



Past 17th Dist. Cmdr. Anthony (Tony) Scerbo (left) and Past Dept. Cmdr. for Maryland (right) display the new plaque designating the span carrying the Beltway over the Potomac between Bethesda and McLean as the American Legion Memorial Bridge.

What's in a Name?

The "Cabin John Bridge" has officially been the American Legion Memorial Bridge since it was dedicated on May 30, 1969. Over the years the bridge's official name fell by the wayside. To almost everyone in the Washington, D.C. area it came to be known by the name of the area—Cabin John. But to dedicated Legionnaires from Virginia and Maryland, a bridge "by any other name" was cause to mount a public education offensive.

The first victory in this campaign to give honor where honor is due came

District Commander Anthony (Tony) Scerbo and Past National and Department officers from Maryland were on hand to enjoy the fruit to their efforts over the past two years, as State officials rechristened the Potomac span the American Legion Memorial Bridge.

Better yet was the morning after when radio traffic reporters broke their long standing habit and began to refer to the bridge by its official name for thousands of listeners to pick up on. Legion concern paid off.