

# 41 NEWS & VIEWS

Cissel Saxon Post 41, American Legion

July / August 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 - 3rd Thursday @6:30pm

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

ALA - 2nd Monday @7:00pm

## Greetings From The Commander

This is the first newsletter of the new, 2016-2017 Legion year and I would like to thank all of the members who continue to step forward in service to the Post and our fellow Veterans. While Post 41 enjoys a membership of 488 we are always in need of members who want to share a bit of their time by being involved with Post activities. There is something for everyone and we would be most appreciative to those who can spare the time to lead, follow or assist with the many programs the Legion supports. We have a dedicated group of core members who have been serving in positions of value for many years and we are all thankful for their continued service. A special thanks to our 1st vice commander, Steven Missimer who has kept us over the 100% membership mark over the past three years and has been serving in the same capacity in the SAL as well.

As the new officers move into position, please offer your assistance and more importantly renew your membership early and talk to others about joining our Legion. And a special thanks to each and every officer of the Post for your dedication to our cause and the hours you spend supporting the pillars of our great organization.

There are so many examples of random acts of kindness that are displayed by many through-out the year either in direct support of our Post or to each other. Just recently the ALA came to the rescue when our TV went out and they purchased a new one without being asked, it was just something they wanted to do to support our Post home. On a recent Saturday evening the number called for the all member book happen to be Marine Hamilton and not only did she buy a round or two but she purchased new window shades for our upstairs office and storage room windows (and Mike hung them). Whether it is cutting the grass in the backyard, fixing a leaky pipe, installing a new TV, attending to the garden, giving someone a ride home, listening to someone who is having a challenge or managing the triple crown pool, we are blessed with our share of "givers" and we should all be thankful for having such a great group of friends and family.

Another special thanks is in order for a member who has supported our Post in service and deed over the years by serving on the executive committee, being the point man for the ace of hearts, being front and center at each crab night and being at the tip of the triangle for the crossword puzzle trio. Neal Hines will be departing in July for North Carolina to a newly built house and new adventures and we thank him for his faithful service and wish him well.

And as a family we all mourn the untimely loss of our dear Nancy and

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**Serving Veterans, the Nation and the Community  
for 96 years**



**POST OFFICERS  
2016-2017**

Meetings - 3rd Thursday  
every month - 6:30pm

**COMMANDER**  
Daniel Bullis

**1st VICE COMMANDER**  
Dixie Johnson

**2nd VICE COMMANDER**  
Ted Benton

**3rd VICE COMMANDER**  
Mike McRory

**FINANCE OFFICER**  
Steven Missimer

**ADJUTANT**  
Warren McKay

**SERGEANT AT ARMS**  
Bill Oaks

**CHAPLAIN**  
Lou Gaeta

**SERVICE OFFICER**  
Naomi Parker

**JUDGE ADVOCATE**  
Stanford Owen

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
Jim Foster  
Chuck Lucia  
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**

Tony Ragazzo  
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Jack and are reminded of the uncertainty of life and the importance of enjoying each day and how we may be better at embracing the unwritten obligation of being our brother's/sister's keeper. May they both rest in peace and know of the special moments and memories that each of us have as we reflect on their loss.

Please review the activities for July and August and support the programs and offerings that are listed. Stay tuned for our continued wounded warrior dinners sponsored by the Walter Reed Society as we are coordinating another for August that is not yet listed. Enjoy the summer activities and I look forward to seeing you around the Post.

In Legion Service,  
**Dan Bullis**, Commander, Post 41

## Message from the 1st Vice Commander

I am honored to be stepping in as your 1st Vice Commander here at Post 41. I have to admit it is a bit daunting considering that our former 1st Vice Commander, Steven Missimer, was successful in achieving 100% membership over the last 3 years. This achievement reflects significant support and dedication from our members.

I feel fortunate to have excellent mentors to assist me through this process, Warren McKay, Ted Benson, and Charlie Wood, who have previously held this position and continue to actively assist in this process. Steven will also be available to help guide me through this process, and our Post Commander, Dan Bullis, is always very supportive and continues to be actively involved in recruiting new members.

Thank you to all the members that have been instrumental in helping us achieve our membership goals. As we move forward I hope that you will continue to support Post 41 in this endeavor. Take the opportunity to let everyone you come in contact with know what a great Post we have, and encourage them to come visit and experience some of our wonderful events. Through teamwork, great things can be achieved!

Yours in service, **Dixie Johnson**, 1st Vice Commander

## Chaplain's Message

A combat chaplain says, "serving in war made him a better priest". Father Samuel Giese serves as pastor of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Paris in Bethesda and as senior army chaplain for the D.C. National Guard with a rank of Colonel. As a younger priest he served as an army hospital chaplain at Walter Reed Medical Center visiting soldiers wounded in Desert Storm. During the 1990's he was among chaplains who led services for Catholics interred at Arlington Cemetery. On Memorial Day his thoughts turned to remembering the 800 souls he presided over and blessed.

During 2005-06 his tour of duty in Iraq was with the 155th Brigade Combat Team of the Mississippi National Guard. He said as a combat chaplain he had three core missions: To nurture the living, To comfort the dying, and To honor the dead. The loss is more than heartfelt, it is heart rending.

During the war the brigade had 30 killed and 90 wounded. He thinks of times people risked their own lives for him to do his mission such as driving on a road first to make sure it is free of IED's so that he could leave for another base to say mass or give support for his unit. "Heroism and sacrifice are found on the field of combat, but also on the home front as wounded warriors rebuild their lives just as Jesus sacrificed. Remember and honor military members throughout the year."

Having attended The Dept. of Maryland Chaplain session again, I would like to thank Will Trotter and his assistant, Lewis Geigan for the well run Unit Chaplain Session.

For God and country, **Louis Gaeta**, Chaplain



# ADJUTANT'S COLUMN

## SUMMER AT HOME

Although summer is the season when many of us hit the road for places near and far, it is also a time when staying at home yields its own rewards. For the past two years the weather has been remarkably pleasant, and we hope this pattern will become the rule rather than the exception.

There is a lot going on here at 41 to occupy all of our free time. Our garden, under the expert care of Ted Benton and Mike McRory, is now producing at full tilt. And our backyard itself offers rewards of its own as a perfect place to relax and unwind.

Our upcoming 100 Club on August 6 is an event we should all wholeheartedly support. It is the only Legion-sponsored event of its kind each year, and our committee of volunteers always does an outstanding job.

Crab legs on the third Friday and other Friday entertainments continue uninterrupted during the summer, as do our Wednesday Ace of Hearts drawings.

So if you're staying at home this summer, find your way here. It is always a fun place. And the key word is RELAX, which is always good advice.

In Legion service,  
**Warren McKay**, Adjutant

## 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 lunch 11:00Am - 2:00PM, Check calendar for weekly 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 Musts!

- July 4th Holiday celebration 3- 6 PM
- July 9th Saturday night movie TBA at 7-9:00PM
- August 6th Legion Dog Day Afternoon 100 4-6:30 PM
- August 13th Saturday night movie, TBA, 7-9:00PM
- September 5th Labor Day celebration 3 - 6 PM

Yours in service,  
**Ted Benton**, 2nd Vice Commander



### S.A.L SQUADRON OFFICERS

2016-2017

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

#### COMMANDER

Tom Jacobson

#### 1st VICE COMMANDER

Jim Powell

#### 2nd VICE COMMANDER

Mike McAtee

#### ADJUTANT

John Amos

#### FINANCE OFFICER

#### CHAPLAIN

Timothy J. O'Toole

#### HISTORIAN

#### SERGEANT AT ARMS

David Reese

#### ADVISOR

Dan Bullis



### AUXILIARY POST OFFICERS

2016-2017

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

#### PRESIDENT

Jennifer Wesberry

#### 1st VICE

Dawn Caudill

#### 2nd VICE

Lisa Dahlhaus

#### SECRETARY

Linda Rose

#### TREASURER

Cathy Oaks

#### CHAPLAIN

Dallas Dean

#### SERGEANT AT ARMS

Carol Minnich

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Marine Hamilton

Ester Brown

Joanne Little

## FRIDAY NIGHT SHRIMP AND CRAB LEGS SALE

Upcoming Dates: **July 22nd and August 19th**



*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!



## Support Post 41 - Sign up a new member!!

Newsletter deadline for articles to be included in the May / June Newsletter is **10 August 2016**. Please send articles to **Steven Missimer**, [smissimer@post41.org](mailto:smissimer@post41.org) and **Dan Bullis**, [danbullis41@gmail.com](mailto:danbullis41@gmail.com)

# Cissel-Saxon Post 41 Calendar for July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Lunch – Cold Plate 11:00am – 2:00pm  Light Fare & Entertainment 6:30pm	2
3  DC Blues 4:00 - 8:00pm	4  JULY 4 <sup>TH</sup> Picnic 3:00 PM	5  SAL Meeting 7:30pm	6  Ace of Hearts & Pizza Night 6:00 – 8:00pm	7	8 Lunch – Meat Loaf 11:00am – 2:00pm  Light Fare & Entertainment 6:30pm	9  DC Blues Annual Fish Fry  MOVIE NIGHT 7:00 pm
10  Memorial for Jack McGrath 1:00 PM	11  ALA Meeting 7:00pm	12  <b>POST CLOSED FOR CONVENTION</b>	13  <b>POST CLOSED FOR CONVENTION</b>	14  <b>POST CLOSED FOR CONVENTION</b>	15  Post Open No Lunch or Dinner	16
17	18	19	20  Ace of Hearts & Burger Night 6:00 – 8:00pm	21  Executive Meeting 6:30pm	22 Lunch – Fried Shrimp 11:00am – 2:00pm  Crab Legs and Shrimp for Dinner 5:30 - 8:00 PM	23
24	25	26	27  Ace of Hearts & Pizza Night 6:00 – 8:00pm	28	29 Lunch – Meat Loaf 11:00am – 2:00pm  Light Fare & DC Blues 6:30pm	30
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# Cissel-Saxon Post 41 Calendar for August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2  SAL Meeting 7:30pm	3  Ace of Hearts & Reuben Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm	4	5  Lunch- Cold Plate 11: am till 2:00pm  Lite Fare & Entertainment 6:30pm	6  LEGION DOG DAY AFTERNOON 100 CLUB 4:00 TO 6:30 PM
7  DC Blues 4:00 - 8:00pm	8  ALA Meeting 7:00pm	9	10  Ace of Hearts & Pizza Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm	11	12  Lunch - Meat Loaf 11: AM till 2: PM  Lite Fare and Entertainment 6:30 PM	13  MOVIE NIGHT 7:00 PM
14	15	16  POST 41 ANNUAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FREE HOT DOGS and half priced DRINKS	17  Ace of Hearts & Steak & Cheese Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM	18  Post Executive Meeting 6:30pm	19  Lunch – Fried Shrimp 11:00am - 2:00pm  Crab Legs and Shrimp for Dinner 5:30 to 8:00 PM	20
21	22	23	24  Ace of Hearts & Pizza Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm	25	26  Lunch – Hot Roast Beef Sandwich 11:00am – 2:00pm  Lite Fare & DC Blues 6:30pm	27  Wounded Warrior Dinner 6:30pm
28	29	30	31  Ace of Hearts & Burger Night 6:00 – 8:00pm			

## Message from George Owings, Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs: Where is your DD-214?

In recent weeks, I have heard from a widow, a family member and a friend of a veteran, three different circumstances where the copy of a veteran's DD-214 could not be found.

To all my fellow veterans, please locate your copy of your DD-214 now, before it is too late. Put it with your important papers. Let a family member or friend know where it is. When you are seriously ill, or your family is grieving, the added stress of finding your discharge certificate is an unnecessary burden on your loved ones.

If you do not have a copy of your DD-214, request one now. The MDVA has copies of some, but not all discharge certificates for Maryland veterans. MDVA has Discharge Certificates/DD-214s for:

- World War II veterans, who were Maryland residents at the time of entry into the service
- Veterans discharged from service after October 15, 1979 and who had a Maryland address at the time of discharge

Call the MDVA office on 410.230.4444 ext. 6450 and MDVA staff will check to see if there is a copy of your DD-214 on file. If you were not a Marylander at the time of discharge, or MDVA does not have a copy of your discharge on file, you may request a copy of your DD-214 from the National Archives.

Borrowing from our comrades in the Coast Guard - "Semper Paratis" - "Always Ready or Prepared". Prepare now for the future and find or request a copy of your DD-214.

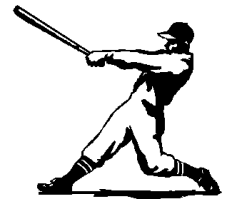
Sincerely,  
George Owings III

## American Legion Baseball

Following a slow start our team has found its pace by winning the last three by big margins. For complete and updated information on the team the and the county league you can access at [leaguelineup.com/mclegion](http://leaguelineup.com/mclegion).

Thank you to all our boosters who have made generous contributions to help us finance the team. Our volunteer coach, Gary Lowe, would really like to see more of us in attendance to boost the team.

**Ted Benton**  
Baseball chairman



## 4th of JULY Picnic

**Monday July 4th, 3 pm - ?**

COME AND ENJOY A RELAXING DAY WITH THE REST OF US. THE HORSESHOE PIT WILL BE OPEN AND THE GRILL A COOK'IN. BRING A POT LUCK DISH TO SHARE (YOUR SPECIALTY WOULD BE GREAT OR CALL TONY AT THE POST FOR SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT TO MAKE.)

## LABOR DAY POTLUCK PICNIC

**Monday September 5th  
3 pm - 6 pm**

Come and enjoy a relaxing day with the rest of us. The horseshoe pit will be open and the grill will be ablaze. The Post Home will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs and you will bring your favorite side dish or dessert.



## 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.



# UNIT 41 NEWS



# S.A.L. News



Greetings ALA Post 41 Members!

On 7 May 2016 long time ALA member Nancy McCeney passed away. A memorial service was held on 9 May and Unit 41 Chaplain Dallas Dean officiated. Please take a moment to think of her and her family. Also on 28 May SAL member Jack McGrath passed and we all offer condolences to his family and friends.

During our Unit meeting in May we conducted elections and the results are as follows:

President	Jenny Wesberry
1st Vice	Dawn Caudill
2nd Vice	Lisa Dahlhaus
Secretary	Linda Rose
Treasurer	Cathy Oaks
Chaplain	Dallas Dean
Sergeant At Arms	Carol Minnich
Executive Board:	Marine Hamilton, Esther Brown, Joanne Little

A joint installation will be held on Saturday 25 June.

Have a safe and fun filled summer.

Best wishes,

Jenny Wesberry, ALA Post 41 President

Greetings,

As you transition into full summer mode, the SAL is right there with you. While the season is a bit less busy for us than the other seasons, there are still important events coming up. I'll keep it brief, but here are some highlights:

If you're looking for me at the end of June, I'll be up in Laurel for our annual convention. It's great to have it back there this year, and I appreciate the efforts of Joe Gladden and our friends at Post 60 for bringing it together. I hope our squadron can once again bring home a prize at the golf tournament!

As you know June also brings installation, and I look forward to being there to share this great event with you. 2016 marks my tenth year as a member and I can't think of a better way of celebrating!

The drawing for our Super 50-50 has been rescheduled for Labor Day. Keep an eye out for your friendly squadron member when they come around with tickets to sell.

As is our practice, we take a month off from meetings in the summer, so our next one will be August 2nd.

Finally, I would be remiss if I closed without recognizing our dear friend and loyal member John F. "Jack" McGrath, who passed away in his home in Takoma Park on May 28th. Jack was not only a great friend to me, but a steadfast supporter of the SAL, having served as officer and tireless volunteer for many years. I'd encourage folks to read the excellent obituary for Jack in the Washington Post published June 9th, and to also join family and friends for a special event in Jack's honor that will take place at Post 41 on Sunday, July 10th starting at 1:00PM.

For God and Country,

Tom Jacobson, Squadron Commander, SAL

## SUPER 100

# DOG DAYS of summer



## Huge Prizes!



## Annual Dog Day Afternoon

905 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring  
(Enter at 8110 Fenton st)

Saturday, 6 August 2016

4:00pm-6:30pm

This event will involve a fantastic Chicken cordon blue DINNER and an OPEN BAR! Tickets are \$30.00 (for 2) and only 100 tickets will be sold!

Tickets Available at the bar

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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:**

July 1st Friday night band and lite fare 6:30 PM  
July 3rd DC Blues upstairs 4-8 PM  
July 4th Holiday celebration 3-6 PM, Post provides  
burgers and dogs, pot luck Dishes welcome  
July 5th SAL Meeting 7:30 PM  
July 8th Friday night band and lite fare 6:30 PM  
July 9th DC Blues annual fish fry back yard and  
upstairs  
July 9th Movie night TBA 7-9:00 PM  
July 10th - Memorial Service for SAL member Jack  
McGrath 1:00pm  
July 11th ALA Meeting 7:00 PM  
July 11th - 15th Department Convention Ocean City  
July 12th - 14th Post closed  
July 21st Post Executive Meeting 6:30 PM  
July 22nd Monthly Crab Legs and Shrimp dinner 5:30  
- 8:00PM- enjoy the Seafood , our always  
free Juke Box and Happy Hour all night!  
July 29th DC Blues and lite fare 6:30PM

August 2nd SAL Meeting 7:30 PM  
August 5th Friday night band and lite fare 6:30PM  
August 6th Legion Dog Day 100 Dinner 4-6:30 PM  
August 7th DC Blues upstairs 4-8:00PM  
August 8th ALA Meeting 7:PM  
August 12th Friday night band and lite fare 6:30PM  
August 13th Movie night TBA 7-9:00 PM  
August 16th - Post 41's 97th Birthday - Half price  
drinks and free hot dogs!  
August 18th Post Executive Meeting 6:30 PM  
August 19th Monthly Crab Legs and Shrimp dinner  
5:30PM - 8:00PM - enjoy Seafood, our free  
juke box, and Happy Hour all night!  
August 26th DC Blues and lite fare 6:30PM  
September 5th Labor Day celebration 3-6 PM, Post  
provides burgers and dogs, pot luck dishes wel-  
come.

