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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

Post Home of Jack Milburn, Past Dept. Cmdr. and Alt. National Exec. Comm.
Post Home of Mike Mooney, Dept. 3rd Vice Commander

POST COMMANDER

Fred ROCK

Here we are in the beginning of my second term as Commander of this great Post and I am really looking forward to this upcoming year. My Executive Committee and committee chairman are off and running in the right direction. Membership has started off with a bang with over 1,700 members already renewing their 2008 dues and more are coming in every day. That is fantastic, and exactly the way things should run, nice and smooth.

I informed everyone last year that changes had to be made to help stabilize Post operations and that some members would go along with the changes and others would not. That will stand true again this year but I believe that any changes made this year will be accepted by more members rather than less.

Soon you will see an ATM in the Lounge. It will be there for you and your guests to use and it won't cost the Post a penny to operate. Our lunch crowd has really picked up at the Post, so come on out and join us. I hope most of you got a chance to come out to the Chicken Pluckers Feast. If not, you missed a great affair. Our flea market hopefully had great weather and a good crowd. If so, we plan on having more in the future.

Remember to bring your costumed children and grandchildren to the Children's Halloween Party on October 28th at 1:00 pm in the Main Hall.

As you can see volunteers are always needed. Join any committee and help. You'll be glad you did.
Thanks.

**COME ON IN, HAVE FUN AND
SUPPORT YOUR POST
"SEE YOU HERE"**

VETERANS REHAB

Thomas SHUSTER, Chmn.

Another Summer has come and gone. Schools are open, so be careful of the students.

We will be visiting MD Rehab in September once again. We are seeking more volunteers for the Loch Raven Veterans Hospital.

The next visits will be:

Sept. 13th Loch Raven VA
Sept. 24th MD Rehab Ctr.
Oct. 11th Loch Raven VA
Oct. 29th MD Rehab Ctr.

We leave the Post for Loch Raven at 6:00 pm and for MD Rehab at 7:00 pm.

Possibilities Fair

for Seniors who are Losing Vision and Their Families

October 18, 2007

Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Cost: \$15.00 per person, includes lunch
**Where: National Federation of the Blind
Jernigan Institute
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230**

For more information visit www.nfb.org

For reservations, please contact:
(410)659-9314, ext. 2419

SUPER 1000 RAFFLE

Bill BEVANS, Chairman

For the June, 2007 Super 1000 Raffle drawings at the Post, the winning number was 549 and there were eight (8) satellite winners for a total of \$1,300.

For the July, 2007 Super 1000 Raffle drawings at the Post, the winning number was 899 (which was not sold) and there were six (6) satellite winners for a total of \$600. 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 and/or purchase a new ticket for \$90.

Monday nights are now ended 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 bartenders (they have special envelopes). Always remember to put your ticket number(s) on your check.

Thanks and good luck!

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

WE HAVE MANY KIDS, BUT NONE TO SPARE!

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MEMBERSHIP

Jack KAUFMAN, Chmn.

Fellow Legionnaires, welcome to the new 2007/2008 Legion Year. First of all many thanks to those of you who have renewed your membership card and received the "Early Bird Stamp". Permit me to share some details with all of you. The membership committee has processed 1,727 cards to the Department. We have an additional 111 cards ready to be sent to the Department. Counting our Honorary Life and PUFL (Paid Up For Life) members our total 2008 membership is closing down on approximately 2,000. The Post has now reached 56 % of last year's membership.

Additionally, as of August 9th, all cards have been mailed back to members who have paid their dues. To date, we have had 3 bulk mailings. Addressing the bulk mailing issue, the USPS requires that the minimum # of letters to qualify for bulk mail is 150 pieces. To those who have not renewed but plan to, why not consider the SASE option. Along with your Renewal Notice, enclose a Self Addressed, Stamped Envelope in your mailing to the Post. This will accelerate your Membership Card being sent back to you in a timely manner.

As mentioned above, why not consider purchasing a PUFL membership card. Stop by the Membership Room on any Tuesday night (6:00 - 9:00 pm), or call us at the Post for cost and details. This way, you will never receive a dues increase. You can also renew your membership dues at our Wednesday Post Meeting. Attend our Post Meetings, and meet some old friends or make new ones.

In closing, be like an army of one, be a recruiter of one. We are a Family Post, our Lounge has the best prices in town as they relate to refreshments. And we welcome all of you. Finally, kudos to the Post's Membership team of Paul Nolder, Tom Doyle, Tom German, Tom Shuster, Virginia Cummings, Hank McQueeney, Past Cmdr. George Grossnickle, Past Cmdr. Joe Cascio, and our Computer Manager, Jerry Coleman.

Any questions about membership, please contact me.

BALLADIERS

John F. RYAN, Historian

The Balladiers are deeply sorry to report the sudden death on July 10th, of Past Balladier Chairman, Joseph Ptaszynski, and offer sincere condolences to his family and friends. Joe filled the need for a tenor for the Balladiers, while singing as a lead with the Chorus of the Chesapeake. He will be sorely missed.

The Balladiers had a restful summer and plan to resume practice in September.

The Balladiers congratulate Ralph Santa and John Gallagher for being elected to The Honorary Life Membership at Parkville Post. Well earned and certainly due.

The Balladiers extend best wishes to the Trageser family as they carry on after a stressful summer.

The Balladiers Officers for 2007 - 2008 as follows:

Chairman	Henry King
Sgt. At Arms	Frank Mannone
Historian	John Ryan

If interested in engaging The Balladiers, contact Balladier Chairman, at Parkville A. L. Post 183, 2301 Putty Hill Avenue, Parkville, MD 21234.

BRECC HELP NEEDED

The VA's Baltimore Rehap and Extended Care Center (BRECC) on Loch Raven Blvd. is looking for volunteers to assist with their veterans housed there.

Anyone interested, please contact Barbra A. Swann, CAVS at (410)605-7684.

S.A.L. NEWS

Bob SPENCER, Commander

I am looking forward to the next 2 years and I would like to thank you all for your confidence and support. I have some very big shoes to fill and have been blessed to have a great group of officers and committee chairmen to work with, not to mention Post and Auxiliary members who are available for guidance and advice. For those of you who may not be aware, this is our Squadron's 50th Anniversary, so this is twice the honor for me.

Looking to the future, I have several goals. We will take the Parkville Squadron to a new level both statewide and nationally. Thanks to our Past Commanders, officers, and committee chairmen we are looked upon both statewide and nationally as the Squadron for emulation. We will not stop there, we will continue to grow in numbers and our support for our community, state and nation. Also, I will strive to enhance our "family" environment by working closely with the Post and Auxiliary. Communication is key and together we will grow.

Don't forget our Fall Fund Raiser, "At The Hop" on October 20th from 8:00pm-12:00am featuring that legendary DJ from WCAO, Mr. Johnny Dark who will be playing all of your favorite old time favorites. Tickets are \$18 per person for open bar, chips, pretzels, wheels, contests, prizes and raffles in a non-smoking environment. Proceeds go to support our Veteran and Children's programs

Also, please send in your membership renewals as soon as possible along with the completed portion of the 50-50 raffle ticket since our largest contributions are due by the end of the year and we need your support.

Don't forget Family Night at our September 4th meeting at 7:30 pm.

Dates to Remember:

Sept. 4th SAL Meeting and Family Night 7:30 pm
 Sept. 25th Exec. Board Meeting 7:30 pm
 Oct. 2nd SAL Meeting 7:30 pm
 Oct. 20th "At the Hop" Dance 8:00 pm
 Oct. 30th Exec. Board Meeting 7:30 pm

God Bless our troops, America, and you.

SERVICE OFFICER

Please contact Commander Fred Rock

SICK LIST

Richard Anderson Good Sam - Rehab

POST EVERLASTING

William J. Clark	William N. Eckenbarger, Sr.
William H Elliott, Jr.	Lawrence L. Gibbons
Walter M. Gorecki	Robert L. Hannon, Jr.
Carl H Hoehn	Irvin H. Hoffman
Joseph J Hummer	Stanley T. Kieller
Joseph S. Knapp, III	James a Lawson
Joseph B Lovett, Jr.	Robert L. Mc Kinney
Edwin F. Miller	Robert F Peterson
James W. Phillips	Joseph Ptaszynski
Daniel F. Reisenweber	David L. Rice
Thomas P Sharman	Raymond F. Sullivan
Anthony Tammetta	Richard E. Weatherstine
Paul A. Weiser, Jr.	John W. Weiss, Jr.
Kenneth E. Willen	Albert M. Zawodny
Walter A. Zimmerer	

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE

Families of deceased Parkville American Legion Post 183 members desiring funeral home visits from the visitation team should have the Director of the funeral establishment contact the Commander at the telephone number listed above. Family members may, if they wish, also contact the Commander. If calls are not returned within a four hour time frame, please call the Post on (410)665-9339.

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 Commander.

Note: If a visitation is not being requested for a deceased Legionnaire, a member of the family should still contact the Post to notify us 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 the Address. This will allow us to process the paperwork in a timely manner.

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

The Internal Revenue Service has recognized that The American Legion is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(19) of the Code. Contributions made to The American Legion and its Posts are deductible by donors in arriving at their taxable net income as provided by the Internal Revenue Code. The Post will acknowledge every gift made with gratitude regardless of size or merit.

Thanks, Fred Rock, Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Oneda DONATO, President

Summer is over and the children are back in school. Please watch out for them while driving.

Well, we are back from the Convention held in Ocean City and we brought back many awards. Congratulations to Catherine (Cass) Wheeler, who was installed as Maryland Department President. I know she will make us proud. She has named us the 'Liberty Bells' and we will ring in this new year with hard work, good programs and lots of members.

At the Northern Central District meeting on August 2nd our Unit won all "FIRST PLACE" awards for their programs.

Another Installation is behind us and what a success it was!! Thanks to all who volunteered to make it one of the best. Congratulations to Pat Rock and Gerri Sliwa, our Unit's new Honorary Life Members and to the new Post Honorary Life members - Ralph Santa and John Gallagher. Congratulations to Commander Fred Rock who will lead the Post for another year and to Bob Spencer, the new SAL Commander.

Please send in your membership dues (Senior \$15 and Juniors \$4). You do not need a notice to pay your dues, just put your membership number in the memo field of your check. Contact Carole Manzo, if you have any questions.

At our September 13th Unit meeting, Chairman, Dot Sell will present her 'Girl State' program along with our Legislative Program presented by Cecelia DeGraves.

Our Fall Conference will be held in Ocean City on October 5-7, 2007. Reservations must be made with the Princess Royal Hotel by September 15th. Call our Secretary, Kathy Mooney, if interested.

On October 11, 2007, Helen Ryan, Community Service Chairman, will present her program and her speaker will be from the Arthritis Foundation.

HALLOWEEN TIME - Don't forget our Auxiliary Halloween dance on October 27th. Reserve your table now as they go fast. To reserve your Halloween table call Donna Gallagher.

On Sunday, October 28th we will be holding the Children's Halloween Party. Bring your children and grandchildren in costume. They will receive prizes and goodies. Please volunteer, we can use your help. Call Carole Manzo for more information.

Please try to support ALL of our programs and show the Chairmen how much you appreciate their hard work in bringing you much needed information.

Entertainment and Taste books can once again be purchased from Alice Bell.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept. 6 th	NCD meeting 8:00 pm at Parkton
Sept. 13 th	Unit meeting - 7:30 pm - Girl State & Legislative Programs (Open meeting)
Sept. 13 th	Jr. meeting - 6:00 pm
Sept. 24 th	Rehab - Montebello - leave Post 7:00 pm
Sept. 25 th	Bingo - doors open 10:00 am
Oct. 1 st	BRECC - leave Post 6:30 pm
Oct. 3 rd	NCD meeting 8:00 pm - at Essex
Oct. 11 th	Unit mtg - 7:30 pm - Community Service Prog.
Oct. 23 rd	Bingo - doors open 10:00 am
Oct. 27 th	Saturday -Auxiliary Halloween Dance
Oct. 28 th	Sunday - Children's Halloween Party
Oct. 29 th	Rehab - Montebello - leave Post 7:00 pm

BINGO - Kathy Mooney

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. Bingo be held on September 25th & October 23rd.

PATER PARADE - Jane Pollizzi

To Auxiliary members who pay for their Patter Parade. Payment is due now so you will continue to receive the Patter Parade. Please send \$2.00 by check made payable to Parkville Auxiliary, Unit 183. Send to: Jane Pollizzi, 2218 Ellen Ave. Baltimore, MD 21234 or pay at the Unit meeting.

GOLD STAR - Lois Kaufman

A Gold Star member is any Auxiliary member who is a spouse, parent, or sibling who had a husband, father or sibling who perished during a wartime period as declared by Congress.

Our Auxiliary will pay your membership dues and honor you for the most ultimate sacrifice you have given.

AUX Christmas Party - Jane Pollizzi

Our Christmas Party will be Monday, Dec. 10th. Tickets will be sold before the Sept., Oct., Nov. meetings. Cost will be \$8 for early birds and \$10 for all others.

You must have your 2008 Membership Card to purchase a Ticket.

POST ACTIVITIES

Bob MONGAN, Chmn.
Bill SOUTAR, Ass't.

CHICKEN NIGHT

Wed., Sept. 19th
\$7.00/adult - \$4.00/child

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Wed., Oct. 17th
\$7.00/adult - \$4.00/child

Come into the Lounge

- for Dinner (Thurs. thru Sat.)
Lite Fare Menu

- for Lunch (Tues. thru Sat.)
Soup & Specials (Sun. and Mon.) will be posted in the Lobby.

Sorry, no carry-outs.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Post & Lounge
are closed on
LABOR DAY
September 3, 2007



Please fly your flag!

Sunday
Sunday



Sept. 30th
Oct. 28th

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

Regular Dance
Sept. 29th - "Al Baitch"

For tickets to: End of Month dance
Call Jack Madden

AUX Halloween Dance
Oct. 27th - "The Esquires"
See ad on page 8

For tickets to: AUX Dance
Call Donna Gallagher

STEAMED SHRIMP NIGHT

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007
See ad on page 8

RAVEN  Football

& Monday Night

Football
Starts up again
in September,
Look for Specials!

Waitresses/Waiters Help Wanted!

We need part time workers in
our Lounge on Thursday, Friday,
and Saturday Nights to handle
waiting tables including order
taking, food and drink delivery,
processing dinner checks, etc.

Please contact
Bob Mongan
(410)665-9339.

NEW: ATM MACHINE LOCATED IN LOUNGE

Coming Affairs for NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

CHICKEN NIGHTS
Third Wed. of each Month

End of Month Dance

November 24th

Music by "Mixed Company"
Open Bar Platter
\$15.00

No EOM Dance in December

For tickets to: EOM Dance
Call Jack Madden

STAG ROAST

Pit Beef / Raw Oysters

Saturday, Nov. 17th

Contact
Nip Etzel

Monday, Dec. 31st

Gigantic New Year's Eve Party

Tickets go on sale
Saturday, Nov. 11th
9 am in the Lounge
Cost to be announced in
the next issue of
The Patten Parade

Fund Raiser for Mike Mooney

Department 3rd Vice Commander

Sunday September 23, 2007
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Parkville American Legion
Post 183

Dancing, Food, Wheels,
Raffles, & Silent Auction
Beer and Setups

Music by
Al Baitch
Norm and Carlos

Donation \$ 15.00 per person

Tickets:
Sal LoGrande
Mike Mooney

New and Transferred Members

John Baughman
John A. Derrenberger
Michael L. Lockner
Albert W. Morgan
William K. Mulqueen
Carlen D. Shinaberry
Jeffrey L. Via

New 7

Joseph Andrulonis
Louis Dix
Edward Glebas
Edgar Grimm
Donald C. Harkins
Troy Hastings
Charles L. Kreafler
Robert J. Lind
Howard J. Mabus
Joe B. May
Steve Sierocki
Edward Swartz

Transferred 12

Welcome to AL Post #183.

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

Membership Committee

Honorary Life Membership Club Bob WARD

Thanks to the hardworking
Honorary Life Volunteer crew who
put in some long hours to make our
annual "Chicken Pluckers Feast"
another successful event. There were
over 200 people present who enjoyed
good food, lots of food, cold drinks
and nice music for what proved to be
a most pleasant Sunday afternoon.
We hope that all in attendance will
join us again next year. This event is
the major fund raising activity of the
Honorary Life Membership Club.

All members of the club are
reminded that our next meeting will
be October 31, 2007 at 7:30 pm.
Congratulations to our two new
members: John Gallagher and
Ralph Santa. Also congratulations
to the members elected to the
Auxiliary Honorary Life
Membership. They were: Patricia
Rock and Gerry Sliwa.

FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK

Tony PETRECCA, Chmn.
(410)252-7293

SUPPORT THE TROOPS ----- We do this by collecting, purchasing, or otherwise obtaining comfort items for "Care Packages" that we mail to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. You just can't imagine their delight in receiving these comfort items that are hard to come by in a combat zone. We are able to do this because you, the members, make donations of both money and merchandise.

For the Legion Year ending July 31, 2007, our income sources were \$500.00 from the Post Budget; the sale of "T" shirts netted \$100.00; and your money donations of \$793.00; netted a total of \$1,393. We spent \$1,300 for postage, purchases, and a few miscellaneous items and ended the year with a difference of \$93.

If we are to continue with this program, we need your help desperately. If we were to receive \$1.00 from each member, we could continue supporting our troops and the Family Support Network indefinitely. We are asking that each of you send \$1.00, no more or no less, to the Post (address on the back page) and include "Attn.: Tony Petrecca" as part of the address. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thanks and I will keep you posted.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Fri & Sat.	8/31 - 9/1	8:00 pm	Lounge Band - Boss Company
Monday	9/03		Labor Day - Post Closed
Tuesday	9/04	6:00 pm	Membership Every Tuesday
Tuesday	9/04	7:30 pm	SAL Meeting
Thursday	9/06	7:30 pm	Exec. Comm. Meeting
Friday	9/07	7:00 pm	Dart League Every Friday
Fri. & Sat.	9/07 - 08	8:00 pm	Lounge Band - Key Review
Monday	9/10	7:45 pm	Balladiers Every Monday
Tuesday	9/11		Patriots Day - Remembrance - Post Open
Tuesday	9/11	7:30 pm	Sandblasters Golf Club
Wednesday	9/12	7:30 pm	Post Meeting
Thursday	9/13	6:00 pm	Loch Raven VA
Thursday	9/13	7:30 pm	Unit Meeting
Fri & Sat.	9/14 - 15	8:00 pm	Lounge Band - Norm & Carlos
Tuesday	9/18		U. S. Air Force Birthday
Wednesday	9/19	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Chicken Night
Thursday	9/20	7:30 pm	Eagles Golf Club
Fri & Sat.	9/21 - 22	8:00 pm	Lounge Band - Boss Company
Sunday	9/23	1:00 pm	Fund Raiser for Mike Mooney
Monday	9/24	7:00 pm	MD Rehab
Tuesday	9/25	10:00 am	AUX Lunch & BINGO
Tuesday	9/25	7:30 pm	SAL Executive Meeting
Wednesday	9/26	7:30 pm	Post Meeting
Fri & Sat.	9/28 - 29	8:00 pm	Lounge Band - Straight Ahead
Saturday	9/29	8:00 pm	EOM Dance - Al Baitch
Sunday	9/30	5:00 pm	Karaoke with Linda Bishop

OCTOBER

Monday	10/01	7:45 pm	Balladiers Every Monday
Tuesday	10/02	6:00 pm	Membership Every Tuesday
Tuesday	10/02	7:30 pm	SAL Meeting
Wednesday	10/03	5:00 pm	Shrimp Night
Thursday	10/04	7:30 pm	Exec. Comm. Meeting
Friday	10/05	7:00 pm	Dart League Every Friday
Fri. & Sat.	10/05 - 06	8:00 pm	Lounge Band - Token
Monday	10/08		Columbus Day - Post Open
Tuesday	10/09	7:30 pm	Sandblasters Golf Club
Wednesday	10/10	7:30 pm	Post Meeting
Thursday	10/11	6:00 pm	Loch Raven VA Hospital
Thursday	10/11	7:30 pm	Unit Meeting
Fri & Sat.	10/12 - 13	8:00 pm	Lounge Band - Monaldi Trio
Saturday	10/13		U. S. Navy Birthday
Wednesday	10/17	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Chicken Night
Thursday	10/18	7:30 pm	Eagles Golf Club
Fri & Sat.	10/19 - 20	8:00 pm	Lounge Band - Al Baitch
Saturday	10/20	8:00 pm	SAL "At the Hop" Dance
Tuesday	10/23	10:00 am	AUX Lunch & BINGO
Wednesday	10/24	7:30 pm	Post Meeting
Fri. & Sat.	10/27 - 28		Lounge Band - J. J. & Friends
Saturday	10/27	8:00 pm	AUX Halloween Dance - Esquires
Sunday	10/28	1:00 pm	Children's Halloween Party
Sunday	10/28	5:00 pm	Karaoke with Linda Bishop
Monday	10/29	7:00 pm	MD Rehab
Tuesday	10/30	7:30 pm	SAL Executive Meeting
Wednesday	10/31	7:30 pm	Honorary Life Membership Mtg.

VETERAN'S DESERVE BETTER THAN RATIONS

Paul A. Morin, National Commander

The backlog of pending Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) claims and appeals has swollen to nearly 800,000, leaving thousands of disabled veterans separated from relief they earned and are due. The American Legion's National Executive Committee has authorized suing VA, if necessary, to reverse the trend. The reason usually given for the logjam and delays is that the VBA lacks staff to handle the workload. Here's a thought: hire more people, and get the work done.

To veterans, it's a familiar condition. In many parts of the country, VA patients are forced to wait 18 months or more for surgery in understaffed VA hospitals. Throughout America, veterans can't get timely appointments. Parking spaces are even rationed to control daily patient loads. The suspension of Priority Group 8 veterans - some of whom have incomes so low they can't cover co-payments for medicine - appears indefinite, if not

permanent, as more and more combat veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan enter the system and can't believe lagging women's services and, with all we know about post-traumatic stress disorder, why mental health patients are asked to take a number.

Congress is again seeking refuge in the private-sector antidote, which reports have shown will drive up cost, reduce quality and deny the reality that veterans have unique conditions related to military service.

VA health-care funding is doled out not according to veteran needs but according to government willingness to pay. That is why the long-term care objectives of the Veterans Millennium Health Care Act have gone largely unmet eight years after it was enacted. That is why VA construction funds in under-served areas have moved at a glacier's pace since the Capital Asset

Realignment for Enhanced Services decision was released in 2004. It is why VA emergency rooms are closing their doors at the end of the day.

We can tolerate no more rationing. No more un-built hospitals in places like hurricane-hammered New Orleans and overcrowded Orlando and Denver. The government has a moral and statutory obligation to prepare accessible places of quality care for all veterans eligible under the law for VA services and benefits. It is not discretionary. Funding must be mandatory.

Members of the 110th Congress who campaigned on promises of vast improvements for veterans - controlling the claims backlog and properly funding VA health care - have a great deal of work to do if they want to prove their words are any better than those of their predecessors. It is our job to let them know America's veterans deserve better than government rations.

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STEAMED SHRIMP



NIGHT

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2007
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



**AUXILIARY
HALLOWEEN
DANCE**



Saturday, October 27, 2007
8:00 pm to Midnight

**Open Bar, Platter, Chips and
Pretzels**
\$15.00 per person

Music by "The Esquires"
Door/Raffle Prizes **COSTUME**
PRIZES

For Tickets, call Donna Gallagher