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In the Spotlight

In the Spotlight: Veteran's Day

Veterans, family members and supporters of our military, on November 11th we gather to honor the defenders of freedom. Too often we look to professional sports or Hollywood productions in search for heroes. Yet a much greater case can be made that it is a next-door neighbor, business acquaintance or distant relative who has exhibited the traits most associated with genuine heroism.

One of those quiet heroes is Royce Williams.

For most of his life, few Americans had heard his name. But on November 18, 1952, then-Lieutenant Williams accomplished one of the most courageous feats in our nation's military history. While flying an F9F Panther on a combat patrol mission near North Korea, the naval aviator encountered a formation of seven Soviet-built MiG-15 fighter jets.

For more than thirty minutes, he fought against faster, more powerful and superior aircraft. By the end of the battle, he had shot down four enemy fighters in what has been described as the longest aerial dogfight in United States military history.

His own aircraft returned riddled with damage, but he was able to land it safely aboard a carrier.

Because the Soviet Union's involvement in the Korean War was classified at the time, the future Navy captain was ordered to keep the battle secret.

Decades later, after classified records were released and historians pieced together the facts, Americans finally learned his full story. The passage of time did not diminish the courage. It simply reminded us that heroism does not depend on recognition.

In 2026, Royce Williams received the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military award for valor. It was long overdue.

True heroism is doing the right thing when duty calls, whether anyone knows about it or not.

In many ways, Royce Williams represents the very spirit of Veterans Day.

Most veterans do not return home looking for recognition. Most simply return to being citizens.

Some actually do become famous, such as Audie Murphy. At just 19 years old, Murphy landed in Europe as an infantryman during World War II. By war's end, he had become the most decorated American combat soldier of the conflict. His awards included the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, and three Purple Hearts.

But what made Audie Murphy remarkable was not the number of medals on his uniform. It was what he did when everything was on the line.

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Veteran's Day

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Like many veterans, he came home carrying invisible wounds. Long before terms such as PTSD entered the American vocabulary, Murphy openly discussed the challenges faced by combat veterans. Instead of suffering in silence, he used his fame to advocate for those who had served.

In many ways, Audie Murphy's greatest legacy was not how he fought in war, but how he continued serving veterans in peace.

After experiencing war in real life, Audie Murphy re-enacted his service by portraying himself in the aptly titled film “To Hell and Back.”

While no simulation can replace the dangers and horrors of combat, it is up to veterans to bear witness and fulfill The American Legion's promise to “preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars.”

Diane Carlson Evans took her role as a witness and preservation of history seriously. Raised on a Minnesota dairy farm, she joined the Army Nurse Corps and volunteered for Vietnam.

Beginning in 1968, she cared for the wounded as a surgical and burn nurse at the 36th Evacuation Hospital in Vung Tau and later served as head nurse in a surgical unit at the 71st Evacuation Hospital in Pleiku.

She treated the casualties of war. Then, years later, she took on another mission: making sure the women who served were not forgotten.

As the founder of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project. Diane led the long effort to place a memorial to those women beside their brothers-in-arms at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. The American Legion backed that effort, and on Veterans Day 1993, the Vietnam Women's Memorial was dedicated on the National Mall.

A member of American Legion Post 2 in Helena, Montana, Diane Carlson Evans received The American Legion's Patriot Award and Distinguished Service Medal for that work. On May 20, 2026, at age 79, Diane transferred to what The American Legion refers to as “Post Everlasting.”

Her life reminds us that service does not always end when the uniform comes off. Sometimes the next mission is to make certain that those who served beside us are seen, remembered and honored.

Originally known as Armistice Day, November 11th was the day chosen to honor veterans because it marked the end of World War I. Though the guns went silent at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the peace was temporary and the world would once again be at war a generation later.

Especially between conflicts, Americans are wise to remember George Washington’s first annual message to Congress in which he stated, - quote – “To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace,” – unquote.

Not all veterans have seen combat. Many have never been to a war zone. Yet since the founding of the United States, an estimated 50 million men and women swore an oath upon entering the military that they would be willing to die in defense of their country.

Memorial Day is about honoring veterans who never made it home. Veterans Day is about honoring those who did.

Whether it’s thanking a veteran, hiring one or supporting a veteran-owned business, there are many ways we can show our appreciation.

Most important, as we observe Veterans Day 2026, let us remember that freedom is neither automatic nor self-sustaining.

Every generation must be willing to defend it. The veterans we honor today answered that call. Our military members are at risk daily in places such as the Middle East and other global hotspots.

Audie Murphy once said, “The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.”

That spirit has guided generations of American veterans. It guides the men and women who defend us today.

Let us always remember them. Thank you, God Bless America, and God Bless our Veterans.

American Legion Post 86 Officers

Post 86 Officers

Post Commander:
Randy Phillipp

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2nd Vice Commander/ Service Officer:
Steve Homsi

3rd Vice Commander:
Hal Cook

Adjutant:
Timothy Graber

Finance Officer:
Martin Begosh

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Paul Angell

Judge Advocate/ Chaplain:
Michael Jadoo

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Vice President:
Karla Boluda

Secretary:
Trina Chupella

Chaplain:
Electra Stathes

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2nd Vice Commander:
Ryan Gates

3rd Vice Commander:
Vacant

Finance:
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Chaplain:
Dakota Holmes

Adjutant:
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Director:
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Dave Whitney (Critz)

Secretary:
Torrance Dawkins Sr.

Treasurer:
Jimmy Crampton

Master-at-Arms:
Ryan Gates

Road Captain:
Torrance Dawkins Jr.



Membership

For membership and eligibility information for the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Riders please click on the respective logo or link below. You can also contact H.S.E Post 86 to find out how to join The Post Family or to renew your membership.

Join:

AMERICAN LEGION https://www.legion.org/join

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY https://www.legion-aux.org/Joining

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION https://www.legion.org/about/American-Legion-Family/Sons-of-the-American-Legion

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS https://www.legion.org/get-involved/community-programs/american-legion-riders

Renew:

AMERICAN LEGION https://www.legion.org/renew

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY https://www.legion-aux.org/Renew

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/SAL-Renew

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS https://www.legion.org/get-involved/community-programs/american-legion-riders

From the Desk of the Commander

Randy Phillipp, Post Commander



Hello Comrades, S.A.L. Members, and Auxiliary Members of Post 86,

This is Commander Randy informing everyone that Fall is amongst us and it is time to get yourself ready for comfortable daytime temperature and cool nights.

Membership is at a slow pace compared to last year at this time 50% this year versus 65% last year. 1st Vice Commander Jeremiah and I are working on it full speed ahead. You still can pay on line, mail it in, and/or bring it to the Post and give it to the Bar Tender, I then will mail your new Card right away. If you happen to pay at the Post, I am present, I will give you your new Card!! I am asking everyone to please update your Membership as soon as you are able to.

On November 2, 2026 Post 086 will receive a Proclamation for Veteran's day, November 11th; from the Mayor and City Council, On Veteran's Day, Post 086 will have Open House from 12 noon and closing, closing will be at the discretion of the Bar Tender on Duty. The Veteran's Day Ceremony will be at Veteran's Park located between Rockville Pike and Veirs Mill Road, where the big flag is located; starting time will be 11 AM, hope to see you there.

I would like to see more Post 086 family members visit the Post on a regular basis during our operating time of business, usually from 4 pm until 10 pm daily; and enjoy meeting our regular Patron's and even chat with the Bar Tender on Duty. We are presently decorated for Halloween, come visit and see for yourself. Here are the up to date operation, with times, and days with meals:

1. Monday's open from 5pm until 10pm, or at discretion of the Bar Tender, serve a meal, and Monday Night Football.

2. Tuesday's open from 4pm until 10pm, or at the discretion of the Bar Tender, serve a meal.

3. Wednesdays closed.

4. Thursday's open at 4pm and close 10 pm, or at the discretion of the Bar Tender.

5. Friday's open at 4pm until 10pm, close at the discretion of the Bar Tender, and serve a Meal.

6. Saturday's open at 4pm and close at 10pm, or at the discretion of the Bar Tender.

7. Sunday's open at 9:30am and close at 8pm, or at the discretion of the Bar Tender, we serve Breakfast and have Bingo from 11am until 4pm.

Please come on down, visit, and enjoy yourselves. I really would like to see and visit with you as will our regular Patrons. PLEASE COME ON DOWN!!!

I really would like to see more participation from everyone who is a Member, plan in attending our General Meetings on the 2nd Thursday of every month starting at 7pm and lasting until 8pm. The more members I have, the better quality of a meeting and acknowledgement of participation will be received by all. I still need help in cleaning up the Post on a daily basis, serving meals, participating in events that are up coming, and again at our Monthly General Meeting.

Here are the upcoming events that will be Celebrated at Post 086:

1. Monday, Tuesday, and Friday Meals.
2. Marine Corps Birthday 10 November 26.
3. Veteran's Day 11 November 26.
4. Blood Drive for the Red Cross on 24 November 26.
5. Christmas Eve.
6. New Years Eve.

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Chaplain's Corner

By Mike Jadoo



Comrades of American Legion Post 86,

As we move through a season of remembrance, gratitude, and reflection. We honor our veterans, remember our departed comrades, and recognize the bonds of service and friendship that hold our American Legion family together.

For many, this time of year brings joy, celebration, and time with loved ones. For others, it may bring grief, loneliness, financial difficulties, illness, or difficult memories. We may not always know what a fellow veteran or family member is carrying, but we can choose to meet one another with compassion, patience, and understanding.

This season reminds us of the cycles of life, the importance of honoring those who came before us, and the promise that even during the longest nights, the light will return. We can all find meaning in remembering our loved ones, appreciating the present, and bringing hope to those around us.

As the year draws to a close, let us remember those who have passed before us with gratitude for their service, friendship, and contributions. Let us also appreciate those who continue to stand beside us and renew our commitment to caring for one another.

May we carry the spirit of service into the coming new year, offering compassion in times of hardship, friendship in times of loneliness, and hope in times of uncertainty. May we help keep the light of kindness burning brightly, just as bright as the North Star, within our American Legion family.

For God and Country,
Mike Jadoo
Chaplain
American Legion Post 86

From the Desk of the Commander

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Come on down and have fun with us.

Here are the closings of Post 086:

1. Thanksgiving Day.
2. Christmas Day.
3. New Years Day.
4. Wednesdays.

If by chance you would like to entertain your work or your family, remember; that we have a Hall here at the Post that can accommodate up to 200 personnel to have a great time. This celebration can be for anything at all:

1. Birthdays.
2. Holiday Parties.
3. Celebration of Life.
4. Anniversary Parties.
5. Meetings.

All you have to do is call the Post at 301-424-4486, leave a message, and we will return your call to accommodate you. I need help in renting this Hall, please spread the word to everyone around you. You will be supporting and helping Post 086 to become a better functioning and awareness within our Rockville Community and elsewhere.

I want to wish every Veteran a Happy Veteran's Day, and every Family Member of Post 086; a very Happy Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, and New Years Day. Please enjoy and be safe.

For God and Country.
Randy Phillipp
Commander
American Legion Post 86



Auxiliary Unit 86 Report

By Maryann Holmes

Greetings from Unit 86,

This is a reminder that annual dues are now due and membership cards are available. Dues are $35.00.

Additionally, Unit 86 will be hosting a dinner in the kitchen on November 13. We will be serving a turkey dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, and a roll for $15.00.

Our December dinner night will be given to the Legion for a Holiday gathering. More information to come.

Best regards,

Maryann Holmes
Unit 86 President
2019-2020
2022-2023

"Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception."

— Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Happy Holidays!





American Legion Post 86 Veterans Day

The schedule for Veterans Day is everyone meets at the Post at 7 a.m. Then at 7:15 a.m. everyone moves to Parklawn Memorial Park and Menorah Gardens for a Post wreath laying ceremony and Honor Guard salute. Then the Rockville Veterans Day ceremony starts at 11 a.m. and Post Commander Randy Phillipp will lead the wreath laying ceremony. After the ceremony everyone is invited back to the Post for food and drinks.

Parkland Memorial Park and Menorah Gardens

Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Time: 7:30 AM
Location: Parkland Memorial Park and Menorah Gardens
Address: 12800 Veirs Mill Rd,
Rockville, MD 20853

Rockville Veterans Day Ceremony

Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Time: 11:00AM - 12:00PM
Location: Rockville Veterans Park
Address: Route 28 and Route 355
Rockville, MD 20850



Order of Events:

Welcome
Invocation
Presentation of Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Remarks
Guest Speaker
Wreath Laying Ceremony
"Amazing Grace"
Rifle Salute
"Taps"
Benediction
Closing Remarks



Parking:
Free parking is available at Sandy Spring Bank, 611 Rockville Pike.

Weather and Event Updates
In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Carnation Room at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville, MD 20850. Weather updates will be posted on the link below.

More Details:
https://www.rockvillemd.gov/services/veterans-day-ceremony/

American Legion Post 86

Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Time: After Rockville Veterans Day Ceremony
Location: American Legion Post 86
Address: 2013 Veirs Mill Rd,
Rockville, MD 20851

American Legion Post 86 Was Instrumental in the Return of The Purple Heart

By Legionnaire Richard Gates

The Purple Heart belonged to William H. Dauler, Private First Class (PFC), USMC. He was a member of the 5th Marine Division, 28th Marines, 1st Battalion, Company A.

On Monday (9/21/26), a lady (name unknown) came to the American Legion Post 86 and talked to one of the members and gave him a box which contained the Purple Heart. She explained that she was cleaning out a garage at a house in the Rockville, MD area and found it. The box was turned over to the Commander of the Post that night.



As you can see from the attached photo, the Post had a good starting point to start their search. A search of his name found an obituary which indicated he had a daughter, Judith Schattenfield. The daughter's name was then searched and found her obituary which indicated she had seven children and ten grandchildren. It also indicated that memorial donations could be made to The Katherine Thomas School scholarship fund in Rockville, MD. As the school was local, the Post reached out to them as it was thought maybe she might have worked, volunteered, or had a child who might have attended the school.

The school was very helpful and put the Post in touch with one of the granddaughters of PFC Dauler, Kristin Schattenfield-Rein, who lives in Pennsylvania and whose nephew attended The Katherine Thomas School. She in turn put the Post in touch with one of her brothers, Michael Thomas Schattenfield who lives in Silver Spring.

A meeting was held on Thursday (10/1/2026) with Michael Thomas Schattenfield (Tom) at the Tacoma Park Public Library and the Purple Heart was returned to its rightful place with his family. During the meeting Tom indicated that he remembered his grandfather saying he was a marine who carried a flamethrower and was present on Mount Suribachi when the first flag was raised.

The family was very shocked to receive an email about the medal, in awe, and very grateful for the medal's return.

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Purple Heart

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William H. Dauler, Private First Class (PFC), USMC
Member of the 5th Marine Division, 28th Marines,
1st Battalion, Company A
Wounded in Action (WIA) on February 19, 1945, on the island of Iwo Jima.

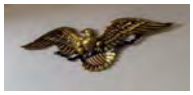


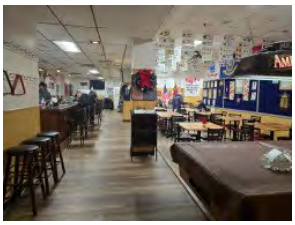


Purple Heart Statistics (reference Wikipedia)



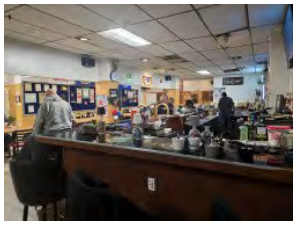
Type: Military medal
Awarded for: "Being wounded or killed in any action against an enemy of the United States or as a result of an act of any such enemy or opposing armed forces"
Description: Obverse profile of George Washington
Presented by:
United States Department of the Army
United States Department of the Navy
United States Department of the Air Force
United States Department of Homeland Security
Eligibility: Military personnel
Status: Currently awarded
First award: 22 February 1932
Total: Approximately 1,910,162 (as of 5 June 2010)
Total awarded posthumously: Approximately 430,000
Total recipients: over 2,000,000 (including eligible casualties in World War I who may not have been awarded the Purple Heart)
Precedence:
Next (higher) Bronze Star Medal
Next (lower) Defense Meritorious Service Medal



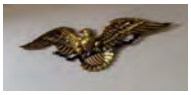


Clubhouse News

By Doug Campbell







From The Club Manager:

BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross is back at AL Post 86 for another blood drive November 24, 2026, between 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. There are 37 donation time slots for this drive so let's get the word out to YOUR families, YOUR Legion family, friends, neighbors, etc. and "sell out" this drive. November 24, 2026, is just a few days before Thanksgiving so let us all remember what we are thankful for and pay it forward by donating at this event. If you don't get on schedule and you're flexible with your time, stop by YOUR Post on the day of the drive as walk-ins are welcome to fill-in for any cancellations/no-shows or any unused time slots. "The need for blood is constant" so let's re-double OUR efforts to donate or sign-up donors and show our community what we are all about. You can sign up online at the Red Cross website (www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code ALPost86 or you can click here. If you need assistance in signing up to donate, reach out to me or Kate Hopkins and we will assist.

SAL will be serving a half price meal for all those who attempt to donate. It's a Tuesday so it may be "Taco Tuesday" or it may be something else, so we'll call it TBD for now.

VETERAN'S DAY

Post 86 will be open on Veterans Day at approximately 12 noon, immediately following the City of Rockville's Veterans Day ceremonies in Veterans Park. YOUR Post 86 will host an open house with a light lunch and cake cutting ceremony. Rockville Mayor and City Council Members will be invited to attend and hopefully they will be able to stop by and learn more about the American Legion and what we as Post 86 do to support the surrounding community. Help preparing and serving food to our guests is both needed and appreciated. Stay tuned for more details and if you haven't already been approached to prepare something for this event and you would like to, PLEASE see me or Commander Randy at your earliest convenience.

THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS EVE.

As of this publication date the plans for the holidays are a little fluid. I can tell you that YOUR Post 86 will be closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Days and will reopen on the Fridays after with meal service on each of those Fridays. Post leadership will be planning events at YOUR Post for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve with limited hours of operation those days. Stay tuned for more details and as always, all events will be included on the Post 86 and Friends of Post 86 Facebook pages.

ACTIVITIES

I've heard a lot of good ideas for events/activities at YOUR Post 86, now those ideas need to be taken to the next level and become reality (movie nights, game nights, card games and pool tournaments just to name a few). You can always call YOUR Post on 301 424-4486 and ask, "what's going on tonight"? If there's nothing planned for a night, stop by YOUR Post anyway and maybe put a couple bucks in the Jukebox and share your favorite tunes while enjoying the company of YOUR Post 86 family.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Less hands means more work for fewer people, so pitch in where you can!

Doug Campbell - Club Manager



Additional Post News

THE POST 86 COLOR GUARD






Veterans Day will be very busy. Parklawn Cemetery at 7:30am, Veterans Park for 11am ceremony and a service at the Post. A few retirement homes with veterans have reached out to me they would like us to come by. We need more members especially those that are available during the day. No experience necessary. A lot of events require little or no walking. Thanks Larry (240) 620-1645.

Thank you,
Larry Chupella
Color Guard Commander
American Legion Post 86



Sunday Afternoon Bingo is from 2 pm to 5 pm. Mark your calendars please. Every Sunday we have plenty of opportunities for our patrons to win some great cash prizes. Our Bingo program consists of 25 games and usually runs about three hours. Everyone of age is eligible to play. Come on out and support your Post by playing Bingo on Sunday Afternoons. Questions about our program and how you can volunteer to be a member of the Bingo Staff please discuss your concerns and interest to Mrs. Betty or Post Commander Randy Phillipp and they'll be happy to answer them.

HALL RENTALS

Post 86 operates as a non-profit organization and derives much of its income through the rental of the large room in the back of Post. Commonly known as the Bingo Hall, this room can be set up in many different ways using the tables and chairs that are included in the Hall Rental. Weddings, Birthdays, Quinceañeras, Funeral Wakes, Communions, Holiday Events, and Retirement Celebrations are just a few of the memorable events that have been held at the Hall. Please call 301.424.4486 to reserve your date or need more information. For additional information visit: https://mdlegion86.org/hall-rental-rates/





CLUBHOUSE

If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments ask/tell a Post Officer. Of note, if a Post Officer has been at the Post socializing for a period of time and had several liquid refreshments, they are discouraged from making command decisions while in a less than optimal condition. Remember also, hours are dependent on number of patrons. Bartenders have full authority in the clubhouse area.

THANKS!!!!

To our valuable volunteers, without which Post 86 would not exist. As in most volunteer organizations, a core group of unselfish individuals put aside their time and keep the team focused and running smoothly. More volunteers are always needed (and welcome) for us to continue the important programs of the American Legion.

November 2026

Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 SAL Breakfast @ 9:30AM-1:00PM Bingo @ 2PM	2 Post 86 Dinner @ 5:30PM	3 SAL Dinner @ 5:30PM SCV @ 7:30PM	4 **POST CLOSED**	5 Post Meetings Executive Committee @ 7PM	6 Post 86 Dinner Shrimp Night @ 5:30PM	7
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Important Dates in November 2026

01 ~ Daylight Savings Time Ends
03 ~ Election Day
10 ~ U.S. Marine Corps Birthday (1775)
11 ~ Veteran's Day
26 ~ Thanksgiving

December 2026

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Important Dates in December 2026

01 ~ Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday
04 ~ Hanukkah Begins at Sunset
07 ~ Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
12 ~ Hanukkah Ends at Nightfall
National Wreaths Across America Day
15 ~ Bill of Rights Day
17 ~ Wright Brothers Day
21 ~ First Day of Winter
24 ~ Christmas Eve
25 ~ Christmas
26 ~ Kwanza Begins
31 ~ New Year's Eve

AMERICAN LEGION

POST 86

2013 Veirs Mill Rd
Rockville, MD 20851
United States

Veteran Service Officer

Helping Veterans and Families Access Benefits, Resources, and Support.

I'M HERE TO HELP YOU

As your Veteran Service Officer, I can help you understand your benefits, prepare for important conversations, and connect you with the right resources and support channels.

VA Disability Compensation
Learn about eligibility and apply with confidence.

Education Benefits
Access education and training benefits you've earned.

Pension Benefits
Explore pension options and eligibility.

Claims Guidance
Get guidance through the claims process.

Healthcare Enrollment
Enroll in VA healthcare and related programs.

Community Resources
Connect with local, state, and federal resources.

Survivor & Dependency Benefits
Support for surviving spouses, dependents, and families.

Document Preparation Support
Organize and prepare the documents you need.

NEED HELP UNDERSTANDING YOUR BENEFITS OR PREPARING YOUR DOCUMENTS?

Contact your Veteran Service Officer today.



Steve Homsi
Veteran Service Officer
American Legion Post 86

Phone:
(240) 423-9991

Email:
homsisteve@gmail.com

SERVICE | HONOR | INTEGRITY | COMMUNITY | COMMITMENT

We're here for those who served—and their families.

From Our Friends

Post 86 opens our doors to many organizations. Below are upcoming meetings & events from some of Our Friends.

Disabled American Veterans, Rockville Memorial Chapter #12

Meetings are on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 1100 hours (11:00 AM). (Conference Room)

The Disabled American Veterans, or DAV, is an organization chartered by the United States Congress for disabled military veterans of the United States Armed Forces that helps them and their families through various means. It currently has nearly 1.3 million members. - Wikipedia

For more information please visit the DAV, Rockville Memorial Chapter 12 Website:

https://davwebsites.dav.org/md/12/SystemPages/Home.aspx

Marine Corps League, Sgt. John 'Jack' Hettchen, Jr. Detachment

Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1930 hours (7:30 PM). (Main Reception Hall)

The Marine Corps League is the only congressionally chartered United States Marine Corps-related veteran's organization in the United States. Its Congressional Charter was approved by the 75th U.S. Congress and signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 4, 1937. The organization credits its founding in 1923 to legendary Marine Corps Commandant John A. Lejeune. - Wikipedia

For more information please visit the MCL, Sgt. John 'Jack' Hettchen, Jr Detachment Website:

https://sites.google.com/view/sgtjackhettchen/home

Fleet Reserve Association Triangle Branch 182

Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday evening of every month at 1900 (7:00 PM). (Conference Room)

If you are Active Duty, Reserve, Retired, or Veteran of the Marines, Navy or Coast Guard, you are eligible to join. The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) is a congressionally chartered, non -profit organization that represents the interests of the Sea Service Community before the U.S. Congress. - https://www.fra.org

For more information please visit the FRA, Triangle Branch 182 Website: https://fra182.org

Sons of the Confederate Veterans

Meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 1930 hours (7:30 PM). (Main Reception Hall)
The public is welcome to attend.

Organized in 1896 by the sons of the Veterans themselves, the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) serves as a historical, patriotic, and non -political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1860's is preserved for future generations. The SCV offers local, state, and national programs including historical preservation, marking and maintaining soldiers' graves, presentations and publications, all striving to maintain the integrity of American history.

Membership is open to male descendants of Confederate Soldiers, Sailors and Government Officials, regardless of race, color, creed or background. The SCV exists to honor American and Southern history and rejects and condemns the misuse of any modern or historical symbols for hate. Many of our members belong to other historic and patriotic groups such as the Sons of American Revolution and local Historical Societies. We would be honored to have members, guests, and friends of Post 86 attend any of our activities. - Bob Brewer, Past Commander

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Post 86 is located in the Twinbrook area of Rockville, MD at 2013 Veirs Mill Road.

Hours:
H.S.E Post 86 is open until the posted time unless the number of customers merits a later or earlier closing.

Sunday: 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Monday: 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Wednesday: Closed

(If the second set of doors is not open, buzz the bartender by pushing the white button located to the right of the door.)

Post Meetings

Post Meetings Executive Committee: 7:00 pm First Thursday

General Membership: 7:00 pm Second Thursday

Auxiliary Unit 86 General Membership: 1:00 pm Second Sunday

SAL Squadron 86: 7:00 pm Third Thursday

Social Media

Remember to check us out on Facebook, X (Formerly Twitter), & Instagram for all updates and events. Click on the respective icons listed on the left column to connect to the H.S.E Post 86 pages.

You can also look for our events on Nextdoor and The Patch!
Click on the respective icons listed below to connect and login.

Nextdoor Patch



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