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JANUARY - FEBRUARY

**Post Home of Jack Milburn, Past Dept. Cmdr. and Alt. National Exec. Comm.
Post Home of Mike Mooney, Dept. 3rd Vice Commander
Post Home of Cass Wheeler, Department AUX President**

POST COMMANDER
Fred ROCK

VETERANS REHAB
Thomas SHUSTER, Chmn.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and your families. I sure hope that all of you had a fantastic and healthy holiday.

We are now in the New Year and with that comes more responsibilities for the Post. We have only had a couple of new faces come out and join our family of workers around the Post and we still need more. Come on out, join in, there are some perks to helping out besides just feeling good about getting involved, and it's not hard work.

I would like to take a moment and thank a very special group of members, who I do not believe get enough credit for what they do, the Visitation Committee. As you know we have lost quite a few members to Post Everlasting in the last year. These teams of gentlemen have made every visitation, except two that I know of, traveling in all kinds of weather and in some cases large distances. They do this at the request of the families of our fallen comrades and in some cases it has been a very close friend. It's not always easy, but they make it through representing your Post. The next time you see them return from a visitation, thank them for what they do. Better yet, why not join them. I consider it to be an honor to be part of this team. Thanks to all of you.

The Membership Committee is still working hard to bring in new members. I have seen many new faces around the Post. When you see a new member, introduce yourself and make them feel at home. Have a great New Year, and remember

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

We enjoyed our annual Christmas Party at the Loch Raven Veterans Hospital on December 13th. We had the pleasure of having The Balladiers, The Sons of The American Legion, and Santa Claus with us. Everyone had a good time and the patients were very happy. For many of the patients, this was the only celebration of the Holidays that they had.

Our future visits will be:

January 10 th	Loch Raven VA
January 28 th	MD Rehab
February 14 th	Loch Raven VA
February 25 th	MD Rehab

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

NOTICE

If you have a keycard for the Lounge Door and your membership dues is not paid up to date, i.e., "2008", then the keycard will be invalidated after the 1st of the January and it will be deleted from the system after the 1st of February.

Winter Closings

The Post meetings will be canceled whenever Baltimore County puts in the Phase 2 Snow Plan prior to the meeting.

The meeting will not be rescheduled.

SUPER 1000 RAFFLE

Bill BEVANS, Chairman

Happy New Year to all! We hope that everyone had a safe and happy Christmas season.

For the October, 2007 Super 1000 Raffle drawings at the Post, the winners took home \$35,400 and there were 34 happy winners. The total payout for the winners of this year's Super 1000 Raffle was \$47,400. The \$15,000 winning number was 651, the two \$5,000 winning numbers were 131 and 944, the five \$1,000 winning numbers were 247, 469, 442, 057, and 061.

We are off to a good start this year. You can find a committee member in the Lounge on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We are also available at each regular Post meeting, one hour before and after the meeting to receive your installment payments and to sell new tickets. If you can't make it to the Post, just mail your payments and make sure the ticket number(s) are on the check.

We will begin in January, 2008 to award our ten Monthly Prizes to those ticket holders of paid-up-to-date numbers - a \$500 winner and nine \$100 satellite winners. We will also draw one "paid in full" ticket number to award the special \$500 prize, which is drawn January thru April, 2008. Please attend the Post meetings on the 4th Wednesday for the monthly prizes. Good Luck in the coming months. If the meeting is canceled due to inclement weather, the number for the special "paid in full" ticket will be drawn at a future meeting.

Would you like to participate as a member of the raffle committee or become a seller of the S1000R tickets? Please see a committee member at the Post meeting or contact me.

MEMBERSHIP

Jack KAUFMAN, Chmn.

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From the Membership team and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of Parkville Post 183 members and their families a joyous and healthy, "Happy New Year".

Our Membership total as of this entry is now 2,818 members. We need an additional 519 members to reach our objective of 3,337 members. Were you aware that of the \$28.00 dues you submit to the Post, we keep only \$7.50? The remainder goes to the Department and the National Organization to offset the cost of the Warrior and The American Legion magazine. The Post Budget relies heavily on your portion of dues to finance Parkville's Programs, such as Scholarship, Boy Scouts, etc.

Renewal notices will be coming out again to members who have not paid their 2008 dues. If you have paid your dues and receive a renewal notice, ignore it. Should you have a Membership card with a 2008 date on it, you obviously have paid your dues.

Finally, some of the 519 members mentioned above are long term Legionnaires. Don't let your membership lapse or lose your consecutive years of Legion Service. The Membership team meets every Tuesday Evening, if you have any inquiries, call or see us. In closing have a great 2008.

LAST ISSUE

If "YOU ARE DELINQUENT AS OF 1/31/08" is printed over your mailing label, then according to our records, your "2008" Membership Dues has not been received and posted.

Please contact the Membership Committee.

BALLADIERS

John F. RYAN, Historian

The Balladiers practice will be moving from Monday night. The new day and time will be announced.

After the last printing deadline, the Balladiers were invited to entertain at the annual "Greater Towson Jaycees Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner" at the Towson Presbyterian Church. I believe this was also our 15th year that we headlined the evening's entertainment. We presented our Christmas programs at Manor Care, Joppa Road and joined Tom Shuster and the Rehab Committee along with The SAL & Post Santa "Big Al", and his helpers Bob, Ron, and George at the V.A. Hospital. We then returned to The Parkview Apartments in Bel Air, MD to wind up our Holiday Program.

Talked with Bill Grover in South Carolina. He and Scherl are doing great and he sends his best wishes to all.

The Balladiers hope for a quick recovery for Tom Schuch and likewise a return to good health for Dick Hefright. We are always thinking of Ed Mifkovic. The Balladiers offer sincere condolences to our Editor, Jerry Coleman on the sudden death in his family.

If interested in having The Balladiers perform, please contact, by letter, requesting possible dates, times, and contact person to: Balladier Chairman, c/o Parkville Post 183, 2301 Putty Hill Avenue, Parkville, MD 21234-3943.

S.A.L. NEWS

Bob SPENCER, Commander

Hello Fellow SAL Members,

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season.

Our October fund-raiser "At the Hop" was a very successful event even though attendance was not what we had hoped for. Our guest DJ, Mr. Johnny Dark, of WCAO and other radio fame was incredible. Unlike most such affairs, people were dancing from the first song until the end. We even have pictures taken by the local news coverage highlighting the fun and excitement exhibited by those who attended. As a result, we were able to make significant contributions to our 'Children and Youth' and 'Veterans' charities. Thank all of you who attended for your support and we hope to see even more of you next year. And, a personal "hats off" to Gene Nicholes, Don Young, Mike Read and Glen Michaels for their hard work, securing donations for the raffles, wheels, and prizes, and working the wheels, etc.

Again this year, the Squadron hosted the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Carney Memorial and it was well attended by local dignitaries, Veterans, Post, Auxiliary, and SAL members and their friends and families. Thank you all for your support.

As a reminder, while we are still on track for membership renewals, we need you to renew as soon as possible. Dues are \$25 per year payable to the Parkville Squadron SAL #183 and it includes your Patter Parade. Why not come out the 1st Tuesday of every month and see what else your membership includes? It is time to become active and involved in YOUR Squadron. Please join us so that we may grow and not decline in numbers and our efforts to support our community, veterans and children.

As always, may God bless our Post, our troops, America and you.

Dates to remember:

Thurs. Jan. 3rd SAL regular monthly meeting.
(Thursday due to the holiday)
Tues. Jan. 29th Executive Board meeting
Tues. Feb. 5th SAL meeting
Tues. Feb. 26th Executive Board meeting

SERVICE OFFICER

Please contact Commander Fred Rock
(410)335-2803

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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

Another year and I hope that 2007 left you with good memories, and that 2008 will be a year that you will remember as a year of good health for you and to those so close to you.

I want to thank (and thanks is just not enough) all the Unit Officers, Chairmen, and Volunteers for all they did for the Unit last year. They were there whenever called to help. NEVER - 'Sorry I'm busy'. As we all age, I pray that we continue to have the strength to continue our work.

The winner of the 'Basket of Goodies' was Gerard Lioi, Sr. Thanks to all who contributed and the monies will be very helpful to our women veterans.

Carole Manzo, First Vice-President and Membership Chairman held the annual Initiation Program, and as always it was an inspiring program.

The Unit Christmas party was once again a great success due to our chairman, Jane Pollizzi, and to her committee: Marie Fray and the Balladettes, the Past Presidents for their fun filled skit of Santa's Toy Shop, the Legion members and Past Commanders who cooked and served us, to the bartenders, and to Santa Clause for our gifts.

Thank you for all your donations for the needy, homeless and veterans. A special thanks to all who helped bring joy to the child who left their wish on our Christmas tree.

Our Unit just loves to have parties and is now planning our Auxiliary Valentines Dance on Saturday, February 9 2008. Contact Mary LoGrande for tickets and other information.

Christmas shopping is finished, so now we have plenty of time to think of a friend or relative who would like to become a member if only they were asked. You would make us happy to welcome a new member and our Membership Chairman will give you a big hug (remember hugs are allowed).

At our January 10th meeting Dolores Bell, Second Vice-President and VA/R Chairman will present her program. Our February 14th meeting, Pamela Canapp, the National Security Chairman will present her program. We love our veterans and we need to hear what is going on in these programs that we support.

If Old Man Winter pays us a visit with ice or snow and Phase 2 is in effect in Baltimore County or will be in effect by 5:00 pm, the Auxiliary meeting will be rescheduled. If the Post is closed, the Auxiliary meeting will be rescheduled. The make-up dates (rescheduled date) for these meetings will be the FOURTH (4th) THURSDAY of that month.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 3 rd	NCD meeting - Parkville - 7:30pm (need baked goodies)
Jan 7 th	BRECC - Leave Post at 6:30pm
Jan 10 th	Unit meeting - VA/R Program - 7:30pm
Jan 22 nd	Bingo - Doors open at 10:00am
Jan 28 th	Rehab - Leave Post at 7pm
Feb 4 th	BRECC - Leave Post at 6:30pm
Feb 9 th	Auxiliary Valentine Day Dance
Feb 14 th	Unit meeting - National Security Program - 7:30pm
Feb 25 th	Rehab - Leave Post at 7pm
Feb 26 th	Bingo - doors open at 10:00am

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 January 22nd and February 26th.

We do have Gift Certificates that you can purchase.

PATER PARADE - JANE POLLIZZI

Any AUX member who pays for the Patter Parade and has trouble receiving it, call me and I will correct the problem.

GOLD STAR - LOIS KAUFMAN

A Gold Star member is any Auxiliary member who is a wife, mother, daughter or sister who had a husband, father, or sibling 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. Our Auxiliary will pay your membership dues and honor you for the most ultimate sacrifice you have given.

POST ACTIVITIES

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

CHICKEN NIGHTS

Wed., Jan. 16th
Wed., Feb. 20th
\$7.00/adult - \$4.00/child

NOTICE

Effective January 1, 2008

The Lounge will be **CLOSED @**
7:00pm on Sunday Nights
Exceptions - Karaoke
- Special Events

The Lounge will be **CLOSED @**
7:00pm on Monday Nights
Exceptions - Special Events

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.

2 New 42" & 1 New 50"
Plasma TVs to watch College Sports, NFL, NASCAR, etc.

Sunday Jan. 27th
Sunday Feb. 24th



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

Italian Night
BAND "TBA"
Jan. 26th

Open Bar Platter
\$15.00

No End of Month Dance in
February

For tickets to: End of Month dance
Call the Post, (410)665-9339

WINGS

Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008
5:30 pm until 8:30pm
5 Large Wings
for \$2.50

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008
\$6.00 adult
\$3.00 Children under 10

Salad, Italian Bread,
Spaghetti, & Meatballs
(All you can eat Salad &
Spaghetti only)

Coffee, Tea, &
Desserts extra

NOTICE

Anyone wishing to join a
"Stamp and Coin Club", please
contact all me. We will then
setup a meeting time at the
Post.

John N. Stathopoulos

Coming Affairs for
MARCH & APRIL

CHICKEN NIGHTS
Third Wed. of each Month

St. Patrick's Day @ the Post
Mon., March 17, 2008
Costs "TBA"
Ham and Cabbage

BEER BEER BEER

Music in the Lounge
after 8:00 pm

End of Month Dances

St. Patrick's Day Dance
Sat., March 29, 2008
Music "TBA"
Open Bar

Ham & Cabbage Platter
\$15.00 per person

Sat., April 26, 2008
Regular Dance
Music "TBA"

Open Bar, Platter
\$15.00 per person

For tickets to:
End of Month dances
Call the Post (410)665-9339

SAND BLASTERS

Anyone wishing to join the
Sandblasters Golf Club, please come
to the Sandblaster meeting in the
Blue and Gold Room on Jan. 8, 2008
at 7:30pm. Dues are \$40.00 for the
year. You can also call Ralph Vain.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP CLUB

Robert WARD, PRESIDENT

The Club's next meeting is Wednesday, January 30th, beginning at 7:30 pm. The Annual dues of \$10 should be paid prior to or during this meeting to our Treasurer, Earle Nodine.

We will be electing a new slate of officers for the 2008 Club year.

FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK PROGRAM

Tony PETRECCA, Chmn.

Comfort items are hard to come-by in the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan. One Soldier was quoted as saying "E-mails, photos, and videos are a great way of keeping in touch, but people have to realize the importance of the old-fashion Care Package". He said, "In Iraq, we'd get a package and it didn't matter how many mortar rounds had exploded or how many yards away--- this was a great day".

Well, I can tell you, the Parkville Post #183 Legion Family and Community fully realizes the importance of the old fashioned "Care Package" to our soldiers who put themselves in harm's way to defend our Country and our Freedoms.

The Christmas "Care Package" was a big success. Your comfort items filled sixty three (63) boxes and totaled 690.7 pounds. You also gave cash donations that totaled \$1,176.00...WOW!!! The cost of the postage was \$573.70.

On October 25th, we participated in the deployment of 130 soldiers from the Parkville Armory. We bought fourteen (14) pizzas at a cost of \$110.00, and the Committee also agreed to pay the \$28.00 dues for a fellow member who was deployed to Iraq.

A big thank-you of appreciation to everyone who joined-in to complete a successful mission.

New and Transferred Members

Robert A. Dickens
Joseph M. Kalista, III
Michael Pirisino
Charles Travis

James J. Hendricks
George E. Lake
Susan Stauffer

New 7

Charles J. Ferraro

George T. Meyer

Transferred 2

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

Membership Committee

Mike Mooney - The Polar Bear Plunge

I am writing to ask for your help. On January 26, 2008, I have committed to grin and "bear" it for the athletes of Special Olympics Maryland by taking a chilly dip into the Chesapeake Bay alongside about 7,500 other warm-hearted people.

I know you're probably getting cold just thinking about it! But the cold that I will feel is temporary compared to the positive impact this will have on the lives of thousands of citizens with intellectual disabilities that last a lifetime.

I have set a personal fund raising goal, and I need your help to reach it! So no, I'm not asking you to take the Plunge alongside, but instead, I am asking if you will make a donation to Special Olympics Maryland on behalf of me taking the 2008 Plunge. Any amount would be appreciated as it all goes to a wonderful cause, and every little bit gets me that much closer to my goal.

If you want to learn more about this wacky winter event or to make a donation, visit www.plungemd.com to find out all the chilly details and how to donate on-line. Think warm thoughts for me as January 26th approaches. You may also mail your donation to me at the Post, Attn. "The Polar Bear".

I will do my best to "Be the Bear" and make my supporters proud!

Thank you!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

Tuesday	01/01	New Year's Day - Lounge Closed
Thursday	01/03	7:30 pm Exec. Comm. Meeting
Thursday	01/03	7:30 pm SAL Meeting
Friday	01/04	7:00 pm Dart League Every Friday
Fri. & Sat.	01/04 - 05	8:00 pm Lounge Band - Key Revue
Tuesday	01/08	6:00 pm Membership Every Tuesday
Tuesday	01/08	7:30 pm Sandblasters Golf Club
Wednesday	01/09	7:30 pm Post Meeting
Thursday	01/10	6:00 pm Loch Raven VA
Thursday	01/10	7:30 pm Unit Meeting
Fri. & Sat.	01/11 - 12	8:00 pm Lounge Band - Memory Lane
Wednesday	01/16	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Chicken Night
Thursday	01/17	7:30 pm Eagles Golf Club
Fri & Sat.	01/18 - 19	8:00 pm Lounge Band - Key Revue
Monday	01/21	Martin Luther King Birthday - Post Open
Tuesday	01/22	10:00 am AUX Lunch & BINGO
Wednesday	01/23	7:30 pm Post Meeting
Fri & Sat.	01/25 - 26	8:00 pm Lounge Band - J. J. & Friends
Saturday	01/26	8:00 pm EOM Dance - Italian Night
Sunday	01/27	5:00 pm Karaoke with Linda Bishop
Monday	01/28	7:00 pm MD Rehab
Tuesday	01/29	7:30 pm SAL Executive Meeting
Wednesday	01/30	7:30 pm Honorary Life Membership Mtg.

FEBRUARY

Friday	02/01	7:00 pm Dart League	Every Friday
Fri. & Sat.	02/01 - 02	8:00 pm Lounge Band - Straight Ahead	
Saturday	02/02	Ground Hog Day - Post Open	
Sunday	02/03	TBA	Super Bowl in the Lounge
Tuesday	02/05	6:00 pm Membership	Every Tuesday
Tuesday	02/05	7:30 pm SAL Meeting	
Thursday	02/07	7:30 pm Exec. Comm. Meeting	
Fri & Sat.	02/08 - 09	8:00 pm Lounge Band - Al Baitch	
Saturday	02/09	8:00 pm AUX Valentine Dance	
Tuesday	02/12	Lincoln's Birthday - Post Open	
Tuesday	02/12	7:30 pm Sandblasters Golf Club	
Wednesday	02/13	7:30 pm Post Meeting - "Back to God"	
Thursday	02/14	Valentine's Day - Post Open	
Thursday	02/14	6:00 pm Loch Raven VA Hospital	
Thursday	02/14	7:30 pm Unit Meeting	
Fri & Sat.	02/15 - 16	8:00 pm Lounge Band - Mixed Company	
Monday	02/18	President's Day - Post Open	
Wednesday	02/20	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Chicken Night
Thursday	02/21	7:30 pm	Eagles Golf Club
Friday	02/22	Washington's Birthday - Post Open	
Fri. & Sat.	02/22 - 23	8:00 pm Lounge Band - Boss Company	
Saturday	02/23	No End of Month Dance in February	
Sunday	02/24	5:00 pm	Karaoke with Linda Bishop
Monday	02/25	7:00 pm	MD Rehab
Tuesday	02/26	10:00 am	AUX Lunch & BINGO
Tuesday	02/26	7:30 pm	SAL Executive Meeting
Wednesday	02/27	7:30 pm	Post Meeting
Friday	02/29	8:00 pm	Lounge Band - Norm & Carlos

Ad spaces are still available. See Below



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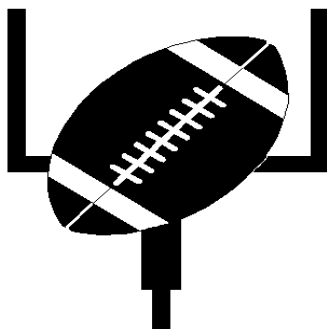


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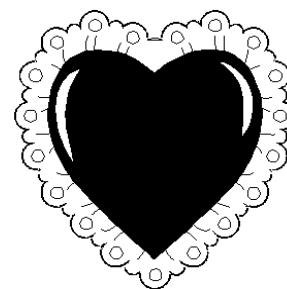
Party in Post Lounge
Sunday, February 3, 2008
four TV's

Light Fare and Cash Bar will be available

Free Appetizers

First come - First served

Time to be announced



VALENTINE DANCE

Dance with your "Sweetheart" to the music of "Straight Ahead" at our Auxiliary Unit #183 Valentine Dance to be held on Sat., February 9, 2008, from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am midnight

Platter, open bar, dessert,
Great Door Prizes/Raffle.

\$15.00 per person

For tickets, contact: Mary LoGrande