



2008-2009

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September-October, 2008 -- 74 Years of Service (1934-2008)

Commander's Message

Our new year is off to a good start. Our officers are working hard at their positions and getting the job done. I thank all of them for working to keep Dewey Lowman Post 109 the great post that it is.

Our renewals and the dues for 2009 have been coming in and thanks to all our members who renewed early and are in good standing for the coming year. Our membership program is off to a good start under first Vice Mickey Knecht. We expect every Legionnaire to be a recruiter and contact his family and friends to be sure they are all members if they are eligible veterans. There are many veterans who have not been solicited and asked to join The American Legion. So do it now!

We had another great family picnic on a warm Saturday afternoon with a good group of picnickers at the State Park. Thanks to all those who worked so hard to put together this fun time.

Our Shrimp Feast was a great afternoon with plenty of good food, beverages and music. A larger than usual turnout of our members and friends enjoyed the feast. Fifth teen years in our building was another good reason to celebrate. Not the huge crowd that was here on August 13, 1993, but a good time was had by all.

Thanks to all those volunteers who work so hard to arrange the good times we have at our Post affairs. Volunteers keep Dewey Lowman operating as a great Legion Post.

One area of our post needs more volunteers, our Hall Rental operation. Hall Rental provides a large portion of our income and can only remain successful if they have more members working at rentals. I am sure there is an article about this elsewhere in this issue that gives details on how you can join this vital part of our post.

We are all feeling the effects of our slower economy and probably have less lose change in our pockets, but our Post still offers good food at reasonable prices and our lounge offers a place to spend some time with low prices for food and beverages. I would encourage all our members to make use of our great facility by attending a Friday evening buffet, our monthly spaghetti dinner, our Sunday ala carte service, Monday or Wednesday bingo or just drop in to our lounge for a sandwich and beverage. The new pool table is available to all members and guests. We are starting new activities for our members to join in during the day and evening. Check this Cyclops for articles on Post activities and join us at the best Legion Post in this area.

Legion service for God and Country,
Lew Hibbs, Commander

**MEMBERS MEET THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8:00 PM
ALL VETERANS INTERESTED IN JOINING ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Lounge Hours

Sunday through Thurs.

Noon to 11:00 PM

Friday & Saturday

Noon to 1:00 AM



Banquet Hall Rental

Rent our hall for wedding receptions, retirements, birthdays, roasts, anniversaries, reunions, dances.

Members receive 10% discount for family affairs.

Call (410) 242-5956 and press extension 20.

POST PHONE EXTENSIONS

After phoning the Post, (410) 242-5956, press the following numbers at any time for immediate connection:

- 10 Canteen office
- 11or19 Canteen bar
- 15 Kitchen
- 16 Commander or Finance Officer
- 20 Banquet Hall rental office

To leave a message for the following, press:

- 20 Rental of Banquet Facilities
- 36 Commander or Finance Officer

To receive information press the following number:

- 5 Hours of operation & directions

Editor's Note

Articles for inclusion in the November-December issue should be emailed to me at callbauer@verizon.net by **October 14**. You may also leave a hard copy with the bartender to my attention. I will edit articles for duplication, necessity, and applicability.

Our newsletter is mailed to over 1,700 homes. If you have a home or auto maintenance business and would like to advertise in this newsletter, contact me by leaving a message at the Post. We are asking \$35 for a business card size ad and \$200 for ads in six issues. Sorry, but insurance, travel businesses, etc., are not permitted. Ads may not violate Postal Regulations.

Julian Bauer, Editor

Canteen Changes

The price of draft beer has not been changed in five years. Due to the pressure of increasing salaries and beer costs, the price of all draft beer will be increased as follows: Mugs- \$1.25, Small Pitchers- \$3.75, Large Pitchers- \$6.50. Change effective: September 1st, 2008. Karaoke will return to Saturday nights starting September 6, 2008. The Dart & Shuffle board leagues seem to be a big flop. Members don't appear to be interested. Sign-up sheets for a pitch league will be posted by September 1st. Members and guest will be welcomed.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Called to Post Everlasting

Clyde Lanham
Ray Ratajczak
James C. Sullivan
Joseph Wilson
Richard Giedraitis

Sick, Home Recuperating or NRSB Home

Norman Allers	John Arruda
James Bailey	William Blankenship
Andrew Cassup	Willie D. Christie
Ernest "Bunk" Elgert	George Davis
Robert Gerschman, PC	Stanley J. Gesek
Sandra Gurtler, PC	Ronald Harper
Blaine R. Irvin	Stanley Jett
Dutch Kirstukas	Albert Ford
Bill Madera	John L. Miles
Richard Moser	Chip Schanken
Charles Namuth, PC	Jack H. Petry
Daniel Reichert	James Romeo
George Stollenmaier	Nicholas Tur
Charles Trommer	Lenny Zinck
Frank C. Valenza	

In Hospital or Nursing Home

Samuel Badger – Assisted Living – Columbia
Alfred Busick – St. Joseph Nursing Home
William Kaiser – Frederick Villa Nursing Home
Gerald "Mac" Mackabee - Lighthouse Senior Liv.

**To contact the Chaplain regarding an illness or
To schedule a funeral service,
Call Chaplain Herb Duberry direct at
(410) 646-2092 or (410) 599-6455.**

Membership

By now all of you have received your 2009 membership renewal notice. Thank you to all of you "Early Birds" who have sent in your dues for 2009. I am proud to say that over half of the Dewey Lowman members have renewed their membership and made their annual commitment to the American Legion. It is a big help to the membership committee and me if you can pay your dues early. That way we can get the paper work and processing completed quickly so we can spend more time on the business of encouraging new members and transfers to join our post.

Membership is the back bone of the post. Now is a very critical transition time. As more and more of the WWII veterans pass on we are left with a large deficit in membership. We need to fill that void in order for our post to continue to serve past veterans – and most important to be here for the veterans who are currently serving our country.

As First Vice Commander it is my job to head the membership committee. I am asking for your help in this regard. Please ask your friends, neighbors, and co-workers if they are veterans and if so please encourage them to join the American Legion. If each of you recruits just one new member our membership roster would double. Membership applications are available in the Post Lounge, at our monthly meeting, or from me.

If you have any questions concerning membership please contact me at 410-747-7986 or email me at mickeycva36@verizon.net.

Yours in Legion service,
Mickey Knecht, 1st Vice Commander

27 Flags

The Fourth of July parades were a big success! The people of Arbutus and Catonsville really know how to celebrate our independence. We participated in the Arbutus VFD Fireman's parade and picked up the Judges Award.

Flags will fly on the Avenue Sep 1 (Labor Day) - Sep 2 (VJ-day) - Sep 11 (Patriot Day) - Sep 14 (The Writing of the Star Spangled Banner) and Oct 13 (Columbus Day). Please take a little time to drive by and see the flags flying. It is very inspirational.

We are always looking for new members. Drop by the Post on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 if you are interested.

Yours in service
Bob Haney

Visit Veterans at Loch Raven

On July 22, Charles Ridgway, Joan McCullough, Gina Ingold, Tom Lester, Frank and Agnes Potter entertained 24 patients at Bingo. We served a special treat—pit beef sandwiches prepared by Tom Lester. The H&S Bakery donated the rolls and rye bread. Agnes Potter donated the beef. These visits are really appreciated by these hospitalized vets and we encourage all vets and non-vets to join us as we visit the Loch Raven Veteran's Hospital on the **4th Tuesday of the Month**. We can carpool. Call Frank for information: (410) 242-2302.

Mortgage Raffle Winners

Winners in June were Cary Grossi, Sis Flynn, Peggy Trescott, John Hartman, Mike Juba, Lew Hibbs. July winners were Ron Meyers, Paul Forney, Agnes Potter. Take a chance! You can also be a winner by purchasing a raffle ticket good for the entire month for \$5. Call Betty (410) 744-4710.

Thursday Dinners

More of Bob's Bad Cooking!!!

Thursday: 5-7 and only \$10

SEPTEMBER 25 MENU:

Shrimp Salad Sandwich
Chicken Wings
Green Beans
Potato Salad
Brownie Mix/Ice Cream
Soda, Coffee or Tea

OCTOBER 30 MENU:

Salad
Beef Stew
Buttermilk Cornbread
Cake
Soda, Coffee or Tea

Improving the Grounds

I hope everyone noticed the newly painted lines on the parking lot - thanks to Mickey and Don. The lawn service has been doing a better job mowing around the lot/avenue-of-flags and I have the vines out of the trees so the place is starting to "shape-up!" The potholes and cracked pavement will be patched in the near future - please watch for the warning signs and tape.

I will begin setting the fence corner-posts soon and then wait for the vegetation to die back before starting construction. Fund-the-Fence dinners return September 25. See the ad menu. Please come out and support these.

Any suggestions for making the outside of the Post look better are always welcome. If you would like to volunteer some time for landscaping, hauling trash, or anything outside - just give me a call (443-845-1879) or leave a note at the post.

Yours in Service,
Bob Haney



Would you like to be kept up to date about Post news and events via email? If so, please send your name and email address to Legionnaire Alicia Knecht at bad66mustang@verizon.net in order to be added to the post's new email list.

12 October Volksmarch

Our Post will be participating in its third volksmarch (people's walk) on Sunday, October 12. Many of these walkers joined volkssporting in Europe as American servicemen and women. Two of our Post officers became members of our Post after participating in this event at Dewey Lowman. The Baltimore Walking Club, an affiliate of the American Volkssport Association (AVA) and International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV), sponsors this volksmarch. Two trails, one 10 km (6.2 miles) and one 5 km (3.1 miles) will be available to all to enjoy with your friends and neighbors. Walking is the official State exercise. It lowers your blood pressure and boosts your "good" cholesterol. It has even been shown to reduce the risk of breast cancer and Type 2 diabetes. Registration begins at 0800 and ends at 1300. You must finish by 1600. There is no cost to participate unless you seek IVV event or distance credit. IVV credit is \$3. A volksmarch is a non-competitive event suitable for all ages; all who finish are deemed "winners." For additional information, contact Dick Paronto, 410-672-3505.

Girl Scout Gifts

Girl Scout Troop 496, Halethorpe, has agreed to provide boxes of Girl Scout cookies to members of the military being deployed from BWI Airport. As we have said in other articles, Girl Scouts and other volunteers personally greet the soldiers as they return from overseas. These welcomes are very much appreciated by these young men and women. Many tear up.

Troop 496 is asking for our support. For every \$3.50 donated to the project, a box of Girl Scout cookies will be purchased to be given to a US soldier. Donations checks should be made payable to "Girl Scouts" and mailed to Theresa Spliedt, Scout Leader, 922 Francis Avenue, Halethorpe, MD 21227.

If you would like to join the crowd at the airport welcoming our troops home, you can receive all of the arrival times by sending an email to operationwelcomehome@comcast.net. Post 109 joins the crowd every month and you can receive additional information by calling Joe Kirk at (410) 944-0571.

Julian Bauer
Editor

Hall Rental

Why Be a Volunteer?

It's not for money; it's not for the fame,

It's not for only personal gain,

It's not just for love of fellow man.

It's just to reach out with a helping hand.

It's just to give a little of self,

That's something that can't be bought with wealth.

It's not for medals worn with pride,

It's more of a feeling you hold inside.

It's that reward deep within your heart,

**It's feeling that YOU have been a part of helping
others far and near**

That's what makes you become a volunteer.

People think of volunteering as a sacrifice and leave it for others to do. It's not a sacrifice; it is caring for yourself through the process of doing good works. The self satisfaction of helping people or veterans organizations makes you feel good about yourself, and has a strong connection to feeling good physically. This improves self-esteem, increases your sense of well-being and lowers stress. Please think about lending a helping hand to our Post. You may contact me at 410-247-1121.

Bob & Jean McElroy

Subscriptions to Cyclops

One-year subscriptions to the Cyclops are now available for \$10 per year. At these prices, renewal notices are not sent out. It is your responsibility to renew. The ending date is on your mailing label. Please send your name, address and phone number to the Post along with a check for \$10 made out to the Dewey Lowman Post 109.

Sons of the Legion

THE SQUADRON WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE NEW ELECTED OFFICER'S FOR 2008-9.

COMMANDER JAMES C SULLIVAN JR

ADJUTANT JEFF INGOLD

CHAPLAIN MIKE BARBARINO

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MARK SCHIEHING

ADVISOR WILLIAM GANZ

CONGRATUATIONS TO ALL!!! LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

S.A.L SQUADRON 109 CONTRIBUTES MONEY TO MANY FINE VETERANS' AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE MARYLAND SPECIAL OLYMPICS, CHILDREN'S WELFARE U.C.P. BALTIMORE, THE VA, A.L. BOYSTATE & CASEY CARE. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

S.A.L. DUES OF \$25 FOR 2009 ARE DUE JULY 1, 2008. DUEL MEMBERS & JUNIOR MEMBER'S DUES ARE \$7.00.

S.A.L MEETS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8:00 PM. MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23 & OCTOBER 28.

S.A.L SQUADRON WOULD LIKE TO SEND CONDOLENCES TO JIM SULLIVAN'S FAMILY ON THE DEATH OF HIS FATHER & ALSO CONDOLENCES TO KEN HEDRICH'S FAMILY ON THE DEATH OF HIS SON, FRED HEDRICH.

THE GOOD NEWS WE HAVE TO REPORT IS THAT WE FINALLY HAD A "POT OF GOLD" WINNER IN JULY. CONGRATULATIONS JIM SULLIVAN! (Editor's Note: You have to attend meetings to win the Pot of Gold.)

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
JIM SULLIVAN
S.A.L. COMMANDER

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**Past Commander's
Halloween Dance**

Sunday, October 26, 2008

2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

*Featuring the Pet Rock Duo
for your dancing pleasure*

**Included: Roast Beef, Parsley Potatoes,
Green Beans, Cake, Coffee, Tea,
Beer, and Set Ups**

**Also Money Wheel, Basket of Cheer, 50/50
Tickets \$20—Call Lew (410) 744-4710**



**TEXAS HOLD'EM
POKER
TOURNAMENT**

At Dewey Lowman Post 109

Saturday, October 4

4:00 PM

Doors Open at 3:00 PM

All Are Invited

\$80 Admission

Includes food, draft beer, and dealers

\$20 Rebuys -- \$25 Add-On

All players receive \$2000 in chips

Number of players limited

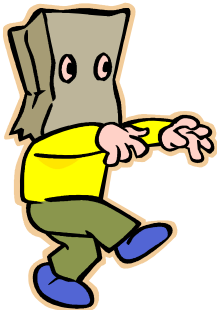
Admission can be reserved in advance

Call (410) 424-5956 and Press 32



Past Commander's
Halloween Dance

Sunday, October 26, 2008
2:00 PM to 6:00 PM



For Your Dancing Pleasure:

The Famous Pet Rock Duo

For Your Eating Pleasure:

Roast Beef, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans and cake for dessert

For Your Drinking Pleasure:

Coffee, Beer and set-ups included

For Your Amusement:

Money wheel-- Basket of Cheer-- 50/50

For tickets (\$20) call Lew 410-744-4710

SEPTEMBER 2008

The American Legion – Dewey Lowman Post 109

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day	2 Home Committee Meets 7:30 pm	3 Bingo 7 pm	4 Ways & Means Mtg. 7 pm	5 Buffet 5-7 pm	6 Karaoke 8PM
7 Ala Carte Dinner 4-6 pm	8 Bingo 12:30 pm	9 Exec Comm Meets 7:30 pm	10 Bingo 7 pm	11 Patriot Day	12 Buffet 5-7 pm	13 Karaoke 8PM
14 Ala Carte Dinner 4-6 pm	15 Bingo 12:30 pm	16 27 Flag meets 7 pm Membership Meets 8 pm	17 Bingo 7 pm	18 Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 pm	19 Buffet 5-7 pm	20 Karaoke 8PM
21 Ala Carte Dinner 4-6 pm	22 Bingo 12:30 pm	23 VFW 7:30p SAL 8 pm Vet Hosp. Noon Hall Rent 7pm	24 Bingo 7 pm	25 Fence Dinner 5-7 pm	26 Buffet 5-7 pm	27 Karaoke 8PM
28 Ala Carte Dinner 4-6 pm Breakfast 9-11a	29 Bingo 12:30 pm	30 Past Commander's Meeting 7:30pm				

OCTOBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Bingo 7 pm	2 Ways & Means Mtg. 7 pm	3 Buffet 5-7 pm	4 Karaoke 8PM TEXAS HOLDEM' 4 PM -- ?
5 Ala Carte Dinner 4-6 pm	6 Bingo 12:30 pm	7 Home Committee Meets 7:30 pm	8 Bingo 7 pm	9	10 Buffet 5-7 pm	11 Karaoke 8PM
12 Ala Carte Dinner 4-6 pm	13 Bingo 12:30 pm Columbus Day	14 Exec Comm Meets 7:30 pm CYCLOPS due	15 Bingo 7 pm	16 Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 pm	17 Buffet 5-7 pm	18 Karaoke 8PM OKTOBER- FEST 2-6 pm
19 Ala Carte Dinner 4-6 pm	20 Bingo 12:30 pm	21 27 Flags 7 pm Membership Meets 8 pm	22 Bingo 7 pm	23	24 Buffet 5-7 pm	25 Karaoke 8PM
26 Halloween DANCE 2-6 pm Breakfast 9-11 Ala Carte Dinner 4-6 pm	27 Bingo 12:30 pm	28 VFW 7:30p SAL Meet 8pm Hall Rental 7p Veteran's Hosp Visit Noon	29 Bingo 7 pm	30 Fence Dinner 5-7 pm	31 Buffet 5-7 pm	

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September & October 2008

The Cyclops

A bimonthly newsletter of the American Legion Dewey Lowman Post 109

Monday
BINGO
Every Monday

*Starts Promptly
at 12:30 PM*

Lunch & refreshments
An afternoon of fun
Prizes too good to list

Questions? Call
(410) 242-5956

Wednesday
BINGO
Every Wednesday

*Starts Promptly
at 7:00 PM*

Refreshments
An evening of fun
Prizes too good to list

Questions? Call
(410) 242-5956

Thursday
**Spaghetti
Dinner**

Sep 18 & Oct 16

4:00 to 7:00 PM

Only \$7.00 includes
Spaghetti, meat
balls or sausage,
salad, soda, coffee

Questions? Call
(410) 242-5956

Sunday
Breakfast
Sep 28 & Oct 26

9:00 to 11:00 AM

Only \$6.00 includes all
you can eat scrambled
eggs, sausage, pan-
cakes, toast, milk, cof-
fee and more.

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