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COMMANDERS CORNER:

Welcome to 2008 comrades and legionnaires,
Good news for all Post 85 comrades. **Congratulations.** Post 85 has attained *** **3 STAR MEMBERSHIP** *** status again and for the **25th consecutive year (1983-2008)**. Hearty thanks to 1st Vice Commander Himmelfarb for steering us over the top once again (this guy should have an agent). I also have attained Outstanding Commander for Membership for the second year in a row, (who says our great post is dying). Come on guys; let's sign up someone we know that would make a fine Post 85 Legionnaire. Think of **Paid Up for Life (PUFL)**. For the next year, we hope, with the help of the Great Commander, for another superb performance. SMD 2nd Vice Commander Tatro and I attended the **County Legion Membership seminar** at Post 206 (Beach). A number of department officers including Dept Cmdr Haggard, 1st Vice "Moose Murdock, and Sgt at Arms Smullen were there as well as SMD Commander Larson and Calvert County Commander McCoy. Several new members were recruited and subsequent coverage of this event was published in the **Calvert Independent** (Gee and I didn't break the camera for that front page picture). Thanks to these folks for helping a new push in interest for this fine organization. **Post 85 Constitution and By-Laws review:** Committee review complete, now on to membership for review and final approval. Well-done SMD 2nd Vice Cmdr Tatro, Cmdr Michael, Chaplain Bausewein, Comrades Sprecher, Schercinger, Tallant and others who have taken their valuable time on several Saturdays to help with this vital endeavor (wow, new documents for the 21st century). On January 23, I, on behalf of Post 85 presented a letter of recognition to **Calverton School** on their partnership with Post 85. Don't forget to support and contribute to their newly created **Veterans Scholarship Program**. (I hear they have their first selectee already). If interested, contact Adrienne Greenlees at 410-257-6100. **Calvert County Legion Oratorical Contest** was held January 27th at 1:00 pm at Post 274 (Lusby). Post 85 will be awarding the **Huntingtown VFD "Fireman of the Year"**, Saturday, February 9th. This year's winner is Clinton Cox, Jr. Well done, hero. **Veterans Service Information Seminar** slated for Sunday, February 17th at 1:00pm at Post 206 (Beach). Want to know facts on how to obtain the benefits you most richly are entitled to....stop on by or just come over to chat with your fellow county comrades. (they won't bite). **Shrimp dinner by Auxiliary unit 274 at Post 274** Lusby, Friday, February 22 starting at 5 with tickets \$12 adults/\$6 kids. And the famous **SMD Dist. Oyster Bowl** at Post 226 (Mayo) (hope post 85 can get 1st place award like we did last year). **Reception for the National Commander**, Saturday, March 15th starting at 5pm at post 211 (Funkstown (just outside Hagerstown) \$25 per person. Want to attend call the post, Commander Knode, or Adjutant Tatro, (but hurry if you don't want me to beat you to rubbing elbows with the big man). Serious side, as always, **Contact the post or its officers** in the event of a Post 85 legionnaire's **sickness or passing (transfer to the Post Everlasting)**. Look for phone numbers attached to newsletter, maybe cut them out and tape to the refridge. Keep our men and women serving overseas in your prayers, wear your cap (if you have one), fly your flag and most of all, and be ever **proud to be an American and a Legionnaire.**

May God Bless You and May God Bless the United States of America.

Commanding, **but not** Demanding

Sincerely – *Commander Galen Knode*