

## American Legion Post 139 Pool Table

On Wednesday, July 17, 2024, American Legion post member William (Bill) Burke and his siblings graciously donated a refurbished pool table to the Post in honor and remembrance of the family patriarch, William F. Burke, a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) member of Post 139. William served honorably in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the USS Catoctin (AGC-5). The USS Catoctin has the distinction of serving as the communications ship and as headquarters for the advance party planning the Yalta Conference in Sevastopol, Russia where U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin made important decisions regarding the future progress of the war and the postwar world. Mr. Burke became a member of Post 139 after he returned from his tour overseas. Once his son, Bill, returned from his service in Vietnam, William encouraged Bill to join Post 139 and through this common bond, the father and son team built many memories and formed lifelong bonds with fellow Legionnaires.

Pool Table Service DMV (<https://dmvpooltableservice.com>) carefully refurbished the pool table. Juan Manuel Rodriguez and his team came to the Post and carefully assembled and leveled the pool table. The pool table, not coincidentally, has a Navy Blue felt covering in honor of William's military service.

Come for a visit to the Post, spend time with friends, colleagues and fellow service members, play a friendly game of 9-ball, and enjoy an afternoon or evening.

