



The Legion Scoop

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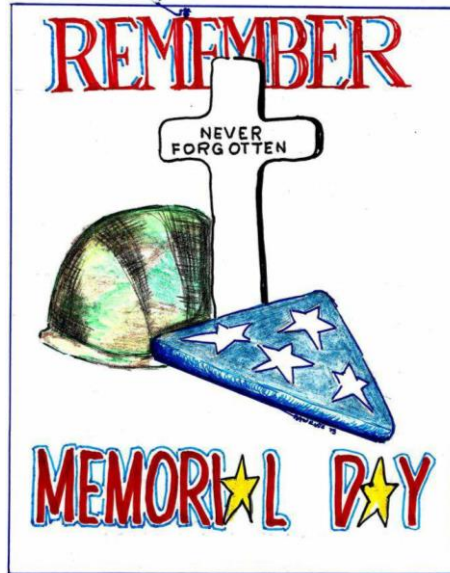
Post #19 Memorial Day Ceremony set; May is Military Appreciation Month

On Monday, May 27, the Federal Post #19 family will host our annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Cookout. Memorial Day is a day for remembering the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Memorial Day started as events to honor Union soldiers who had died during the American Civil War and was inspired by the way African Americans honored their dead.

We will also remember and honor members of the [Post #19](#) family who have transferred to **Post Everlasting:** William "Bill" Brooks, Greta Brown, Verlon Mills, and Archie Wannamaker; **Unit Everlasting:** Vivian Kee; **Squadron Everlasting:** Jimmy Burton and Dwayne Washington.

After the ceremony, everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy the food, music, and camaraderie. The cookout menu includes ribs, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, green beans, corn on the cob, and coleslaw. Donation for food is \$8.00.

Memorial Day culminates [National Military Appreciation Month](#), celebrated every May to honor both past and current members of the Armed Forces. The month includes several national and patriotic holidays. Wednesday, May 1 is [Silver Star Service Banner Day](#), set aside by Congress to honor wounded, ill, and injured veterans. Wednesday, May 1 is also [Loyalty Day](#), set aside for American to reaffirm our loyalty to



nation and reflect on our heritage of our American freedom. May 2-8 is [Public Service Recognition Week](#), which reminds us of the contributions of government workers.



Wednesday, May 8 marks the 79th anniversary of [Victory in Europe \(VE\) Day](#). The American Legion always celebrates family, and Friday, May 10 is [Military Spouse Appreciation Day](#). Saturday, May 18 is [Armed Forces Day](#) to honor military service. Finally, Friday, May 24 is [National Poppy Day](#) to remind us of the sacrifices of our veterans.

The Scoop would like to salute the many **volunteers** and donors who serve our veterans and our community. This Memorial Day as

**General Meeting
Sunday, May 5
4 pm at the Post**

always, we will rise to the occasion and honor past and current members of the military and their families. Never Forgotten.

Post elections scheduled for Sunday, June 2

This year, elections for 2024-2025 will be held on Sunday, June 2 at 4:00 p.m. at the Post. **All members** must have a current 2024 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 Margaret Conaway prior to the elections.

Post 19's 94th Anniversary Week and Open House ends with Birthday Cookout

This year, we are celebrating our 94th Anniversary Week and Open House from Sunday, June 2 through Sunday, June 9, and hope you all will make an effort to come to Post, join in the festivities, and help greet our guests. We will end the week with an Anniversary Cookout and Toast, free to all to show our appreciation.

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 6:30-8:30 pm.

- **Sun, June 2:** Church Service, 10 am; New Metropolitan Baptist Church: Post Family.
- **Sun, June 2:** “Sunday, Fun Day”: Social Clubs.
- **Mon, June 3:** “Oldies but Goodies”: Masons.
- **Tue, June 4:** “Serve A Vet”: Veteran Organizations; All vets.
- **Wed, June 5** “Ladies’ Night”: Elks and Daughters.
- **Thu, June 6:** “Karaoke Party”: Gladiators, Arch Social Club, Apollo, Vulcan Blazers.
- **Fri, June 7:** “Friday Happy Hour”: After Work Jam.
- **Sat, June 8:** “Armed Forces Salute”: Veterans.
- **Sun, June 9:** Birthday Cookout and Toast: All invited.

NCR District Memorial Day Service: 10:45 am, Thursday, May 30, 2024; Baltimore National Veterans Cemetery 5501 Frederick Ave. Catonsville, MD 21228 ([map](#))

Pick a poppy for a loved one; put it on our Memorial Day wreath

As part of our Memorial Day Ceremony, we ask that members and friends pick a poppy for a loved one



who has passed away and place the poppy on our Memorial Day Wreath. When we have our dignified flag disposal

ceremony, we will dispose of the wreath in the ashes of the American flags.

The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. Wear a poppy to honor those who have worn our nation's uniform.

All donations received will be used by The American Legion Family for their programs that support veterans, the military community, and their families.



Whose corner?

Federal Post #19 increases dues for 2025; Senior Vice Heredia encourages new 3-year option

Last February, members of Federal Post #19 raised our dues to \$45 for 2025. The increase was made necessary because National voted to increase dues by \$5 per year starting July 1, 2024. Also, Department will vote on a dues increase that would also take effect on January 1, 2025.

Meanwhile in December, The American Legion announced a new pilot program that gives members an option to pay three years’ worth of dues in advance.

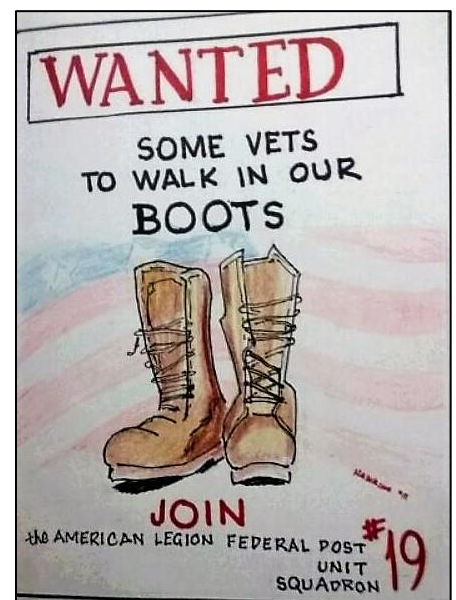


Acknowledging this year success in membership, Senior Vice Commander David Heredia “encourages our members to ‘Lock in a three-year membership.’” “The multiyear membership option,” says Heredia, “saves members from

receiving renewal notices every year, and it’s another great benefit to being an American Legion member.”

This new option can assist members in avoiding dues increases during those three years. The new multi-year program means members can put off the dues increases until 2027 or even 2028 for some members. But members must act before July 1, 2024.

The multi-year program is only available to individuals who go online. Don’t let that discourage you. **You can come to the Post, and we will assist you in paying your dues online.**



Federal Post #19
is Collecting Personal Care Products and New and Gently Used Clothing for McVet and our MD VA Hospitals

Please Bring All Items to Post #19
1502 Madison Avenue
by May 15

Monetary Donations Accepted
 Please Contact
3rd Vice Harriette Gross
 for more info 443-462-7017

Join to Serve



Bulletin for Auxiliary Unit #19


Federal Unit #19 launches new membership drive with incentives

Federal Unit #19 1st Vice President Shelleyarlene Scott recently announced a new membership drive to conclude June 9. Incentives for recruiting new members or for encouraging reinstatement of previous Unit members are (1) \$40 for the first member with most applicants recruited or reinstated during the membership drive period; (2) \$25 for the second member; and (3) \$15 for the third member. There will be additional random prizes for participation.

All applicants must meet the requirements and have all necessary documentation/paperwork. Here are some of the things to remember when accepting applications for consideration. A woman who is eligible for American Legion membership is eligible to join the Auxiliary regardless of whether she is a member of the Legion. However, eligibility for her female relatives (sister, mother, direct descendants) and/or spouse depends on her membership in the American Legion.

Eligibility for membership is also limited to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, male or female spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of the descendants of members of the American Legion or descendants of all men and women who served on active duty in the Armed Forces and **died** in the line of duty or after honorable discharge. For more info Contact 1st Vice Shelley Scott.

The William S. Baer School
Sweatpants Drive
Sponsored by the Community Service Committee
American Legion Auxiliary Federal Unit 19



During the month of May, we will be collecting sweatpants for the Baer School students. The colors needed are black & navy blue.

The dates to drop off donations will be:
Sunday, May 19, 2024 from 3pm - 7pm
Thursday, May 30, 2024 from 6pm - 8pm

Drop off location:
The American Legion Federal Post 19
1502 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21217

<monetary donations are welcomed>

Community Service Committee, Chairperson, Tangi Turner
Co-chairperson, Shelley Scott, 1st Vice
ALA Federal Unit 19 President, Lasharan Wallace

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



Unit #19 member Pat Dorsey and Squadron #19 Past Commander Charles "Petey" Dorsey recently delivered more than 200 word find books, thank you cards, pens, and pencils to the VA Hospital in downtown Baltimore.

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.

American Legion Auxiliary
Federal Unit # 19
presents our annual
Breakfast Show



May 25, 2024
@ Federal Post 19
1502 W. Madison Ave
Baltimore, Maryland 21217
9am-12:30pm

\$15.00 Donation for EACH breakfast
Menu includes eggs, bacon, sausage (pork and turkey), home fries, coffee and much more!

For tickets and more information, please contact:
Chairperson: Cheryl Crawford
Committee: ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS
ALA President Lasharan Wallace

DJ John * 50/50 Raffle * Door Prizes

Tickets now available for Unit#19 August Crab Feast

On Saturday, August 3, [Federal Unit #19](#) will present their first Annual Crab Feast at Columbus Gardens, [3201 Klosterman Avenue,](#)



21236. They will have all you can eat crabs, a buffet, soda, and beer. There will also be door prizes, vendors, and a 50/50 raffle. DJ Scottie B will provide the music. Tickets are \$80. See Chairperson Germaine Chappell for more info and any Auxiliary member for tickets.

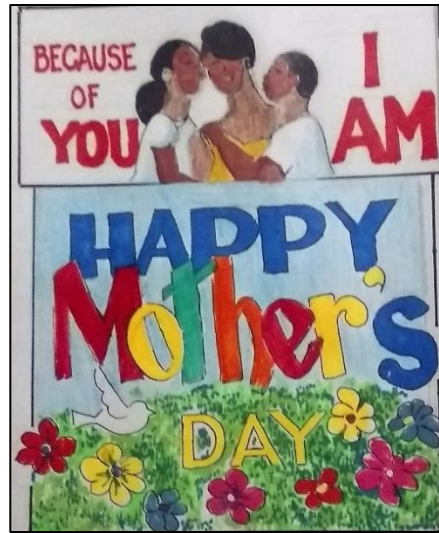


A Word from the Sons

Squadron #19 elects slate of officers for 2024-25

At their May General Meeting, [Federal Squadron #19](#) elected a full slate of Squadron officers for 2024-25. Those officers include Irvin Johnson, Commander; Lewis Matthews, 1st Vice; William Pinder, 2nd Vice; Alonzo Ramsey, Judge Advocate; George Wright, Finance Officer; Enrico Williams, Historian; and Darnell Gordon, Sgt-at-Arms.

The Adjutant and Chaplain will be appointed by the incoming Commander. Delegates for their upcoming [Detachment Convention](#), June 21-23, Hilton Garden Inn, Whitmarsh, are Roscoe Holley, Darnell Gordon, William Pinder, and Aaron Robinson.



assault or harassment, struggled with their mental or physical health, or faced other challenges while serving in the military.

The VA cannot change the status of discharges but encourages former service members with other than honorable discharges and bad conduct discharges (adjudged at special court-martial) to [apply](#) for VA care and benefits today.

VA Corner

VA expands access to other than honorable discharges

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently posted a final rule amending its regulations regarding character of discharge determinations, expanding access to VA care and benefits for some former service members discharged under other than honorable conditions or by special court-martial.

When former service members with other than honorable discharges and bad conduct discharges (adjudged at special court-martial) apply for VA benefits and services, we carefully review their records to determine if we can provide them the requested care and benefits. This process helps ensure that VA can provide services to deserving former service members – including certain individuals who faced discrimination, survived sexual

Post Notes

Take the online [Basic Training Course](#) on the [National](#) website. It's still not a bad idea to look at the [2024 Officer's Guide](#) available on National's 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.

Our house for the Department Convention is at [807 Penguin Dr, Ocean City, MD 21842](#)

We are taking orders for Post, Auxiliary, and Squadron #19 custom jackets with unit and name. Prices range from \$60-\$125 depending on size and preferences. Crossover bags are also available.

The Scoop salutes ...

Virly "Pat" Moore, La'Sharan Wallace, and Betty Bonds for hosting an awesome Western Disco;

all the outgoing officers of Squadron #19 for an outstanding year.



Our Comrades and Friends

Elk's Mothers' Day Cocktail Sip, Sun, May 12, 4-8 pm at Monumental, \$15.

DEC Meeting, Sun, May 19, 1 pm, Sykesville Post 233, [7327 Slacks Rd, Sykesville, 21784](#)

NCR Region/District Caucus, Sun, Jun 30, 1 pm, Rosedale Post #180, [1331 Seling Av, 21237](#)

Sick Call

**Tommy Alderman
Linda Bryant
Louis Hardy
Freda Holley
Winfred Jackson
Emmet Pope
Claude Scott
Bill Williams**



Squadron Everlasting

Dwayne Washington