

# 41 NEWS & VIEWS

Cissel Saxon Post 41, American Legion

March / April 2016

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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



## Cissel Saxon Post 41

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## Monthly Meetings:

Legion - 2nd Thursday @6:30pm

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

ALA - 2nd Monday @7:00pm

## A FEW WORDS FROM THE COMMANDER

Greetings to the Post 41 family. As we move into 2016, we hope this finds you all well. We are all certainly blessed with the family that we enjoy and it is obvious in all that we do as a team that our bonds are as strong as ever. The celebration that we all enjoyed in honor of Marine Hamilton's 90th birthday was as grand as the lady herself and it was a wonderful family event! We wined, dined and danced and all had a great time!

Our partnership with the DC Blues continues to strengthen and their first Post 41 New Year's Eve party was a huge success and we are grateful that they have now decided to host this annual extravaganza at Post 41. Our Friday night entertainment continues to grow strong on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Friday's and all are asked to stop by and enjoy the bands as they are all unique and certainly display a passion for their gift. Of course, the 3rd Friday remains crab and shrimp night and the only entertainment on that night is the sound of crab mallets and good conversation. Bring a friend and support all of these efforts to keep our Post in the black. We all know that happy hour alone will not do this as we depend on hall rentals, events and membership participation on a regular basis. We welcome all members and guests on a regular basis and not just on special occasions. We would love to offer lunch on a regular basis if we felt we would have the membership support this.

The American Legion Posts that are fortunate to have a Post Home should be a gathering place for all to enjoy for various purposes beside that of offering adult beverages. Many Posts do offer a daily lunch and some have more and still others have members and guests meet for card playing, sing along, fun and fellowship and other group activities. Post 41 has 478 proud members and combined with the SAL and ALA we are well over 600 strong so please give some thought on how we may increase our offerings and daily participation at our beloved Post. A good example of this was a fellow named Alex who stopped in during one Friday night event and asked if he could host a Valentine's day party on that day in our warm and inviting down stairs dining room. Well, he had a band and over 100 of his closest friends had a grand time and those few post members that were there also had a great time.

We all enjoyed yet another great Super bowl party with a great game, delicious food and gaming events that made many very happy. Charlie Albert supplied the beef from PA and Tony worked his magic, along with Lisa Dalhaus at his side and a cast of many to make this another great success! The only thing missing was the Redskins! I would like to echo my thanks to all that supported the 50/50 raffle that PC's Charlie and Chuck

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**Serving Veterans, the Nation and the Community  
for 95 years**



**POST OFFICERS  
2015-2016**

Meetings - 2nd Thursday  
every month - 6:30pm

**COMMANDER**  
Daniel Bullis

**1st VICE COMMANDER**  
Steven Missimer

**2nd VICE COMMANDER**  
Ted Benton

**3rd VICE COMMANDER**  
Mike McRory

**FINANCE OFFICER**  
Mike Doherty

**ADJUTANT**  
Warren McKay

**SERGEANT AT ARMS**  
Bill Oaks

**CHAPLAIN**  
Lou Gaeta

**SERVICE OFFICER**  
Naomi Parker

**JUDGE ADVOCATE**  
Stanford Owens

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Dixie Johnson  
Jim Foster  
Neal Hines  
Shaun Wesberry  
Charlie Wood(PC)  
Ken Gaines(IPC)

**PAST COMMANDERS**

Ted Benton 2008-2009  
Dan Bullis 2013-2015  
Pete Esker 1993-1995  
Tommy Ferro 1996-1998  
Ken Gaines 2006-  
2007&2011-2013  
Chuck Garcia 1987-  
1988/1992-1993/1998-2000  
Ben Haley 1991-1992  
Chuck Lucia 2009-2011  
Joe Martello 2000-  
2002/2004-2006  
Bill McMakin 1974-1975  
Jim Stueve 1975-  
1976/1984-1985  
Gerald Souder 2002-2004  
Dale Tippery 1990-1991  
Lew Trott 1978-1980  
\*Charlie Wood 1986-1987  
Louis Woodring 1972-1973  
\*President PC Club

**POST HOME MANAGER**

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offered as they were able to raise enough funds for us to sponsor several young men to attend Boys State this coming June. Thus far we have 2 with a goal of 5 and it's with your participation that makes this possible.

The coordination with the potential move of the Greyhound bus station continues and due to current delays they will be remaining in place through December 2016. We have secured a local commercial real-estate professional and they have received numerous lease offers and even a couple of offers to purchase the station property. I have formed a Post 41 committee to work this issue consisting of the currently active Past Commanders. The future looks very positive that we will have a new tenant as soon as Greyhound moves. Of course there will be a little down time for renovations and permits but we are hopeful that this will be minimal.

From time to time we are all reminded how fragile life really is and how we may take for granted good health and safety. On a recent trip to visit her dad in Florida, our ALA member Pam Missimer and our First Vice Commander Steven Missimer were involved in a horrific car accident that, by the grace of God, could have been fatal. Pam suffered injuries that required surgery, however both are recovering from this traumatic event. Luckily they are both still with us and are recovering each day and we wish them both a full recovery and thank them for their continued service.

The most positive aspect of this newsletter is that it is covering the month of April and if you are currently residing in the Maryland area that is a delightful thought considering what a winter we have been enduring. May the GAOTU look after you and yours and may your 2016 continue to be a healthy and happy one!

In Legion Service,

**Dan Bullis**, Commander, Post 41

## 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 hours are getting better and better with a wide variety entertainment.

We are over half way through our membership year and we still have some folks that have not renewed their membership for 2016. Please take a moment to dash off a check for your renewal.

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 service,

**Steven Missimer**, 1st Vice Commander



## SAL BASEBALL 100 Club

**APRIL 2nd - AT OUR POST 41 HOME**

this fundraiser is to help sponsor our **Legion Baseball Team** -  
**Tickets are on sale at the post** (see bartender or any officer)

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.

# Chaplain's Message

"For God and Country"

Why do we say this and where did it come from?

Did you notice it's on the front page of our American Legion Magazine and the first four words of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion?

Like our nation's founding fathers, the veterans who founded the American Legion acknowledged God as the source of all our rights and freedoms. In this faith our institutions were created, our laws enacted, and our liberties secured.

To safeguard our sovereignty and our prosperity, that same belief must direct our political, social and economic paths today.

In 1951, the national convention authorized the "Back to God" program as a continuing American Legion activity, urging Americans to seek divine guidance in their everyday lives and remain concerned about the erosion of moral and spiritual values.

In 1963 it was designated the "Service to God and Country" program. The saying describes our member's attitude and way of life. Nondenominational and nonsectarian, the Legion's support for religion is basic Americanism. Rather than acting independently of religious groups, the Legion desires to cooperate with and join them in reminding the American people with one voice that God is the author and architect of our beloved "land of the free". Without God there is no Americanism.

The Legion embraces all religions, faiths, and denominations within its members and respects the personal relationship between an individual and his or her God.

Some of this information came from the American Legion Chaplains Guide.

March is the American Legion's birthday and April is known as Children and Youth month, and "Holy Season" among many.

I hope all can worship according to their religion and I ask you to take time to remember our wounded warriors and family members and those that are in harms way - that they may have a bright and safe Easter.

For God and country,

Louis Gaeta, Chaplain

## Ways and Means

The back page and the calendar pages list all of the upcoming events including these weekly happenings:

**Wednesdays** - Ace of Hearts drawing at 7:30PM with alternating menu of pizzas and specials.

**Friday night Happy Hour all night long...**most will feature light fare and entertainment starting at 6:30PM.

**Saturday** -Happy hour prices opening to closing with All Member prize drawing at 6:30PM

### Future Events:

- Mar 12th - Saturday night movie hosted by Tim O'Toole at 7PM: The Indiana Trilogy, "Hoosiers"
- Apr 2nd - SAL Baseball 100, 4:00 - 7:00 PM
- Apr 9th - Saturday night movie hosted by Warren McKay at 7 PM: "Arthur"

Yours in service,

Ted Benton, 2nd Vice Commander



### S.A.L SQUADRON OFFICERS

2015-2016

Meetings - 1st Tuesday every month - 7:30pm

#### COMMANDER

Tom Jacobson

#### 1st VICE COMMANDER

Steven Missimer

#### 2nd VICE COMMANDER

Jim Powell

#### ADJUTANT

John Amos

#### FINANCE OFFICER

David Dayhoff

#### CHAPLAIN

Timothy J. O'Toole

#### HISTORIAN

David Dayhoff

#### SERGEANT AT ARMS

David Reese

#### ADVISOR

Dan Bullis



### AUXILIARY POST OFFICERS

2015-2016

Meetings - 2nd Monday every month - 7:00pm

#### PRESIDENT

Jennifer Wesberry

#### 1st VICE

Marine Hamilton

#### 2nd VICE

Lisa Dahlhaus

#### SECRETARY

Trasan Moore

#### TREASURER

Cathy Oaks

#### CHAPLAIN

Dallas Dean

#### SERGEANT AT ARMS

Dawn Caudill

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nancy McCeney

Linda Rose

Joanne Little

# Cissel-Saxon Post 41 Calendar for March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 SAL Meeting 7:30pm	2 Ace of Hearts & Pizza Night 6:00 – 8:00pm	3	4 Lunch – Meat Loaf 11:00am – 2:00pm  Light Fare & Entertainment 6:30pm	5
6	7	8 NAM Knights Meeting 7:00pm	9 Ace of Hearts & Burger Night 6:00 – 8:00pm	10 Executive Meeting 6:30pm	11 Fried Flounder Lunch 11:00AM to 2:00 PM Light Fare & Entertainment 6:30pm	12 Movie Night 7:00 PM
13	14 ALA Meeting 7:00pm	15	16 Ace of Hearts & Reuben Sandwich Night 6:00 – 8:00pm	17	18 Lunch – Fried Oysters 11:00am – 2:00pm Dinner - Crab Legs and Shrimp 5:30 - 8:00	19 Children's Easter Party 2:00 – 4:00pm
20	21	22	23 Ace of Hearts & Pizza Night 6:00 – 8:00pm	24	25 Lunch – Sea Food Platter 11:00am – 2:00pm  Light Fare & DC Blues 6:30pm	26
27 Easter Sunday Post Will Open At 2:30	28	29	30 Ace of Hearts & Burger Night 6:00 – 8:00pm	31		

# Cissel-Saxon Post 41 Calendar for April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Lunch - Meat Loaf 11:00am - 2:00pm  Light Fare & Entertainment 6:30pm	2  SAL Baseball 100 Club 4:00 to 7:00 PM
3  DC Blues Upstairs 4:00pm	4	5  SAL Meeting 7:30pm	6  Ace of Hearts and Steak & Cheese Sub Night 6:00 to 98:00 PM	7	8 Lunch - 11:00am - 2:00pm  Light Fare & Entertainment 6:30pm	9  Movie Night 7:00 PM
10	11  ALA Meeting 7:00pm	12  NAM Knights Meeting 7:00pm	13  Ace of Hearts & Pizza Night 6:00- 8:00pm	14  General Meeting 6:30	15 Lunch - Fried Oysters 11:00am - 2:00pm Dinner - Crab Legs & Shrimp 5:30 - 8:00pm	16
17	18	19	20  Ace of Hearts and Burger Night 6:00 - 8:00pm	21	22 Lunch - Stuffed Green Peppers 11:00 am - 2:00pm  DC Blues and Carters Sub Night	
24	25	26	27  Ace of Hearts and Pizza Night 6:00 to 8:00pm	28	29 Lunch - Hot Roast Beef 11:00am - 2:00pm Wounded Warrior Appreciation Night 6:00 pM	30



# Children's Easter Party



**March 19th**  
**from 2:00pm**  
**until 4:00pm**



Have the Kiddies hop on down to family Post 41 and enjoy an afternoon of activities. We have planned an Easter egg hunt, egg decorating and goodies. Please remember to look for our sign up sheet.

## **FRIDAY NIGHT SHRIMP AND CRAB LEGS SALE**

Upcoming Dates:

**March 18th**

**and**

**April 15th**

*from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM*

Buy them cooked by the pound and half pound; to eat-in or carry out! You can also enjoy: Cheesesticks, chicken tenders, french fries, onion rings, and always good company!



## **Happy Hour Fridays**

Friday Nights

Starting at 6:30 PM

Lite Fare and Entertainment

Happy Hour Fridays are always a good time, so please come join us. Ask at the Post Home about each weeks entertainment as it changes from week to week. Sometimes live band or Karaoke.



Newsletter deadline for articles to be included in the March / April Newsletter is 15 February 2016. Please send articles to Steven Missimer, [smissimer@post41.org](mailto:smissimer@post41.org) and Dan Bullis, [danbullis41@gmail.com](mailto:danbullis41@gmail.com)

## **THANK YOU AND FAREWELL**

Over the past few years we have come to see many of our loyal and dedicated officers and members move away from the area for various reasons and in the case of those that have been actively involved it is a real loss. Attempting to replace those dedicated officers is especially difficult as most Posts are not blessed with a deep bench. Well once again we are faced with thanking and bidding farewell to one of our own, our finance officer of many years Mike Dougherty, who will be moving back home and continue his government position from there so he may be closer to his family. Mike has done a great job and we are indebted to him for his long standing service and we wish him well as he joins the ranks of Ben, Jean, Pete, Dick and so many others that we can never replace.

## **W K R P**

While some of you may remember this title as the name of an old award winning sitcom, some Happy Hour thinkers at 41 decided to adopt it as a memory tool.

**I forgot my wallet! Where are my keys? My glasses? My phone?**

**W - Wallet**

**K - Keys**

**R - Readers (glasses)**

**P - Phone**

**So before you leave any place, your home, your vehicle, or your Post, remember this tool and you will save yourself some headaches, and frustration. It works!**

# UNIT 41 NEWS

Greetings ALA Post 41 Members!

The days of new hope and beginning are here. Let's come together to celebrate spring!

The ALA is currently holding an Easter Ham raffle. Tickets are now available at 6 for \$5. The drawing will occur at the Crab Leg night on March 18th. Please ask for tickets at the bar.

ALA members assisted with several events over the past two months including the Wounded Warrior dinner and serving at the Super Bowl dinner.

Our thoughts and well wishes are with Mary Ann Frye, and Pam and Steve Missimer. We are thinking of them and wishing them all speedy recoveries.

We are looking forward to Easter and the Legion's annual Kids Easter Party and hope to see everyone there. Reminder that the ALA meets the second Monday of the month at 7 pm. If you are interested in attending but have questions, please let me know. I am happy to chat with you!

Best wishes,

Jenny Wesberry, ALA Post 41 President



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR SELECTED

It is my honor and great pleasure to inform all that our Post 41 Sergeant at Arms and Legionnaire William "Bill" Oaks has been selected as the Montgomery County Legionnaire of the Year for this year. This was a competitive process and Bill was selected based on his dedication, loyalty and support to both our Post 41 and community programs that have had a positive effect on the image of our American Legion. Bill has certainly demonstrated a "can-do" posture and is always available to lead or pitch-in to help whenever and wherever needed. He is a true asset to our overall operation and has served as an excellent Sergeant at Arms over the past several years and we are honored and excited on his selection. There will be a presentation ceremony at American Legion Post 86 in Rockville on March 12, 2016 during the Montgomery County Council meeting. This will be a Saturday meeting beginning at 8:00am to 9:00am breakfast followed by the meeting beginning at 9:00am. Please join me in congratulating Bill!

Dan Bullis, Commander

# S.A.L. News



Greetings,

As we shiver through the end of winter and turn the corner toward spring, the SAL looks forward to one of its signature events: the Baseball 100 Club Dinner and Raffle. This year's event will be held Saturday, April 2nd. Tickets are \$30.00, which 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.

Please help us out by buying tickets from your friendly neighborhood SAL member or our friends who will be selling for us. We appreciate everyone's help as we support our Cissel-Saxon baseball team be ready to compete this season!

I'd also like to thank everyone who contributed to our reaching 100% of our membership goal, and to welcome our two newest members, Fred Outten and Mike McAtee. I was happy to meet Fred and Mike at our February meeting, and look forward to working with them in the future.

For God and Country,

Tom Jacobson, Squadron Commander, SAL

### A Message from Marine!

My 90th Birthday celebration was wonderful. Again, thanks so much for coming to help me celebrate. After having a major stroke in 2003 I never thought I would see a 90th birthday. I do so appreciate the carousel and clock plaque. I feel truly blessed to have such a wonderful family and friend. Thank you.

Marine

### Every Wednesday Night Ace of Hearts and Pizza celebration!!



Come join in the fun every Wednesday starting with Happy Hour from 5 to 7 pm. Get your Pizza hot and cheezie! Available plain, loaded, or everything inbetween. The Ace of Hearts game is drawn at 7:30 and two lucky entrants get a chance to pick a card for a prize.



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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:**

Mar 4th Friday night band and lite fare 6:30pm  
Mar 8th Nam Knights Meeting 7:00pm  
Mar 10th Legion Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm  
Mar 11th Friday night band and lite fare 6:30pm  
Mar 12th Saturday night movie hosted by Tim O'Toole 7:00 - 9:00pm: The Indiana Trilogy, "Hoosiers"  
Mar 14th ALA Meeting 7:00pm  
Mar 18th Monthly Crab Legs and Shrimp dinner 5:30 - 8:00pm - enjoy the seafood, our always free Juke Box and Happy Hour all night! ALA drawing for Easter Ham Raffel  
Mar 19th Childrens Easter Party 2-4 PM  
Mar 25th DC Blues and lite fare 6:30pm  
  
Apr 1st Friday night band and lite fare 6:30pm  
Apr 2nd SAL Baseball 100 4:00 - 7:00pm  
Apr 3rd DC Blues upstairs  
Apr 5th SAL Meeting 7:30pm  
Apr 8th Friday night band and lite fare 6:30pm  
Apr 9th Movie night hosted by Warren McKay 7:00-9:00pm: Arthur  
Apr 11th ALA Meeting 7:00pm  
Apr 12th Nam Knights meeting 7:00pm  
Apr 14th Legion General Meeting 6:30pm  
Apr 15th Monthly Crab legs & Shrimp dinner 5:30 - 8:00pm - free juke box & Happy Hour all night!  
Apr 22nd DC Blues and lite fare 6:30pm  
Apr 29th Friday night band and lite fare 6:30pm

