



# The Legion Scoop

Newsletter for the American Legion Federal Post #19  
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## Commander's Call

What do The Color Guard, George Wright, Yvonne and Rick Oliver, Donna Simpson, Janice Duckett, Helena Baxter, Shirelle Steele, Pat and Petey Dorsey, Sharta Matthews, Jesse Johnson, Charles Taylaor, LeCount Grace, Larry Little, April Minniefield, Reggie Baker, Willie Christian, Diane Jones, Dwayne Washington, Joe Harden, Teresa Beauchamp, Henry Ferguson, Kermit Brown, and Warren Scott all have in common? Their donations paid for more than half the cost to get the new concrete for the backyard.



Add Greg Shaw, Kendall Cooper, and Larry Little who donated the new grill; Dwayne Washington, Betty Bonds, Tangi Turner, Ci-Ci Rose, Zelda Brown, Jean Robinson-McCauley who donated the tents, furniture, and decorations; and TJ Douglas, Joshua Bonds, and Larry Little who volunteered to paint and what do you have? A wonderful, new backyard and a whole lot of love for [Federal Post #19](#).

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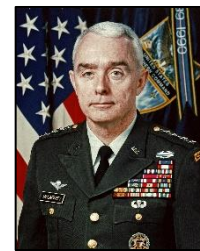
## Post #19 to visit Arlington, The Wall, and other Memorial Sites in DC for Veterans Day

On Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11, [Post #19](#) is hosting a bus trip to visit the memorial sites in Washington D.C. Those sites include [Arlington National Cemetery](#), the [World War II Memorial](#), the [Korean War Memorial](#), the [Vietnam War Memorial](#) (The Wall), the [Vietnam Women's Memorial](#), the [Women in the Military Memorial at Arlington](#), and the [MLK, Jr. Memorial](#).

We have seats reserved for the [Veterans Day Observance at the Wall](#) from 1:00-2:00 pm. The keynote speaker is Barry McCaffrey who served in the United States Army for 32 years. When he retired in 1996, he was the most decorated General serving in the United States Army, having been awarded three Purple Heart Medals for wounds received in combat, two Distinguished Service

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Sat, October 30, 4 pm  
at the Post**

Crosses (the nation's second highest award for valor), and two Silver Stars for valor.



He served overseas for more than twelve years, including four combat tours with the 82nd Airborne Division, the Vietnamese Airborne Division, the 1st Cavalry Division, and the 24th Mech Infantry Division.

After the ceremony, we will visit Cook-Pinkney Post #141 in Annapolis for food, drink, and camaraderie. Buses leave [Post #19](#) at 7 am sharp. Donations are \$50, and for more info, contact 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Betty Bonds.

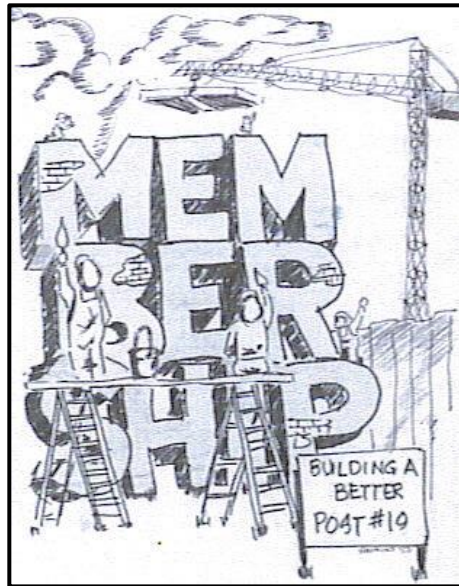
## Department leadership stress leadership and membership in fall issue of the Warrior

In the Fall 2021 issue of the [Free State Warrior](#), [Department Commander Will Trotter](#) notes that the Department of Maryland has entered a "New Era" with the reorganization completed. He is "duly impressed" with how the reorganization came together and how everyone made it happen." He encourages leadership to make sure that the Posts in the new Regions and Districts are welcomed and encouraged to get involved.

Indeed, Trotter asserts that “One of the highest of leadership duties is the duty of encouragement!” “It is easy to discourage others and say nobody cares or it makes no difference,” he notes. “The world is full of discouragers. We have a duty to encourage one another! Many a time a word of praise or thanks or appreciation or cheer has kept someone on their feet. Blessed is he who speaks such a word.”

Senior Vice Commander Ron Holcombe stresses membership and encouraged everyone to “Be mindful that it’s going to take all of us to sell the American Legion 4 Pillars.” He explains that veterans are everywhere—places of religious worship, schools, places of employment, community organizations, and so forth. He noted that Comrades should have “American Legion Toolbox” somewhere nearby that contains a WHY YOU SHOULD BELONG pamphlet that explains what the Legion stands for. He urges “all of us to become salespersons of The American Legion to promote the programs and recruit for new members.” Every new member extends the life of The American Legion and what we do for veterans.

Department Adjutant Russell Myers notes the recent, often valid criticism that we all are not doing enough in terms of recruiting. Our traditional efforts at recruiting through Posts are at all-time lows. He also explains that “Veterans Communities exist throughout our State. The local National Guard unit, the active-duty bases, JROTC and ROTC units, and assisted living complexes are just some of the places where large groups of Veterans work and live every day. He encourages Posts to build relationships with these communities because the “efforts made in building these relationships have a lasting effect and increase membership in those Posts that make this a priority.”



### Northern Central Region to conduct Post Revitalization effort on October 15 and 16

On Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16, Northern Central Region (NCR) and District 4, will conduct a Post Development and Revitalization effort at Northeastern Post #285, 2324 McElderry St. Baltimore, MD from 9 am-4 pm each day. Representatives from National will be on site to lend a hand, and NCR Commander Dave Heredia is looking for volunteers who can help in this endeavor.

The Revitalization program is a part of the Legion’s 5-year plan to increase membership by reaching out to veterans within the community. The program is also designed to reverse the trends of losing DMS (Direct Mail Solicitation) and Holding Post #297 member and to transfer them into local Posts. The NCR is working on new membership incentives, and Cmdr. Heredia notes that “We are joining forces with the NCD Auxiliary and NCR SAL to recruit as a Legion family.”

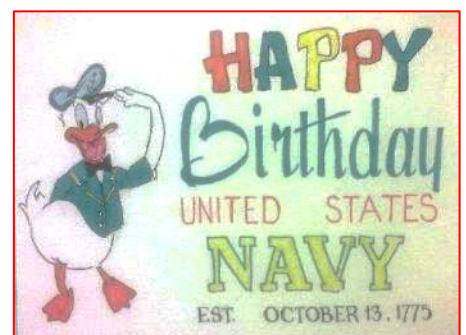
**Join to Serve**



Comrades salute during the dignified disposal of unserviceable flags ceremony held on 9/11. The ceremony also offered a moment of silence for all the victims of the terrible 9/11 tragedy.



Fedoras, marshmallows, fire pit, food, drink, fun, and camaraderie—a fantastic Wine and Cheese Social!



## Halloween Fun Night at the Post scheduled for October 30-31

Calling all ghosts, warlocks, witches, vampires, devils, princesses, princes, scarecrows, cats, bats, or whoever you are to please join us for a Halloween Fun Night at the Post on Saturday, October 30 at 7 pm. We'll have a best costume contest, lots of sweet treats, and it "Don't Cost You Nothing"



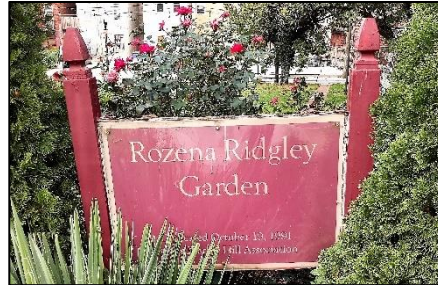
## Members of Historic Marble Hill Community Association visit the Post

At the October General Membership meeting, Brenda Allison and Marian Blackwell of the [Historic Marble Hill Community Association](#) visited the Post to discuss community engagement among other issues. Ms. Blackwell explained a brief history the Association, which began in 1982 as an effort to save black communities that were a part of the [Upton Planning Committee](#). She noted that many homes are gone, and the neighborhood suffers from vacant houses and crime.

Still, Blackwell and Allison were hopeful and excited. Blackwell noted that throughout the years, "an astonishing amount of talent" in all fields has come from our neighborhood, and we've maintained a stable community that gives support to individuals. With a focus on historic preservation, she noted that the neighborhood was more than buildings—it was people. She talked about "re-gentrification," more people from the neighborhood coming back and buying homes. "Young folks coming back!"

Blackwell explained that among other projects, the Association is promoting the value of open spaces

like the Rozena Ridgley Park, which is directly across the alley from the Post, practically an extension of our backyard. The Association wants to make the Park a gathering space for community engagement, "down home talkin.'" The Association recently gave an impressive jazz event in the Park.



First Vice Reggie Baker is our liaison with the Association, and the Post has donated to the Park and encourages others to do so as well. [Federal Post #19](#) is a historic building, but the Post is also a people with long traditions of service to veterans and the community. Still, with the help of the Association, we intend to engage more with our Marble Hill community and have greater input into what happens in our neighborhood.



## Bulletin for Auxiliary Unit #19

### Unit #19 to give pendants to cancer survivors

As a part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, [Federal Unit #19](#) will give pendants and jewelry boxes to all cancer survivors and pendants to members. This year's "[Making Strides Against Breast Cancer](#)" is an in-person walk that is scheduled for



Sunday, October 24 at 8 am. The American Cancer Society uses funds from the Walk to help with future breast cancer research and programs.

## Unit #19 hosts Trunk or Treat for neighborhood children

On Halloween, Saturday, October 31, members of the [Federal Unit #19](#) will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat for Children." The event will be held at Madison Av and Mosher St across from the Post from 4 pm until the candy runs out. The event will provide less walking for little kids, a safer environment for Halloween, and fun for everyone! If you want to turn the trunk of your car into a spookfest or if you would like to make a donation, contact [Unit #19](#) President Lasharan Wallace.



## Officers of Unit #19 engage community at the Roberta House



Recently, [Unit #19](#) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Tangi Turner and President Lasharan Wallace visited the Roberta's House, A Grief Support Center at 928 E. North Avenue (formerly the Poets Club and before that the original home March Funeral Home).

Named after March Funeral Home founder Julia Roberta March, Roberta's House is a safe place where children, teens, and adults discover that they are not alone in their grief. Children with their families share their feelings, memories and experiences in an atmosphere of acceptance with the love and support of trained volunteers.

## Unit #19 offers early bird membership dinner

At the next ALA meeting on Sunday, October 10, 4 pm, Federal [Unit #19](#) have five new applicants for initiation, and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Shelley Scott wants all members to “Please come out and help welcome our new members.”

Scott also reminds members that “we are rewarding all members whose dues are paid my October 12<sup>th</sup> with a luncheon. The date of the luncheon will be given at a future date. I will be



sprinkling some early membership dues payees with random gifts up until October 12<sup>th</sup>. This includes all dues payments received by 10/12/21. Your dues can be paid directly to me, online, or by calling ALA headquarters. If you pay online, please keep the copy of your confirmation email.”

The PUFL application form will be available at the next ALA meeting for anyone who is interested in paying up for life. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Scott.



## A Word from the Sons

### Squadron #19 highlights three way to get new membership card

SAL membership is now due, and Squadron #19 highlights three ways to get your new card:

\*Contact Finance Officer George Wright 443-675-8594 or Adjutant Aaron Robinson 443-226-3439, and they will set up a time and place to meet and get your card.

\* Fill out one of the membership envelopes at the Post, put your dues in

it, seal and drop it in the Sons’ mailbox on the wall. You will receive your card by mail to the address we have on file. Note: If you have not received any mail from the Sons of The American Legion, we probably do not have your correct address.

\*The simplest way is come to your Squadron meeting, the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4pm at the Post. Please not the because of the Bull Roast, October’s SAL meeting will be on Saturday, October 16 at 4 pm at the Post.

## Squadron #19 sets agenda for 2021

[Federal Squadron #19](#) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Andre Clark has set an ambitious agenda for 2020-21 that has some familiar events mixed with some new.



Although still tentative, the Sons are planning the Annual Cabaret Dance on January 8, a President’s Day Raffle on February 21, the Annual Breakfast Show on March 12, a Mother’s Day Raffle on May 7, and a bus trip at a time to be announced.

Clark also wants the Sons to consider a community service project for homeless veterans, gift packages for veterans at the VA Hospital, adopting a family for the Christmas holidays, working with the local health department to set up an immunization day for children, and baking and delivering cookies to homebound and homeless veterans. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Clark will need the help of the entire [Federal Post #19](#) family to help make his agenda successful.

### Post Notes

Follow this link to see a [Five-Minute History of Federal Post #19](#) on YouTube.

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.

Christmas Building Fund Raffle tickets are now available. See any member of the Federal Post #19 family for tickets. \$500 first price; \$300 second; \$100 third; donations \$1.

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

*The Scoop* salutes ...

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Betty Bonds and her entire team, and the donors and volunteers who created a fantastic ambiance and successful Wine and Cheese Social;

[Unit #19](#) cancer survivors Wanda Stewart, Margaret Harvey, Danean Cameron, Darnetta Simpson, Danette Green, Gloria Cephas, and Shelleyarlene Scott.

### Sick Call

Willie Christian  
Louis Hardy  
Freda Holley  
Jimmy Johnson  
Kim McCoy  
Verlon Mills  
Emmett Pope  
Claude Scott  
Warren Scott  
Lincoln Stokes

### Post Everlasting



Willie Thomas