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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I attended the 2019 Department of Maryland Convention in Ocean City, MD from July 15th to July 19th. The Convention started off with a delicious fish fry which was sponsored by the Southern Maryland District. Our Post supported this annual event by donating \$200.00. I have to say that the prepared fish was great. Unfortunately, not many delegates from our Post were able to attend the Convention. However, there were enough familiar faces to meet during the opening ceremony and the follow-on meetings that made the trip worthwhile.

This is a great opportunity to recognize Mike Moore, our Past Commander and our current Adjutant, for all of the time and effort he has spent on the Peace Cross legal situation. Mike has spent many hours and days down at the cross roads in Bladensburg where he has stood side by side with Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, fellow Legionnaires, the American Legion lawyers and other supporters to make sure that the memory of the forty nine soldiers from Prince George's County who died in World War I will not be forgotten. The Peace Cross was built by the American Legion and was dedicated on July 13, 1925. Mike was joined by ten other members of the Post 136 Legion Family and hundreds of Legionnaires from around the nation who stood on the steps of the Supreme Court on a cold February 27th during the oral arguments on Peace Cross. He was there again on a sweltering June 20th when the Supreme Court ruled in a 7-2 decision that the Peace Cross will continue to stand. Thanks to Mike for being that person who will stand for those that cannot.

There are some veterans who took the oath and served our nation but did not qualify to join the American Legion for reasons initially established by Congress. Congress has passed a law expanding eligibility to all military service from World War II to the present. This change will open up Post recruitment opportunities. If you know anyone who served in the military during the period from WWII to the present time and would like to become a Legion member, please have them contact either a Post officer, the Post Manager or a bartender for a membership form. Also, I urge you to renew your own membership so you can join us at the Early Bird Dinner on Sunday, November 3rd. Our dues are still \$40.00 which is a great bargain. Please know that we value your membership. Please join us at our annual Labor Day Picnic on September 2nd and for our Legion Crab Feast on October 20th.

Things are turning around a little in the patronage at the restaurant. The monthly advertisements in the Greenbelt News Review have helped in the increase of new faces we are now seeing in the restaurant. The Friday night sea food menu is hard to beat. With up and coming events approaching, our food service employees are sure to be challenged. Look in the Upcoming Events Section and the event advertisements in this issue of the Contact for information about events and activities here at the Post.

It is an honor to serve as your Commander and I appreciate your support and enthusiasm. I am looking forward to having another great year with you at Greenbelt Post 136.

For God and Country,
Greg Gigliotti

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