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Post Calendar

APRIL 12 ~ 7 PM POST MEETING
Mont Village Golf Club ~ Grill Room
(around back, downstairs)

APRIL 21 ~ 5 PM 1st Annual
Montgomery County Fundraiser
AL Post 86 ~ See Advertisement

Send a Boy to Boys State

American Legion Boys State is

Greetings Legion family,

This spring break week ends with Passover and Easter, I hope everyone who has school age kids is enjoyed a nice week.

I would like to thank those who called or wrote in support of House Bills in Maryland. It only took 3 minutes to voice our support.

Dues money would not even pay for a mailing to all of our Post members. Without a major fundraiser, we have survived through some small donations and the use of my credit card. This web site was fronted by my card and only half paid for at this point, so more sponsors are needed to pay for it.

Bob Ouellette, Commander

Commander Wong meets with President Obama over veteran jobs.

Veterans employment is a priority of President Barack Obama, American Legion National Commander Fang A. Wong said after an Oval Office meeting with the president Tuesday afternoon.

During the meeting, which included American Legion National Adjutant Daniel S. Wheeler, the national commander said the pair also discussed the Department of Veterans Affairs budget and how defense cuts will affect military retirement pay and medical benefits.

"He seems to be very on top of the employment issue and very concerned about it," Wong said. "We expressed

among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices.

Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs. High school juniors are selected by local American Legion posts to attend the program.

The cost is \$300 and the expense is paid by the sponsoring American Legion post. American Legion Post 295 needs donations to ensure we can send everyone to Boys State this year. Either, send a Boy or make a donation toward sending a Boy to Boys State, either way we need your help.

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Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Job Postings

Thursday is Jobs for Maryland Veterans Day! When MDVA receives notices from employers who are interested in hiring veterans, these notices will be

satisfaction with our MOU signing today with the [Department of Agriculture](#) and expressed hope that other federal agencies would follow suit and join in the effort to hire veterans."

Wong said he shared with Obama concerns of service members the national commander spoke with during a 2011 visit to Afghanistan: TRICARE copay increases, changes to the military retirement system and reducing the Department of Defense budget.

"The president said that in this economy, some cuts are unavoidable," Wong said. "But he said the military retirement plan will stay as it is right now. There is a commission looking at it now, and the earliest any decision would be made would be in two years. If a change is needed, he said he would consult with the VSOs to get their input.

"I shared with him that The American Legion has strongly opposed increases in TRICARE copays, as well as increases in pharmaceutical copays, for years. We discussed the importance of ensuring that we do not increase the burden on veterans who have earned the right to TRICARE. Additionally, no increase in TRICARE should occur when there is not also a increase in the cost-of-living adjustment." (quoted incorrectly earlier; please note clarification at bottom of page)

Wong also said Obama pledged that there would be no VA budget cuts included in across-the-board federal budget cuts. "He said, 'As long as I am president, I will protect VA,'" Wong said.

Local Son to compete in the National High School Oratorical Contest

On April 13th, Logan Jackonis will begin competition at the National High School Oratorical Championships in Indianapolis, In. Watch live via the internet at www.legion.org

"There are those who conspire to eliminate freedom from the world today, they are the Wolves." Thanks to Logan Jackonis, a Junior in Poolesville High School's Global Ecology Program, we have the solution to keep the wolves at bay, The United States Constitution.

Logan competed for Damascus Post 171 for the past 2

posted in a weekly Job Board email. Please do not contact MDVA regarding any of the listed opportunities. Employers should be contacted directly.

These are the postings for April 5th.

Valet Parkers and Shuttle Drivers needed
Towne Park the exclusive transportation and valet service partner for the new Maryland Live Casino is looking to hire 100 valet parkers and shuttle drivers. Towne Park, the exclusive transportation and valet service partner for the new Maryland Live Casino is looking to hire about 100 valet parkers and shuttle drivers.
 Hiring Event:
 Towne Park Career Fair -
 Friday, April 13th
 BWI Airport Marriott
 1743 West Nursery Road in
 Linthicum
 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Visit www.TownePark.com to apply prior to attending the hiring event.

Veterans Career Prep Workshop

Thursday, April 19, 2012
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 RSVP by April 18th to
veterans@eseal.org or
 301.920.9715
 Easter Seals
 1420 Spring Street

years, however, he was never asked to join the SAL Squadron at Post 171. Since he lives in Gaithersburg, we invited him to join Squadron 295, which he joined with his father, Micheal, who is a Navy veteran and member of Lithuanian American Legion Post 154. We are glad to have both of them as members of our Squadron.

The overall national contest winner gets an \$18,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$16,000, and third gets \$14,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest's first round receives a \$1,500 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship. The American Legion's National Organization awards the scholarships, which can be used at any college or university in the United States.

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Stolen Valor

The American Legion's position in support of the Stolen Valor Act - 2005 legislation which makes it illegal to lie about military service - drew national media attention today when an opinion piece written by National Commander Fang A. Wong appeared in USA Today. The Supreme Court hears arguments on the law's constitutionality today.

National Public Radio also aired a segment on the case and quoted an American Legion attorney representing the organization and its friend-of-the-court brief supporting

the constitutionality of prosecuting those who make false claims of fact about their military service, such as claiming to have received combat decorations in order to advance a career. Click here to hear NPR's coverage of the story.

The Legion's position holds that the Court has never ruled that intentional false statements of fact are protected under the First Amendment, unless necessary to protect



Stealing Valor in a big way

Silver Spring, MD 20910
Veterans Career Prep
Workshop

Grand Rental Events - Event Setup Jobs

Crew member to crew chief,
assistant warehouse manager
to event setup surveyor &
sales associate. Send resumes
to:

robyn@grandrentalevents.com
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No experience required.
Complete paid training. No
resume needed. Take the
assessment test at:
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Waste Management,
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Diesel Mechanic - 1+ years
SOLID diesel repair
experience, 2+ years of
experience is preferred, must
have basic tools.
Sr. Diesel Mechanic - 3+ years
SOLID diesel repair experience,
4 years, supervisory
experience & proven
leadership ability preferred.
Apply online
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other more valuable free speech, so Stolen Valor doesn't chill protected speech. The "intent to deceive," which is a requirement for a Stolen Valor Act case, keeps mass prosecutions for telling tall tales out of court, and counters the argument that a white lie at a local watering hole could land someone in prison.

As it always has maintained, the Legion believes that false claims to military heroism diminish the sacrifices of our country's true military heroes and lend credibility, which normally comes with donning the uniform, to fraudsters.

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Lest We Forget Our POW/MIAs

Forty-five years ago on April 1st, 1967, Major David R. Williams, instructor pilot; and then Major Robert A. Govan, pilot; comprised the crew of a T28D "Nomad" aircraft on a night armed reconnaissance mission over eastern Laos. The Nomad's intended flight plan took them from Nakhon Phanom (NKP) Airfield to "FAS Steel Tiger, Delta Echo;" then back to NKP. The target area included Route 911, a major artery in the infamous Ho Chi Minh Trail that passed through the Ban Karai Pass. That pass was one of two major ports of entry employed by the North Vietnamese into Laos.

So it began... According to the list remains for Williams and Govan were returned July 15, 1996 and identified June 14, 2002. Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii (CIL-HI) did not even attempt mt-DNA testing. Reaching a new level of creativity, CIL-HI identified the handful of remains as David R. Williams and Robert Govan.

- Minimal remains, no more than a handful were recovered.
- No remains were individually identifiable.
- No identifying items were recovered from the crash site that could associate the men to the recovery site.



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Services Invitational Hiring Event

Thursday, April 19th, 10:00
a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Arlington, VA

This is an invitational event,
so job seekers must apply by
pre-registering, and IBM will
contact you directly to
schedule an interview.

IEC - Chesapeake Applicant Registration Service

The IEC-Chesapeake Applicant
Registration Service is not an
employer - it is a conduit
through which questionnaires
(data on experience, skills,
training) are completed by
prospective applicants at the
IEC Chesapeake Odenton
facility, entered into the ARS
database by IEC Chesapeake,
and then made available for
review by all IEC Chesapeake
contractor members
ARS Brochure

United in their protest, both the Williams and Govan family exercised their right to dispute the identification. The families filed challenges with the Armed Forces Identification Review Board. Other families with questionable identification have also disputed those finding before the Armed Forces Identification Review Board (AFIRB.) The board always upheld the CIL-HI identification..... Until March 2003.....

The board ruled that there was not enough evidence to support an identification of Williams and Govan. Both David

Williams and Robert Govan were returned to the list of the unaccounted for personnel in Southeast Asia..

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First Annual Benefit Concert and Dinner Buffet

Saturday, April 21, 2012



Music and Dancing by: The Second Wind Bandits - 7pm to ?
Hosted by: American Legion Post 86 2012 Viers Mill Road Rockville MD 301-424-4486

Tickets \$25.00 in advance or \$30 at the door

Dinner includes: Roasted Chicken with gravy, Beef Tenderloin, Baked Ziti, Garden Salad, Vegetable Medley, Roasted Potatoes, Assorted Rolls with Desserts, Coffee and Tea.

Proceeds Benefit: The Montgomery County Council Sponsored Programs representing, Post 41, 86, 104, 105, 171, 247, 268 and **295**

Purchase your ticket here. Tickets will be mailed or may be picked up at "Will Call"

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