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JANUARY - FEBRUARY

2009

Worlds' Fourth
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Post Home of Jack Milburn, Past Dept. Cmdr. and National Exec. Committee
Post Home of Mike Mooney, Department 2nd Vice Commander

POST COMMANDER

John KAUFMAN

Legionnaires All, when you receive your Jan.-Feb. 2009 Patter Parade in Dec. 2008, I am happy to say Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all again. In addition, Happy New Year in 2009 from my wife and I and your Executive Committee, and may it be a blessed and joyful one to you and your family.

Mark your calendars for January 8th, to attend our Thursday Spaghetti night. Unlimited spaghetti and meat sauce, along with a salad and bread, and you can't beat the price. Bring the family.

Veterans Day was celebrated at 11 am at the Post Flagpole with a few readings of remembrance of what all Veterans have contributed to keep this Country free. One of our vendors, Carroll County foods, hosted a buffet luncheon at no cost to the Post. Attendance was approximately 120 Post members and family. In addition, Schimunek's Funeral Home donated an ornate bench along with a plaque on Veterans day honoring Parkville Post. It resides in the center of the main lobby at the Putty Hill entrance.

At this time a special thanks and a right hand salute to Leo King and his wife Dot for the outstanding work they did in conjunction with our November combination Roast. In addition, thanks go to past Commander John Carpenter and Sal LoGrande for their effort in the Brooks Robinson jersey raffle. The winner claimed the Jersey and a \$100.00 gas gift card. While extending thanks, kudos to all who participated in the Christmas/Holiday raffle. It's another way of supporting the Post, two winners were announced on December 24th. P.S. If you are looking for a last minute gift, consider a Super 1000 Raffle Ticket.

In other events, a Constitution and By-Laws committee has been formed to review the Articles and procedures as now exists and to make recommendations of changes

if needed. More to come on this issue.

Also, the Post Home and the Post continue to explore ways to cut costs and improve the bottom line. Any suggestion, contact me. Volunteers are always needed. The Post card check team continues to verify membership cards at the Friday and Saturday night Dances. Both the Post Home and I thank them for their effort. Just another way for members to volunteer and to get involved.

In closing, may God Bless our Armed Forces personnel, our Country and all of the Legion Families and Friends. Teamwork, Unity, Fraternity!

VETERANS REHAB

Thomas SHUSTER, Chmn.

This article is being written at the beginning of December so I cannot report on the annual Christmas Party at the Loch Raven Veterans Hospital on December 11th. In the past years, it has been very successful thanks to our having the Balladiers, The Sons of the American Legion, our volunteers, and Santa Claus with us. For many of the patients, that was the only celebration of the Holidays that they had.

Our future visits will be:

Jan. 8 th	Loch Raven VA
Jan. 26 th	MD Rehab
Feb. 12 th	Loch Raven VA
Feb. 23 rd	MD Rehab

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

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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, 2008 Super 1000 Raffle drawings at the Post, the winners took home \$35,000 and there were 34 happy winners. The total payout for the winners of this year's Super 1000 Raffle was \$48,100. The \$15,000 winning number was 287, the two \$5,000 winning numbers were 831 and 314, the five \$1,000 winning numbers were 854, 055, 253, 354, and 579.

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 your check.

We will begin in January, 2009 to award our 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, 2009. 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 \$1000R tickets? Please see a committee member at the Post meeting or contact me.

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MEMBERSHIP

Hank MCQUEENEY,
Chairman

As of November 21st, we had 2,491 renewals downtown with an additional 95 ready to go. We still have those people who can't, don't, or won't read this article and keep paying their dues twice.

But for all those who do read this, the Membership Committee takes the opportunity to wish you and yours a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

Ho - Ho - Ho!

NOTICE

If you have a keycard for the Lounge Door and your membership dues is not paid up to date, i.e., "2009", then your keycard will be invalidated after the 1st of January and it will be deleted from the system after the 1st of February.

LAST ISSUE

If "YOU ARE DELINQUENT AS OF 1/31/09" is printed over your mailing label, then according to our records, your "2009" Membership dues has not been received and posted.

Please contact the Membership Committee.

BALLADIERS

John F. RYAN, Historian

Even though the Chorus is small in size; we are heard strong and clear. The Balladiers made several appearances during November and December. We took part in the Memorial Service at the Boumi Temple on King Ave. Again appeared for the Greater Towson J. C.'s Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner. This is an annual engagement for us.

After many practices, we presented our Christmas Program at Keswick Assisted Living, and traveled to the Veterans Center on Loch Raven Blvd. with Tom Shuster, Rehap Chairman, and the Sons of the American Legion. We enjoyed doing the Bykota Christmas party and then closed out December with a return visit to The Maples Assisted Living in Towson. Early January will find us returning to "The Villa" on Bellona Ave.

The Balladiers welcome Lefty Elliott back from retirement and hope his stay will be enjoyable. The Balladiers wish a healthy and Happy New Year to all our Legion Family.

Remember Winter is here

Please watch out for our children and grandchildren.

We have many children BUT none to spare!

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S.A.L. NEWS

Bob SPENCER, Commander

Hello Fellow SAL Members, I hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving and Christmas and reflected upon what you had to be thankful for and the true meaning of Christmas. Thanks to the support of Weis supermarkets, we were able to donate 6 turkeys to the Villa Cresta Elementary School to help them aid needy families in the community. Our Toys for Tots Program was again successful and we were able to help the Marines make many children's wishes come true.

Another reminder about membership! We are slowing down and still have a way to go to become 3 Star. Please, if you have not renewed, do so and if you know of anyone who is not a member but eligible, sign him up. Let's continue to make Parkville, the NCD and the Detachment of Md. proud.

May you all have a safe and Happy New Year and resolve to become more active in your squadron. With you, we are everything; without you, we are nothing. Let's continue to grow and be strong.

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers our troops, MIAs and Post Everlasting.

Dates to Remember:

January 6 th	Squadron Meeting
January 27 th	Executive Board Meeting
February 3 rd	Squadron Meeting
February 24 th	Executive Board Meeting

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Bill ROCHFORD, Chmn.

The Commander has re-initiated this committee to review the Constitution and Bylaws in order to bring it up to date. If you have any changes that you believe should be made, please contact me.

SERVICE OFFICER

Frank DONATO

SICK LIST

William Fray	Home
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POST EVERLASTING

Edward J. Bertrand	Francis Betz
Robert C. Bevans, Sr.	John J. Bohli, Jr.
Howard W. Brown	John A. Cossentina
Edward J. Culberson	Donald D. Dellone
Joseph C. Engers	Bernard A. Garrity
George Haslbeck, Jr.	Raymond Huber
Robert E. Kelly	Clyde E. Krause
Edwin C. Martin	William A. Michael
Thomas W. Mitchell	Joseph C. Mynar
John Rauscher	Harry G. Shawker
James Suarez	Engelbertus Vandenberg
Paul F. Wunder	

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 Service Officer at the telephone number listed above. Family members may, if they wish, also contact the Service Officer. 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 Service Officer.

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, Frank Donato, Service Officer

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Carole MANZO, President

Happy New Year! I would like to thank all who helped with our Auxiliary Christmas Party and the Past Presidents for putting on a fun show. I also would like to recognize our 1st Vice Joan Cascio for a nice job on our Initiation Ceremony for New Members. As a reminder if you have not paid your 2009 dues, please mail your check for \$15 for a senior member or \$4 for a junior member to the Post. Checks should be made payable to the Unit and sent to the attention of Joan Cascio. You should put your Membership Number in the Memo field of your check.

Thanks to all who assisted with or attended the Children's Christmas Party last month, a great time was had by all. Also, thanks to all who donated Christmas Gifts for our local children in need. Your generosity helped to make a child's Christmas brighter.

Our Annual Valentines Dance will be held on Saturday, February 14 from 8-12, for tickets call Mary LoGrande (410)668-8381. Please plan to attend this fun affair.

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.

Hope to see you at our next meeting and I wish you a healthy and safe New Year.

Dates to Remember:

Jan. 5 th	BRECC
Jan. 7 th	NCD Meeting
Jan. 8 th	Unit Meeting
Jan. 26 th	MD Rehab
Jan. 27 th	Bingo
Feb. 2 nd	BRECC
Feb. 4 th	NCD Meeting

Feb. 12 th	Unit Meeting
Feb. 14 th	Unit Valentines Dance
Feb. 23 rd	MD Rehab
Feb. 24 th	Bingo

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 \$7.00 covers your lunch and one card. Bingo will be held on January 27th and February 24th. We do have Gift Certificates that you can purchase.

PATER PARADE - JANE POLLIZZI

If you are an Auxiliary member and have any problems or questions regarding the Patter Parade, please contact me.

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.

The Auxiliary Past Presidents are holding a Big Band Dance (16 piece band) on Friday April 3, 2009 – 8:00 pm to 12:00 am with open bar, potato chips and pretzels at \$20 per person. Feel free to bring your own snacks. This is a dress affair – NO JEANS. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO HELPING WOMEN VETERANS.

Some tables have already been reserved, so make your reservation as soon as possible by contacting: DONNA GALLAGHER. All tickets MUST BE PAID for by March 21, 2009.

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POST ACTIVITIES

Bill FRAY, Chmn.
George GROSSNICKLE, Asst.

NOTICE

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

7:00pm on MONDAY Nights
Exceptions - Special Events

Regular Dinners are
canceled on Thursday
Nights although we will
continue to have Specials

CHICKEN NIGHT

will continue on
Wednesday Nights

Jan. 21, 2009
Feb. 18, 2009

\$7.00 / Adult - \$4.00/ Child

SPAGHETTI NIGHT

Jan. 8, 2009
Feb. 12, 2009

\$6.00 / adult - \$3.00 / child

Tickets for Chicken and Spaghetti
Nights go on sale
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Service 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Sunday
Sunday



Jan. 25th
Feb. 22nd

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.

Come into the Lounge
- for Dinner (Fri. And Sat.)
See Specials

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

End of Month Dances

Italian Night Dance

Jan. 31st
7 pm - 11 pm
"Monaldi Brothers"
Open Bar Platter
\$15.00 per person

No EOM Dance in February
AUX Valentine Dance on
February 14th

For tickets to: End of Month dance
and Stag Bull Roast Tickets
Contact Leo King

Stag Bull Roast
Saturday February 21st
1 pm - 5 pm

Look for Specials posted in
the Lounge for
Thursday Nights during
January and 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.

Coming Affairs for
MARCH & APRIL

CHICKEN NIGHTS

Third Wednesday of each Month

SPAGHETTI NIGHTS

Second Thursday of each Month

St. Patrick's Day @ the Post
Tue., March 17, 2009
Costs "7.50"
Ham and Cabbage

BEER BEER BEER

Music in the Hall
after 7:00 pm
Music by "Key Revue"

End of Month Dances

March 14th
St. Patrick Day Dance
"Key Revue"

April 25th
Regular Dance
"J. J. & Friends"

Auxiliary Big Band Dance
Friday, April 3rd
8 pm - 12 am
Sponsored by the Past
Presidents

IMPORTANT

In order for A. L. Post 183 to
survive, we must get more
volunteers and better attendance
at our affairs. Please come out
and support your Post.

TRANSFERRED AND NEW MEMBERS

Megan McFaul

New 1

William Crow
Hudnall W. Dunaway
Barbara Muldowney
Charles Stickles

William N. Cummings
Paul Martinsen
Charles Phillips

Transferred 7

Welcome to Post 183. We Are Looking Forward to Your Visits and Participation in Post Activities.

Membership Committee

CONGRATULATIONS

The below members of Parkville Post #183 have been in the American Legion continuously for over:

50 Years Service

Theodore M. Abrams
Martin J. Braun, Sr.
Dominic L. Delgavio
Walter J. Furlong
John J. Kelly
Mathias John Lieb
Donald H. McKinstry
Joseph B. O'Donnell, Sr.
Charles F. Rasch, Jr.
Ralph S. Vaught
Harry B. Weidner, Jr.

Thomas Bowden
Frank Dawson
George B. Flury
William B. Greene
Charles F. Klipner, Jr.
George M. Lubin
Edward C. McCarthy
Joseph A. Pollizzi
Irvin B. Shirey
Francis X. Wallace, Sr.
Edward A. Yodzis

60 Years Service

George W. Crowley
Richard J. Walton

Edward Heidel

60 Years Service - Deceased

Robert F. Holgate

These Legionnaires, in good standing, were recognized for their dedicated service and support of the principles of The American Legion in a ceremony during our regular Post Meeting of November 12, 2008.

FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK

John CARPENTER, Chairman

We were informed that all members of the local National Guard Armories would be home for the holidays. These Guard families were able to enjoy themselves before new units are again sent overseas early this year.

We plan to send care packages to our National Guard members who will be serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo and elsewhere during 2009. We would like to mail boxes in time for Valentine's Day, so please contribute your items in the large drum located in the Lounge Lobby.

Many thanks to Elaine Elder for coordinating the care package items donated by our friends at Park View at Taylor in November. Monetary donations will also be accepted to assist in the mailing of the boxes.

PAY DOWN THE DEBT RAFFLE

The winner of our Raffle for an autographed Brooks Robinson jersey and a \$100 gas card at the November 15, 2008 Stag Roast was:

DEWITT BAUER

Congratulations Dewitt and THANKS to all who participated in our fund raiser.

John Carpenter

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP CLUB

Joseph CASCIO, PRESIDENT

The Club's next meeting is the Fifth Thursday, January 29, 2009, beginning at 7:30 pm in the Blue and Gold Room. The annual dues of \$10 will be collected during this meeting and we will be electing a new slate of officers for the 2009 Club Year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

Thurs.	1/01	New Year's Day - Post Closed
Friday	1/02	7:00 pm Dart League Every Friday
Fri. & Sat.	1/02 - 03	7:00 pm Lounge Band - Key Revue
Sun. & Mon	1/04 - 05	Lounge Closed at 7:00 pm except where noted
Tuesday	1/06	6:00 pm Membership Every Tuesday
Tuesday	1/06	7:30 pm SAL Meeting
Wednesday	1/07	7:30 pm Balladiers meet on 1 st & 3 rd Wed.
Thursday	1/08	5:00 pm Spaghetti Night
Thursday	1/08	6:00 pm Loch Raven VA
Thursday	1/08	7:30 pm Unit Meeting
Thursday	1/08	7:30 pm Exec. Comm. Meeting
Fri. & Sat.	1/09 - 10	7:00 pm Lounge Band - J. J. & Friends
Tuesday	1/13	7:30 pm Sandblasters Golf Club
Wednesday	1/14	7:30 pm Post Meeting
Thursday	1/15	7:30 pm Eagles Golf Club
Fri. & Sat.	1/16 - 17	7:00 pm Lounge Band - Straight Ahead
Monday	1/19	Martin Luther King Birthday - Lounge Open
Wednesday	1/21	5:00 pm Chicken Night
Fri. & Sat.	1/23 - 24	7:00 pm Lounge Band - Norm & Carlos
Sunday	1/25	6:00 pm Karaoke with Linda Bishop
Monday	1/26	7:00 pm MD Rehab
Tuesday	1/27	10:00 am AUX Lunch & BINGO
Tuesday	1/27	7:30 pm SAL Executive Meeting
Wednesday	1/28	7:30 pm Post Meeting
Thursday	1/29	7:30 pm Honorary Life Membership Mtg.
Fri & Sat.	1/30 - 31	7:00 pm Lounge Band - City Lights
Saturday	1/31	7:00 pm EOM Dance - Monaldi Brothers

FEBRUARY

Sun. & Mon.	2/01 - 02	Lounge Closed at 7:00 pm except where noted
Sunday	2/01	6:00 pm Super Bowl
Monday	2/02	Groundhog Day - Lounge Open
Tuesday	2/03	6:00 pm Membership Every Tuesday
Tuesday	2/03	7:30 pm SAL Meeting
Wednesday	2/04	7:30 pm Balladiers meet on 1 st & 3 rd Wed.
Thursday	2/05	7:30 pm Exec. Comm. Meeting
Friday	2/06	7:00 pm Dart League Every Friday
Fri. & Sat.	2/06 - 07	7:00 pm Lounge Band - J. J. & Friends
Tuesday	2/10	7:30 pm Sandblasters Golf Club
Wednesday	2/11	7:30 pm Post Meeting
Thursday	2/12	5:00 pm Spaghetti Night
Thursday	2/12	6:00 pm Loch Raven VA Hospital
Thursday	2/12	7:30 pm Unit Meeting
Fri. & Sat.	2/13 - 14	7:00 pm Lounge Band - Prime Time
Saturday	2/14	Valentine Day - Lounge Open
Saturday	2/14	8:00 pm AUX Dance - Straight Ahead
Wednesday	2/18	5:00 pm Chicken Night
Thursday	2/19	7:30 pm Eagles Golf Club
Fri. & Sat.	2/20 - 21	7:00 pm Lounge Band - Norm & Carlos
Saturday	2/21	1:00 pm Stag Bull Roast
Sunday	2/22	6:00 pm Karaoke with Linda Bishop
Monday	2/23	7:00 pm MD Rehab
Tuesday	2/24	10:00 am AUX Lunch & BINGO
Tuesday	2/24	7:30 pm SAL Executive Meeting
Wednesday	2/25	7:00 pm Post Meeting
Fri. & Sat.	2/27 - 28	7:00 pm Lounge Band - Straight Ahead
Saturday	2/28	No End of Month Dance



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Sat., February 21, 2009

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

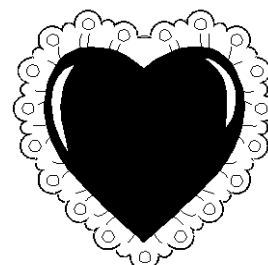
Pit Beef/Pit Ham

Raw Oysters

Food - Beer - Soda

\$25.00 per person

For tickets, contact: Leo King



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 14, 2009, 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

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