



The Legion Scoop

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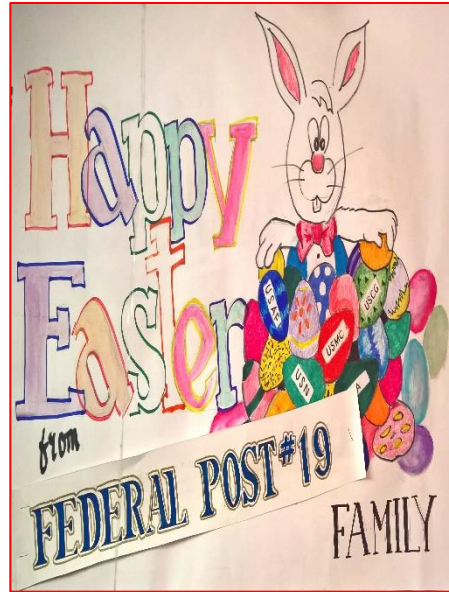
Department of Maryland wins Public Safety Award from Montgomery County

On Friday, March 15, 2019, the [Department of Maryland](#) was presented Public Safety Champion of the Year award at the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce 45th Annual Public Safety Awards Luncheon at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and County Conference Center. The Champion of the Year Award recognizes an organization that advance the mission of public safety agencies in Montgomery County, Maryland through their advocacy.



Pictured left to right: Georgette “GiGi” Godwin, President & CEO Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce; Bill Milligan; Department Commander Dave Johnson; Norvell V. Coots, MD, President and CEO, Holy Cross Health; and Steven A. Robins, Esq., Chair, Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Public Safety Awards.

[Department](#) Commander Dave Johnson and Department Public Safety Chair Bill Milligan attended the awards ceremony, which was sponsored by Holy Cross Health, and received the award on behalf of the Department. [Department](#) Chaplain Curtis Jones notes that it’s “Just



another example of how blessed we are and the rewards of our service to all our comrades, their families and our great nation. We appreciate you Bill and your staff.”

Commander’s Call

Each one, reach one! Comrades, during this Easter holiday season, let us check on our comrades that we have not seen or heard from in a while. For Buddy Check National Week last month, [National](#) Commander Brett Reistad called on posts, districts, counties and departments to call members and former members just to see how they are doing.



Commander Reistad said for Legionnaires to ask “if there is anything The American Legion can do for them.” It was not a membership campaign; it was a comradeship campaign. Commander Reistad

**General Meeting
Sunday, April 7,
4 pm at the Post**

notes, “We simply need to call and check on our comrades—it’s our duty; they need to know we care.”

Every week is Buddy Check Week, and there are several members of [Post #19](#) who need the help of The American Legion. At the end of each issue of *The Scoop*, there is a sick call list. If you need to know the phone number, email, or address of anyone, please call me at 443-621-6740. We need to keep the comradeship campaign going year-round. If you know of a comrade who should be on the list, let us know. “Each One, Reach One! I Am My Brothers/Sisters’ Keeper.”

Also, let us not forget that [Post #19](#) is our home. Be mindful of what is going on in our house. Get up, pick up, and help keep our house presentable.

Betty Bonds, Commander

Federal Post #19 to sponsor Good Friday Fish Fry and Bake Sale fundraiser

On Friday, April 19, [Federal Post #19](#) will sponsor a Good Friday Fish Fry and Bake Sale fundraiser, 12 noon-6 pm at the Post. Dinners include your choice of croaker (while they last) or whiting and two sides—potato salad, fried potatoes, string beans, and greens. Donations for the dinners are \$10.00, and we will deliver 5 or more dinners. We will also have assorted cakes and pies for

\$2.00 a slice. See any Legionnaire for tickets.

To order ahead of time, follow this link to our Facebook page—[Order Dinner](#)—download the form, and return it to any Legionnaire. We are also looking for **volunteers** to help cook and serve as well as donations for the Bake Sale. Support the Fish Fry and support the Four Pillars.



Post #19's Utopia Diabe wins Department Oratorical Contest



(l-r) Dept. 3rd Vice Ron Holcombe, DEC Rep Vince Dulys and Baltimore District Commander Austin Ball congratulate Department Oratorical Contest Winner Utopia Diabe at the Baltimore District Reception.

On Sunday, March 3 at Stevenson College in Owings Mills, high school senior Utopia Diabe won the [Department of Maryland High School Oratorical Contest](#). She becomes the first person sponsored [by Federal Post #19](#) to win the [Department](#)'s contest.



Members of the Federal Post #19 family supporting recent affair hosted by Northeastern Squadron #285.

Ms. Diabe who attends Lanham Christian School will go on to compete in the [American Legion National Oratorical Contest](#) to be held Friday April 5 through Sunday, April 7 in Indianapolis, IN.



Pictures from the recent Baltimore District Reception; Not exactly sure what the middle picture is? The Sparky!!?

Post #19 Color Guard host trip to Crisfield Elk Parade

On Sunday, April 28, the Post #19 Color Guard is sponsoring a trip to Crisfield, MD to march in the 104th Organization Day parade for the Crisfield Elks Pride Lodge #194 and Light of Crisfield Temple #86. The parade is a highlight of the Crisfield community and legacy. The parade will include musical units, floats, drill and cheer teams, equestrian units, clowns, Classic cars, military units, civic groups, and scout troops.

The bus leaves Post #19 promptly at 10:30 am and returns at 8:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served on the bus. Tickets are \$45. For tickets and further information, contact Carol Hector, Color Guard Captain James Grayson, or any Color Guard member.

Department 101st Convention schedule set; It's a Family Affair

This year's 101st Department Convention is set for July, 16-19 in Ocean City, MD. [Department Adjutant Russell Myers](#) notes that the Convention "is a great experience, and highlights the great works of our Posts and Programs." Legionnaires are encouraged to bring their families

because the more our families are involved, the better we are as a veterans service organization.

While nearly everything you need for the Convention is on the [Department](#) website or in the [Free State Warrior](#), one of the best places to get information is at our monthly General Meeting. Post Adjutant Kendall Cooper has all of the relevant forms, and we will assist those with no computer access (or savvy) with online registrations. Online registration for the [Legion College](#), which offers educational opportunity for all Legionnaires, begins April 1.

Pre-convention events begin with the [Department Convention Kesting Memorial Golf Tournament](#) on Monday morning, July 15. Proceeds from the tournament support our Children and Youth programs, and Posts and Legionnaires can help by sponsoring a golf hole.

Also, on Monday, July 15, the [Southern Maryland District](#) is hosting their annual Fish Fry at 4:00 pm with plenty of activities for the entire family. All are welcomed, and any donations to help with this popular social event are greatly appreciated.

The Convention gets started on Tuesday morning, July 16 with Registration at 7:30 pm. Legion College begins at 8:00 am with classes at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Another family affair, the Joint Opening Ceremony and Reception, is set for Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm. This year, we are highlighting our 100 years of service to our communities, state, and nation.

The Business Sessions will be called to order on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:00 am each day. Everyone can review this year's Resolutions in the [Free State Warrior](#). It also might not be a bad idea to take a look at our legislative priorities as outlined by 2nd Vice Will Trotter in the [Warrior](#).

The Post Everlasting Ceremony is on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. Adjutant Myers accurately describes

the Ceremony as "A somber and moving tribute to those members that have answered the Last Roll Call." Every member of the Legion family should plan to attend. Of course, Elections and Installation of Officers will be held on Friday, July 19 as the Convention comes to a close.

[Department Convention Shirts](#) are also on sale, and this year, we have a choice of two. Both options feature the 100th Anniversary round Maryland blue crab patch on the left and The American Legion Emblem on the right. The 1st option is a black polo shirt with a pocket for men and no pocket for women. The 2nd option is a black camp shirt with faux coconut shell buttons. Post Adjutant Cooper has forms and will take orders.



Bulletin for Auxiliary Unit #19

President's message

Our Mission for The American Legion Auxiliary is to serve Veterans, their families, and their communities. So, let's continue working together as a family fulfilling this mission. We need to be as One. Let's leave out the negative vibes and concentrate on what we can and have achieved together. Let's show everyone



that we at [Federal Unit #19](#) work as a family and in harmony for the betterment of our Veterans, their families and community.

For God and Country, Gina Jones,
[Federal Unit #19](#) President

Unit #19 Convention Delegates host Spring Fling

On Saturday, May 4, 9:00 pm-1:00 am, the Ocean City Delegates for [Federal Unit #19](#) will present their



Annual Spring Fling at Monumental Elks Lodge #3, 1528 Madison Avenue. BYOB, BYOF, Free Set-Ups. Tickets are \$10.

Federal Unit #19 sponsors fundraiser for Girls State and puzzle books for VA

Members of [Federal Unit #19](#) are sponsoring two projects that exemplify the Auxiliary's work as a service organization. The first is a Penny War Fundraiser to benefit the Girl's State Program. At the Post, you will see a large jar in which you can donate your pennies and spare change. work as a service.

The second is a word search puzzle book drive for veterans at the VA. Again, look in the Post for a box to place the word search puzzle books in. The dollar stores are great places to get the word search book, and the more complex the word search, the better. For more info about both projects contact ALA member Pat Dorsey.

Unit #19 presents Annual Breakfast Show on May 25

On Saturday, May 25, Auxiliary [Unit #19](#) will present their Annual Breakfast Show from 9 am-1 pm at the Post. Just a sampling of last year's menu included ham, bacon, turkey bacon, corned beef hash, eggs,



sausage links, grits, fried apples, fruit salad, waffles, pancakes, fried potatoes.

Coffee, orange and cranberry juice, water, bread, and rolls. Donations are \$10. For tickets and more info see Chairperson Pam Hines, President Gina Jones, 2nd Vice Lasharan Wallace or any Auxiliary member.



Members of Unit #19 celebrate sister Sharta "Penny" Matthews' birthday.



A Word from the Sons

Squadron #19 Breakfast Show continues their fundraising success



SAL Comrades of [Federal Squadron #19](#) had another successful fundraising affair with their Annual Breakfast Show held in March. They had good food, good music by DJ John, and great teamwork. They raised funds and everyone was satisfied and happy. Commander Dwayne Washington again wants to thank all of the Squadron members who came though like "true troopers!" The funds raised will help the

Squadron meet the Detachment Commander's Challenge to support the Four Pillars.

Squadron #19 to hold Mother's Day Raffle

On Sunday, May 12, it's that time again for the Comrades of [Federal Squadron #19](#) to hold their annual Mother's Day Raffle. The drawing will be at the Post at 10 pm. First prize is a \$100; 2nd prize is \$50. Donations are \$1.00. For tickets contact SAL Commander Dwayne Washington, 2nd Vice Ernie Bell, Adjutant Aaron Robinson or any SAL Comrade.



Spades Tournament Champions Rick Oliver and Donald Fleet

Post Notes

Take the online [Basic Training Course](#) on the [National](#) website. It's still not a bad idea to look at the [Judge Advocate Manual](#) available on the [Department](#) website.

Please take time to visit or call our members who are sick and shut-in. They must not be forgotten.

Please help keep the Post clean, clearing tables, getting up spills, and generally policing the building.

The Scoop salutes ...

[Unit #19](#) member Joyce Brown for her appointment to the ALA National Legislative Committee; it's been some time since someone from our family has served at the national level;



The Bobby Rucks Group
Sunday April 28th,
4-8 pm, Jazz at the
Post with

Adeline Hutchinson, wife of Comrade Thomas Hutchinson (Hutch) who recently transferred to Post Everlasting, for her monetary donation to Gilcrest Hospice Center on behalf of [Federal Post #19](#).

Our Comrades and Friends

ALA Ocean City Delegates Basket of Cheer Raffle, Sat, Apr 6, 7 pm at the Post, \$1.00.

Gladiators Bull and Oyster Roast, Sun, Apr 14, 12-30 pm-4:00 pm, Martin's West, \$65.

District SAL Spring Fling, Fri, Apr 19, 9 pm-1 am, Northeastern Post #285, \$10.

Sick Call

- Ronald Carroll
- Wendell Garland
- Charles Gregory
- George Harvey
- John Howard
- Melvin Lewis
- Emmett Pope
- Warren Scott
- Thomas Wiggins

Post Everlasting



Thomas Hutchinson