

# American Legion Post 39

## Bel Air, MD

July - Sept  
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### Commanders Message:

My first topic of this message is to thank Post 39 members for electing me Commander for a 4<sup>th</sup> term. I am proud to serve, as are the other Officers, to do our best to continue keeping the post going in the right direction. I would also like to thank the American Legion Auxiliary Post 39 and the SAL Squadron #39 for all their work and support and being an important part of Post 39. Don't forget the Convention July 10-12 in Ocean City. Come down and spend a day at the convention and visit our hospitality room at the Flamingo Hotel for refreshments. Keep in Mind we are having a Mini Shrimp Feast July 15<sup>th</sup> and our Crab Feast September 22, so mark your calendars and come out and enjoy the festivities while supporting your Post.

On the business side, In September, our Constitution and By-laws Committee will be presenting their recommendations to bring the Constitution and By-Laws up to date. In October we will be voting on the committees recommended changes. Copies of the current Constitution and By-laws are available at the post for review. After the September meeting additional copies of the current Constitution and By-laws with the recommended changes will be available to review at the Post.

Always keep those whose are serving our country in mind and never forget the POW/MIAs from all wars.

For God and Country,

Russ Getz

**Post Adjutants Report – Charles Brazezicki:**

Harford Post #39 just completed an outstanding year with the largest membership of 1084. An all time high and once again a Four Star Post. The 2008 dues notices are in the mail, so please be an early bird. Cutoff date for early bird is Sept 30th, early bird dinner will be November 11th..

All members are invited to attend our monthly visits to Perry Point Medical, we leave the Post at 6:30pm and return by 9pm. Spend some time with comrades, you are fortunate not to be a patient.

With Commander Russ Getz the Post is running smoothly, our Post manager Joy Raines deserves credit for the fine job she has done for the Post. Carol Baker will be chairman for the crab feast in September, tickets on sale at the Post bar.

**From Joy Raines, Manager:**

The second half of the year is upon us. July has many fun activities in store. A shrimp feast is scheduled for July 15th in the Canteen from 3pm-6pm. For \$25.00, you're sure to get your fill of steamed shrimp, pit beef, italian sausage, salads and cold beer or soda. Only 80 tickets will be sold, so get yours today! A membership rally/appreciation is planned for July 29th. It will be held in the upstairs hall and out back. Plenty of food, beverages and fun will be available for the entire family. Don't miss out. The horseshoe matches have begun. Check out the bulletin board for times. All are welcome. Bring a dish and throw some shoes. We will be continuing shrimp night (1st and 3rd Wed of the month) as long as popularity demands. A bus trip to the Washington DC monuments is in the works for September. Keep an eye on the canteen website for upcoming events:

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

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

Please have a safe summer but if you need a crutch, wheelchair or walker remember we have an ample supply on hand at the Post home. Just contact Wally 410-838-2603.

**Past Auxiliary President Vera DeFlavis Message:**

This is my last Newsletter as President of Harford Unit 39. I have enjoyed being President very much. As my two years comes to an end, I deeply thank the Unit, Post and SAL, for all the help they have given me during my terms of office.

For God and Country,  
Vera DeFlavis

**From the Auxiliary President - Linda Gorleski:**

Congratulations to our new Officers for 2007-2008

- 1st Vice - Betty Rigdon
- 2nd Vice - Eva Hynes
- Secretary - Jane Loagan
- Treasurer: Betty Cooper
- Chaplain - Marie Wimbley
- Historian - Joanne Hase
- Sgt At Arms - Vicki Hynes
- Exec Committee - Joan Wolff, Melodie Rennigner and Marguerite Purcell

The Auxiliary will be having a Spaghetti Dinner on August 5th from 6-8pm. Music following the dinner.

If you know of anyone who is sick or in the hospital please call Marie at 410-877-2950. Have a safe and happy summer. See you in September

For God and Country,  
Linda Gorleski  
410-893-2167

**From the Chaplain – Chas Slimowicz:**

Last week, I received an e-mail message with the title, One Minute Each Night. It is a true story that touches to the need of our lives in current times. Please read the message, try to pray each night, and pass it to friends and family.

**ONE MINUTE EACH NIGHT**

In WWII, there was an advisor to Prime Minister Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every night at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace. This had an amazing effect as bombing stopped. There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America.

If you would like to participate, each evening at 9:00 PM Eastern Time, stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens and for peace in the world. If you know anyone who would like to participate, please pass this along.

Someone said if people really understood the full extent of the power of prayer, we might be speechless. Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have. Sometimes in this crazy world of such big events, we feel powerless in having a positive effect. This speaks to the power in numbers, as well as the power in prayer.

Let's give it a try!

**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:**

With the SAL elections behind us, and the fiscal new year ahead, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jimmy Lawson for all his dedication and hard work as the SAL out-going SAL commander.

The SAL election of officers was held in May, and the results of the elections are as follows: Commander, Mike Adle; 1st Vice Commander, Jeff Little; 2nd Vice Commander, Wayne Renninger; Adjutant, Ted Taylor; Sergeant-At-Arms, Charlie Vaccarino; Chaplain, Bob Goldstein; Historian, Joe Price.

I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year for SAL Squadron 39.

If you have any ideas for fund raising activities, please feel free to present them to any of the squadron officers or at the squadron meetings.

The squadron meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, with the exception of July and August for which no meetings will be held.

The SAL breakfast has been a big hit, so they will continue on through out the summer, the breakfast is held on the third Sunday to the month from 8:30 to 11:00 am.

The Commemorative/Memorial brick drive is still in progress, and orders are still being accepted. Additional brick order forms are available at the Legion. Pit Beef sales will resume on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Your support of the squadron is greatly appreciated. Remember support of the squadron equates to support of your community and country.

For God and Country,

Mike Adle

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 3rd - 7pm Board Meeting  
July 15th - 8:30am - Breakfast  
July 15th - Mini Shrimp Feast  
July 20th - Officers Installation  
July 29th - 4pm - Membership Rally/Appreciation  
July 31st - 7pm Board Meeting  
August 5th - 6pm - Spaghetti Dinner  
August 19th - 8:30am -Breakfast  
Sept 4th - 7pm Board Meeting  
Sept 8th - Pit Beef is BACK!!  
Sept 10th - BINGO is Back!!  
Sept 12th - 8pm Post & Auxiliary Meeting  
Sept 13th - 7pm SAL Meeting  
Sept 16th - 8:30am - Breakfast  
Sept 22 - Crab Feast

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### POST OFFICERS

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**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE COMMANDER: PAUL CHRIST**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE COMMANDER: CAROL BAKER**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> VICE COMMANDER: RICH BAKE**  
**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**  
**HISTORIAN: MICHAEL NEVIN**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**PRESIDENT: BILL O'HERN**  
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