

41 NEWS & VIEWS

Cissel Saxon Post 41, American Legion

January / February 2014

Commanders Report

As we close the Chapter on 2013 and review the State of the Post we can be proud of our accomplishments in all areas of our operation in supporting the pillars and tenants of what makes the American Legion the greatest and largest Veterans Service Organization in the United States of America. Through your dedication and loyalty we have strengthened the bond between our American Legion members, the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. We are truly a family working together for the good of our Post and those that we serve. Thanks to each of you who rise above the daily noise and embrace the value of focusing on each of our strengths. There are far too many accomplishments and improvements to list and one only has to enter our front door, feel the warmth of the friendliest Post in Maryland and observe the appearance of our home, our operation and our never ending spirit of camaraderie to instantly know that Cissel Saxon Post 41 is a shining example of team work and commitment.

As we begin 2014, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a healthy and prosperous New Year and continue to ask your assistance in broadening our efforts to promote the American Legion programs such as the Oratorical Contest, Police, Firefighters, First Responders Safety Award Program, Boys State and many of the numerous other programs that the American Legion sponsors that you have an interest in. While it is critical that our Post operation continues in the outstanding manner that it is, it is equally important that our commitment move past the Post operational aspects with the promotion of the other programs. We are ending the year on a positive note in the area of membership, and I would like to thank all of those that are responsible for making membership a priority and especially to those who take the time to send in their membership renewal as early as possible. We are striving to make improvements on our web site and we continue with our goal of posting an electronic version of this newsletter a week before the printed copies are mailed. Thanks to the relationship that we have established with the National Children's Center, we will continue to offer free lunch every Tuesday and we are discussing the possibilities of extending this to two days a week. Of course, we would like very much to reintroduce the Post 41 lunch program by offering lunch Monday-Friday. This however depends on our ability to attract customers in an area that is saturated with so many reasonable lunchtime choices. We will continue to discuss this possibility and if we can validate a business commitment, we will pursue the opportunity.

In closing, I would like to thank our Post Officers, Executive

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Hours of Operation

Mon. - Thurs.: 2:30pm - 8:30pm*

Friday: 11:00am - 2:00am

Saturday: 2:30pm - 8:30pm*

Sunday: 2:30pm# - 8:30pm*

*Close at Bartender's discretion after times listed

#Open at 12:00pm Sunday's during Football Season



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Monthly Meetings:

Legion - 2nd Thursday @ 6:30pm

S.A.L. - 1st Tuesday @ 7:30pm

ALA - 2nd Monday @ 7:00pm

**Serving Veterans, the Nation and the Community
for 94 years**

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Committee, Volunteers, Members, and friends who continuously support our Post and to the Officers and Members of the ALA and SAL for their hard work and commitment.

A Happy New Year to one and all and to our troops around the world, we wish you a safe journey home.

In Legion Service,

Dan Bullis
Commander

Message from the 1st Vice Commander

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season! Every time I come into the post there are great things happening. Our Friday night happy hour's are taking off and much fun is being had by all.

We are over half way through our membership year and we still have some folks that have not renewed their membership for 2014. Please take a moment to dash off a check for your renewal so we can once again hit 100% this year.

We have the best Post in Maryland and we should all be proud to share our post with all veterans. We should all get in the habit of asking everyone we know if they have served in the military and if so, inviting them over to our post for a visit.

Thanks for all your support of our membership efforts and I hope everyone has a very prosperous New Year!

Yours in Services,

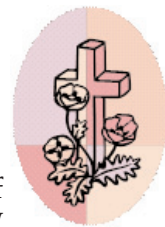
Steven Missimer, 1st Vice Commander

Every Wednesday Night Ace of Hearts and Kitchen Special!!

Come join in the fun every Wednesday starting with Happy Hour from 5 to 7 pm. Food specials are available like tacos, burgers or Pizza *hot and cheezie!* Check the calendar for the special of the night. The Ace of Hearts game is drawn at 7:30 and two lucky entrants get a chance to pick a card for a prize.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



I would like to thank all members of our post and surrounding AL and V.F.W Posts for meeting at Post 41 on Dec 11th and then traveling to Arlington Cemetery for the internment of Air Force Chief Master Sergeant John Hougue. The family returned to the post afterwards and felt the warmth and compassion we showed for our lost member and friend that will not be forgotten.

**Mass for Servant of God M.A.H Vincent Robert Capodanno LT. CHC
Basilica of The National Shrine**

This fall I attended the mass for LT. Chaplin Capodanno, who was killed in Nam trying to save a corpsman. As I reported in an earlier newsletter, he is up for canonization and this is one more step in this long journey. It was held in Crypt Chapel; The Celebrant was the archbishop for Military Service, USA, and Lector was Brigadier General Thomas Draude (USMC Ret). Their speeches were so down to earth, that I am sure those that left knew Father Capodanno well without meeting him. I was overwhelmed at the beginning when 40 Knights of Columbus, 75 to 200 ministers, bishops, Sister Servants, Sacristans, military officials, navy cadets and men he served with marched in.

Wreaths Across America

Here's a thanks to Bill and Kathy Oaks, who went to Arlington Cemetery with some Legionnaire Riders from Brunswick to lay wreaths. Worcester Wreath Co. of Maine provided them, and the owners started this in 1992 when he had a surplus left. Today, volunteers and truck owners keep it going. It is done at cemeteries state wide, and I believe they laid 13000 at our army soldier's home in DC. They are laid at Pearl Harbor, Puerto Rico, and 24 overseas cemeteries. Later in Jan, they will need help to remove the wreaths and I hope to help. Volunteers are welcome. Dec. 13, 2008 was voted by congress as Wreaths Across America Day.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the holidays and worship according to his or her beliefs. To our wounded warriors' families, I hope you get all the support you need and know you are in our thoughts at this time. O God Almighty, protect the members of the Armed Forces. In the day of battle, may they be courageous, strong, and victorious; and return home to their families.

Louis Gaeta, Chaplain

Adjutant's Report

Having been in a position for the last seven years where a newspaper article was required I've found myself with this years Army/Navy and Christmas party responsibilities so overwhelming that I could not think of a fresh approach. But, "There Were Those Articles" that I wanted to do.

A few years ago I thought an advice columns would be a spicy addition. I had actually convinced PC Ben Haley that we should do it and we would name it "Haley's Comments". At the last moment he opted out. Similarly, I thought I had found a zodiac pro who could have predicted our presents and futures. She left town on a full moon. So what would you like to see?

I am looking for a little fun "spice" here.

Ted Benton

Adjutant

WAYS AND MEANS

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all, hope you had a wonderful holiday season! We've had a busy year, lots of things going on at Post 41. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner thanks to Dan's generosity and hard work in the kitchen. Our ALA completed a successful 100 Club that was enjoyed by all. Past Commanders' Club diligently sold tickets for a 50/50 raffle and Wagon of Cheer, as well as hosting the Army/Navy game. Our Kids Christmas party is getting a good response this year with 31 kids scheduled to come and Ted is busy preparing for the Post 41 Christmas party which I know from previous experience, will be a wonderful event!

We have continued our monthly Wounded Warrior appreciation dinners and we have had some great dinners and are happy to serve those attending. We also appreciate the support of the members and guests who come to these events and the Walter Reed Society for their continued support.

We started "Happy Hour" on Friday nights and have had some good times! Our light fare/appetizers are creatively prepared by our Post Home Manager Tony and his son Johnathon. Commander Dan has been busy searching out new talent for the entertainment.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who make it possible for us to accomplish these events successfully. We very much appreciate your time and hard work.

V/R,

Dixie Johnson, 2nd VC

THE GOURMET GRIDIRON

For many Legionnaires at many posts, Sunday afternoons in the autumn are given over to viewing professional football -- as many games as the posts' TV facilities will accommodate. Post 41 is well equipped in this respect, with three TV sets in the clubhouse area in addition to our big screen, and our NFL TV game package offers a wide selection. So we are well set.

Unfortunately, our hometown Redskins have given us precious little to cheer about this season, but Sundays at 41 are winners anyway for an entirely different reason: instead of the usual TV viewing fare of potato chips, fritos and the like, Post 41 fans are regularly treated to an astonishing variety of the culinary creations of our members, donated without expense to the post. Dinner is usually ready by halftime of the one p.m. game and continues as long as the food lasts. From those less talented in the kitchen we ask for monetary donations that are applied to the expenses of the post's Christmas party. So 41 is a winner in every respect.

Among the items we look forward to are Ted Benton's kale soup and Lou Gaeta's bean soup, served piping hot in crock pots in generous quantities. Marine Hamilton regularly donates deviled eggs and Lisa Dahlhaus recently donated a delicious ham. This is not the entire menu by a long shot but it should convey something of the excellence of our weekly fare.

Let's hope that next season we have more to cheer about; but in the meantime, "Bon appetit."

Warren McKay

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Greetings Members:

Many thanks to all who purchased PCC's Super 50-50 raffle tickets making our annual fundraiser a huge success. Special thanks to Past Commanders Chuck Lucia (for whopping ticket sales) and Ted Benton's support and assistance to "get' er done". Congratulations goes to our lucky Super 50-50 winner, John McDonald.

Annual Dues Reminder (\$15.00) - let's get those dues in the mail or drop them off at the Home Post. Thanks!

Wishing you joy and peace this Christmas season and a happy New Year one and all.

God Bless You and God Bless our Troops.

Yours truly,

Charles E. Wood, President
Past Commanders Club

Post 41 Calendar for January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3 Meat Loaf for Lunch 11AM to 2 PM Johns Pizza, Entertainment & light fare for Dinner starting at 6:30	4
5	6	7 SAL Meeting 7:30PM	8 Ace of Hearts an Taco Night 5:30 to 8 PM	9 Post General Meeting 6:30 PM	10 Fried Shrimp for Lunch 11AM to 2 PM Fried Shrimp Entertainment & Johns Pizza for Dinner starting at 6:30	11
12	13 A.L.A Meeting 7:00 PM	14	15 Ace of Hearts and Pizza Night 5:30 to 8 PM	16	17 Fried Oysters for Lunch:11AM to 2PM, Crab Legs and Shrimp for Dinner 5:30 to 8:00	18
19 Legion District Meeting at Post 41 10:00 AM	20 <i>M L King Day</i>	21	22 Ace of Hearts and Burger Night 5:30 to 8 PM	23	24 Hot Roast Beef for Lunch; 11AM to 2PM. Entertainment Johns Pizza and Light Fare for Dinner starting at 6:30	25 Wounded Warrior Appreciation Dinner 6:30 to 9:30
26	27	28	29 Ace of Hearts and Pizza Night 5:30 to 8 PM	30	31 Steak & Cheese Sub for Lunch; Light Fare & Entertainment for Dinner starting at 6:30	

Dates of Interest

January 1 - New Year's Day
 January 4 - Trivia Day
 January 5 - National Bird Day
 January 6 - Cuddle Up Day
 January 8 - Elvis's Birthday
 January 13 - National Rubber Ducky Day
 January 14 - National Dress Up Your Pet Day

January 17 - Ben Franklin's Birthday
 January 19 - National Popcorn Day
 January 20 - Martin Luther King Day
 January 23 - National Pie Day
 January 24 - Belly Laugh Day
 January 25 - Opposite Day
 January 28 - National Kazoo Day
 January 29 - National Puzzle Day
 January 31 - Chinese New Year

Post 41 Calendar for February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Super Bowl Party in Hamilton Hall; Doors open at 5 PM	3	4 S.A.L. Meeting 7:30 PM	5 Ace of Hearts and Taco Night 5:30 to 8 PM	6	7 Meat Loaf for Lunch 11 AM to 2 PM Entertainment and light fare for Dinner starting at 6:30	8
9	10 A.L.A. Meeting 7:00 PM	11	12 Ace of Hearts and Pizza Night 5:30 to 8 PM	13 Post Executive Meeting 6:30 PM	14 Fried Oysters for Lunch 11 AM to 2 PM Crab Legs and Shrimp for Dinner 5:30 to 8 PM	15
16	17 Presidents' Day	18	19 Ace of Hearts Night 5:30 to 8 PM Dinner to be determined	20	21 Spaghetti & Meat Balls for Lunch 11 AM to 2 PM Entertainment & Light Fare for Dinner starting at 6:30 PM	22 Wounded Warrior Appreciation Dinner 6:30 to 9:30 PM
23	24	25	26 Ace of Hearts and Burger Night 5:30 to 8:00 PM	27	28 Hot Roast Beef for lunch; Entertainment and Light Fare for Dinner starting at 6:30PM	

Dates of Interest

February 1 - National Freedom Day
 February 2 - Ground Hog Day
 February 2 - Super Bowl XLVIII
 February 7 - XXII Olympic Winter Games Begin
 February 8 - Boy Scout Day
 February 9 - Toothache Day
 February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 15 - National Gumdrops Day
 February 17 - President's Day
 February 17 - National Acts of Kindness Day
 February 20 - Cherry Pie Day
 February 21 - Be Humble Day
 February 26 - Carnival Day
 February 27 - International Polar Bear Day

THE AMERICAN LEGION



Dan Dellinger
National Commander
The American Legion

Dear Legion Family Members and Friends,

The holiday season is a wonderful time to spend with family and friends, making new memories to cherish. Right now, many of us are looking forward to exchanging gifts and ringing in a new year with loved ones.

As you spread season's greetings to your fellow men and women, I encourage you to take a moment to recognize our military troops who cannot be with their families at this joyous time of the year. I was honored to meet some of these servicemen and women in Korea during Thanksgiving. Their service to country is inspiring.

Perhaps you know someone like them who cannot make it home for the holidays. A soldier who is deployed overseas. Or a sailor who is stateside, keeping our country safe. Or

a wounded warrior who is healing his or her injuries in a military hospital.

Join me this holiday season in taking a moment to honor these men and women in your thoughts and prayers, wishing them safety and godspeed so they can enjoy special moments with their families next year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you. God bless the United States of America and God bless our troops, wherever they are spending the holiday season.

For God and Country,

Dan Dellinger
National Commander



NASCAR ON THE BIG SCREEN DAYTONA 500



February
Free pizza and
other food
NASCAR display

Pools to get into
Come Join the Excitement
of the world's biggest
Race!

SAL 100 Club March 8TH



4:00 pm to 6:30 PM
AT OUR POST 41 HOME

this fundraiser is to help sponsor our
Legion Baseball Team

A **\$30.00 Ticket** entitles you and a guest (**that's 2 people**) to a delicious **Roast Beef dinner** with all the extras, **open bar**, and a chance to win it big! **Every 10th** number drawn will win a **cash** prize and the last four tickets drawn will win the jackpots.

Tickets are on sale now at the post (see bar tender or any officer)

SUPERBOWL PARTY



It's time to payoff your square for the Superbowl Party. Only 100 tickets are available and when it sells out that's it. The cost is \$125.00 and that gets **you and a guest** in to enjoy a wonderful **dinner** with all the extras, **free open bar** and **widescreen TV** to view the game.

Prizes include hitting a square, 50/50 raffle, raffle, and many games to play.

Don't be left on the sideline again for this annual event.

The football square grid is posted and **it is time to payoff your square** if it is held by a deposit, just see the bartender.



UNIT 41 NEWS



S.A.L. News



Greetings Members:

The ALA Holiday 100 Club (formerly Penny Parade) was held December 7th and a great success. We were complimented on the updated format which was very well received. Special kudos to Dawn Caudill and Lisa Dahlhaus for their kitchen culinary skills, and our bartender, Norma Patterson who graciously donated her tips for our worthy cause. Also many thanks for the tireless efforts of Cathy/Bill Oaks, Jenn Wesberry, Marine Hamilton, Nancy McCeney, Tim O'Toole, Jim Foster, Charlie Wood, Jeff & Dixie Johnson, Ken Gaines, Dave Reese, Tony Ragazzo, Mike Roberson and Dan Bullis who volunteered their able assistance to make this a very successful event.

The Auxiliary appreciates the generous support provided by the following merchants in our efforts to raise money for our event. When you have an opportunity, I encourage you to patronize one or more of the following establishments, and when you do, please let them know we are grateful for their support (which hopefully will continue next year).

Merchant Donations:

Bell's Flowers	Nova Europa Restaurant
Far East Motors	Olazzo Restaurant
Fire Station #1 & Brewing Co	Pho VN One Restaurant
Hanagan's Auto Body	4 Corners Pub
Hoover-Fisher Florist	Red Maple Restaurant
Manny & Olga's	Sniders Market
Norma's Hair Design	Strosnider's Hardware
	Vicino Restaurante

Our next ALA meeting will be held Monday, January 13th @ 7:00 pm. I urge all ALA members to attend at which time we'll discuss plans for upcoming events. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Wishing you all Happy Holidays and a peaceful, prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Joanne Little
President, ALA

Greetings,

As winter descends upon us, I'm thankful for the warmth that the strength of our membership provides. Thanks to all of our members who have renewed, we have reached our interim membership goal! I'd also like to thank all of those who have returned our membership letter, including updates to your contact information, email addresses, and comments on significant financial decisions.

It was great to see everyone at the ALA 100 Club dinner, including those of us who volunteered to help the ladies put on such a successful event. We'll continue to look for more opportunities to partner with our Legion and ALA brothers and sisters.

We also have plans in the works for our own fundraising events, including those to benefit Legion Baseball, and to continue our support for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. I'll be sharing more information on these as they draw closer.

Happy Holidays,

Tom Jacobson, Squadron Commander, SAL



Pictured above is our very own Post 41 Santa Claus with a happy little girl (Jennifer) hugging Santa during our Wounded Warrior/family appreciation dinner on 14 December 2013.

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Vietnam - 2/28/61 - 5/7/75; Lebanon-Grenada 8/24/82 - 7/31/84; Panama 12/20/89 - 1/31/90;
Kuwait 8/2/90 through cessation of hostilities**

Upcoming events-

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with many good things to come this year.

Jan 17th - AL Monthly Crab Legs and Shrimp dinner (5:30-8pm)

Jan 19th - District Meeting hosted by Post 41 (10:00 am)

Jan 25th - Wounded Warrior Appreciation Dinner (Helping Hometown Heroes and Walter Reed Society)
Theme/Menu TBA (6:30-9:30pm)

Feb 2nd - Post 41 Super Bowl Party Ticketed event in upstairs hall, see fliers...

Feb 14th - AL Monthly Crab Legs and Shrimp dinner (5:30-8pm) Bring your SWEETHEART to dinner and receive a complimentary dessert. (*this is 1 week early)

Feb 22nd - Wounded Warrior Appreciation Dinner (Helping Hometown Heroes and Walter Reed Society)
Theme/Menu TBA (6:30-9:30pm)

Every Tuesday - Free Lunch prepared by the National Children's Center (beginning 14 January)

Every Wednesday night - ACE of HEARTS drawing at 7:30 pm, we will be alternating our pizza to every other week with another culinary delight in between served 5:30-8 PM.

Every Friday night - HAPPY HOUR 4-7pm, appetizers, light fare and entertainment.

Remember the date!!!

Mar 8th - SAL 100 Club To support our AL Baseball Program.

Support Post 41 and sign up a new member Today!!