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60 Years of Service to the Veterans and Community



THE PATTTER PARADE

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**Worlds' Third
LARGEST Post**

Post Home of Jack Milburn, Past Dept. Cmdr. and Bob Wheeler, Cmdr. N.C.D.

Candidates for Legion Year 2006 - 2007

Jack Milburn - Alt. National Exec. Comm.

Mike Mooney - Dept. Sgt. At Arms

OUTGOING POST COMMANDER

John CARPENTER

This issue of *The Patter Parade* was assembled before our Carnival week ended, but I'm hoping that good weather prevailed and great crowds attended. I'm expecting a nice profit to assist us in paying the \$12,000 college scholarship awards this summer.

Summer also brings the Department Convention in Ocean City during July 10th - 14th, which I will attend for the last time as your Commander. And then, the Installation of Officers on Saturday, August 5th, will induct the incoming officers, led by Post Commander Fred Rock, Auxiliary President Oneda Donato, and SAL Commander Larry Ford.

It has been a pleasure during the past two years to work alongside President Joan Cascio and SAL Commanders Gene Nicholes and Larry Ford. Your Post Officers and Committee Chairmen have helped me tremendously and continuing operations of the Post Home could not have functioned without Bob Mongan and Joe Pollizzi and their volunteer members. No meeting ended without Bill Rochford discussing parliamentary procedures in my right ear and Paul Nolder whispering something in my left ear. I appreciate also the efforts of our employees and thank all who volunteered their time and energy helping out at Parkville Post 183.

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that I hand the gavel over to Fred Rock for his reign as leader of the greatest Post in the American Legion. Let's all join together to work for the betterment of our Post, the American Legion and the United States of America.

INCOMING POST COMMANDER

Fred ROCK

First, I would like to start off by thanking every member, who over the years in their own way, have helped prepare me for this point in my career. The support I have received since deciding to run for Commander has also been very much appreciated. I hope to give back to all members that same support.

As many of you already know, meetings will start at 7:30 pm beginning with the first meeting in August. We hope that the time change will bring more members back to the meetings. I would also like to hear your suggestions. Please let me know what ideas you have in mind for the Post, I will listen.

I, like other Post Commanders, will be entering into my term with some of my own ideas. You will hear about some of them in the September/October *Patter Parade*. I believe that this year will prove to be interesting and exciting. Come to the meetings, get involved, and put your mark on the Post. You will feel great about it. "See ya round the Post".

**Remember: Schools are out for the summer,
please watch out for our children and
grandchildren.**

**WE HAVE MANY KIDS,
BUT NONE TO SPARE!**

VETERANS REHAB

Thomas SHUSTER,
Chmn.

As this article goes to press, we are preparing for our Annual Cookout at Perry Point VA Hospital. It has been very successful in the past and it should continue to thrive in the future.

Again, volunteers are very important for us to adequately provide entertainment to our veterans in the hospitals at Perry Point and Loch Raven. If anyone can give us two hours a month for our visits, it would be appreciated.

Our future visits will be:

July 13th Loch Raven
Aug. 10th Loch Raven

Remember, we leave the Post for the Loch Raven VA Hospital at 6 pm. We will begin our trips to the MD Rehab Center in September.

**PLEASE SUPPORT
OUR POST, WE NEED
YOU!**

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MEMBERSHIP

Fred ROCK, Outgoing Chmn.
Joe CASCIO, Incoming Chmn.

Membership is now complete for the 2006 year. We ended the year on June 12th with 3,484 members, well under our 2005 mark. We did finish with 57 new members and I would like to welcome them into the Legion Family.

I would like to welcome Joe Cascio as the incoming 1st Vice Commander and new Membership Chairman. I hope that everyone gives him the same support that I received the last two years. Good Luck Joe, you have a great team.

And talking about teams, I really want to thank a great one. Membership is a hard job to do at times but these members stood by me and my decisions for 2 years. We really became good friends and I learned something from each one of you. They are Paul Nolder, George Grossnickle, Hank McQueeney, and our newest member Virginia Cummings. Thank you all for the last two years.

Starting July 18th, we will begin processing the 2007 Membership Cards. If you could give us a couple of hours on either Tuesday or Thursday nights, please contact Joe Cascio.

Be prepared to show your membership card. We will be starting random Card Checks on Friday and Saturday nights in July and August.

Please pass this on to others.

BALLADIERS

John F. RYAN, Historian

The Afternoon of Harmony from one standpoint was a great success as "The Irishman's Chorale" and the "Tag" quartet performed exceptionally well to rave applause. As advertised, The Balladiers, in an effort to increase attendance, planned the "Afternoon of Harmony" which failed to generate a supportive turn-out for The Epilepsy Foundation of the Chesapeake Region. But, as usual, the host Balladiers performance was outstanding.

Mentioning "The Irishman's Chorale", they really entertained the audience on hand with lively Irish songs and were truly generous with their donation to the Epilepsy Foundation. Special thanks to those members and particular thanks to the "Tag" quartet, recent National Winners, who, as "Professionals", filled in for the "Capri" quartet on a very short notice.

We would be remiss, if we didn't thank our bartender, Bob Filippi, who aided the Afternoon of Harmony" on short notice. Thanks also to the other Home Committee members who assisted with the program.

While we are giving accolades, "kudos" to the newly elected Parkville Family Officers for the year 2006 - 2007; Post Commander, Fred Rock, AUX President Oneda Donato, and SAL Commander Larry Ford and all of their Officers and Executive Committee members.

Thank goodness we have no sick list to report at this time. It was also great to shake hands with "Rudy Lovick" former Balladier, now with The Irishman's Chorale.

The Balladiers election of Officers for the Year 2006 - 2007 are follows:

Chairman	Henry King
Ass't. Chmn. and	
Sunshine Chmn.	Joe Ptaszynski
Sgt. At Arms	Frank Mannone
Historian	John Ryan

S.A.L. NEWS

Larry FORD, Commander

Gentleman, it has been my extreme pleasure to serve as your Commander this past year. I think that we met all of the goals that we set for funding Veterans, Americanism, and Children and Youth programs. We achieved a 4-Star rating for membership. I just went to the SAL Detachment of Maryland Convention and was very proud of our Squadron. We received many plaques and certificates for our generous giving to the many programs the SAL supports. Wherever we go, Parkville Squadron is known, and looked upon as a model to follow.

I want to thank all of the faithful members and officers for being there when we needed to get the job done. Thanks to the many members who attended the affairs and assisted with the various projects throughout the year. You are the reason this Squadron continues to excel at all levels of achievement. Your generosity of time and commitment is outstanding! A special thanks to Bill Matoska, my Adjutant who always keeps things on schedule and done on time. Also, a big thank you to George Grossnickle, our Legion Advisor who always gives us good counsel. Comrades, a big right hand salute.

We had our elections and the officers that were elected are listed on Page 7 of this issue of *The Patter Parade*.

Membership renewal letters with raffle tickets will go out soon. It is important to return the stub before the October 21st drawing. Additional tickets will be available at all SAL meetings or by calling me. Please plan to come to our Fall Bull & Oyster Roast on October 21st.

Don't forget our Squadron picnic on Aug 12th from 2:00 - 6:00 pm. It will be held this year at Double Rock Park. We are asking everyone to bring a salad or dessert. We will supply hamburgers, hotdogs, beer and soda. We are going to the old fashion games like egg toss, water balloon toss, three legged race etc.

I hope to see you at our meetings and events. Have a good and safe summer.

God Bless the Troops, God Bless You, and God Bless America.

Dates to Remember:

July 4 th	No SAL Meeting, Fly Your Flag	
July 5 th	Conqueror's Baseball Banquet	
July 25 th	Exec. Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Aug. 1 st	SAL Meeting	7:30 pm
Aug. 5 th	Installation of Officers	6:00 pm
Aug. 12 th	Squadron Picnic	2:00pm - 6:00 pm
Aug. 29 th	Exec. Board Meeting	7:30 pm

SERVICE OFFICER

John KAUFMAN, Service Officer

Ray PELUSO, Chaplain

SICK LIST

Al Claypoole	Ivy Home Rehap Center
Bud Clabaugh	Home
Ed "Barney" Huneke	Home
Danny Carroll	Home

POST EVERLASTING

Donald E. Brown
 Leroy W. Clark
 Robert Donald
 William C. Gerhardt
 Matthew L. Kolb, Jr.
 Walter A. Link
 M. Melvin Maeser, Jr.
 Raymond C. McGeady
 Orlando C. Miglioretti
 Marvin E. Stoner, Sr.
 Helen M. Sutton

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE

Families of deceased Parkville American Post 183 Legion members desiring funeral home visits from the visitation team should have the Director of the funeral establishment contact, (1) the Service Officer, or (2) the Chaplain, or (3) the Commander. Family members may, if they wish, contact the Service Officer. If calls are not return within a four hour time frame, contact the Chaplain. The Commander, Service Officer, and Chaplain's Telephone number are listed in the Patter Parade.

Note, At least a twenty four hour notification should be given to the visitation team so they may make calls to our team members. Any Questions: contact the Service Officer.

As a courtesy to the families of our past members, we are sending them at least one issue of The Patter Parade after our member goes to Post Everlasting.

Note: Legion Families, when notifying the Post of the death of a Legion Member, please give the following information: Last Name, First Name, M. I. and any Suffix(Sr., Jr., etc.) and Address. This will allow us to process any paperwork in a timely manner.

Thanks, John Kaufman

AUXILIARY NEWS

Joan CASCIO, Outgoing President

Dear Auxiliary,

My two years of being your President will be coming to an end on August 5th. The Officers, Chairmen and volunteers of this Unit have made me very proud to have served as your President. Thank you for giving me this honor. Over the past two years, we have helped our Veterans, Children & Youth, and our Community. We have had some very interesting speakers and programs. All of this could only be accomplished by the hard work of this Unit.

At our May Program, it was very heartfelt to remember our deceased members and the relatives of our Gold Star members who gave their lives for us to be free. A big Thank you to Beatrice Garczynski, Mary LoGrande, and Lois Kaufman for all of their hard work putting this program together for our Unit.

Congratulations to President Elect Oneda Donato and her new Officers and Executive Committee. I know you will support them and continue to work for the good of our Unit.

Reminder: July meeting will be the 4th Thursday (July 27th) due to the Department Convention in Ocean City.

Once again, our dues are due, please pay them as soon as you can.

Dates to Remember:

July	No BRECC visit
July 6 th	N.C. D. Caucus - 7:30 pm
July 12 th - 14 th	Convention in Ocean City
July 25 th	Bingo - door open 10:00 am
July 27 th	Unit Meeting - 7:30 pm

BINGO - BINGO - BINGO

Come and enjoy the fun! Sit and relax, play BINGO, and have a nice lunch. Doors open at 10:00 am and \$5.00 covers your lunch and one card. Additional games and cards are extra.

Bingo will be held on July 25th & August 22nd.

Bingo Gift Certificates are available for any denomination.

For information, contact Kathy Mooney.

Oneda DONATO, Incoming President

It is my privilege to represent the Auxiliary members of Unit #183 for the year 2006-2007. As we gear up for a new year, I want to thank all the Legion family for their encouragement and support.

I look forward to working with the Incoming Commander, Fred Rock, his Officers, the Home Committee, and the SAL Commander, Larry Ford and his Officers.

All our Officers have been elected. And I'm happy to announce that we have a full slate. We appreciate their willingness to serve our unit.

We still have one Chairmanship vacant - Juniors. We would appreciate any help you can give to help our Junior members.

It is not possible to list the names of all the chairmen at this time, but I want them to know how grateful I am that they have volunteered to make this another great year. Where would we be without them?

Our Officers and Chairmen are the Units "American Idols" and as they present their programs of interest and knowledge, they need your support. At our September meeting, Peggy Milburn will present her "Girl State" Program. Please try to attend! There is always room for you! Dress attire is a smile!

All of us wish to congratulate President Joan Cascio for all she contributed to the Auxiliary and Post for the past 2 years. She is only retiring from the Office of President but states we can count on her continued support.

Dates to remember for August are:

August 3 rd	District Meeting at Parkville - 8 pm
August 5 th	Installation of Officers - 6:00 pm
August 7 th	BRECC - leave Post at 6:30 pm
August 10 th	Unit Meeting - 7:30 pm
August 22 nd	Bingo - door open 10:00 am

Patter Parade

If there is a problem with your Patter Parade during the month of July, contact Oneda Donato.

In August, 2006 and thereafter, Jane Pollizzi will be your Patter Parade Chairman. If you have any problem, please contact her.

POST ACTIVITIES

Bob MONGAN, Chmn.
Joe POLLIZZI, Ass't.

Reminder: No Ham & Oyster,
Chicken, or Fresh Ham Nights from
June thru August

Come into the Lounge
- for Dinner (Thurs. thru Sat.)
Specials each night!
Expanded Menu

- for Lunch (Tues. thru Sat.)
Soup & Specials (Sun. and Mon.)
will be posted in the Lounge Lobby.
Sorry, no carry-outs.

SPRING RAFFLE

Bill SOUTAR, Chmn.

I'd like to thank my wife who helped
make this Raffle another success. The
winner's names will be listed in the
next issue of the *Patter Parade*.

Post Closure

Tuesday, July 4, 2006

Independence Day

**Please Fly your flag and
enjoy the Holiday!**

Sunday
Sunday



July 30th
Aug. 27th

It's KARAOKE time in the Lounge
with Linda Bishop

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Come & have a great time!
Lite fare and beverages
will be available.

END OF MONTH DANCES

“Hawaiian LUAU”

July 29th Key Revue

Regular Dance

August 26th Mixed Company

Costs: \$15.00 per person

For tickets:
End of Month Dances
Contact Bob Lantz

**STUFFED FRIED
HARD CRABS**

w/ Potato Salad, Coleslaw

\$8.00 per platter

Bowl Crab Soup - \$3.00

Tue., Aug. 29th. Ticket sales
begin at 4:30 pm
until Sold-out

Please direct any inquiries or
requests for information to
either the Commander, the
Home Committee Chairman,
or the Assistant Home
Committee Chairman rather
than to any of the Post
Employees.

Thanks,
John Carpenter, Commander

**Coming Affairs for
SEPTEMBER &
OCTOBER**

**COMBINED HAM & OYSTER
DINNER**

Third Wed. of September

FRESH HAM NIGHTS

Third Wed. of October

STEAMED SHRIMP NIGHT

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2006
at 5:00 pm until Sold-out

1 lb. Steamed Shrimp - \$9.00

Shrimp Salad Sandwich
w/Coleslaw - \$7.00

Shrimp Soup - \$3.00
Sponsored by
the Patriots

End of Month Dances

Regular Dance
Sept. 30th - Straight Ahead

AUX Halloween Dance
Oct. 28th - The Esquires

For tickets to Post
End of Month Dance
Contact Bob Lantz

For tickets to AUX Dance
Contact Mary LoGrande

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

By the time that you receive this issue, the Legion year 2007 dues notices will have been sent out by National. If you do not receive a renewal notice, please let us know. You do not need a renewal notice to pay your dues, just put your membership number in the memo field of your check.

Any person who transferred from another Post and got a dues renewal notice from the old Post for the year 2007, please bring or mail your dues to Parkville Post #183.

DO NOT SEND YOUR DUES TO YOUR OLD POST.

SPECIAL NOTICE IDENTITY THEFT

In early May, an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs had a lap top computer stolen from their home which contained the names, social security numbers, and birth dates of 26.5 million veterans (and some spouses) that were separated from military service since 1975. It also includes any one that separated before 1975 and had any transactions with VA after 1975.

Some of the things that you should do is:

- 1) be extra vigilant and carefully monitor bank statements, credit card accounts, and any statement relating to recent financial transactions; and
- 2) if you suspect suspicious activity, request credit reports from Equifax (1-800-525-6285), Experian (1-888-397-3742), or TransUnion (1-800-680-7289), Close any account that has been tampered with or opened fraudulently, File a police report with your local police, and File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission on their Hot Line number (1-877-438-4338).

You may also post a Fraud Alert in your credit file and this will last for 90 days. A Fraud Alert will require Credit Card companies to contact you before a new credit card account can be created. You can call any of the credit reporting companies noted in item 2) above and they are supposed to contact the other two.

The VA has setup information on a web site www.firstgov.gov that will answer most of your questions. They have also established a toll free telephone number 1-800-333-4636.

You should hold this information in a handy place for a long period of time since no one knows when this will be resolved.

ADJUTANT Paul NOLDER

The following is a list of Special Post Meetings and Activities for the Legion Year of 2006 - 2007:

- Aug. 5th Installation of Officers
 Nov. 22nd Thanksgiving Social Mtg
 Feb. 14th Back to God Meeting
 Mar. 28th National Security & Foreign Relations
 Apr. 25th Post Everlasting Program Mtg.
 May 9th Close of Nominations for Post Officers
 June 2nd Election of Officers
 Aug. 4th Installation of Officers

The following Post Meetings are CANCELED:

- Oct. 25th Super 1000 Raffle Party
 Dec. 27th Christmas Week
 June 11th Carnival Week
 July 9th Department Convention

INSTALLATION TICKETS

Requests for tickets to the August 5th Joint Installation of Officers are being accepted. Tickets will be \$10.00 each which includes dinner, open bar, and dancing.

Inquiries may be directed to:

Post - John Carpenter
 AUX - Joan Cascio
 SAL - Larry Ford

New and Transferred Members

New 0

Joseph F. Horner, Sr.

Transferred 1

Welcome to Post 183. We are looking forward to your visits and participation in Post Activities.

Membership Committee

SUPER 1000 RAFFLE

Bob LANTZ, Outgoing Chmn.
Bill BEVANS, Incoming Chmn.

For the April, 2006 Super 1000 Raffle drawings at the Post, the winning number was 115 and there were eight (8) satellite winners for a total of \$1,300. The Paid-In-Full number was 913 and paid \$500.

For the May, 2006 Super 1000 Raffle drawings at the Post, the winning number was 402 and there were five (5) satellite winners for a total of \$1,000. All winning tickets were paid up-to-date or in-full and we hope to continue awarding prizes during the coming months for each eligible number. So keep the payments on your ticket(s) current or purchase a new ticket for \$90.

Tuesday nights are now done at the Post, so please see a committee member at all regular Post meetings, one hour before and after meetings. Of course, you may always mail your payments to the Post or leave your payments any time with the barmaids (they have special envelopes). If mailing your payment always remember to put your ticket number on your check. Thanks and good luck!

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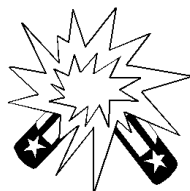
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July 4th

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Post Lounge is **CLOSED**

Please fly your Flag.

**Have a safe and happy
Independence Day.**

Pray for our Troops!

Honorary Life Membership Club Presents

**14th Annual
Chicken Pluckers
Feast**

Sunday, August 6, 2006
Parkville American Legion Post 183
2301 Putty Hill Avenue

Food, 1-4 p.m. • Music, 2-5 p.m.
Half BBQ Chicken • Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans

Chicken Noodle Soup • Sausage & Sauerkraut
Corn on the Cob • Summer Veggies
Cake • Coffee • Beer & Set-ups

COSTS ONLY \$13.00 per person

**Music by "Key Revue"
Everyone is welcomed!**

For tickets contact: Nip Etzel