

September / October 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

We enjoyed a record number of members attending this year's Department of Maryland convention in Ocean City and it was a educational and team building opportunity. The ALA was well represented with Marine, Dallas, and Linda Rose attending their concurrent activities. We all attended the evening events to include the very moving Post Everlasting remembrance. On a local level a member known to us all for his dedication and long term commitment, Will Trotter, was elected and installed as the Department Sergeant at Arms, which positions him to be eligible for election as Department commander in a few years. Congratulations Will!! We also continue to strengthen our relationship with our sister Post 268 and we enjoyed continued camaraderie during the convention as we were housed in the same hotel. The hospitality room was a great success and brought together many members from across Maryland to visit Post 41. Tony and Ted with helping hands from many made this a real highlight.

A special thanks to all who assisted and attended the remembrance programs for both Nancy McCeney and Jack McGrath. Both events were well attended and well done and we miss both of these dedicated members dearly. May they both RIP and know of our continued discussions and fond recollections of their deeds and positive impact they had on our Post and many of us.

As I prepare this note I am reminded of how fast time seems to move as we now enter yet another football season. It's important to reflect and give thanks for what our beloved American Legion offers each of us. We are made up of a group of dedicated Americans that want to "give back" to our fellow Veterans and family members both active and retired as we continue to serve. Nothing we do is self-serving, but rather service to others in need or to honor their service is what drives each of us. We all have busy lives and many demands but we seem to find the time to serve others and each other despite the challenges of time and distance. We have a great group of members in the Post 41 family and we should all reflect on how we can assist with our Post business in areas that we have talent as we reflect on the goodness that each of us offers. As with any Post, there is always a Help Wanted sign in the window for all areas within the Post, AL and ALA, so please consider offering a hand and move from the side lines to providing a helping hand. Our beloved Legion offers nothing in return for your service other than the rewards that come from serving others and the reward of "giving" is the simplest form of genuine success.

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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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We are now in a new Legion year and it is important that we renew our membership as an Early Bird so we may maintain our history of 100% membership over the past several years. It is a challenging goal so each member is asked to renew early so we may hit our mark and concentrate on new membership. It would be very helpful if each member could add a new member as well and we offer a \$5.00 reward to each member who signs up a new member between now and 1 April 2017. Our First Vice Dixie Johnson is leading the membership charge and needs your assistance so let all do what we can to keep our membership strong.

A sincere thank you to all who continue to labor to make our Post the Home it is. The recent 100 Dinner was a great success and a thanks to Ted's leadership with assistance from Shaun, Dawn, Tony, Lisa, Linda, Marine, Tom, Tim, Kamel, Jeanie, and Jennifer. We also appreciate the support from AL Post 268 and VFW 2562 at these events as they really make a difference in our success.

Look forward to seeing you at the Post and working alongside you as we continue to enjoy our camaraderie and spread the cement of Brotherly love.

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

Message from the 1st Vice Commander Membership

Greetings to all Post 41 members,

I would first like to thank all you "early birds" who have sent in your renewals for 2017. We have had an excellent start for membership in this new year. Secondly, I would like to thank my friend and mentor Warren McKay, who has significantly helped me in getting out the new cards to everyone. I am still trying to get the hang of this whole process, so please bear with me and if there is a problem with getting your card please feel free to contact me at cptdixie@gmail.com.

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

Chaplain's Message

HAPPY BIRTHDAY POST 41

We all know that Cissel-Saxon Post 41 celebrated its birthday August 16 and came into existence on that day in 1919, and that it was named after World War I soldiers Capt. Carroll Cissel and Sgt. John Saxon. I thought we might use the occasion to reflect on the meaning of our American Legion as represented by its emblem.

The emblem consists of six parts:

- The rays of the sun, which form the background and which suggest that the Legion's principles will dispel the forces of darkness and evil.
- The wreath, which forms the center and which represents the loving memories of comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States of America.
- The star, the symbol of victory in World War I and signifying honor, glory and constancy.
- Two large rings, the outer signifying rehabilitation and recovery of our disabled buddies, the inner representing the welfare of America's children.
- Two small rings set upon the star, the outer pledging loyalty and Americanism, the inner pledging our services to community, state and nation.
- The words "American Legion" tie the whole together, unifying in one emblem all the qualities represented by our great organization.

We can be proud that we here at 41 are always guided by these principles in services to our beloved Post and otherwise in our daily lives.

POW/MIA Day is September 20. We should all take a few moments to reflect on our continuing obligation to our brave heroes who are not able to be with us and spare no effort to secure their release.

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



ADJUTANT'S COLUMN

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

The branches of our armed services, in addition to their regular missions, also maintain professional caliber musical band ensembles, which perform regularly at functions near and far, many of them unrelated to military activities. The Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard all maintain premier ensembles. Unlike those of some other countries, United States military bands are composed entirely of active duty military personnel, both officer and enlisted.

The first known military band in the American colonies has been traced to 1653 and was attached to the New Hampshire militia. The oldest still in existence is the United States Marine Corps band, which was founded in 1798 by act of Congress. Until after the Civil War bands frequently were attached to military units on or near the battlefield, and their members endured the same hardships as those of combat soldiers.

Since World War I military bands have performed primarily at official and ceremonial functions. They are particularly active in the Washington, DC, area, performing at White House and diplomatic functions and presenting many concerts open to the public free of charge. They are always featured prominently in Memorial Day and July 4 celebrations on the Mall, not only attracting large audiences but via television offering the public at large to enjoy their excellence.

The bands serve the armed forces directly in public relations and recruiting activities. From time to time attempts have been made to eliminate them as a cost saving measure but fortunately nothing has come of them.

The military bands demonstrate the versatility and professionalism of today's armed forces. We are fortunate to have this magnificent resource so readily accessible with headquarters in our own back yard.

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. All Member prize drawing at 6:30PM

Future Musts!

September 5th Labor Day celebration 3 – 6 PM

September 10th Saturday night movie TBA

October 8th Saturday night movie TBA

November 5th ALA 100, Hamilton Hall 4-6:30 PM

November 11th Veteran's Day Celebration 3 PM at Post

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

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

Greetings all:

The Past Commanders' fundraiser last year was a huge success. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to send two boys to Boys State and in addition contribute \$400 to Boys State, totaling \$1000.00. The remaining 50-50 proceeds (\$1000) sent to our lucky 50-50 winner. Throughout the year, the Past Commanders have donated additional money to Post 41's Baseball program and to Post 41 events.

On behalf of the Past Commanders, we greatly appreciate your participation and support to assist and carry on our continued efforts to our fellow service members and veterans. As members of the American Legion, we have a proud history of service to our fellow veterans and to our community. Our annual forthcoming raffle will provide you again an opportunity to win a great cash prize and also help our fellow veterans. The winner will be randomly selected Saturday, December 10th, (during the Army-Navy Game half-time). You do not have to be present to win. We're hopeful our 3rd Annual Fund Raiser will be as successful as last year. Mark your calendars and come join us for the Army-Navy Game camaraderie, Saturday, December 10th at 3:00 pm for what has become a well anticipated and attended sporting rivalry at Post 41 including a "pot luck" luncheon, big screen TV, raffles and lots of fun.

This year our Fundraiser proceeds will be sent to the Make a Wish Foundation for Military children and their families.

Thanks to those Commanders who have paid their 2016 dues, however, a few Past Commanders dues remain outstanding. A friendly reminder to renew your Past Commanders dues (\$15.00) - Post #41 values your continued support. Let's get those dues in the mail or drop them off at the Home Post.

God bless you and God bless our Troops.

Yours truly, **Charles E. Wood**, President, PCC

Long Lost Brothers!



Past Commander Jim Stueve recently returned to the Post home to see his long lost twin Brother Lou and the above photo captures their reunification.

American legion Cissel-Saxon Post 41

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POST 41 ALA 100 CLUB

Proceeds benefit ALA programs

Saturday, November 5th 2016

from 4:00 to 7:00 PM

\$30.00 per ticket admits two people

**Big Grand Prize, numerous prizes
throughout and More**

**Includes Pot Roast Dinner with potatoes,
veggies, dessert and an Open Bar**

FRIDAY NIGHT SHRIMP AND CRAB LEGS SALE

Upcoming Dates: **September 16th and October 21st** from 5:30 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 and Dan Bullis, danbullis41@gmail.com

Cissel-Saxon Post 41 Calendar for September 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 Lunch – BLT Sub 11–2 Lite Fare Entertainment Starting at 6:30 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Labor Day Picnic 3:00pm | 6 SAL Meeting 7:30 | 7 Ace of Hearts & Reuben Night 5:30 – 7:30 | 8 | 9 Lunch – (41) Burger 11–2 Lite Fare Entertainment Starting at 6:30 | 10 Movie Night 7:00 PM |
| 11 | 12 Redskins--- Steelers 7:10 PM ALA Meeting 7:00 | 13 | 14 Ace of Hearts & Pizza Night 5:30 – 7:30 | 15 General Meeting 6:30 | 16 Lunch – Shrimp Creole 11–2 Dinner - Shrimp & Crab Legs 5:30 – 8:00 | 17 |
| 18 Redskins --- Dallas 1:00 PM | 19 | 20 | 21 Ace of Hearts & Burger Night 5:30 – 7:30 | 22 | 23 Lunch – Hot Turkey Sandwich 11–2 Lite Fare Entertainment Starting at 6:30 | 24 |
| 25 Redskins--- Giants 1:00 PM | 26 | 27 | 28 Ace of Hearts & Steak and Cheese Night 5:30 – 7:30 | 29 | 30 Lunch – Meat Loaf 11–2 Lite Fare Entertainment Starting at 6:30 | |

Cissel-Saxon Post 41 Calendar for October 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 Redskins --- Cleveland 1 PM | 3 | 4 SAL Meeting 7:30pm | 5 Ace of Hearts Night & Kitchen Open 6:00 – 8:00pm | 6 | 7 Lunch 11:00am – 2:00pm Light Fare & Entertainment 6:30pm | 8 Movie Night 7:00 PM |
| 9 Redskins--- Baltimore 1PM | 10 ALA Meeting 7:00pm | 11 | 12 Ace of Hearts Night & Kitchen Open6:00 – 8:00pm | 13 | 14 Lunch 11:00am – 2:00pm Dinner – Light Fare & Entertainment 6:30 PM | 15 |
| 16 Redskins--- Eagles 1PM | 17 | 18 | 19 Ace of Hearts Night & Kitchen Open 6:00 – 8:00pm | 20 Executive Meeting 6:30pm | 21 Lunch 11:00am - 2:00pm Dinner- Crab Legs & Shrimp 5:30 to 8:00 PM | 22 |
| 23 Redskins--- Detroit 1PM | 24 | 25 | 26 Ace of Hearts Night & Kitchen Open 6:00 – 8:00pm | 27 | 28 Lunch 11:00am – 2:00pm Light Fare & DC Blues 6:30pm | 29 |
| 30 Redskins--- Cincinnati <u>from London</u> <u>9:30 AM</u> | 31 | | | | | NOVEMBER 5 th ALA 100 Club 4 to 6:30 PM |

Managing & coaching an American Legion team (by Gary Lowe: head coach Cissel-Saxon Post 41)

Some of you may wonder what it takes to oversee a Baseball team which is enveloped in the longest running youth program in the history of our nation. A few of the Officers for Cissel-Saxon Post 41 asked me to provide an overview of the head coach position and a behind the scenes look at our program. Before I detail this, let me give you my history and background.

I started following Baseball in 1963, at the age of eight, when my Grandfather and I watched the World Series (in black and white television, mind you) featuring the New York Yankees (Whitey Ford/Roger Maris/Mickey Mantle/Yogi Berra) against the Los Angeles Dodgers (Maury Wills/Willie Davis/Don Drysdale/Sandy Koufax). The Yankees won over 100 games that year, but would be shut out in four games by the relentless Dodgers. I would forever remember those moments, and instantly knew my passion for Baseball began right there. At ten I began playing competitively, making the All-Star team with a .760 batting average and hitting a Grand Slam into the woods at what now are townhomes off Randolph Road by Kennedy HS. At eleven I started playing MCBBA (now MCBA) and got my first taste of night games at what is now Shirley Povich Field. I learned and played every position, something I teach players to actively pursue now, so at that given moment when Coach needs a sub to fill a role, you are there and ready. I would eventually play first base for Wheaton HS, pitch and play OF and 1B in the old Clark Griffith League, become a walk on at Maryland University, and play semi-pro ball after college for a number of teams. Oh, and by the way, I played American Legion Baseball for this post back when players would give up their vacations and work their schedules completely around an opportunity to earn a roster spot, and be seen by several scouts each Summer. I was a four letter sport student in high school, but my passion always came back to Baseball. I have coached at practically every level of this game (including a stint with the SSTP Thunderbolts from 2008-11 as head assistant and pitching coach). My son Eric would start playing with then Head Coach Scott Dunlap in 2012, the last year Post 41 went to the State Tournament representing Montgomery County. Coach Dunlap asked if I would come on as an assistant, and the rest is history.

Coaching Baseball has become a twelve month/365 position for me now. Since taking the Head Coaching role in 2014, I have also become the Head JV Coach at Blake High School and have become their Varsity Pitching Coach as well as taken on their Winter Conditioning and Strength Program Planner and Trainer. That said, I decided to wrap up my 33 years with Verizon when offered a lucrative retirement package in 2015. This has also freed up some time for me to actively pursue scouting roles and camp coaching positions, both for players actively looking to play at the College level, as well as some inner city programs for the youth who are less fortunate. My will and desire to volunteer time comes from the teaching of my parents. I will state without any doubt that Coaching a Legion team is a no-brainer, getting to actively coach up some of the top talent in the region, while giving time to the Veterans who served to keep our nation safe.

Managing and Coaching the Post team ramps up each year around the second week of January, when I begin ordering team apparel and baseballs. I also begin the process of applying for entry into the upcoming season through the National Legion database, and writing other High School Coaches to start informing their players about our website and tryouts. All Coaches must be certified, background checked, and each team must be insured before any tryout or practice can occur. I also begin to canvass other Legion teams for possible games, and respond to tournament requests from Legion Directors looking to fill team spots in travel tournaments. The High School season and playoffs finish in May, so our tryouts have traditionally been held the first couple Sundays that month to accommodate the players who pitch and play in the Maryland State High School Playoffs. I will also look at players who attend private schools who reside in the Consortium School region. The goal is to find the players with the skill level and commitment to give the bulk of June and July and will best represent our Legion Post. Each Post is permitted to field as many players as they desire up until June 23rd, when the State dictates that each roster must be whittled down to eighteen total players. This grace period is meant to accommodate Senior Beach weeks, player work schedules, some vacations, and other post school activities that take place in June. Once our High School season completes, I am right into full practices for the Legion team, and games which begin the first week in June. The Montgomery County schedule is comprised of twenty games, and each Legion team tries to get another ten to fifteen games with other district teams as they are able to fill in between the league games. As you can see, the commitment level needs to be high for each participant, as schedules are easily filled for two months and to stay competitive each night, a team must be at its best.

In essence, I am an Old School Coach when it comes to drive, desire, hard work, and commitment. Where the balance comes into play is working with the youth culture as it is today, plus the varying temperaments which inevitably occur with each roster. This all takes a lot of patience and effort, but the rewards can be great for the Coaches and players who approach it with 100% heart and mind. For the few who make the final cut, there is no better Legion than Cissel-Saxon Post 41 to play for. We maintain a strong backing from the contributors to our Officers, and with our number 1 fan rooting us on, Lou Gaeta keeps our players hustling and working toward the best they can become, as players, and citizens of the community. My thanks also go out to Ted Benton, Dan Bullis, and all the Veterans of Post 41 who served our Nation. With 91 years of Baseball history now in the books, American Legion Baseball continues to grow young men into productive contributors and responsible individuals. I am proud to be able to give back my time and knowledge and know some of these players I influence will someday do the same for their youth.

Exciting Announcement about Your No-Cost LegionCare Coverage

If you enrolled in the Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) LegionCare No-Cost AD&D Program prior to 1/1/2015, your coverage was set to expire on August 31, 2016. We know that many of you have not re-upped for the program. LegionCare is such an important benefit that we couldn't have you lose it through overlooking this.

The Legionnaire Insurance Trust took action to make sure this wouldn't happen. We negotiated with the insurance company and are pleased to announce that if you signed up for LegionCare coverage and remain a member of the Legion Family, you will no longer have to worry about any expiration. Your coverage is now one and done.

If you have never signed up, you still need to do so. When you do, you'll never have to sign up again. Here's a brief review of LegionCare. All dues-paying Legion Family members have the opportunity to enroll in LegionCare, a complimentary NO COST accidental death benefit provided to you by the Legionnaire Insurance Trust.

LegionCare provides you with:

- \$5,000 in Accidental Death Coverage for covered accidents that occur if you are traveling on official Legion business. *
- \$1,000 for all other covered accidents.
- 24/7 protection that covers members at home, at work and while they are travelling away from home.
- Plus, LegionCare is now available to all members of the Legion Family including the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion members 18 years and older.

You are guaranteed this NO COST benefit with no health questions, no hidden qualifications as long as you sign up one time. There is no reason for you or your members to pass up your opportunity for this important benefit.

If you haven't signed up for LegionCare at all yet, you can enroll now on www.TheLIT.com. Don't miss out on this valuable benefit provided to you by the Legionnaire Insurance Trust.

To Enroll, visit www.TheLIT.com
or call 1-800-235-6943.

* For purposes of the Legionnaire Insurance Trust, a member of the Legion Family, with current year's dues paid, could be eligible for the \$5,000.00 Accidental Death benefit if he/she is traveling to, attending, or returning from an official function at which the he/she represents his/her Post, District, Department, Unit, Squadron or National Organization in an official capacity. Bonus benefit for Legion business travel is not available in MN and NH.

U.S. Veterans and Dependents on Benefits Rolls as of May 2016

| | VETERANS | CHILDREN | PARENTS | SURVIVING SPOUSES |
|------------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| Civil War | - | 1 | - | - |
| Spanish-American War | - | 46 | - | 42 |
| Mexican Border | - | 3 | - | 6 |
| World War I | - | 1,590 | - | 1,236 |
| World War II | 144,938 | 9,360 | 10 | 178,251 |
| Philippines | 1,776 | 155 | 3 | 2,598 |
| Korean Conflict | 181,893 | 2,207 | 25 | 74,041 |
| Vietnam Era | 1,525,400 | 4,570 | 1,198 | 251,543 |
| Gulf War ¹ | 1,990,094 | 4,488 | 1,788 | 26,799 |
| Peacetime | 710,773 | 1,382 | 713 | 36,048 |
| Non service-connected ² | 292,297 | 10,175 | - | 193,442 |
| Service-connected ² | 4,262,577 | 13,627 | 3,737 | 377,122 |

UNIT 41 NEWS



Greetings,

Hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and is getting geared up for fall and the coming school year!

The past few months have been productive for Unit 41. July was the annual conference in Ocean City at which Linda Rose's Poppy hat raised \$388 dollars. Unit 41 also received recognition as a Gold Plus Unit, meaning we met our yearly membership goals plus some! Cathy & Bill Oaks, Marine Hamilton and Linda Rose attended Post Everlasting at the convention.

I want to take a moment and wish Dallas Dean Unit 41's Chaplain a speedy recovery. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her for continued healing. Also, great big congratulations to Cameron Sullivan-Brown, son of Unit 41's own Carol Minnich. Cameron was just accepted early admission to Penn State!

Unit 41 will be hosting our yearly 100 club fundraiser on November 5th. \$30 a ticket covers dinner and drinks for two. We will be serving Pot Roast, potatoes and veggies with the usual open bar. Hope to see everyone there!

All the best, **Jenny Wesberry**, ALA Post 41 President

S.A.L. News



Greetings from your SAL commander,

After a brief summer hiatus, our regular meetings reconvened this past Tuesday, and it was good to see all my fellow officers, as well as Commander Bullis, our advisor.

We had a healthy discussion of our way forward as a squadron, and we all agreed it would be great to see more "regular" members attending our meetings. Your voice and opinions are very valuable.

I want to thank Ted Benton, Tony Ragazzo, Dawn Caudill, Lisa Dahlhaus, and all their fellow volunteers for a great "Dog Day Afternoon " 100 club event. I was happy to attend and help out, and look forward to future events we can collaborate on.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and see you around the Post.

For God and Country,
Tom Jacobson, Squadron Commander, SAL



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 41 Fundraiser

Bakeless Bake Sale



You are invited to NOT bake a cake, pie, cookies, or brownies. You do NOT have to find the recipe. You do NOT have to shop for the ingredients. You do NOT have to mix. You do NOT have to cook. You do NOT have to cut. You do NOT have to wrap. You do NOT have to wash dishes. You do NOT have to clean up your kitchen. You do NOT have to deliver the baked product. You do NOT have to stand in the heat/cold/rain to sell the baked product. Instead, stay home and enjoy doing something yourself or with your family!

You can write a check for any amount to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 41 and mail it to 905 Sligo Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20910

All proceeds support the activities of ALA Unit 41.

The Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraising Poem

*Many is the time I heard you say
I would rather give a "Dollar" than bake today
And so, we are asking you to help more or less
To make our Bakeless Bake Sale a big success.*

*Just send us the money that it would take
To Bake a loaf of bread or a beautiful cake
Or send in the amount of money it takes to buy
A dozen rolls or maybe a pie
We know you can help us if you will but try.*

Here are a few ideas for giving:

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| _____ Cupcakes: 2 for a dollar | _____ 3 doz. cupcakes: \$4.00 |
| _____ Chocolate cookies: 6 for \$1.00 | _____ 3 doz. chocolate cookies: \$6.00 |
| _____ Brownies 12 for \$3.00 | _____ 3 doz. brownies: \$8.00 |
| _____ Dutch Apple Pie \$5.00 | _____ 3 Homemade pies: \$10.00 |
| _____ Strawberry Cheesecake \$7.00 | _____ 2 strawberry cheesecakes: \$15.00 |

Thank you for supporting Cissel-Saxon ALA Unit 41

2016 - 2017 ALA Leadership



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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:

September 2nd Friday night band and lite fare 6:30 PM
September 4th DC Blues upstairs 4-8 PM
September 5th Labor Day Holiday celebration 3-6 PM,
Post provides burgers and dogs, pot luck dishes welcome
September 6th SAL Meeting 7:30 PM
September 9th Friday night band and lite fare 6:30 PM
September 10th Movie night TBA 7-9:00 PM
September 12th ALA Meeting 7:00 PM
September 15th General-Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
September 16th Monthly Crab Legs and Shrimp dinner
5:30 – 8:00PM- enjoy the Seafood , our always free
Juke Box and Happy Hour all night!
September 23rd DC Blues and lite fare 6:30PM
September 30th Wounded Warriors Event 6:30 PM

October 2 DC Blues upstairs 4- 8:00 PM
October 4th SAL Meeting 7:30 PM
October 7th Friday night band and lite fare 6:30PM
October 8th Movie night TBA 7-9:00 PM
October 10th ALA Meeting 7:PM
October 14th Friday night band and lite fare 6:30PM
October 20th Legion Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
October 21st Monthly Crab Legs and Shrimp dinner
5:30PM – 8:00PM – enjoy Seafood, our always free
juke box, and Happy Hour all night!
October 28th DC Blues and lite fare 6:30PM

Book Event - 16 November 2016, 6:00 to 8:00PM)

COL (ret) Elspeth Cameron Ritchie has two military related books coming out this fall, Intimacy Post-Injury Combat: Trauma and Sexual Health (Oxford University Press) and Psychiatrists in Combat: Personal Experiences of Clinicians in the War Zone (Springer).

She will host a book party to thank her authors at the American Legion #41. Most of the authors are military medical practitioners, many from Walter Reed. They include psychiatrists, occupational therapists, social workers and others.

Members of the American Legion and other veterans are invited to join the festivities and meet the authors. Copies of the books will be available for signing and sale.