



**2008-2009**

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**Asst. Finance Off.**

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**The American Legion, Dewey Lowman Post 109, Inc**

**1610 Sulphur Spring Road**

**Halethorpe, Maryland 21227**

**Post Phone No. (410) 242-5956**

**Post Website: [americanlegionpost109.org](http://americanlegionpost109.org)**

**January-February, 2009 -- 75 Years of Service (1934-2009)**

**Commander's Message**

Hope everyone had a great holiday season and is looking forward to the year 2009. Much has changed since my last article; we are looking for a change in this country with a new government administration, which we hope can get our economy started on a recovery.

Now that the busy holiday season is over and winter time is here, we are looking forward to another good year at Post 109. 2008 has had its ups and downs, but it is over. Financially, we are holding our own, as we pay our mortgage each month, but who knows when the next big expense will hit. We can only continue with the support of our members and friends in using our facility, attending our activities, and volunteering at the post. I can try to express my thanks to those volunteers working at our Post on their importance and dedication. It takes many volunteers and many hours of hard work to keep Post 109 operating as it does. And there is room for more volunteers to work at the side of those working, so come join us now.

Our hall rentals under the McElroy's are keeping our volunteers busy. This business provides much of the post's income and requires a lot of work by hall rental volunteers. They are all doing a great job and there is room for more volunteers to join the few new ones who are helping out.

It is great to welcome Unit 109 back to using our post and to join us in our great facility. I hope they will feel welcome and join us in our activities.

On Veterans Day, the Elkridge Young Marines held a good ceremony and hoisted new flags on our Post poles to honor all veterans on this day. I am sure you join me in thanking them for a fine service.

By the time you receive this issue of the Cyclops, our lounge should have Keno in full operation for our members and friends. We hope this will give everyone another reason to visit our fine lounge and enjoy this facility.

I am sure you will find many interesting articles and activities of our Post 109 in this issue of our post newsletter. We have many opportunities in various programs of our post and I hope you will get involved in those projects that interest you and volunteer to serve with the many dedicated volunteers that keep these programs working at Dewey Lowman Post 109.

In Legion service,  
Lew Hibbs, Commander

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

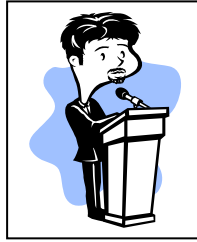
### **Lounge Hours**

**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**

If you have an article for the March-April issue, please email it to me at [callbauer@verizon.net](mailto:callbauer@verizon.net) by **February 10**. You may also leave a hard copy with the bartender to my attention. I will edit articles for duplication, necessity, and applicability.

This 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

### **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**

#### **Called to Post Everlasting**

Joseph F. Barrankco      George P. Pyle

#### **Sick, Home Recuperating or NRSG Home**

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

#### **In Hospital or Nursing Home**

Samuel Badger – Assisted Living – Columbia  
Alfred Busic – St. Joseph Nursing Home  
William Kaiser - Frederick Villa Nursing Home  
Gerald "Mac" Mackabee - Lighthouse Senior Liv.  
Ferdinand Gilley – Manor Care, Rolling Road  
Bill Cutair – Perry Point VA Hospital

**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.**

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Children's Christmas Party held on December 14 was a great time for all the children of our post who registered. Thanks to Bob and Jeanne Haney and their helpers for a job well done. We are glad Santa Claus was able to fit us in his busy schedule. It as a great afternoon

The Children & Youth Committee

## Membership

Thank you to all the members of Post 109 who paid their 2009 membership dues prior to the "Early Bird" cut off date of November 11, 2008. I am pleased to say the 76% of the membership were "Early Birds." This is a number to be proud of and exceeded the goal set by the Department of Maryland. If you were not able to pay your 2009 dues early, please do so as soon as you can. Your efforts will help our Post and save the cost of future renewal notices and reminders. Since July 2008, the Post has added several new Legion members and transfer members from other posts. Please welcome to Post 109:

### Transfer Members

George Barnes  
Florindo Basso  
Kirk Birdsong  
Charles DeSalvo  
William Donovan  
William Gibson  
Thomas Hamilton  
Lawrence Lanham  
Leonard Rapp  
David Richardson  
Mark Smith  
Leo Sofianek  
Robert Williams  
Bud Wurzberger  
William Zirkle

### New Members

Frank Bukszar  
Lester Bryant  
Daniel Collatz  
Charles Green III  
Minor Jones  
Zack Lindsey  
David Mack  
Justin Mack  
James Martin  
Louis Schott  
Raymond Snyder Jr.  
Michael Swift

Don't forget to ask your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors if they are eligible for Legion membership. Our Legion needs new members more than ever. Thanks so much for your efforts!

Yours in Legion service,  
Mickey Knecht, 1<sup>st</sup> vice commander

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## Improving the Grounds

A Beatles song begins "If the rain comes, they run and hide their heads" which is exactly what happened on our Post clean-up date! We'll try again in the Spring. As you may have seen the fence construction has begun. Please keep supporting the Fund-the-fence dinners. BIG Thanks to "Chain-saw" Mike Detorie for all the help in clearing the property lines. Have you noticed the new sign at the entrance to the parking area? Any suggestions for making the outside of the Post look better are always welcome. Just give me a call (443-845-1879) or leave a note at the post.

Yours in Service,  
Bob Haney

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## Post Blood Drive

I want to personally thank the members of the Post and the members of the community who graciously donated blood on Saturday, 22 November 2008. Although we only received 8 units, that was 8 more than we started with. I'm quite sure the recipients are thankful. Hopefully everyone had a nice thanksgiving. Wishing everyone a most joyous Christmas and happy New Year, I remain yours in Legion Service,

Bill Ganz.

## The Original 27 Flags

Calling all Vietnam, Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom vets – Now is the Time to Step Forward Again. Our marching unit needs you to participate. A quick recap: In 2008, the Original 27 Flags participated in six parades, two Massing-of-the-Colors events, three memorial services at the Arbutus Flagpole, five Color Guard activities, a Flag-retirement ceremony, five educational Flag-presentations, and flew the flags along the Avenue of Flags 15 times.

In short, we need younger members. Vietnam Vets should be nearing or already retired, no young children at home, and starting to have some "free time." Veterans from 1990 forward have been fortunate enough to have an enthusiastic patriotic backing from the American public; it is time to "give-some-back."

Become a member of The Original 27 Flags and feel the pride when parade crowds applaud the group, yelling out "Thank you" to you the veteran, witness the happiness in a Senior citizen's face or the "wide-eyed" interest of school children as the history of the Stars and Stripes is detailed during the 27 Flag Presentation, participate in a Color Guard or Memorial service proudly carrying our national standard.

Post 109 has over 450 Vietnam era veterans – many within 20 miles of our Post home – as well as many younger members. I'm not asking you to be at every event (although you are always welcome) but instead to contact me and sign up for one event. Cell is 443-645-1879 // home 410-744-5781. PLEASE CALL.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Haney

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## Mortgage Raffle Winners

Winners of our mortgage raffle for October were La Rue Prestwidge, Marge Malone, Joseph Saia, Cary Grossi, Bill Cass, Lew Hibbs, Johnnie Thompson, Betty Hibbs and Rita Spitzler.

November winners were Maria Bergel, Cass Popp, Martha Vaeth, Madeline Moeser and Bill Cass.

So if you want to join the list of winners be sure to buy your monthly mortgage raffle ticket now. They are available on the bar in the lounge or call the post.

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## Visiting the Hospitalized Vets

On November 25, Gina Ingold, Charles Ridgway, Joan McCullough, Agnes and Frank Potter entertained 29 patients with bingo and refreshments. Agnes and Gina made cookies and cakes. If you would like to join us, we meet at noon on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Post and carpool from there to the Lock Raven Hospital. Call Frank for information: (410) 242-2302.

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## Breakfasts & Buffets

The Home Committee decided not to hold an end-of-month breakfast until May nor to hold a Friday Buffet on January 2.

## Hall Rental Dates – 2009

### *Going, Going – Almost Gone*

Please contact us as soon as possible if you are interested in a particular date for the rental of our hall. The dates are filling up fast for next year. Our rentals are open to everyone for their special event. If you know of someone in your family or have friends that are looking for a hall at a reasonable price, please mention our name. To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions, you may contact us at 410-242-5956, ext. 20 or 410-247-1121.

Bob & Jean McElroy, Hall Rental

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## S.A.L SQUADRON 109

THE HOLIDAY SEASON HAS CONCLUDED AND I HOPE EVERYONE HAD AN ENJOYABLE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WITH ALL OF THEIR FAMILIES AND THE FESTIVITIES THAT GO ALONG WITH THIS TIME OF YEAR. (REMINDER) ONE UGLY SUBJECT STILL FACES US—DUES-- IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2009 DUES, PLEASE MAKE IT YOUR NUMBER 1 OBJECTIVE , JUST THINK OF THE GOOD TIME'S AND INEXPENSIVE TIME THAT ARE THE RESULT OF THE DUES WE PAY, A MERE \$25.00. JUNOR & DUEL MEMBERS PAY \$7.00. AS OF NOVEMBER MEETING 208 MEMBER`S ARE PAID UP. THE SQUADRON NEEDS 57 MEMBERS TO MAKE A 3 STAR, DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE. MAKE IT YOUR #1 PRIORITY TO PAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SEND YOUR 2009 DUES--CHECK OR CASH--TO MR SULLIVAN. YOU WILL MAKE HIM VERY HAPPY IF YOU COMPLY ASAP! S.A.L MEETS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH 8:00 PM. MARK YOUR CALENDAR JANUARY 27 & FEBRUARY 24 2009. GOOD NEWS--WE HAD A WINNER OF THE "POT OF GOLD "IN OCTOBER CONGRATULATIONS MARK SCHEIHING \$67.00 NO WINNER IN NOVEMBER NEED I SAY MORE ? S.A.L WOULD LIKE TO WISH JAMES BAILEY HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER 13.

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

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## Blue Star Military Family Salute

Do you know a local family who has a family member (son, daughter, brother, sister, father etc.) who is currently serving active duty? If so Post 109 would like to honor that family during our annual BLUE STAR SALUTE dinner dance on April, 19 2009. Please contact Mickey Knecht 410-747-7986 for more information and to sign up a military family.

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## Forgetful?

The Cyclops is printed every two months, but Legionnaire Alicia Knecht sends frequent email reminders of upcoming Post events (including menus) to anyone who has an email address. Send your email address to [bad66mustang@verizon.net](mailto:bad66mustang@verizon.net) and stay up-to-date.



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Schwab-Witzke  
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INC

**Mary K. Hackman**  
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Catonsville, MD 21228  
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Fax 410-744-4820  
Cell 443-744-0100  
[mary.hackman@sci-us.com](mailto:mary.hackman@sci-us.com)

**Joseph D. Lilly**

410-247-4547  
Fax: 410-536-0949

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Baltimore, Maryland 21227

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Business Accounting Services**

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website: JoeLil-

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## Children & Youth Committee

Thanks to all those many Post and SAL members who returned their raffle tickets stubs and checks. A special thanks to all those who took or sold extra raffle tickets to add so much to this annual raffle. Final results are not in at this time but it seems we will be down from previous years. I am sure this is the part of the general downturn in our economy. Again our thanks to Frank Moran of Frank Moran & Sons for his generous donation of \$2,000.00 for our raffle.

The prize drawings will be held later after this Cyclops is mailed and the names of the winners will be published in the next issue.

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## FUND-THE-FENCE DINNERS

*More of Bob's Bad Cooking!!!*

Thursday: 5-7 and only \$10

### January 28 MENU:

Red Cabbage Salad  
Sour Beef and Dumplings  
German Green Beans  
Oreo Surprise  
Soda, Coffee or Tea

### February 19 MENU:

Salad  
Baked Tilapia  
Fries  
Mixed Vegetables  
Pie  
Soda, Coffee or Tea

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## Welcome Home

Sign A Rama, in Catonsville, will donate a "Welcome Home" banner to families of love ones returning from deployment. Email branch of military, rank, and name to [art.sarcat@verizon.net](mailto:art.sarcat@verizon.net) or call (410.747.4880).

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## Scholarships Shinnamon

Applications are available in the Post Lounge for two George F. Shinnamon Scholarships. These scholarships are for \$1,000 each. Applicants must graduate in the class of 2009 and be a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a Post 109 American Legion member. The post member must be in good standing and have paid their 2008 and 2009 dues to Dewey Lowman Post 109. The deadline for completed applications is April 15, 2009. Please call Johnnie Thompson at 410-761-6304 if you have any questions.

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**MENUS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2009**

**(ADULTS - \$11.00 CHILDREN 11 & UNDER - \$5.50 6 & UNDER – NO CHARGE)**

**HOURS OF OPERATION – 5 PM TO 7 PM**

**( FRIDAY - JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2009 CLOSED )**

**JANUARY:**

**FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP**

**BAKED FRESH HAM  
SAUERKRAUT / GRAVY  
FRIED CHICKEN WING-DINGS  
FRIED FLOUNDER  
MASHED POTATOES  
CHEESE TOPPED CAULIFLOWER  
SEASONED ROMANO BEANS**

**FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**SHRIMP WITH VEGETABLES SOUP**

**BARBECUED PORK RIBS  
BAKED BONELESS CHICKEN BREASTS  
BREAD STUFFING / GRAVY / CRANB. SAUCE  
FRIED POPCORN SHRIMP  
WESTERN FRIES / BUTTERED SPINACH  
SEASONED CUT GREEN BEANS**

**FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**NAVY BEAN SOUP**

**BAKED SMOKED HAM WITH  
PINEAPPLE-RAISIN SAUCE  
FRIED CHICKEN CHUNKS  
STEAMED SHRIMP  
POTATO AU GRATIN / BUTTERED CORN  
SEASONED BRUSSELS SPROUTS**

**FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**MARYLAND CRAB SOUP**

**ROAST TURKEY DINNER  
STUFFING / GRAVY / CRANB. SAUCE  
TATER COATED CODFISH  
BEEF STEW / NOODLES  
CALIFORNIA VEGETABLE BLEND  
SEASONED SPINACH**

**FEBRUARY :**

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**SHRIMP BISQUE**

**BAKED BONELESS CHICKEN BREASTS  
DUMPLINGS / GRAVY  
FRIED GARLIC HERBED TILAPIA  
CHEESE STUFFED SHELLS / GARLIC BREAD  
EXTRA SAUCE / MASHED POTATOES  
SEASONED CUT GREEN BEANS  
BUTTERED CORN**

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**TURKEY NOODLE SOUP**

**ROAST BEEF AU JUS / GRAVY  
HONEY DIPT FRIED CHICKEN  
SHRIMP CREOLE / RICE  
PARSLEY POTATOES  
SEASONED SUGAR SNAP PEAS  
HONEY GLAZED CARROTS**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**MARYLAND CRAB SOUP**

**BAKED PORK RIBS / SAUERKRAUT / GRAVY  
FRIED FLOUNDER  
FRID CHICKEN TENDERS  
MASHED POTATOES  
STEAMED BROCCOLI  
BUTTERED MIXED VEGETABLES**

**FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> (LENT STARTS)**

**SHRIMP WITH VEGETABLES SOUP**

**BAKED WHOLE CHICKEN LEGS  
DUMPLINGS / GRAVY  
SHRIMP SCAMPI WITH ALFREDO NOODLES  
FRIED FILLETS OF TILAPIA  
SEASONED BRUSSELS SPROUTS  
BUTTERED LIMA BEANS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER WE DO NOT ALLOW DOGGIE BAGS ON BUFFET NIGHTS.**

# January 2009

The American Legion – Dewey Lowman Post 109

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Ways & Means Mtg. 7 pm	2 NO BUFFET	3
4 Ala Carte Din- ner 4-6 pm	5 Bingo 12:30 pm	6 Home Comm. Meets 7:30pm	7 Bingo 7 p.m	8	9 Buffet 5-7 p.m	10
11 Ala Carte Din- ner 4-6 pm	12 Bingo 12:30 pm	13 Exec Board Meets 7:30 pm	14 Bingo 7 p.m	15 Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 pm	16 Buffet 5-7 p.m	17
18 Ala Carte Din- ner 4-6 pm	19 Bingo 12:30P	20 27 Flags Mtg 7 p.m. Membership Meets 8:00 pm	21 Bingo 7 pm	22	23 Buffet 5-7 p.m	24
25 Ala Carte Din- ner 4-6 pm	26 Bingo 12:30P	27 Hall Rent 7p VFW Meet 7:30 SAL Meet 8:00 Vet Hosp. visit At noon	28 Bingo 7 pm	29	30 Buffet 5-7 p.m	31

# February 2009

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January & February 2009

# The Cyclops

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**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  
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**Thursday**  
**Spaghetti**  
**Dinner**

Jan 15 & Feb 19  
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**  
Returns in May

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.

Questions? Call  
(410) 242-5956