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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

October finally pushed the humidity out and rushed the cooler air in. With the cool fresh air and autumn colors comes the football season. This year the post suggested a potluck during the Redskin's football games and patrons brought a dish to share. Our legion provided munchies for each game. No one had to worry about bringing a dish to the Legion's first Golf Tournament on October 12th. Brian Crabill made sure that beer was at the Bowie Golf course during the event and food afterwards at the post. Many thanks to Brian for organizing the event and starting our Legion's first annual golf tournament.

October was an eventful month. First, we had a string of events with a Friday's Post golf tournament, followed by, thanks to Gary Barber, a fun-filled Saturday horseshoe league Fall picnic featuring Maryland crabs, burgers and beers. Then on Sunday there was Redskins football - what's not to like. The last legion crab feast of 2018 was a great success thanks to all the volunteers. We could have never pulled it off without you guys. Customer comments indicated that your efforts were appreciated. We're not done yet. On October 26th, at the Law Enforcement/Fire Fighters Recognition Dinner, our Post leadership joined organizational officers and community government leaders honoring the men and women who selflessly serve our communities as police officers and fire and rescue first responders. Members of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary and Greenbelt Public Works joined police officers from the Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, Maryland Highway Patrol and Park Police being recognized for their consistent dedicated service keeping our communities safe.

Remember, if you haven't paid for your square at one of the Super Bowl parties coming up after the first of the year, you needed to by the first week of November. We have a waiting list and the Super Bowl Committee plans to sell the opening spots to those who have been waiting. If you wait – it could be too late. **When you renew early you will receive, if you have a local address, a new Post silver access card during the "Early Bird" dinner on Sunday, November 4.**

It's time to make that mental adjustment about the restaurant. The restaurant business is notoriously known for being one of the hardest businesses to keep afloat. Sometimes you do well, sometimes, not so well. Post 136's restaurant has been supported in the past by the back bar and hall rentals. Many years ago none or few legion members, SAL or Auxiliary were permitted in the back bar and the restaurant did very well. Today, the reverse model shows back bar supporting restaurant. Everything considered, with all the area's food-service competition, we are lucky to have a full service restaurant. In addition to competition, we face the rising costs of food, wages and utilities. Promoting the restaurant is severely limited because we are a non-profit facility. We now rely on, in addition to restaurant management's providing good food at fair prices, word of mouth commentary, Post event listings and loyal patronage to publicize our restaurant's existence.

Continued restaurant existence will be aided by providing a fair-priced, quality food dining experience, continuous rental of the hall and consistent back bar business. Members of the Post136 Legion family are encouraged to patronize the restaurant and let everyone know that **"The restaurant is open to the public"**. On January 1st members will be asked to provide proof of current membership to use the back bar and if they cannot provide proof of current membership they will need a current member to sign in or they will be directed to use the bar in the restaurant.

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