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APRIL 12 ~ 7 PM POST MEETING Mont Village Golf Club ~ Grill Room (around back, downstairs)

APRIL 21 ~ 5 PM 1st Annual Montgomery County Fundraiser AL Post 86 ~ See Advertisement Greetings Legion family,

I hope hope you enjoy our inaugural issue of DATELINE (ONLINE). Intended to be weekly email newsletter for Post 295. Instead of hitting you with emails everytime something comes up, we will send out 1 email at the end of the week summarizing the weeks events and alerting you of things to come.

DATELINE (ONLINE) will have links to the information important to our Legion Family here in Montgomery County and across the country where you can get more indepth information should you be interested.

You may wonder why there is emphasis on donations? Frankly, we cannot do all of our great work with the money we get from dues, it is just not enough.

Dues money would not even pay for a mailing to all of our Post members. Without a major fundraiser, we have survived through some small donations and the use of my credit card. This web site was fronted by my card and only half paid for at this point, so more sponsors are needed to pay for it.

Bob Quellette, Commander

Legistlative Action Needed

Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Job Postings

Thursday is Jobs for Maryland Veterans Day! When MDVA receives notices from employers who are interested in hiring veterans, these notices will be posted in a weekly Job Board email. Please do not contact MDVA regarding any of the listed opportunities. Employers should be contacted directly. These are the postings for March 29th.

Executive Assistants needed to fulfill vacancies at the Pentagon

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Jobs with Verizon

I.W.G. Protection Agency,

Inc. would like to create a pool of Qualified Veterans with which to draw from for employment with our company as security officers.

We still have an opportunity to get the State Lottery ~ Licenses ~ Veterans Organizations (Western Shore) which is essentially a video slot macine bill for Veteran Service Organizations passed this year.

This bill would enable our Post to rent or buy 5 Video Slot from the Maryland State Lottery and retain 60% of the proceeds for Post programs. Which could mean a Post home, scholarships and more Post programs in the community. The other 40% is to be donated in the community.

We need you in Annapolis on April 3rd by 1pm in support in the HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM. Senator Peters will be giving testimony on SB11 State Lottery ~ Licenses ~ Veterans Organizations (Western Shore). Come early and visit the office of your Delegate and urge them the support the bill.

If you cannot be there, call or email your delegate and ask them to support HB 330. The Maryland State Senate already passed their bill 47-1.

Also ask them to support HB 19 SALES & USE TAX EXEMPTION - VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS. THIS HAS ALSO PASSED THE SENATE.

Local Son to compete in the National High School Oratorical Contest

On April 13th, Logan Jackonis will begin competion at the National High School Oratorical Championships in Indianapolis, In. Watch live via the internet at www.legion.org

"There are those who conspire to eliminate freedom from the world today, they are the Wolves." Thanks to Logan Jackonis, a Junior in Poolesville High School's Global Ecology Program, we have the solution to keep the wolves at bay, The United States Constitution.

Logan competed for Damascus Post 171 for the past 2 years, however, he was never asked to join the SAL Squadron at Post 171. Since he lives in Gaithersburg, we invited him to join Squadron 295, which he joined with his father, Micheal, who is a Navy veteran and member of Lithuanian American Legion Post 154. We are glad to have both of them as members of our Squadron.

The positions would be both Armed and Unarmed.

Cyber Security Training & Placement!!!

Warrior 2 Cyber Warrior

"Warrior 2 Cyber Warrior" is about a training/job placement initiative being developed to train and place Veterans in Cyber security jobs. If you are a warrior with some background in IT who would like to take this online course beginning in June 2012 with a quaranteed internship and security clearance (if needed) at no cost, then contact Celia a.s.a.p. This first cohort is a great opportunity for those warriors looking for careers in one of the fastest growing industries around. If they are in the DC area, terrific, but they don't have to be. Plus, there is mentoring that goes with the 6 month curriculum.

Contact:

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What action, if any, do you want your members to take?

The overall national contest winner gets an \$18,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$16,000, and third gets \$14,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest's first round receives a \$1,500 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship. The American Legion's National Organization awards the scholarships, which can be used at any college or university in the United States.

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Send a Boy to Boys State

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices.

Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs. High school juniors are selected by local American Legion posts to attend the program.

The cost is \$300 and the expense is paid by the sponsoring American Legion post. American Legion Post 295 needs donations to ensure we can send everyone to Boys State this year. Either, send a Boy or make a donation toward sending a Boy to Boys State, either way we need your help.



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Lest We Forget Our POW/MIAs

Forty-five years ago on April 1st, 1967, Major David R.

Add a "Find out more" link to additional information that you may have hosted on your website.

Williams, instructor pilot; and then Major Robert A. Govan, pilot; comprised the crew of a T28D "Nomad" aircraft on a night armed reconnaissance mission over eastern Laos. The Nomad's intended flight plan took them from Nakhon Phanom (NKP) Airfield to "FAS Steel Tiger, Delta Echo;" then back to NKP. The target area included Route 911, a major artery in the infamous Ho Chi Minh Trail that passed through the Ban Karai Pass. That pass was one of two major ports of entry employed by the North Vietnamese into Laos.

So it began... According to the list remains for Williams and Govan were returned July 15, 1996 and identified June 14, 2002. Central Indentification Laboratry-Hawaii (CIL-HI) did not even attempt mt-DNA testing. Reaching a new level of creativity, CIL-HI identified the handful of remains as David R. Williams and Robert Govan.



- Minimal remains, no more than a handful were recovered.
- No remains were individually identifiable.
- No identifying items were recovered from the crash site that could associate the men to the recovery site.

United in their protest, both the Williams and Govan family exercised their right to dispute the identification. The families filed challenges with the Armed Forces Identification Review Board. Other families with questionable identification have also disputed those finding before the Armed Forces Identification Review Board (AFIRB.) The board always upheld the CIL-HI identification..... Until March 2003.....

The board ruled that there was not enough evidence to support an identification of Williams and Govan. Both David Williams and Robert Govan were returned to the list of the unaccounted for personnel in Southeast Asia..

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THIS IS NOT A TICKES

First Annual Benefit Concert and Dinner Buffet

Saturday, April 21, 2012



Music and Dancing by: The Second Wind Bandits - 7pm to ?

Hosted by: American Legion Post 86 2012 Viers Mill Road Rockville MD 301-424-4486

37.55 \$5 9.00 @ \$5.000 \$6.0000 \$6

Fickets \$25.00 in advance or \$30 at the door

Dinner includes: Roasted Chicken with gravy, Beef Tenderloin, Baked Ziti, Garden Salad, Vegetable Medley, Roasted Potatoes, Assorted Rolls with Desserts, Coffee and Tea.

Proceeds Benefit: The Montgomery County Councl Sponsored Programs representing, Post 41, 86, 104, 105, 171, 247, 268 and **295**

Purchase your ticket here. Tickets will be mailed or may be picked up at "Will Call"

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