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**POST COMMANDER'S BLOG** 

**DATELINE (NEWS)** 

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** 

**Post Calendar** 

October 6 ~ 9 AM to 6 pm Germantown Oktoberfest Beer Tent - Volunteers needed

October 11th ~ 7 PM
Post Meeting
Montgomery Village Golf
Club - Grill Room

November 8th ~ 7 PM
Post Meeting
Montgomery Village Golf
Club - Grill Room

November 11 ~ 11 AM to 4 PM Veterans Openhouse

- The Willow Tree at MVGC
- On-site
- Veterans Service Officers
- PTSD Family Support

Greetings Legion family,

If you are a Montgomery County Maryland resident we need your help. Please print the attached <u>Petition Petition Overview</u> and <u>Petition Signature Page</u> to collect signatures from as many county residents as possible. Please encourage legible signatures.

This action will ensure we can move into a Post Home and can continue to support American Legion Baseball, improve scholarships and temporary financial assistance and sustain our wounded warriors for years to come.

Montgomery County is the ONLY County in the state that is not part of this Bill. We need that to change.

The Purpose of the Petition is to encourage the State Delegates from Montgomery County to vote for Montgomery County to "Opt-In," to the Gaming Bill, as so far as it affects American Legion Posts and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts. This petition will affects nine American Legion Posts and the four Posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This provision goes into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>, throughout the state, except for Montgomery County. This provision is not tied to the passage of Question 7.

In the recent Gaming Bill passed by the Maryland Legislature there was a provision that allowed Veteran Service Organizations in Maryland to place 5 "Pull-Tab" machines in their halls under the control of the Maryland State Lottery. The Posts would be Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

November 11 ~ 9:30AM Golf Swing Clinic Must be pre-registered required to donate 40% of the revenue from these machines to community organizations certified by the Comptroller of the Treasury.

The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars are two of the most benevolent, community based, grass roots charitable veterans organizations whose primary focus is to support our active duty military population, family members and veterans who have honorably served our country. This past year, one American Legion donated revenue from these machines to the Alzheimer's Association of Maryland in the amount of \$85,000.

Our organizations have been involved in providing services to our veterans, as well as supporting our youth, charitable activities and our communities across the State and in the United States of America. Both organizations depend on their membership and fundraising to support their facilities and their overall charitable work.

The Montgomery County Veterans Coalition for Responsible Gaming (MCVCR) is comprised of leaders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Posts who are working together to educate out Delegates on the benefits of this legislation.

Thanks very much for your support.

For more information from the American Legion in Gaithersburg-Germantown please contact American Legion Post 295 at

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For the Veteran, Bob Ouellette Southern Maryland District Commander & Post Commander

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