



The Legion Scoop

Newsletter for the American Legion Federal Post #19
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National Exec Committee amends Preamble to honor veterans of “all wars”

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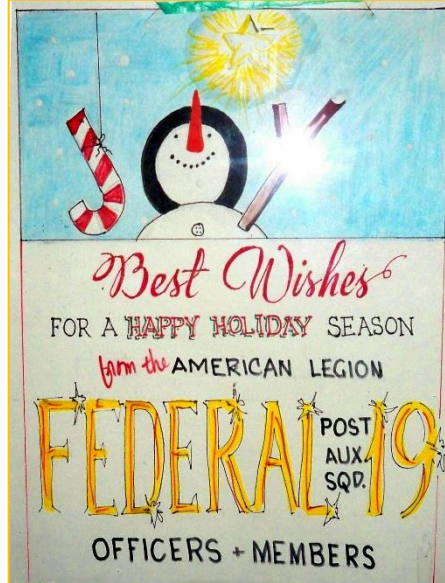
At the Fall meeting in October, the American Legion National Executive Committee (NEC) amended the Preamble to honor veterans of all wars. This change was made as a result of the LEGION Act. Under this act, the U.S. government now acknowledges that the military has been involved in at least 12 additional military conflicts not previously recognized.

The Legion’s Resolution #1 amends “the Great Wars” to “all wars.” When the Legion changes its Preamble, the Auxiliary and the Sons automatically change theirs as well. You can find the updated Preamble and learn more about the resolution on the [National website](#).

In addition, because the number of POW/MIA’s fluctuates with increases and decreases, the NEC also amended the POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony. The phrase “...the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for...” was changed to read “...the many American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for...”

National Commander Oxford encourages Buddy Checks throughout holiday season

The holiday season provides us the ideal opportunity to assist fellow veterans in receiving aid or services



they may need or to reconnect with long-lost friends or to just say “Hi.” to a Comrade you haven’t seen a while. Let our Comrades know we care. Therefore, National Commander James “Bill” Oxford encourages all Posts to continue to do Buddy Checks throughout the holiday season.

“Our goal is to make sure our comrades are doing well and connect them with any resources they require,” says Commander Oxford. “Some veterans might need guidance



from a trained American Legion service officer. Others might qualify for but not be aware of American Legion programs that can provide resources like Temporary Financial Assistance or Operation Comfort Warriors. Still others might just need a fellow veteran to show that he or she cares.”

“As we head into the joyous holiday season, it’s a perfect time to reach out to our veterans. Make sure they are being cared for properly. Ensure that they know they are

**General Meeting
Sunday, December 1
4 pm at the Post**

welcome to attend your post’s holiday meals and special events. For those living in cold climates, these checks can be critical for veterans who might struggle with paying heating bills or getting to the grocery store when severe weather hits.”

As we embark upon new endeavors and a new year, may you continue to support the work of our very fine organization. Let's continue to make a positive difference to veterans, seniors, youth and the community. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a new year filled with peace and happiness. Faith makes all things possible; hope makes all things work, and love makes all things beautiful. May you all be blessed with peace, love and joy. May your love for Post #19 continue to shine.
Cmdr. Betty Bonds.

Christmas Raffle to benefit building fund; drawing Dec. 22nd

On Saturday, December 22, the [Federal Post #19](#) family will present our Annual Cash for Christmas

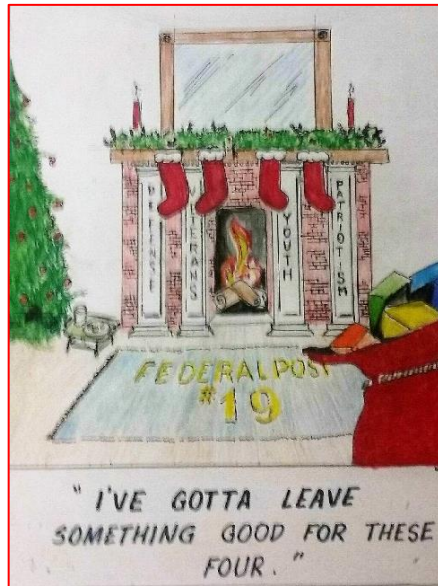
Building Fund Raffle with all proceeds to benefit the building fund. The drawing will be at 10 pm, and winners need not be present to win. First prize is \$500, 2nd prize \$300, and 3rd Prize \$100. Tickets are \$1.00 each. See any Legionnaire, Auxiliary member, or Son for tickets.



Our building is more than 100 years old and is in constant need of repair. Our Building Fund Campaign was relatively successful last year. We replaced the much-needed first-floor flooring and replaced the air conditioning unit for the first floor. Still, we have so much to do beyond that. We need to make repairs to the roof. We also need to upgrade our furniture throughout the canteen and the second floor, and it would be nice to resurface the backyard. The funds raised by the Cash for Christmas Raffle will help us to achieve these goals. We're asking each member to sell or purchase at least 25 tickets to help our home.

Federal Post #19 to provide Christmas baskets to neighborhood families

This year, we are hoping to provide Xmas baskets to veterans and deserving families in the neighborhood. To do so, we again call on your generosity in this season of giving with so many in need. Third Vice Willie Christian has set up a box



in the Post for you to leave donations: turkeys, hams, canned and packaged goods, gift cards, toys, and so forth. Please give any monetary donations marked "Christmas Baskets" to the manager in charge. The [Federal Post #19](#) Family has a huge heart, and *The Scoop* salutes all of us. Merry Christmas!



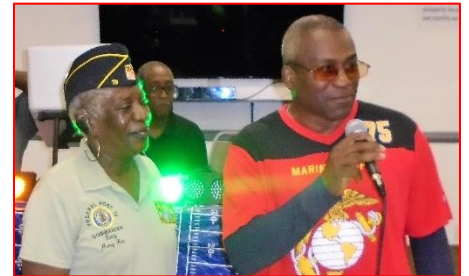
(Backrow) James Mosher Associates President William Neal and Post #19 Comrades Marlin Johnson and Michael Smith attend James Mosher Little League 60th Anniversary Gala.



Post #19 Comrades celebrate Comrade Marlin Johnson's birthday at Apollo.



Post #19 Family gather for Veteran's Day lunch at McCormick and Schmick's.



Cook-Pinkney Post #141 (Annapolis) Commander Curtis Jones welcomes Commander Betty Bonds and the Post #19 Family during our recent Veterans Day trip. Lots of fun, food, and comaraderie.



Army vets (top) and Marine vets (below it) at our visit to Post #141 for Veterans Day.



Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and friends at Post #141.



Post #19 volunteers for our Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors and Veterans pose for picture with volunteers from FreeState Challenge Academy. We delivered more than 140 dinners to senior citizens, veterans, and shut-ins and served another 90 or so at the Post.



Post #19 Family 90th Anniversary Patches Now on Sale \$3 each; 3 for \$10 (It's a fundraiser!)



Bulletin for Auxiliary Unit #19

Federal Unit #19 to host Christmas Party for community children; collect blankets for the homeless

This year, [Federal Unit #19](#) will host a Christmas Party for children in the community. The time and date have not been determined; nevertheless, the Auxiliary is currently collecting toys, hats, gloves, and scarves for the children. There will be lots of surprises and games, and *The Scoop* has it on good authority that Santa Claus will be there.

The Auxiliary is also collecting blankets for homeless veterans and the homeless in general. They hope to also give out sandwiches as they distribute the blankets. They also need donations for Christmas baskets for their sick and shut-ins. See President Gina Jones for donations.

[Federal Unit #19](#) President Gina sends her "Greetings, this is the time of the year to spend time and create memories with family and friends. As we gather together to celebrate our many reasons to be grateful, let us



continue to keep those who are less fortunate in our thoughts.

Our mission is SERVICE NOT SELF, and the [Post #19](#) family has always sponsored many activities to live up to this goal. Please, have a happy, healthy and safe holiday and don't forget 'IT ONLY HAPPENS AT POST 19.'"



Baltimore Mayor Bernard "Jack" Young presents Unit #19 a Proclamation honoring the American Legion Auxiliary's 100th Anniversary. In May 2020, Federal Unit #19 will celebrate their 85th Anniversary.



ALA Baltimore District puts together care packages for Veterans

For the Holiday Season, the ALA Baltimore District is putting together care packages for veterans. Among the items needed are body wash (not soap bars), shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, razors, shaving

cream, combs, hand warmers, sanitizing wipe, chap sticks, Emory boards, men's and women's socks, gallon Ziplock bags (as many as possible), bottles of water, snack bars such as granola bar or breakfast bar, and of course, cash. Please bring any donations to the Post care of District VA & R Chair Pat Moore.



Federal Unit #19 presented veterans who live at the Charles R. Uncles Senior Plaza with Certificates of Appreciation and Proclamations for Veterans Day. The oldest veteran Calvin Tolbert, 95, Navy, WWII, is standing behind Unit #19 member Joyce Brown, whom he would not allow to stand. In 1891, Baltimorean Charles R. Uncles became the first African American to be ordained a Roman Catholic priest in the U.S.



A Word from the Sons

Federal Squadron #19 hosts Annual Cabaret Dance



On Saturday, January 25, 2020, [Federal Squadron #19](#) will present their Annual Cabaret Dance, 9 pm-1 am, at Monumental Elks Lodge# 3, 1528 Madison Av. The affair is BYOB/BYOF with free set-ups and a 50/50 raffle. SAL Commander Dwayne Washington notes that the event will help fulfill the Squadron's efforts to raise funds for each of the Four Pillars. Donations are \$20.00;

see 2nd Vice Roscoe Holley or any SAL Comrade for tickets.

Commander Washington wishes to extend a “Merry Christmas and Happy New Year’s to all my SAL Comrades and their families as well as the entire Post #19 family.”

Baltimore District to host Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony

On Friday, December 6 at 7:00 pm, the Baltimore District Council will host a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony at the War Memorial Bldg., 101 N Gay St. District Commander Austin Ball encourages all Posts and members in the District to participate to honor the men and women who served our nation during World War II. Their numbers are less and less each year.

Comrades of [Federal Post #19](#) were counted in every branch of military service during the war. We served on ships like the *U.S.S. John Pope*, *AP 10*, which transported troops throughout both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. We also served with the 6888th Postal Battalion, the only black WAC’s to serve in Europe.



Members of the 6888th Postal Battalion triumphantly march in Paris in May 1945 to honor Joan of Arc.

Those who became members of our [Post #19](#) family served with the Montford Point marines, the first black marines in U.S. history. They were a part of the 92nd Infantry who encountered extensive action in Europe; the 93rd Infantry who served in the Pacific; the 95th Engineers who helped build the strategic Alaskan

Highway in the extreme cold; and the “Red Ball Express” who supplied Patton and fought their way across Europe to help defeat Germany and fascism.



Post Notes

Take the online [Basic Training Course](#) on the [National](#) website.

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

The Scoop salutes ...

all the **volunteers** and donors who helped make the Trunk or Treat and the Thanksgiving Dinner successes;

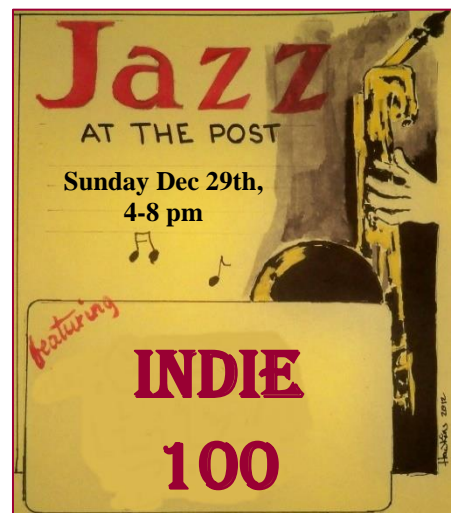
Dept. Judge Advocate Frank Porter, [Glenarden Post #275](#) for his generous donation to our Building Fund. How do you spell Legion: F-R-A-N-K;

[Post #19](#) Family members George and Margaret Harvey for being the first to take out an ad our 90th Anniversary Journal.

Cook-Pinkney Unit #141 for cooking us a special meal and showing a lot of love.

Our Comrades and Friends

Baltimore District Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony, Dec 6, War Memorial Bldg., 7 pm.



Gladiators Xmas Party, Fri, Dec 6, 2 pm-until, 1315 W. Mulberry St. Food, music, and cash bar

New Daughters Great Southern Temple #30 Grown & Classy Ladies Pre-Christmas Holiday Dance, Sat, Dec 7, 8 pm-12 am, 1528 Madison Av, \$10.

[Department](#) Christmas Party, [Sykesville Memorial Post #223](#), 7327 Slacks Rd, Sykesville, MD, Sun, Dec 15, 1-5 pm, \$8.

Northeastern Post #285, Annual Toy Drive/Fundraiser, Sat, Dec 23, 9 pm-1 am, 2324 McElderry St, \$10. Bring a toy.

Baltimore District High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest, War Memorial Bldg., Thu, Jan 30, 6 pm.

Sick Call

**Wendell Garland
Bennie Griffin
George Harvey
Emmett Pope
Warren Scott
Thomas Wiggins**

