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Meetings Every Fourth Monday
of Each Month –Rocco's BBQ Grill
6:00 PM – Dinner Meeting
Except July & August —No Meetings

Next Meeting March 23

6PM at Rocco's Smokehouse Grill on By Pass Road

Speaker: Williamsburg Delegate Monty Mason

on the recent General Assembly Session

Congratulations to

Pete Morelli and Bill Carroll

on 60 Years of Continuous Membership in the American Legion

Well done, Gentlemen!!

From the Commander's Desk:

Fellow Legionnaires and wives,

I wish a Happy St. Patrick's Day to all. Upcoming events are the Department Fall Conference in Virginia Beach this week-end 13-16 Mar. American Legion 3rd District Formal Gala Ball, April 25th. It will be held at Post 25, Newport News. I will bring flyers to our meeting about this and all the particulars.

We need to start thinking about Post Officers candidates for 2016. The nominations and election of Post Officers will be at the May meeting and induction of new officers will be held at our June meeting. More on this subject will be discussed at our upcoming meeting. I will address how we will accept nominations and who will be in charge of the nominating committee, again at the upcoming meeting.

I received a proposal, regarding the holding a Combined Veterans 2015 Membership Drive. It will be advertised and open to the greater Williamsburg area. The drive behind this is there are a large number of veterans in this area, that don't belong to any Veterans Organization, much less know we exist. As stated it will be comprised of representative Veterans in the area, basically, CVOC. The ifs, ands, and buts have yet to be entirely identified. I, personally, think it is a great idea and a way to get ourselves in front of the public and let them know who we are, where we are, and what we do or can do.

Finally we are rid of the snow and any immediate threats of it coming back. Daylight Saving Time is here, spring has sprung and the daffodils are poking their head out of the ground. What more can we ask for.

For those who haven't renewed their membership, please do so for we need to meet our goal of total members for 2015. You can go on-line at www.legion.org, go to renew membership and do so. Or, come to our meeting, see our Adjutant, and renew then. Bottom line is, please renew your membership for this year. Thank you.

Hope to see all at our meeting, 23 March, 6:00 pm at Rocco's. Those we haven't seen come and join us; we would like to meet you.

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Commander Bill

Wearing military medals on civilian clothing: [Army Policy for Retirees](#)

Retired Soldiers are authorized by Army Regulation 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, to wear military medals on appropriate civilian clothing. This includes clothes designed for veteran and patriotic organizations on Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, and Armed Forces Day, as well as at formal occasions of ceremony and social functions of a military nature. Personnel may wear either full-sized or miniature medals. Personnel who wear medals on civilian clothes should place the medals on the clothing in approximately the same location and in the same manner as for the Army uniform, so they look similar to medals worn on the Army uniform.

Burial at Sea: How to Request

Burial at Sea is a means of final disposition of remains that is performed on United States Navy vessels. The committal ceremony is performed while the ship is deployed. Therefore, family members are not allowed to be present. The commanding officer of the ship assigned to perform the ceremony will notify the family of the date, time, and longitude and latitude once the committal service has been completed. Individuals eligible for this program are: **Active duty members of the uniformed services; Retirees and veterans who were honorably discharged; U.S. civilian marine personnel of the military sealift command; and Dependent family members of active duty personnel, retirees, and veterans of the uniformed services.**

After the death of the individual for whom the request for Burial at Sea is being made, the Person Authorized to Direct Disposition (PADD) should contact the Navy and Marine Corps Mortuary Affairs office at (866) 787-0081 to request a packet and for additional information. **Supporting documents** which must accompany this request are: **A photocopy of the death certificate; The burial transit permit or the cremation certificate; A copy of the DD form 214, discharge certificate, or retirement order.**

The Burial at Sea Request Form and the three supporting documents listed above make up the Burial at Sea Request package. Cremated remains (cremains) must be in an urn or plastic/metal container. The cremains, along with the completed Burial at Sea Request package, and the burial flag will be forwarded to the Burial at Sea Coordinator at the desired port of embarkation. (Norfolk is one such port) Specific guidelines are required for the preparation of intact (casketed) remains. For further information about a Burial at Sea, call (866) 787-0081, Monday - Friday, 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Boys And Girls State

Lafayette and Bruton High Schools are gearing up to select candidates for Boys and Girls State. Post 39 traditionally sponsors three students to each. As costs keep going up, please consider a donation to help us sponsor these students to a most important experience for them. Total cost is almost \$1800, so any financial donation would be appreciated. Sent it to Post 39/Box 2782/Williamsburg/23187.

What's UP

Post 39 Update

February 23 at 6PM at Rocco's on By-Pass Road

Menu

Beef Brisket

Crab Cake

Rocco's Choices (two)



SmartPhone Apps for D-Day sites

On June 6, 1944, D-Day, the course of World War II changed when the Allies landed along the Normandy coast, beginning the liberation of Europe. Prior to this pivotal day, American forces based out of England had already been fighting the Axis war machine for years. Success came at a huge cost. Over 405,000 Americans lost their lives across the globe in World War II. Today, nearly 14,000 of these Americans now rest eternally at Cambridge and Normandy American Cemeteries. To honor their memory, the American Battle Monuments Commission has released **smartphone** apps for these sites. Both are free to download in the Apple iTunes Store and the Android Google Play Store. These official U.S. government apps serve as your personal tour guide of the cemeteries. In addition to these two new apps, ABMC also has a Pointe du Hoc app free for download in both the Apple iTunes Store and the Android Google Play Store

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