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LARGEST Post**

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2006

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

POST COMMANDER

John CARPENTER

Last month's OPEN meeting was "Back to God". This inspirational program was highlighted by Father Lou Martin and directed by our Chaplain Ray Peluso. Our thanks to them and also to P. C. Lee Burlage, Sal LoGrande, Mary LoGrande, Paul Nolder and SAL Commander Larry Ford. The Balladiers performed admirably and their director, Bob Lee, led us in closing with "God Bless America."

Issues involving Homeland Security within our State will be discussed during the upcoming National Security and Foreign Relations Program at the Post on March 22nd. Please plan on attending this OPEN meeting chaired by P. C. Tom Keyes.

Our annual Post Everlasting Ceremony will be conducted by Chaplain Ray Peluso and Adjutant Paul Nolder on April 26th. This is another OPEN meeting during which the Balladiers and Patriots perform services recognizing our deceased members during this past year. All are invited to attend.

Seriously consider the many Officer and Executive Committee positions available in our Post and place your name in nomination for one of these offices during the beginning of May. Also, join your Post members at the Department Convention in Ocean City from July 10th through 14th as a delegate. The election of Delegates and the nomination of Officers and Executive positions will occur during the May 10th Post meeting. Post elections will be held on Saturday, June 3rd from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

It should be noted that Larry Ford, our SAL Commander is also both the State and National SAL Chaplain.

VETERANS REHAB

Thomas SHUSTER, Chmn.

We are in the middle of a mild Winter but still waiting for Spring. We have had large crowds of patients at the Loch Raven VA Hospital and we sorely need more volunteers. Two hours a month is all that is required. The Auxiliary always have a good number of volunteers at the MD Rehab. I want to thank the volunteers who did a great job in my absence.

Our future visits will be:

Loch Raven	March 9 th
MD Rehab	March 27 th
Loch Raven	April 13 th
MD Rehab	April 24 th

We leave the Post for MD Rehab at 7 pm and for the VA Hospital at 6 pm.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

April 21, 2006

Fun and Game for all

7:00 pm - 12:00 am

Open Bar • Food Will be Available

\$10.00 per person

For tickets: Contact Mike Mooney

SUPER 1000 RAFFLE

Bob LANTZ, Chmn.

For the January, 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 624 and paid \$500. All winning tickets were paid up-to-date or in-full and we hope to award all of the prizes during the coming months for each eligible number. So keep the payments on your ticket(s) current and/or purchase a new ticket for \$90.

Remember, we will have three (3) more "paid-in-full" drawings for \$500 each in February, March and April.

A member of the committee will be at the Post every Tuesday night between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm through the end of March to sell tickets and receive payments. Of course, you may always mail your payments to the Post or leave your payments with the barmaids (they have special envelopes). If mailing your payment always remember to put your ticket number(s) on your check.

Thanks and good luck.

MEMBERSHIP

Fred ROCK, Chmn.

The Membership Committee, now consisting of 4 members, has been doing an excellent job this year to make sure that your cards were received in a timely manner. We are currently sitting at over 3,300 members, well under last year at this time.

Remember, if you know of anyone who has not renewed, their membership ran out on January 1st. If they don't plan on renewing, please have them drop us a line. We really value their membership and would appreciate knowing why they have decided not to renew.

Last but not least, just to make everyone aware, when a member passes on to Post Everlasting, we will not drop the member until we are notified by a family member. Due to past notifications, that were not correct, we had to resurrect a few members. So if you know of a deceased member please ask a family member to either drop us a note or call us.

Membership still meets on Tuesday nights from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Remember:

All Legion members are Recruiters. Please carry an application for Legion Membership with you.

BALLADIERS

John F. RYAN, Historian

The Balladiers, preparing for "An Afternoon of Harmony", on Sunday, May 21, 2006, are hoping to improve attendance with a daylight program. We wish that those who enjoyed our "Nights of Harmony" in past years will be anxious to come out during the daytime and support The Epilepsy Foundation of The Chesapeake Region. This will be our 22nd consecutive year of "Harmony" and we are awaiting responses from other chorus groups to join with us. Be sure to read the next issue of *The Patter Parade* and look for fliers posted everywhere.

February found The Balladiers singing at St. Alphonsus Church and the Parkville Post home during programs paying tribute to "The Four Chaplains". In March, we will be opening The National Security, Foreign Relations, and Homeland Security program with patriotic songs.

The Balladiers are happy that former Chairman and Maser of Ceremonies of the Balladiers, John Suter, has return to the chorus. Likewise, we hope that Connie Santa is regaining her stride.

The Balladiers are sorry to report that long time chorus member Earl Munzer, passed away on January 21, 2006. Earl was a fine baritone voice and has been greatly missed since he was unable to join with us. Condolence is offered to his wife and family.

The Balladiers are sadden to report the death on December 28, 2005 of Betty Jane Hefright, wife of former Balladier Chairman, Dick Hefright. We extend sincerest condolences to the Hefright family and friends.

The Balladiers welcome letters from groups wishing to have us perform. After receiving a request, determination is arrived at by a vote of our members, as to availability of our Director, chorus members, and voice balance. Direct letters to Balladier Chairman, c/o Parkville American Legion Post #183, 2301 Putty Hill Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21234.

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S.A.L. NEWS

Larry FORD, Commander

Greetings to all. Once again we find ourselves at election time. Nominations will start with the March meeting and continue during the April meeting. Elections will be held at the May meeting. If you would like to run for an Office, please come to the March or April meeting and put your name in the hat. Anyone, who cannot make the May meeting, can ask for an absentee ballot at the March or April meeting. You must be present at one of these meetings to receive a ballot or to run for an office. Remember your vote counts, come out to a meeting.

Our next event will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2006. Once again we will tickle your funny bone with our Annual Comedy Show. This extravaganza will include a platter, open bar, and the Adult Comedy Show. The show will open at 7:00 pm and the platter will be served from 7:30 pm until 8:30 pm. The cost will be determined and will be published in the next issue of *The Patten Parade*. As I write this, contracts are being drawn, and acts are being booked, so mark the date on your calendar. We will see you on the 13th. Tickets and reservations can be made by calling Gene Nicholes or me. Make plans to attend this great night of fun.

We will replace your worn out flag. Bring in your old flag and see our Americanism Chairman, Fran Cullen to have it replaced with a new one.

Remember to bring the Campbell's soup labels to the Lobby Collection jar, and if you haven't done so yet, please designate the MD School for the Blind as your Giant Food A+ receipt school.

Also, remember to contact Chaplain Bob Spencer and let him know if someone is sick or in the hospital.

In the mean time...enjoy what is left of winter, cherish your loved ones, and pray for all of our brave Armed Forces who put themselves in harm's way to protect our Liberty.

God Bless Them All. And God Bless America!!

Dates to remember:

March 7 th	Squadron Meeting 7:30 pm
March 28 th	Executive Meeting 7:30 pm
April 4 th	Squadron Meeting 7:30 pm
April 25 th	Executive Meeting 7:30 pm

SERVICE OFFICER
John KAUFMAN, Service Officer
Ray PELUSO, Chaplain

SICK LIST

Al Claypoole	Ivy Home Rehap Center
Paul Walega	Home Rehab
Bill Huetner	Home
Joseph Walters	Home
John Suter	Home
John Kaufman	Home

POST EVERLASTING

Marion G. Banz	John Borowczyk
William J. Brooks	William J. Clabby
Paul A. Erdman	Calvin E. Fowble
Albert L. Gettier, Sr.	Lewis C. Gompf
John E. Hamilton	George W. Hyde
Casimir C Jaskulski	Charles B. Kobal, Jr.
Harry B. Krebs	Edward C. Long
James M. McKinnon	Jeff Miller, II
Earl Kenneth Munzer	Emory O. Norris
Herbert L. Pippin	James J. Pizzillo, Sr.
Richard W. Richardson	James H. Valentine

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 returned within a four hour time frame, contact the Chaplain. The Commander, Service Officer, and Chaplain's Telephone number are listed in the Patten 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 Patten 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, President

Dear Auxiliary,

Our Membership Chairman, Carole Manzo, is getting excited about membership. We only need 75 more to meet our goal. If you haven't sent in your dues, please do so soon. I would like to thank all of the members who have paid their dues and for coming to the meetings.

Helen Ryan had a very good speaker from Good Samaritan Medical Center in January. We learned that eating good foods and exercising will help keep us healthy. Thank You Helen for an informative program.

Our speaker in February was Susan Kern, who is the Program Manager for volunteer services for V.A. MD Health Systems. Susan explained to us about volunteering at all of the Health Centers in Maryland. Our being there for our veterans shows them that we are thankful for all the sacrifices that they have made for us to live in a free country. A Thank You to Peggy Milburn for a good program.

Peggy Milburn is also our Girls State Chairman and if you know of a Junior in High School who would like to go to Girls State, please give Peggy or me a call. We will tell them all about Girls State.

Julie Ventura is our Scholarship Chairman. If you know of a Senior who is going to a four year college and would like an application, give Julie or me a call soon.

If you have a daughter or granddaughter who is a member of our Auxiliary Juniors and is graduating from Senior High School this Spring, she is eligible to apply for our Junior's Scholarship. Please have her contact Jane Pollizzi for an application.

Due to the major snow storm that we had on February 11th - 12th, we were forced to reschedule our Valentine Dance until Friday, February 24th. We hope that everyone could make that and that they had a good time. It takes a lot of time and hard work to put together a dance and a special thank you to Mary LoGrande and Carole Manzo for their efforts.

Our March meeting will be our Americanism program. The winners from the Essay Contest will read their essay on "What Freedom Means To Me". Please come and show your support to our future generation of Americans.

In April, we will have our Children and Youth program. I know Carole Manzo will have something special for us that night.

Our Northern Central District Meeting will be at our Unit on March 2nd at 8:00 pm and all members are welcome to attend.

Don't forget our service personnel, pray that they will be safe and come home soon.

Dates to Remember:

March 2 nd	NCD Meeting @ our Post
March 6 th	BRECC
March 9 th	Junior Meeting at 6:00 pm Unit Meeting at 7:30 pm
March 27 th	Rehab
March 28 th	Bingo
April 3 rd	BRECC
April 13 th	Junior Meeting at 6:00 pm Unit Meeting at 7:30 pm
April 24 th	Rehab
April 25 th	Bingo

SPECIAL NOTICE TO AUX MEMBERS

Please contact Oneda Donato, Chmn. if you wish to receive *The Patter Parade*.

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 March 28, 2006 & April 25, 2006.

Bingo Gift Certificates are available for any denomination.

For information, contact Kathy Mooney.

Gold Star

A Gold Star Member is any Auxiliary member who is a mother, sister, wife, or daughter who had a son, brother, husband, or father who perished during a wartime period as declared by Congress.

If you are one of these ladies (or know of one), then you/they may be eligible to be a member of our Unit's Gold Star Program.

Please contact Lois Kaufman, for further information.

POST ACTIVITIES

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

No Ham & Oyster or Fresh Ham
Night in March

FRESH HAM NIGHT

Wed., April 19, 2006
\$7.00/adult - \$4.00/child

Tickets for Fresh Ham Night go
on sale 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Service 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

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

St. Patrick's Day Dance
Saturday, March 11th
See the Ad on Page 10

No EOM Dance in March

Saturday, April 29th

Music by "Esquires"
Open Bar, Platter
\$15.00 per person

St. Patrick's Day
@ the Post
Friday, March 17th
See the Ad on Page 10

Coming Affairs for
MAY & JUNE

CHICKEN NIGHT

Wednesday, May 17th

No Chicken, Fresh Ham, or
Ham and Oyster Nights from
June thru August

End of Month Dances

May 27th "Straight Ahead"

June 24th "The Continentals"

For tickets to:
End of Month Dances
Contact Jack Madden

LUNCH MENU TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY

Come in & see for yourself. Sorry,
no carry-outs. Soup and Specials
for Sunday and Monday will be
posted in the Lounge Lobby.

Christmas Raffle

The winner of the big prize was
James Suarez and the winner of the
second prize was Frederick Cupp.
Thanks to all who helped and
participated in the Christmas
Raffle.

Bill Soutar

Kitchen Help Wanted!

We need part time workers in our
kitchen on Thursday, Friday, and
Saturday Nights to handle table
bussing, dishwashing, etc.

Please contact Bob Mongan
or Joe Pollizzi on (410)665-9339.

Post & Lounge Closed Easter Sunday April 16, 2006

Sunday
Sunday



Mar. 26th
Apr 30th

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.

Annual Afternoon of Harmony Sunday, May 21, 2006

Please plan to "attend, listen, and enjoy"

The Legion Balladiers of Post #183
along with other Choruses will perform

The afternoon will benefit the Epilepsy
Foundation of the Chesapeake Region

More Information in the next issue of *The Patter Parade*

Department Officer's Fund Raiser

Joe CASCIO, Chairman

**BULL ROAST
TO BENEFIT**

**THE DEPARTMENT
OFFICER'S FUND AT
PARKVILLE POST #183**

Saturday, May 6, 2006

**Food 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Dancing 8:00 pm to 12:00 am
Music by "Norm & Carlos"**

**Pit Beef and Ham, Barbecue,
Green Table, Sausage, Oxtail Soup,
Coffee & Cake, Beer & Set-ups**

Cost - \$25.00 per person

**Contact: Joe Cascio or
Jack Milburn**

These funds will be used to promote the candidacy of Mike Mooney for Department Sergeant at Arms and Jack Milburn for Alternate Executive Committeeman.

Avenue of Flags

2006 Schedule

Mon.	2/20	President's Day
Sat.	5/20	Armed Forces Day
Mon.	5/29	Memorial Day
Wed.	6/14	Flag Day
Tues.	7/04	Independence Day
Mon.	9/04	Labor Day
Mon.	9/11	Patriot Day
Mon.	10/09	Columbus Day
Sat.	11/11	Veterans Day
Thurs.	12/07	Pearl Harbor Day

The Avenue of American Flags is on the south side of Putty Hill Avenue from the west end of the Post's property (at intervals of approximately every 20 feet) to Old Harford Rd.

The Flags are posted at 7:30 am and withdrawn at 4:30 pm by a dedicated committee chaired by Henry Dreier. Please contact Henry if you would like to volunteer your services.

New & Transferred Members

Eugene Antonelli
Gregory C. Busky
Cornelius W. Demoss, Jr.
Ralph E. Ford
Abraham H. Greenberg
Albert J. Gross
Barry L. Guthrie
Joseph Kershaw
David Massing
Carl W. Moore
Paul B. Pickle
Walter T. Stankowski
George G. Walker

New 13

Fred N. Bish
Charles Noeth
Howard Palardy
Richard Sandaal

Transferred 4

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

Membership Committee

FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK PROGRAM

Tony PETRECCA, Chmn.

The Family Support Network (FSN) Committee has been very active over the last several years. Some of our major accomplishments are: 1) We collected and shipped seven packages of men's and women's underclothing, sox, toiletries, and phone cards to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. This was a collective effort by the Post Legion Family and begun in Nov. of 2003 and ended in Jan. of, 2004; 2) A total of 71 care packages were mailed to the troops in Iraq from Dec., 2004 thru Jan., 2006. Care Package Items were donated by the members of the community; 3) On Aug. 19, 2004, 54 soldiers of the 129th Signal Battalion were given a send-off at the Ruhl Armory in Towson. There were about 175 in attendance (including family members). Donuts were provided by local merchants and the orange juice and other staples were provided by the Post. Seventeen Legion Family members volunteered their services; 4) On March 19, 2005, members representatives from the Legion, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL attended a "Reunion Briefing" for the families of the 253rd Engineering Unit out of Parkville Armory, which was held at the Ruhl Armory in Towson; 5) On April 28, 2005, we supplied refreshments and volunteers for the returning troops at the Parkville Armory; 6) On May 21, 2005, a luncheon was held at the Post Home for 30 troops, who were from various parts of Maryland and being assembled for duty at the Ruhl Armory; 7) On Sept., 5, 2005, "Comfort Packs" were given to Guardsmen being deployed to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The items for the "Comfort Packs" were purchased by the Post; 8) On November 5, 2005, a "Homecoming Reception" for National Guard Troops was held at the Ruhl Armory; and 9) On November 9, 2005, we purchased 20 boxes of Girl Scout cookies, which were shipped to the troops serving in Iraq by the Ruhl Armory personnel.

From Nov. 2001 thru July 2005, your generosity resulted in collections and disbursements of \$1,400. Thank you all very much for your support and thanks to all who have helped in any way to accomplish our mission.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

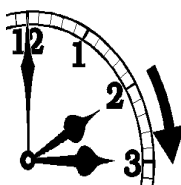
Hank McQUEENEY, Chmn.
Bill CARLILE, Ass't.

The Nominating Committee will be accepting candidates for the Officers and Executive Committee positions for Legion Year 2006 - 2007 on the following dates:

Sat.,	April 29 th	1 pm - 4 pm
Mon.,	May 1 st	7 pm - 9 pm
Tues.,	May 2 nd	“ ”
Wed.,	May 3 rd	“ ”
Thur.,	May 4 th	“ ”
Fri.,	May 5 th	“ ”
Mon.,	May 8 th	“ ”
Tues.,	May 9 th	“ ”

Nominations will close at the Post Meeting of May 10th, including delegates to the 2006 Department Convention. Post Elections will be held on Saturday, June 3rd from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm.

Candidates running for Office/Delegate require a current Membership card.



Daylight Savings Time (FINALLY!)

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour at 2 am on April 2nd.

Please watch out for children playing. The weather getting warmer and they will be out.

WE HAVE MANY CHILDREN BUT NONE TO SPARE!

POST CARNIVAL

Joe CASCIO, Chmn.

June 12, 2006
to
June 17, 2006

Please mark your Calendar and plan to come out with your family!

FIRE/POLICE/EMS APPRECIATION NIGHT

Our Post will be holding its annual appreciation night for the Parkville Stations' Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Services personnel and their families on April 28th at 8:00 pm in the Blue & Gold Room. Also invited are all Post 183 members who are law enforcement officers, firefighters or EMS personnel, including retirees.

Patten Parade Online

For those of you who have access to the Internet, you can view most of the *Patten Parade* on our web site at www.erols.com/jschroen/post183 Most articles are listed under their normal heading, i.e., Commander, 1st Vice Commander, Balladiers, Auxiliary, SAL, etc.

Please send your comments or questions to the *Patten Parade* Editor, Jerry Coleman.

NATIONAL SECURITY, FOREIGN RELATIONS, & HOMELAND SECURITY

Tom KEYES, Chmn

Open Meeting on Wednesday, March 22nd - 8:00 pm

33rd consecutive year for this important Committee

Mr. Nicholas C. D'Adamo
MD Transportation Authority Police

M.C. Jack Milburn
Bring yourself, friends, family, etc.
Join our Guests

Honorary Life Membership Club

Lee BURLAGE, Chmn.

The Honorary Life Membership Club will meet on Wednesday, March 29th at 8:00 pm.

We will be electing new officers, collecting dues, and planning the next Chicken Pluckers Feast.

Come out and support your Post. There are activities for everyone!

Without your participation, the Post can not survive!

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Please retain this issue for the two-month period.

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Please deliver to the homes by **March 1, 2006**



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2006

*8 pm until Midnight
Main Hall*

Music by "THE KEY
REVUE"

Open Bar, Platter
\$15.00 per person

Contact Jack Madden for tickets
(No End of Month Dance in March)

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPECIAL

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2006

*Lounge opens at Noon
Main Hall opens at 5:00 pm*

Ham & Cabbage
Boiled Potatoes
Roll & Butter
\$7.00 per Person

Music in Main Hall
"MIKE & MIKE"
6 pm to 10 pm

Music in Lounge
"STRAIGHT AHEAD"
8 pm to 12 am

No other food served in Lounge

