

Charitable Chatter

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Spotlight Organization - American Legion #7

On many fall Friday nights when most high school students are out with friends or at the local high school football game, 17-year-old Isaiah Midkiff can be found at the American Legion Post #7 in Frankfort, Kentucky. No, Isaiah is not participating as a player of bingo; instead, you will find him sitting behind the bingo ball machine with a headset on calling the nightly bingo games. Isaiah is a volunteer bingo caller and has been volunteering at the American Legion for the past three years through the Franklin County High School ROTC.

Isaiah is a junior at Franklin County High School and is in his third year of Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC), achieving the rank of Group Commander. He initially became involved with the American Legion as a means to help raise money for summer leadership school. That involvement has led to the American Legion now being a part of his life. In all, he has contributed nearly 500 hours of volunteer time, raising not only funds for AFJROTC, but funds for many other organizations.

Isaiah started out selling pulltabs for bingo. However, as chance would have it, he was asked one evening to be the guest bingo "caller." Isaiah gladly accepted the challenge. He quickly became a local favorite with the bingo patrons. The players like his clear, concise voice and his attention to detail in his role of caller. Isaiah said he likes to be professional, which is why you will find him dressed in more formal attire when calling. David Nalley, CFO of Post #7, said when Isaiah started, he was a nervous, shy young man with very high standards; but he has always been willing to try something new. Isaiah would like to attend the Air Force Academy upon graduation. With his desire to be the best he can be, the future is bright for Isaiah Midkiff.



Special points of interest:

- *New Commissioner Appointed*
- *New Employees of DCG*
- *Contacts for DCG*
- *Electronic Pulltab Info.*
- *Do's and Don'ts*

New Commissioner Appointed

We are happy to welcome Cannon Armstrong as our new Commissioner. Cannon grew up in the small rural town of Albany, Kentucky. After moving to Lexington, Kentucky he attended the University of Kentucky and later obtained his Juris Doctorate. He started his career in the courtroom as an Assistant Fayette County Attorney, then became a civil litigator at a mid-sized insurance defense firm in Lexington. In 2013 he took a job with the Public Protection Cabinet advising Cabinet officials and human resource executives on employee related issues and representing the Cabinet in administrative hearings before the Kentucky Personnel Board. He was named as Commissioner of Department of Charitable Gaming in January 2016. Cannon is married with three children.



New Director of Enforcement Appointed

Michael D. McFarlin was named Director of Enforcement with the Department of Charitable Gaming on Feb. 1, 2016. Michael, originally from Hart County Kentucky, is a 1991 graduate of Western Kentucky University. He brings 24 years of law enforcement experience to the Department. His work history includes being a National Park Service Law Enforcement Ranger, the Horse Cave Police Department and the Glasgow Police Department. Since 2005, he has served as an Investigator with the Department of Charitable Gaming. Michael resides in south central Kentucky with his wife Jamie and their two children, Kaileigh and Kade.



New Executive Assistant Appointed

Doug Hardin joined the Department of Charitable Gaming as executive assistant on Feb. 1, 2016. Doug, a native of Glasgow, is a 2004 graduate of Georgetown College and a 2007 graduate of the University of Louisville School of Law. After graduating from law school and being admitted to the Bar, Doug returned to Glasgow to work as an assistant Barren County attorney for eight years, where he was responsible for prosecuting misdemeanor criminal cases in District Court and dependency, neglect, and abuse cases in Family Court. Doug lives in Lexington with his wife, Holly, and their two dogs and two cats.



Additional employees that have joined the department:

- Brett Thomas—Compliance Officer
- Danielle Chladek—Compliance Officer
- Jeffery Fredericks—Compliance Officer

Reminders from the DCG concerning Electronic Pulltabs:

For Players:

Remember to take your player ticket from the machine if you use the stand-alone point of sale kiosk.

Even if you're reloading money onto an existing ticket, the machine will print a new ticket. Don't forget to take this ticket so others cannot have access to your ticket!

Remember to cash in your ticket before the session ends. Any money left on your ticket at the close of the session will be donated to the organization, and you will not be able to redeem it.

For Organizations:

Remember that the days and times electronic pulltabs will be played must be listed on the license. If a date and/or time needs to be changed please contact the agency.

You must have a chairperson on site during all gaming sessions.

You must be open for gaming during the times stated on your gaming license.

You must be able to print a summary report when requested.

Updated Applications/Financial Reports

All applications, financial reports and worksheets have been updated and loaded to the website. You can obtain them under "Resources" at <http://www.dcg.ky.gov>.

Be sure to save the document to your computer **before** attempting to enter information or it will not save into the document.

Updated forms have a revision date of 5/15

Customer Service Contacts

If you have questions regarding charitable gaming, please feel free to contact a staff member listed below:

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Please do **not** staple documents together!

Please do **not** staple checks to or put them in the middle of the documents!

Please do **not** submit double sided documents!

Please do **not** put multiple documents for different branches in the same envelope!
(i.e. Licensing documents with Accounting documents)

Please **do** provide (file) license number on all documents submitted to our office!

Please **do** keep your email address updated and check it frequently!

Please **do** have an officer contact our office for questions or concerns, instead of a member or chairperson!

Please **do** file your applications, financial reports, changes timely!

Please **do** update the distributors in which you are purchasing gaming supplies and equipment!

DISTRIBUTORS:

Please be sure you notify our office where gaming supplies are stored!!