



## Post Calendar

### MAY 10 ~ 7 PM

POST MEETING  
Mont Village Golf Club ~ Grill Room  
(around back, downstairs)

### MAY 20 ~ 1 PM

Department Executive Committee Meeting  
American Legion Post 71  
Oakland, MD

### JUNE 2 ~ 4 PM

SMD Reception for District Commander Bob Ouellette  
American Legion Post 82  
La Plata, MD

### June 14 ~ 7 PM

POST MEETING  
Mont Village Golf Club ~ Grill Room  
(around back, downstairs)

### June 24 ~ 1PM

SMD Caucus  
Post 295  
Clinton, MD



## Greetings Legion family,

Hope everyone is doing well. This past weekend I attended the Southern Maryland District Reception for our Department Commander. There was good food and it was a nice evening. On June 2nd the SMD will have a reception for me as I go out as District Commander. Post 295 has a table at the event that seats 8. Please consider coming and purchase tickets below or see me at the Post meeting.

Post elections were held and the slate of officers is listed below. During the National and State election season you will here from many politicians. The American Legion does not endorse any candidates or parties. We do however, we will post the voting records concerning veterans issues. We did not get what we wanted, the slot bill did not get out of committee in the House. However, the sales tax exemption was passed, so Post 295 will be able to save on items purchased to support our programs. I would like to thank those who called or wrote in support of House Bills in Maryland. It only takes a minute to voice your support, it is as easy as, "I am calling in support of ." That is it!

Post 295 is sponsoring 3 youths who will attend American Legion Boys State. At \$300 a boy that is \$1200.

Gaithersburg Post 295 baseball is quickly approaching, more info in the coming weeks.

The fundraiser below will help Post 295 accomplish our mission to support the community.

Bob Ouellette, Commander

## Post 295 Elections

Post 295 Elections were held on April 12th and the results are as follows:

[Read more on](#)

## AmLegionPost295.org

[POST COMMANDER's BLOG](#)

[DATELINE \(NEWS\)](#)

[LEGISLATIVE UPDATE](#)

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## Jobs for Maryland Veterans

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 May 3rd.

### BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMUNITY JOB FAIR

Friday, May 11th  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Student Affairs Wing - Atrium  
BCCC Job Fair

### WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION

May 19th & 20th  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
DC Armory  
2001 East Capitol Street, SE  
Washington, DC  
Welcome Home Celebration

### RECRUIT MILITARY HIRING OUR HEROES

May 24th  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
M & T Bank Stadium  
1101 Russell Street

### Post 295 Officers

Commander ~ Bob Ouellette  
Vice Commander ~ Cliff Bergstresser  
Vice Commander ~ Mary Ann Van Petten  
Vice Commander ~ Martha Levin  
Adjutant ~ Rick Price (Non Elected Position)  
Historian ~ Tom Finnin  
Chaplain ~ Priscilla Quackenbush  
Sergeant-at-Arms ~ Aubrey "Bub" Cavell

### Sons of the American Legion Officers

Commander ~ Jeff Thorne  
Adjutant ~ Duane Brant

Officers and interested Legionnaires should complete the American Legion Extension Institute as outlined below.

## White House to Honor Vietnam Vets

Week of April 23, 2012

This May, the White House Office of Public Engagement will host a Champions of Change event for Vietnam Veterans to highlight individuals within the veterans community, especially those who served in Vietnam, that have shown continued support for efforts to end veterans homelessness, boost veterans employment, treat problems with substance abuse and develop treatment programs for those dealing with PTSD. To fill out the web form information to nominate someone as a Champion of Change, visit the White House website .

For complete guides to all veterans benefits, visit the Military.com Benefits Center.

### Post 295 Fundraiser

**Baltimore, MD**  
 Join the **#1 job board for military veterans and their families. Sign up for FREE today!**  
[www.recruitmilitary.com](http://www.recruitmilitary.com)  
**Hiring Our Heroes**  
**VERIZON**

Verizon recognizes and appreciates the unique abilities of veterans. Go to <http://www.verizon.com/militaryjobs> for more information.  
**Verizon Military Jobs**

**VETERANS RETRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VRAP)**

The VRAP program offers **12 months of retraining assistance to Veterans who are:**  
**Unemployed**  
**At least 35 but no more than 60 years old**  
**Have an other than dishonorable discharge**  
**Not eligible for any other VA education benefit program**  
**Not in receipt of VA compensation due to Individual Unemployability (IU)**  
**Not enrolled in a federal or state job training program**  
**Enrolled in a VA approved program of education offered by a community college or technical school**  
**Application process begins May 15th!**

**VRAP Factsheet**

**WIN**



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\$ 10 Donation

Chances of winning: 1 in 500



For the benefit of American Legion Post 295 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Gaithersburg, MD

Contact me and will gladly send you some tickets to sell. Here are some incentives to sell some tickets. Tickets may be purchased online using the button below. There is total of 1,000 tickets, chance of winning 1 in 500. Drawing occurs when all tickets are sold.

Legion/SAL members over 18 years of age  
 - First SAL member to sell 30 tickets (not online sales)  
 - gets THREE Free tickets - not transferable

Legion/SAL members 15 - 18 years of age  
 - First THREE SAL members to sell 20 tickets (not online sales)  
 - gets TWO Free Tickets - not transferable

Legion/SAL members up to 15 years of age  
 - First SAL member to sell 10 tickets (not online sales)  
 - gets ONE Free Ticket (not transferable)





## Paid-Up-For-Life

Members who enroll in the Paid Up For Life program become, as the name implies, American Legion members for life. Through PUFL, Legionnaires pay a one-time fee to gain lifetime membership in the Legion. To enroll, Legionnaires must be in good standing and must have held a valid membership card for the current year. Post adjutants certify members' good standing before forwarding PUFL applications.

PUFL is not a discounted membership and was only established for convenience. Enrollment costs are based on two factors: applicants' age and the current annual dues of the post the applicant wishes to join. Total post dues include the department and national per capita, plus a portion retained by the post. PUFL membership fees are non-refundable.

Applications for PUFL membership must be completed and submitted to the post adjutant or finance officer. Payment should accompany the application, which the post reviews and endorses, then forwards to department headquarters. From there, the application is sent to national headquarters for final processing. Additionally, an option has been added to give the member the opportunity for automatic monthly credit card billing.

Members may still pay the full amount at the time of application. To calculate the total cost of a PUFL membership, the member (or post officer) will need to find the monthly payment on the rate chart and multiply it by 36. Please note: The total fee must be entered on the front of the application, regardless of whether the member is paying in full or choosing the Time Payment Plan.

Each PUFL member receives a permanent plastic card, as well as an annual paper card to verify continuing membership in The American Legion. The annual card is mailed in June or July of each year. Upon request, a replacement card can be provided at no charge.

All PUFLs are processed through the Post Adjutant. Print and mail to American Legion Post 295, PO Box 690, Germantown, MD 20875.

Examples: A Legionnaire who is 50-54 would pay \$914 to be a Paid-Up-For-Life member.

A Legionnaire who is 65-69 would pay \$662.4 to be a

Paid-Up-For-Life member.

[Read More](#)

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## American Legion Extension Institute now available online

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. To register and take the course, visit [www.legion.org/alei](http://www.legion.org/alei). The program is designed to take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each, followed by a final exam.

The sections closely follow the Four Pillars of service for the organization. They include:

- History & Organization
- Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
- National Security
- Americanism
- Children & Youth

Upon completion, a participant must pass a final online exam to receive a digital certificate of recognition; a lapel/cap pin will also be delivered to those who successfully complete the course. The names of those who have passed will be recorded and indexed at The American Legion National Headquarters. Graduates will have the option to click a box upon completion to recognize their accomplishment on The American Legion national website at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

The online course is \$4.95 for members of The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion. The registration fee is \$9.95 for non-members. Payment can be accepted securely and conveniently on the course registration page.

The American Legion Extension Institute online training program replaces the series of printed booklets that had been printed and sold through National Headquarters.

**[Start Training Now](#)**

American Legion Post 295, Vietnam Veterans Memorial  
/ PO Box 690 / Germantown, Maryland 20875 / 2405054660

**\$25**

FILL OUR TABLE , 8 seats at the

Southern Maryland District Reception  
for

**DISTRICT COMMANDER BOB OUELLETTE**

Saturday, June 2, 2012



Hosted by: Harry White Wilmer Post 82  
6330 N. Crain Hwy, La Plata, MD 20646  
301/934-8221

[www.alpost82.org](http://www.alpost82.org)

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