

CHAPLAINS CORNER

*A New Year's Prayer
Another year is dawning
With the chance to start anew.
May I be kinder, wiser, Lord,
In all I say and do.
Not so caught up in selfish gain
That I would fail to see
The things in life that mean the most
Cost not a fancy fee.
The warm, kind word that I can give,
The outstretched hand to help,
The prayers I pray for those in need--
More precious these than wealth.
I know not what may lie ahead
Of laughter or of tears;
I only need to know each day
That You are walking near.
I'm thankful for this brand new year
As now I humbly pray,
My hand secure in Yours, dear Lord,
Each step along the way.
by Kay Hoffman
Happy New Year to all members
of Post #136!
Chaplain Mike Duggan*



Open House at Greenbelt Post 136 on Monday January 16th from noon to 3 p.m. Please bring a new member and receive a FREE lunch. The history of the American Legion, Department Service Officer and round tables for discussion on Military benefits and more.

We are deeply saddened to report that two comrades have transferred to Post Everlasting. Please cherish the memories of the times we spent with them. Post 136 is with during this time of grief.

William L. Duffy 42 year member WWII
Charles Fuchs 24 year member WWII

Membership and Credential Committee,

Membership for Post 136 was 80.176% at the beginning of December. I have every confidence that Post 136 will meet and surpass the goal of 100%!, which is 1594 members. Don't forget, the Legion Programs and Community Programs sponsored by our Post depend on the renewal of your membership dues. Remember you can pay on line at www.mdlegion.org. This is also a good time to consider a "Paid Up For Life" (PUFL) membership. We have the PUFL applications at the office and I encourage every Legionnaire to stop by the office and complete an application.

We all have relatives, neighbors, friends or fellow classmates who are veterans. Tell them about the American Legion; explain our programs and what our Post can do for them. Invite them to join our ranks - you may even want to consider a gift membership for them. We want to be the #1 Post in Maryland this year! All we need is 15% of our current members to bring in 1 new member and we will have reached our goal of 100%. We only have a few more months to accomplish this. Veterans can become a legion member by completing the Membership Application along with a copy of their DD 214 form, or discharge documentation, and a \$30.00 check or money order (first year dues) at the Post. Good Luck and let's keep membership foremost in our minds.

A member who does not pay the following year's dues by January 1st is classified as delinquent. If dues are not paid by February 1st the member's privileges are suspended and if not renewed by June 30th, membership is forfeited. To again regain membership, the veteran must again apply and be approved. I would like to request that any member, who has not paid their 2012 dues do so now.

Kathie Linkenhoker, First Vice Commander, katlink136@comcast.net

New Members

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| Willis W. Allred, III | Korea | Army |
| David L. Behler | Vietnam to Persian Gulf | retired Navy |
| Walter J. Boyne | Korea to Vietnam | retired Air Force |
| Allen R. Cannedy | Vietnam | Army |
| Lewis Clark | WWII | Army |
| Charles Debose | Korea | Air Force |
| Willie Dickerson | Persian Gulf | Navy |
| James E. Doye, Sr. | Persian Gulf | Army |
| Walter V. Dutton | WWII | Army |
| Vernon Early | Vietnam | Navy |
| David Embody | Persian Gulf | Navy |
| Charles B. Fultz | Lebanon/Grenada | Army |
| Melissa R. Frances | Panama | Army |
| Joseph P. Grassi | Army | Persian Gulf |
| Maurice B. Hanciles | Persian Gulf | Air Force |
| Jerry Herring | Vietnam | Army |
| Sherri L. Howard | Active Duty | Navy |
| Ronald Jackson | Vietnam | Army |
| Joseph James | Vietnam | Army |
| Harvey Johnson | Lebanon/Grenada | Air Force |
| Luther Kennedy, Jr. | Vietnam | Army |
| Fred E. Koenig | WWII | Army |
| Stanley P. Latham | Vietnam | Marines |
| Anthony Lawson | Vietnam | Army |
| David L. Lewis | Vietnam | Army |
| Lewis H. Magruder, III | Vietnam | Air Force |
| Dale L. Reed | Korea | Army |
| Dudley Roberson | Grenada/Lebanon | Army |
| Robert F. Scott, Sr. | WWII | Navy |
| George Sellmon | Korea | Air Force |
| Sheri Swain | Persian Gulf | Army |
| Andrea L. Thomas | Persian Gulf | Coast Guard |
| Lawrence P. Walton | Vietnam | Navy |
| John W. Williams | WWII | Army |
| Marcus W. Wright, II | Lebanon/Grenada | Army |