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COMMANDERS CORNER:

As we come down to the end of another busy Legion year, I must inform you that this will be **my final address to you**, the membership, as your commander. Two years have come and gone and we have accomplished quite a bit, but still have a ways to go. As of 16 April, 2nd Vice Cmdr Michael has formulated the list of proposed officers for Post 85 i.e. **the nomination process is in effect and open**. If YOU are interested in becoming one of these positions, please see myself, Cmdr Michael, or Adjutant Tatro ASAP. Next meeting in May is where we close the nominations and hold elections. Good Luck to those who are in the running. Back to the ranch, Thanks to Adjutant Tatro, Chaplain Bausewein (and Ida who made some great ribs), and Cmdr Michael for putting together the New Member Installation Night dinner and program. We had 18 members (probably a modern day record for Post 85). Congratulations to new Comrades Donald Price, Thomas Williams, N.J. Parker, David "Rooster" Urucchio, and (in absentia) Robert Cory, Robert Baumgartner, Michael Tallent, William O'Donnell, and Eric Christensen. Thanks for choosing to be part of the Post 85 gang. On the same night, **Department 1st vice Commander Gail "Moose" Murdoch** (soon to be the Department Commander or "Head Crab") was in attendance. Moose gave us a nice pep talk on what we do as Legionnaires and very much congratulated myself and the membership present for its outstanding membership dedication (See we can do something right some of the time). Historian Don Plastow has brought up an idea or two that we have not thought of: Perhaps we, as legionnaires, can furnish him **a picture of ourselves** so we know who somebody is when they come into the post for a meeting or function. Also **name tags** may be feasible if our budget allows, to have at the post so again we know whos who. And Comrade Price also suggested to "write on the back what your name is so we will have it. Congratulations to those Post 85rs who supported **the A.L. Baseball fundraiser at Post 274 (Lusby) on April 19**. REMEMBER: For those new members and those active members, if you still would like **to get an A.L. cap**, please see Finance Officer Carrico or Adjutant Tatro. They now cost \$40 (however I feel all Post 85 members should have at least one in their possession for meetings or functions like bereavements or installations. **Reception for Department Commander Butch Haggard** will be at Post 259 (Clinton) Saturday, May 3 at 6pm. See Adjutant Tatro or Service Officer Bob Sprecher. Also, Thursday, **May 22, Flags get put up**, assemble at the Post at 5 pm. **Memorial Day observance ceremonies**, Monday, May 26th, at Veterans Park (Chesapeake Beach) at 10am followed by ceremonies at the courthouse, Prince Frederick at 1pm. Saturday, June 7, **Reception for District Commander Jan (J.D. Larson)** at Post 136 (Greenbelt). Also see Steve or Bob for tickets. **Post Officer Joint Installation Dinner**, Sunday, June 8 at the Post, starting at 5 (Now that's a freebee). **Last Post meeting of the year**, Wednesday night June 18. I would like to take time now and thank all Post 85 officers, members, and auxiliary for their support in helping me in leading the post during the last two years. Gaining 3 STAR membership statuses, 1st Place in the Oyster Bowl and receiving Outstanding Commander status both years is something I am very proud of and proud of the "little guys" who made that happen. I will be associated with Post 85 as a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) member for awhile, so I will be in the area. However, my activity will be downsized. As I depart, I ask you to give the next Post Commander and officers the same respect and dedication you gave me. Stand tall as Americans, be proud of our country, fly your flag, and "get involved" by supporting The American Legion and Calvert Post 85. May God Bless You and May God Bless the United States of America.

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Sincerely – *Commander Galen Knode*