

# American Legion Post 39

## Bel Air, MD

April-June  
2007

410-838-2603  
<http://alpost39.tripod.com>



### Commanders Message:

Well, the cold months of winter have finally passed and those warm months are right in sight. I hope that everyone made it through the winter with good health.

Post 39 is doing a great job with our membership. Once again, we are back to a "4 Star" Post. We still have some renewals out there, so please send them in with your dues. Please remember that your dues help keep our programs and this post moving forward.

We also have replaced our front doors and key card system. If you stop in, we will set you up with your new key card. We also have a new jukebox, so stop in and hear some great music. I would like to remind everyone that Board and Post Elections are coming in April and May. So come on our and vote for you candidates.

Also, as we enter into Spring, our nation continues to be involved in conflict overseas. Please keep our military in your prayers and as always, let our POW/MIA's never be forgotten.

For God and Country,

Russ Getz

**NOTICE TO ALL POST MEMBERS: The Constitution and Bylaw committee will be presenting changes to the Constitution and Bylaws at the April meeting. There will be a "vote" at the May meeting on the proposed changes.**

**Post Adjutants Report – Charles Brazezicki:**

Harford Post #39 brought their membership back to Four Star, thanks to our Membership Chairman and Commander Getz for making the phone calls.

Board of directors will be elected April 11th, Nominations of Post Officers - April 11th and May 9th will be elections. Installation will be Saturday, June 2nd at 7pm.

All members are invited to attend our monthly visits to Perry Point Medical, we leave the Post at 6:30pm. Any member interested in being a delegate at the Department Convention, leave your name at the Post. The Legion year is coming to a close, thanks to all members for another fine year.

**From the Service Officer - Wally Mueller:**

The ice is gone but Spring is in the wings, so be careful, but if you need a crutch, cane or wheelchair the Post has a supply available for you to borrow. Call the Post at 410-838-2603 and leave your info and the Service Officer will get back to you. Have a great Spring!.

On another note, while we support our fellow veterans there is an outfit operating in Pennsylvania, sitting in front of Wal-Marts and in shopping centers with gallon jars and flags sticking out of them. They call themselves the "Disabled Veterans of America". They are collecting cash to feed Veterans deployed Veterans families. HOWEVER, they are not a PA registered charity group of Veterans organization. BE AWARE.

The Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs and the Harford County Public Schools are accepting donations for a memorial "Dedicated to Former Harford County Public School Students Who Gave The Ultimate Sacrifice for Our Country. If you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to: Harford County Veterans Commission c/o Office of the County Executive, 220 S. Main St., Bel Air, MD 21014.

**Auxiliary President Vera DeFlavis Message:**

Our February Unit meeting and our February and March District meetings were cancelled due to the weather. Congratulations to the Post and SAL for winning the Golden Crab at the Membership Rally. Harford Unit 39 came in second place. We are still sending articles to our troops, the box is in the bar, thanks to all who have participated in this project. Thanks to all who have renewed their membership, we are now over 97% of our goal. Please pay your 2007 dues. We are accepting 2008 dues. National will be sending dues notices in July for 2008 dues for \$15.00. If you renew your dues before June 30th you make take a \$2 early bird discount and pay \$13. Any questions, call Elma Rinehart at 410-838-4887. Our April 11th meeting will be nominations for 2007-2008 Officers, please try to attend this very important meeting. Our next District meeting will be April 5th at Edgewood 17, the District dinner and awards will be on May3rd at Parkville 183, cost is \$8. Please call me or Betty Cooper if you plan on attending. For a fun Monday night, come out to the Post for BINGO. Food is available by Harford Unit 39 Ladies. Come out on the 3rd Sunday for breakfast with SAL Commander Jim Lawson, Jr and his cooks.

Remember our Troops and POW's.

For God and Country,  
Vera DeFlavis, President 410-879-0896  
Melodie Renninger, Events Coordinator  
410-612-1061

**From Joy Raines, Manager:**

We are having some great times here in the Canteen. Thursday lunches are still going strong, as well as the Friday night dinners. Our Karaoke singers are packing the place too. Shrimp night is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. 21-25 count for \$3.50 per half pound. You just can't beat that!. A third Legion Crawl is in the works for April, sign up soon because it fills up quickly. Check out the Canteen website for more info regarding all the happenings:

**[www.freewebs.com/harfordpost39](http://www.freewebs.com/harfordpost39)**

Taking reservations for Flea Market tables, May 19th call me at the Post 410-838-2603

### **From the Chaplain – Chas Slimowicz:**

Spring is when things renew and come back to life. Prayer is like the spring season; it provides an opportunity to renew our human and spiritual life. Enjoy the coming beautiful days of spring filled with days of sunshine, budding trees and plants, and life.

#### **SPRING PRAYER**

For flowers that bloom about our feet,  
For tender grass, so fresh and sweet,  
For song of bird, and hum of bee,  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in Heaven, we thank thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky,  
For pleasant shade of branches high,  
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

### **Message from the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the After Super Bowl fundraiser for the Scholarship fund. Your contributions made it possible to donate \$500.00 to the Scholarship fund. Thanks!

Looking for persons or descendants or persons who worked at/stationed at the **PINEY POINT TORPEDO TESTING RANGE** in Piney Point, MD between 1940 & 1954 and the **SOLOMONS AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING BASE** in Solomons, MD between 1942 & 1944 for interviews about daily activities for help with a site history. Please contact Amy Gethmann, EA Engineering at 410-771-4950 or [agehmann@eaest.com](mailto:agehmann@eaest.com).

**ATTENTION: DO YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS? Comments, Suggestions, have the newsletter e-mailed to you. Please e-mail the Post Newsletter at: [Post39Newsletter@msn.com](mailto:Post39Newsletter@msn.com)**

### **SAL Commander Message:**

Well, with winter just about behind us, it's time to look ahead to our spring events. On April 14th our 3rd annual Children and Youth Safety Expo will take place from 10 am to 2pm. Bring the kids, grandchildren nieces and nephews to see and hear many interesting demonstrations. On April 21th, from 2pm to 5pm will be our membership rally. All members and potential members that you know and want to sign up are welcome. Food, Beer and Sodas will be provided. On May 5th from 5pm to 9pm will be our Spring Food Feast, tickets are on sale. On the 3rd Sunday of the month is a wonderful breakfast open to all. We are still taking orders for the Commemorative Memorial Brick Program. This is a wonderful way to honor our loved ones. Please plan on attending our next meeting on April 12th, as we will be voting on our constitution and by-laws. Also, nominations will take place for next years board members. We need all members to take an active role in our squadron and volunteer to assist us in Squadron #39's rise to the top. We were recently honored with the Golden Crab Award for most new members signed Congratulations to all!. In case of sickness or distress please notify any board member.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY  
Jim Lawson

## **SPRING DANCE**

Saturday April 28, 2007 8PM til Midnight

American Legion Post 39 Hall  
500 Hickory Avenue Bel Air, MD

DJ, Dancing, Munchies, Beer & Soda Included

Big 6 Wheel, Silent Auction, Door Prizes

Cash Bar Available, 21 and over Please  
\$10.00 per Ticket

Proceeds to American Legion  
Auxiliary Scholarship Fund

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 3rd - 7pm Board Meeting  
April 11 - 8pm Post & Auxiliary Meeting  
April 12th - 7pm SAL Meeting  
April 14th - 9am Children & Youth Safety Expo  
April 15th - 8:30am Breakfast  
April 21st - 2pm SAL Membership Rally  
April 28th - 8pm Spring Dance  
May 5th - 5pm SAL Spring Food Feast  
May 1st - 7pm Board Meeting  
May 9th - 8pm Post & Auxiliary Meeting  
May 10th - 7pm SAL Meeting  
May 19th - Flea Market  
May 20th - 8:30am Breakfast  
June 2nd - 7pm Installation  
June 5th - 7pm Board Meeting  
June 13th - 8pm Post & Auxiliary Meeting  
June 14th - SAL Meeting  
June 17th - 8:30am Breakfast  
Shrimp Nights - 5pm April 4th & 18th, May 2nd & 16th, June 6th & 20th  
BINGO - Every Monday until June 11th (except May 28th)

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### POST OFFICERS 2006-2007

**COMMANDER: RUSS GETZ**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE COMMANDER: PAUL CHRIST**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE COMMANDER: CAROL BAKER**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> VICE COMMANDER: TOM KNIGHT**  
**ADJUTANT: CHARLES BRAZEZICKI**  
**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: KEVIN BANNIGAN**  
**CHAPLAIN: CHAS SLIMOWICZ**  
**JUDGE ADVOCATE: DICK GEBHARD**  
**SERVICE OFFICER: WALLY MUELLER**  
**FINANCE OFFICER: CHARLES BRAZEZICKI**  
**ASST FINANCE OFFICER: BILL O'HERN**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2006-2007

**(ACTING) PRESIDENT: BILL O'HERN**  
**VICE PRESIDENT: BILL O'HERN**  
**TREASURER: CHARLES BRAZEZICKI**  
**SECRETARY: BILL O'HERN**  
**STEWARD: RUSS GETZ**  
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