and our nation. We are proud to provide extensive support for community organizations like the Boy Scouts, the Miss Greenbelt Pageant, the Lions Club, Greenbelt Little League, the Goddard Retirees and Alumni Association and many others. We are actively involved in supporting the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training (MCVET); the University of Maryland's TerpVets Program, the Prince George's Community College's Team Vets Program and many other Veterans support groups.

Over the last two decades, a huge part of our success can be attributed to the skills and abilities of Post Manager Steve Messer. Steve is one of the most caring and responsive individuals that I have ever met. He has been the "go to" person who makes the place purr like a kitten. After twenty years as Manager, Steve has decided to retire. His sage advice and enthusiastic attitude will be missed. He plans to work through the end of June and then will go on a well-deserved vacation. We will recognize his dedicated service to Post 136 after he returns from vacation.

May means it's time for our annual Post Elections. Thanks to the efforts of our nominating committee, we have identified a group highly qualified (and willing) candidates for all major offices. *A complete list of candidates appears on page 2 in the Contact. I urge you to vote in Hofberg Hall on Thursday, May 18th between 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. and please remember to bring your paid up 2017 membership card.*

We have a full calendar of events for May and June and I urge you and your families to attend whatever may interest you. On Sunday, May 14th from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. we will serve our traditional Mother's Day Buffet. To honor those members who have passed away over the last year, we will hold our "Post Everlasting" Ceremony on Sunday May 18th beginning at 1:00 p.m. A buffet luncheon will follow. We end May with the roar of "Rolling Thunder" on Sunday May 28th and our Memorial Day ceremony on Monday May 29th in Old Greenbelt Town Center beginning at 10:00 a.m. to be followed by a buffet at the Post. We wrap up springtime with the 21st Annual Gene Kellaher Memorial Golf Classic to be held on Friday, June 9th at Bowie Golf and Country Club. This event raises funds to support college scholarships for outstanding young men and women.

On a somber note, I was honored to represent the Post at a funeral service for 50-year Legionnaire Howard Chasanow who served in both the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force. Judge Chasanow was a highly respected jurist and a nationally regarded arbitrator. He grew up in Greenbelt, served on the bench in Prince George's County and on the Maryland Court of Appeals (our equivalent of the Supreme Court). He will be missed in our community. On a personal note, I have enjoyed my 5th year as your Commander. I appreciate the pervasive spirit of goodwill and kindness that is evident throughout our Post. I am proud to have represented you and look forward to being actively involved in the future.

For God and Country,
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Commander
Michael "Mike" Moore

1st Vice Commander
Nate Calloway

2nd Vice Commander
Greg Gigliotti

Judge Advocate
Sam Hofberg

Sgt. at Arms
John W. Hill, III

Chaplain
Dennis "Mike" Duggan

Historian
Bernie Zempolich

Finance Officer
Joe Raphael

Executive Committee
Blaine "Tom" Davis
Paul Durance
Dick Dutton
Butch Hicks

Adjutant
Doreen Clower

