



# The Legion Scoop

Newsletter for the American Legion Federal Post #19  
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## Federal Post 19 celebrates 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Week and Open House

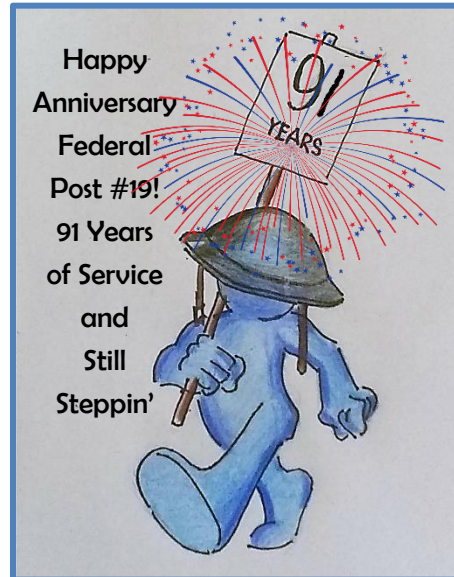
In November 1929, several members of Walter Green Post #14, World War I veterans who were also federal employees, decided to form another post and petitioned the American Legion District of Baltimore, the Department of Maryland, and the National Headquarters for a charter.

After several months, the National Headquarters granted the members a temporary charter on March 22, 1930 with the designation of [Federal Post #19](#), Department of Maryland of the American Legion. The American Legion Auxiliary [Federal Unit #19](#) was chartered on May 19, 1935, and the Sons of the Legion [Federal Squadron #19](#) in January 1937, creating lasting bonds.

This year, we are celebrating our 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Week and Open House from Sunday, June 6 through Sunday, June 13, and hope everyone will make an effort to come to the Post, join in the festivities, and help greet our guests. We will end the week with an Anniversary Cookout and Toast.

Please see the Anniversary Week and Open House schedule below for the days we set aside for various organizations to come and share our comradeship. Of course, everyone is welcomed every day. Drink specials throughout the week. Light refreshments will be served daily from 6:30-7:30 pm.

**--Sun, June 6:** "Sunday, Fun Day": Social Clubs.



**--Mon, June 7:** "Oldies but Goodies": Masons.

**--Tue, June 8:** "Serve A Vet": Veteran Organizations; All vets.

**--Wed, June 9:** "Ladies' Night": Elks and Daughters

**--Thu, June 10:** "Karaoke Party": Gladiators, Arch, Apollo, Vulcan Blazers.

**--Fri, June 11:** "Friday Happy Hour": After Work Jam.

**--Sat, June 12:** "Armed Forces Salute": Veterans.

**--Sun, June 13:** Anniversary Cookout and Toast: All invited. We will adhere to all COVID-19 restrictions including limited capacity. Still, the backyard will be open for greater social distance.

## Post elections scheduled for Sunday, June 6

The elections for 2021-22 officers will be held on Sunday, June 6 at 3:00 p.m. at Monumental Lodge #3, 1528 W. Madison Avenue. **All members**

**General Meeting and Elections,  
Sunday, June 6, 3 pm at  
Monumental Lodge #3,  
1528 Madison Av.**

must have a current 2021 membership card to be admitted and vote. No **new memberships, renewals or lost cards** will be taken care of on the day of election. If your dues are not current or you have lost your membership card, please contact Post Adjutant Kendall Cooper.

We will, of course, take nominations from the floor. If you plan to nominate someone, Cooper says, "Please, make sure the person you nominate will accept the nomination and is willing to serve."

## Pick a poppy, make a donation, and support veterans and their families

The next time you're in the Post "pick a poppy and make a donation." After that, you can place the poppy on



the Memorial Wreath to honor someone who has passed away, or you can just wear it to show your support.

All donations received will be used by The American Legion [Federal Post #19](#) Family for programs that support veterans and their families, especially those who have suffered loss.

## Federal Post #19 honors Post Everlasting on Memorial Day

The [Federal Post #19](#) family came together on Memorial Day to honor those who have transferred to Post, Unit, and Squadron Everlasting and to salute our “heroic dead ... in the destinies of veterans, their souls go marching on. Because of them, our lives are free. Because of them, our nation lives.” We also had a special ceremony for the 600,000 Americans who were taken too soon by Covid-19. We lit 120 candles, one for every 5,000 of our family, friends and colleagues lost.



Federal Post #19 Color Guard members LeCount Grace and Reggie Baker participate in the POW/MIA Ceremony and Past Commander Betty Bonds relates the history of Memorial Day.

The solemn ceremonies of the day allowed everyone to reflect on the devastating effect that the pandemic has had not only on our nation and communities but also on our personal lives. Post #19 Commander Larry Little reflected, “Today, let’s rededicate ourselves to patriotic service and unity. Let’s make ourselves the family of those who will not see their loved ones again. Let’s be there for one another. Let’s open our hearts because life is too fragile. Together, we are stronger.” We will never forget.

As members of the Legion Family, it is reassuring to know that you are immortal and that you will always be remembered by your Comrades. Therefore, *The Scoop* would like to give a very special

salute to Comrades Robert W. Collier, Joseph A. Mack, Charles H. Green, Oliver Brown, William R. Chew, Thomas R. Marshall, William O. Prout, John N. Smith, John W. Roberts, Bernard L. Heiner, Frank E. Mack, Joseph W. Woolford, Charles E. Thomas, Fred K. Pate, Ringgold Dorsey, and Emory R. Cole—World War I veterans and charter members of [Federal Post #19](#).



The backyard crew takes a break after a long day of grilling food for the Memorial Day Cookout.



The crew included Post #19 Commander Larry Little, Adjutant Kendall Cooper, SAL Comrade Milton “Cookie Man” Johnson, Comrade Tommy Alderman, and SAL Comrade Del Watties. SAL Comrade Darnell Gordon not pictured.



## Post #19 to hold Flag Day Ceremony; salutes 246<sup>th</sup> Army birthday

On Flag Day, Sunday, June 14, at 7 pm, [Federal Post #19](#), we will conduct a Dignified Flag Disposal Ceremony for unserviceable flags at the Post. We’ve already collected quite a few flags, and if you have any, let us know, and we’ll make

arrangements to get them. The Ceremony starts at 7 pm and, like Memorial Day, will adhere to all COVID-19 restrictions. After the ceremony, we will celebrate the Army’s 246<sup>th</sup> birthday with one free drink for all Army veterans.

On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing



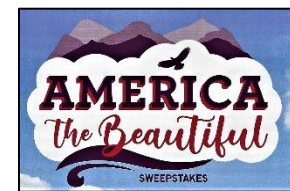
a national Flag Day on June 14.

Many Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the Red, White and Blue in

front of homes and businesses. The day commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

## Department launches our 2021 America the Beautiful Sweepstakes

You should have already received in the mail tickets for [Department’s](#) 2021 America the Beautiful Sweepstakes. Please don’t toss them



aside. Over the years, members of our [Post #19](#) family have

benefitted during times of need directly from the money [Department](#) raises from the sweepstakes.

[Department](#) Commander Phil Dorsey notes that the Sweepstakes “is a great way for all of us to celebrate the spirit of America and the principles that we share as members of The American Legion, Department of Maryland. Not only are you eligible to win great prizes, your support builds programs that inspire

our veterans, families and communities across Maryland.”

Our donations help educate and care for the children of our communities; provide assistance to families of deployed military personnel; help veterans file service-related benefit claims; provide financial assistance to veterans in need; support legislation for veteran issues; and serve, honor, and remember our nation’s veterans for their valor and sacrifice. Remember, the funds go to veterans in our state and community. The faces you know.

Grand prize is \$5,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> is \$2,500; 3<sup>rd</sup> is 1,000; 4<sup>th</sup> is \$500; 5<sup>th</sup> is \$250; and 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> is \$100 each. For more details and donation information, refer to the letter you recently received in the mail, but don’t throw it away. The American Legion needs you.

## Department Convention schedule set

103<sup>rd</sup>  
limited

This year’s 103<sup>rd</sup> Department Convention is set for July, 14-16 in Ocean City, MD. This year, we will have a limited, no frills schedule that consists primarily of business sessions, award presentations, and elections of [Department](#) officers for 2021-22. Most of the Convention will be streamed live online including the Post Everlasting Ceremony, but no participation will occur remotely. Viewing the events only online.

While there will be no [Legion College](#), the files from the 2019 classes have valuable information and are available on the [Department’s website](#). Better still, check out the [Department Training Resources and Course Videos](#). Legionnaires can learn more about post administration and leadership, finance and insurance, and the positions of chaplain, judge advocate, and service officer. For more information on the Convention, see the [Free State Warrior](#).



After decades of dedicated service to the community and veterans, the Baltimore District Council concluded our last meeting before merging with the new North Central Region.



The ladies of Federal Unit #19 show out for a Black-Eyed Susan Gathering at the Post to celebrate the Preakness.



Federal Unit #19 family members Marian Tisdale, Darlene Williams, and program chair Cheryl Crawford participate in the recent ALA Lupus Awareness Day program.



## Bulletin for Auxiliary Unit #19

### Unit #19 sponsors a Fourth of July Holiday Raffle

[Federal Unit #19](#) is sponsoring a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday Raffle. First prize is a Bushel of Crabs; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a Grilling Utensil Set and Bluetooth Sound Box; and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a Case of Beer. The drawing will be held Sunday, July 4 at the Post. Donations are \$1.00, and winners need not be present to win. For tickets, see [Unit #19](#) President Gina Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Tangi Turner, or any [Unit #19](#) member.

### Federal Unit #19 collecting puzzle and word search books for VA

Members of [Federal Unit #19](#) are again collecting crossword puzzles and word search books for veterans at the VA. Many of our veterans at the VA don’t have access to computers or smart phones or are not computer savvy, but word search books and crossword puzzle books are perfect ways to help keep their minds sharp.



The more complex the book, the better. The dollar store is a perfect place to find the books, and you can drop them off at the Post. Look for the box marked word search. For more

info, contact ALA member Pat Dorsey.

**Service Not Self  
We're All Legion**



**A Word from the Sons**

**Squadron #19 elects slate of officers for 2021-22**

At their May General Meeting, [Federal Squadron #19](#) elected a full slate of Squadron officers for 2021-22. Those officers include William Pinder, Commander; Dwayne Washington, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice; Andre Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice; Alonzo Ramsey, Judge Advocate; George Wright, Finance Officer; Rufus Williams, Historian; and Kevin Hall, Sgt-at-Arms. Aaron Robinson will continue as Adjutant and Calvin as Chaplain. Commander Pinder thanked the Squadron for having his back and giving him support. He noted that he still had much to learn as Commander but hoped everyone could learn together.



**SAL Detachment of Maryland hosts 48th Annual Convention; 13<sup>th</sup> for Jr. SAL**

On June 18-20, 2021, the [SAL Detachment of Maryland](#) will hold their 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention at the Delta Hotels Marriott Baltimore Hunt Valley, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031 ([map](#)). The Convention kicks off at 8:00 am on Friday, June 18 with the 35<sup>th</sup> Robert "Hoss" Neal Golf Tournament at the Fox Hollow Golf Course in

Timonium, MD. Squadron registration is at the hotel at 5:30-7:00 pm. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Harmison-Whitney Bowling Classic will take place using the Wii Sports gaming system and will be held at the hotel. There is no fee and tentative starting time is Saturday, June 19 at 3:00 pm. For a full listing of Convention events follow this link: [Convention Agenda](#).

**VA Corner**

**VA expands COVID-19 vaccinations**

On March 24, 2021, the President signed the SAVE Lives Act. The law expands VA's authority to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to more Veterans and some spouses and caregivers of Veterans.

The VA Maryland Health Care System still has a limited amount of the COVID-19 vaccine. They are working to determine how quickly they can obtain additional supplies so they can begin to offer the vaccine to the other groups, but they are not ready to begin these vaccinations at this time.

Veterans and their spouses/caregivers are encouraged to "Sign Up and Stay Informed" to receive regular updates about the COVID-19 vaccine at VA by visiting: [www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay-informed](http://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay-informed).

**Post Notes**

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

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

Please remember to clean your own areas at the Post. Personal

responsibility and discipline will help keep all of us safe.



We have 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shot glasses on sale. \$3 each and 3 for \$10 (It's a fundraiser!)

*The Scoop* salutes ...

All the members of the Post #19 family whose donations and **volunteer** work helped us to redo the backyard. It looks fantastic!

Comrade Adrian Barbour who kept appearing (like magic) just when we needed him the most;

Unit #19 member Cheryl Crawford for chairing the Lupus Awareness Day Program;

[Jack Cross R. Memorial Post #233](#) for being number one in the Department in membership;

The [Free State Warrior](#) for honoring historically black Posts in the Spring 2021 edition.

**Sick Call**

- Louis Hardy**
- Freda Holley**
- Jimmy Johnson**
- Marlin Johnson**
- Verlon Mills**
- Emmett Pope**
- Warren Scott**
- Lincoln Stokes**
- Abby Wilson**

**Post Everlasting**



**James Elliott**