

# 1991-1998

The last decade of this history begins with Michael Foder as Commander; he will serve three consecutive years. A total of 1250 members resulted in 4-Star status. Twenty-nine small U.S. flags were given to Japanese exchange students, 2.5K allocated for the softball teams travel to Lakeland, Florida for their regional tournament, 1K each to the Rescue Squad and Fire departments, \$100 to the Vietnam Memorial Fund, \$620 and gratis use of the Allen Hall to the American Heart Association, \$300 for celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Post home, \$250 to Boys & Girls Club to sponsor a PeeWee team and \$500 for childrens Halloween and Christmas parties.

The Allen hall was given to DARE (awards) LVFD (awards), \$650 to FISH for food basket distributions, \$200 to VA Hospitals for canteen books, \$1,640 was donated for Ivy Hill Cemetery Veterans Memorial (Bill Gray was

instrumental in this), a shotgun rafflenetted \$627 for the program, five students were sent to Boys State and \$180 was received from Laurel Moose for use of Marr Field. A softball tournament raised \$426. for Muscular Dystrophy and \$250 each was given to USO, Epilepsy and Heart Association. Other donations included \$200 to Perry Point from the Leschinsky fund, \$600 to UCP telethon, \$50 to Youth camp, \$100 to send a handicapped child to "Campfire", a similar amount to the Korean War Memorial and \$300 to Spring Grove Hospital.

One hundred dollars was given to outstanding Seniors (boy & girl) at LHS and PHS, a large flag was donated to City Hall and Adjutant Ray received a National Appointment to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee (from 1991 to present) and was assigned as announcer to the parade at the Department Convention in Ocean City.

During 1991-1992 Past Commander Kennedy relocated to Florida, Past Commander Cobb was transferred to Post Everlasting, however, we were again 4-Star with 1,370 on board. The Allen Hall was donated to Linda Newsome (Unit 136) for use in her quest for National President; Ronald McDonald, DAV, Life Member Eagle Scouts and Baltimore VA Hospital each received \$100, \$150 for Marr



*Dedication of new Post home, 1990*

field, 3.5K for softball tournament in Montgomery Alabama, \$300 for Columbus Day dedication, 1K for LVRS, \$250 Great Oaks (\$385 in clothes), \$250 for Patriots of Fort McHenry, \$750 for VA canteen books (SAL donation), \$250 for World USO and \$600 for UCP.

The Allen Hall was made available to Savage B & G Club, Burtonsville Lions, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, Laurel Policeman of the Year, LVFD, Laurel Senior Friendship Club, AHA and The Optimist Club. Two Boys Staters, two 1.25K scholarships, \$200 to Laurel library, \$150 Epilepsy foundation, \$50 to blinded Veterans, 1K to FISH, \$600 for Thanksgiving/Christmas turkeys rounded out our donations for this period.

Our 5K drawing netted \$2,276, 1K was expended for a softball tournament in addition to 4.1K for a tournament in Steamboat Springs, Colorado (we came in 5<sup>th</sup>). The Pearl Harbor monument was dedicated at Laurel Lakes; Gertrude Poe, former Editor of the Laurel Leader contributed \$100 to this worthy cause. The electric scoreboard at Marr Field was donated by Tom Marr in addition to his countless other donations. A Maryland portrait was given to National Commander Dominic DiFrancisco on his State visit.

A sobering report was given by Finance Officer Harold Duvall who reported a net loss of 12K.

For the year 1992-1993 Commander Foder was again a 4-Star Commander with 1,403 members; he was cited as one of the top 30 recruiters in the National organization. The



*Ball field named "Marr Field" by CDR Pitzer*



*T. Marr throws out the first pitch, 1992*



*C. Harman, T. Marr, L. Cerne and F. Cerne, "Feast Time"*

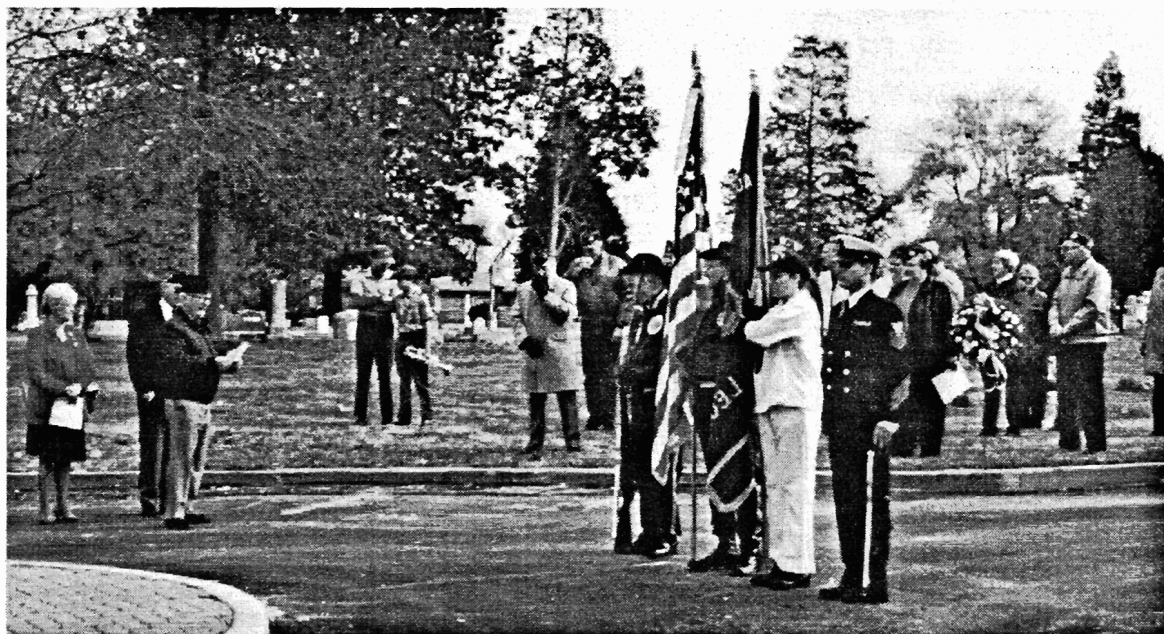
Allen Hall was again; the source of many donations: Heart Association, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, Newsome campaign, Senior friendship club, Squadron 60, and Childrens Halloween/Christmas parties (\$400 each) A two door freezer was purchased for the kitchen for \$2,346, cost shared by the Unit, Squadron and the Hunt club. Women in Vietnam Memorial received \$100 as did the Baltimore VA while \$750 was donated to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home for final honors fund (burial of indigent residents), this was a Squadron 60 project. Unit 60 held a flea market, the Pearl Harbor monument was dedicated on December 7, two scholarships were awarded and \$225 was allocated for purchase of Laurel city maps.

Great Oaks received clothes valued at over 1K, \$250 to Laurel Boy & Girls Club, \$50

to LHS grad night, \$200 for childrens Easter egg hunt and a similar amount for canteen books to the VA and our final payment on the mortgage was paid! Mikes term was rounded out by 430 flags used to decorate Veterans graves.

Again, it was reported by Finance Officer Duvall that we overspent by 7.5K.

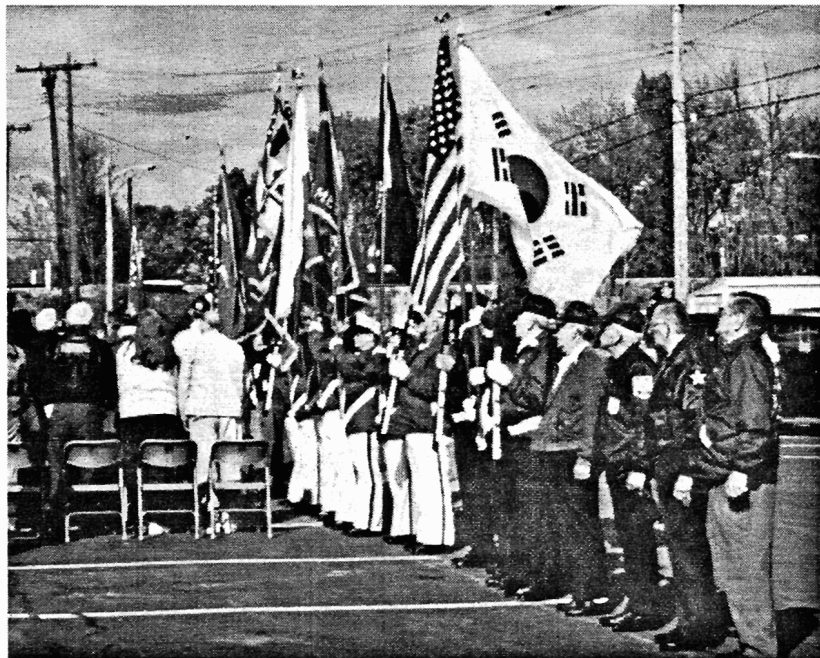
George Schaab began his stewardship with 1,394 members reported (4-Star). The Allan Hall was a busy place with uses by: Pack 345 (BSA), B & G Club, Maryland City B & G Club, AHA, Literacy Center, Senior citizens, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, 40 & 8 (Nurses Training dance), LVFD, Childrens Easter, July 4, Labor Day, Halloween and Christmas parties. Donations were: \$350 to Great Oaks for Christmas party, \$1,050 to softball team for tournaments, \$600 to Laurel B & G Club, 500 lapel flag pins to Laurel Elementary School, \$100 cash awards to LHS/



*Veterans Day, Ivy Hill Cemetary, 1997*

PHS Seniors (boy & girl) and \$180 for Eagle Scout Life Membership. Laurel Moose donated \$100 for use of Marr Field.

Post 60 organized a flood relief project for LeMay, Missouri which culminated in two truckloads of clothes and school supplies donated by the community. Clyde Harmon and Sheldon Barber drove the truck and received heartfelt thanks, driving directly to the school for delivery. A total of \$2,635.75



*Korean Armistice Day ceremony*

in cash was given along with a personal donation from Legionnaire Faith Calhoun. A commemorative plaque was presented to the World Champion Rescue Squad, Alan Danahy was selected as Legionnaire of the Year and 150 small flags were donated to the Petty Officers Association for their presentation at the VA Hospital.

Twelve surplus tables were given to the Columbia Central Korean Baptist Church, a bus load of Legionnaires from Morris Frock Post 42 were entertained at the Post. 1K in food baskets was given to Elizabeth House (Sportsmen Club donated \$200), Holy Redeemer Catholic Church received 250 flag pins, eight boxes of books and \$300 in clothes were taken to Great Oaks.

Surplus Bingo equipment was given to Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church (Pat Clouse), the JROTC Ball was a huge success,

Squadron 60 donated \$700 to the VA Hospital. The Laurel Leader conducted an extensive interview with Legionnaires C. Harmon, B. Bowman and R. Jacquez on their Korean war experiences, the softball team won the State title and both the Korean Armistice and Veterans Day ceremonies at the Post received warm reviews.

Laurel Post 60 suffered a tremendous loss when Life Member Tom Marr was transferred to Post Everlasting. His smiling face, hard work and dedication will be sorely missed. Personal donations, in Tom's name, were made to the Youth Camp by Earl Shelton, Jerry Mayes, Ray Jacquez and to the Cancer fund in memory of Sherman Mattson. The following is an excerpt from the funeral service for Tom held at Fleck Funeral Home on April 21, 1994: "My friends, we can easily recall Tom's giving, caring and unselfish

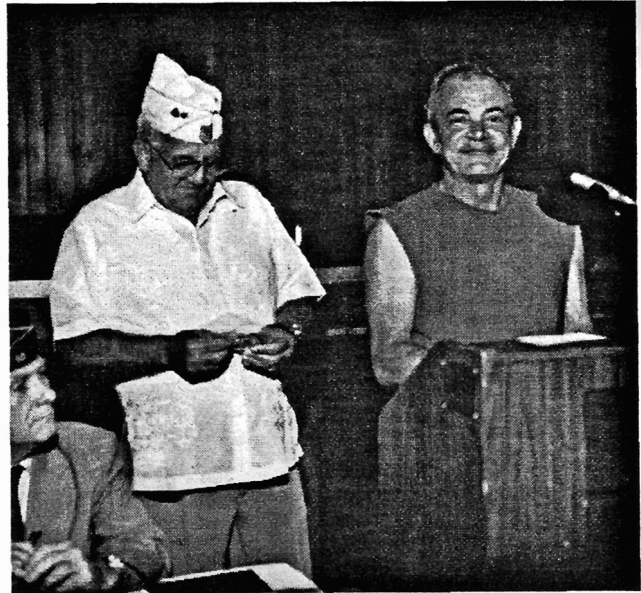
accomplishments which were all directed at his family or his fellow Veterans. Tom was so very special! He touched each and every one of us - always there, quietly serving others in his own unique and Christian way. From his support to our Post home where our softball field was dedicated in his honor some seven years ago to the frequent trips he made to the VA Hospital in Washington D.C. carrying literally thousands of books and magazines as well as many bags of clothing to Great Oaks Center. God bless this beautiful person!"

David Patterson was honored as Legionnaire of the Year.

Charles "Chuck" Lavin was our next Commander for 1994-1995 where the Allen Hall was again in constant use by: LVFD (75<sup>th</sup> anniversary), Laurel B & G Club, Burtonsville Lions, AHA, July 4<sup>th</sup> committee, Cub Scout Pack 345 (banquet), MD City Volunteer Fire Department, Laurel VFD & LVRS, childrens parties on Labor Day, Halloween, and



*"Bookie" Duvall loves his Maryland crabs!*



*Carl Likens receives Life Membership from ADJ., 1995.*

Christmas. 3K was expended on air conditioning and an upgraded computer for the office, a luncheon for 50 year members was well received, six bags of clothes were taken to Great Oaks center in conjunction with their Christmas party and a fund raiser dinner party at the Post was well received.

United Parcel Service (UPS) donated a large trailer (SAL member Dave Zack) which was outfitted to accommodate the contestants in Post turkey shoots; it was named "Karls Roost" after a Post member who was instrumental in rehabbing the unit. The Joe Leschinsky fund provided \$409.13 for Perry Point patients, \$50 was donated to St. Marys Church, USO and Laurel Police Department each received \$50.

Fifty surplus chairs were delivered to Southern Maryland Youth camp by Bob Werling, retiring Department Adjutant, Bob