

GREENBELT AMERICAN LEGION POST 136

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

This is a time of transition and renewal for Greenbelt American Legion Post 136. On August 4th over 120 friends and family attended a reception that honored Steve Messer for his 20 years of service as our Post Manager. Steve's deep personal commitment to our Post and its members serves as an example to all of us. I am pleased that he has agreed to serve on the Post Home Committee. Our new management team, led by Post Manager Jay Mayock, is in place and working hard to ensure that we maintain our high standards of integrity, service and value to the Legion Family. Also, I hope you are enjoying the new Commander's Café that we feature on Sunday.

We had a busy summer at the Post and I want to thank the entire Kellaher family for another successful Kellaher Golf Tournament, which helped to rebuild our scholarship fund. Our 4th of July Family Picnic was enjoyed by all, thanks to the hard work of 2nd Vice Commander Greg Gigliotti and his enthusiastic group of volunteers. During the second week of July, I was joined by several members of the Executive Committee as we represented the Post at the 99th Department of Maryland Convention in Ocean City, Maryland. On July 23rd we were honored to host National Commander Charlie Schmidt and the 98 young leaders of the Boys Nation Class of 2017 for our annual dinner. The Boys learned a lot from several of our Veterans who shared their experiences in the military. On a personal note, I want to thank Greenbelt Auxiliary Unit 136 for sponsoring my granddaughter, Sarah Ronayne, at Girls State. We were delighted to learn that Sarah was elected as Maryland's Junior Senator and represented us at Girls Nation. Needless to say, Pappy and Grammy Moore were proud and appreciative.

On Monday, September 4th, we will host our annual Labor Day Family Picnic from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. which will offer a great selection of food and drinks, with music and lots of fun for the children. Again this year, Public Affairs Officer Butch Hicks is coordinating closely with the Greenbelt Labor Day Committee to ensure that our event complements the City's celebration. The Legion Family will be represented in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade by Auxiliary Unit President Dana Coleman, SAL Commander Tommy Bryant and myself.

On Sunday, October 15th, we will host a performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Hofberg Hall. What a wonderful way to spend an artful afternoon with friends and family. On Friday, October 22nd, we will hold another delicious Crab Feast. I hope that you can join us for this tasty event. Finally, we will wrap up the month honoring our local first responders on Friday, October 27th, at our annual Law Enforcement/Fire Fighters Recognition Dinner. Please put these events on your calendar and join us for a great time.

It takes many dedicated people to make our Post such a special place, including our newly elected officers. Again, this year, we have posted pictures of our Legion Family Leaders so that you can recognize them when you visit the Post. If you get a chance, tell them thanks for all that they do. Finally, now is the perfect time to renew your 2018 membership at the reasonable cost of \$40, so we can see your smiling face at the "Early Bird" dinner on Sunday, November 5th. When you renew, you will receive a new silver access card if you have a local address. Thank you for your continued support and your ongoing commitment to your fellow Veterans.

For God and Country,
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