

The American Legion Newsletter

For the month of April 2022

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Message from the Commander



Buddy Hindle

Board of Directors and Executive Officers Meeting Second Tuesday of Each Month at 1830 hrs.

Regular Monthly Meetings are held the Second Tuesday of Each Month at 1900 hrs.

It's Spring and the activities at your Post 82 are ramping up. Fish fries, Friday dinners, Poker runs, Oyster Bowl, PVA Bassmasters Fishing Tournament and many others are on their way. It sounds like a lot, and it is and we need volunteers to make each and every one of them a success. We are not here to talk about doing – Post 82 Legion family are a group of doers. When asked to help they have always said “yes” and shown up. We actually have fun working at the events. Volunteering is easy – just call my cell phone number, 301-399-1240, if there is no answer, leave me a message or text or leave a number and name at the Post lounge.

Here we are in April, just three months from the end of our Legion year. We still need

128 members to renew for 2022. Check your Legion membership card and if it reads “2021”, get those dues mailed in to Post 82 at PO Box 441, La Plata, MD 20646. Dues are \$35.00. For the new members who were transferred from Post 293 to Post 82, we ask each of you to stop in and say “Hi” We want to meet and welcome each of you to Post 82. We are all veterans that served our country. Let's keep the comradery going and together we will make our legion the best in the Department of Maryland.

Our Post monthly meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. This month the Board and the membership meetings are on April 12th at 6:30 for the Board meeting and 7:00 PM for the membership meeting. Make plans to attend and provide your input for the operation of Post 82.

On Friday April 1st we will have our Steak and Shrimp dinner. Make plans to attend and bring your family and friends. Let me know if you can help with the prep and serving the dinner. Also, on April 9th, which is Saturday, we are hosting the Southern Maryland Regions Oyster Bowl. This a Legion Membership awards Dinner and we need help with the prep.

At the April membership meeting I will be appointing a nominating committee for Post elections which are coming up in June. If you are interested in holding one of the Post offices, let them know. We are always looking for new people with new ideas for the Post.

ATTENTION LEGIONEERS: At the April 1st Steaknite, show your 2022 membership card and get \$3.00 off your dinner. And for legionnaires with a 2022 membership

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card stamped "Early Bird" your dinner and one guest get \$3.00 off both dinners.

I ask everyone to keep all of our active-duty military personnel and especially the ones most recently deployed to Europe to reinforce our military members already there, in your prayers. Pray for the Ukrainians that are putting up a valiant fight against the invading Russians. It is so sad watching the news showing the family members leaving their country to escape the wrath of the Russians. Hopefully, this will come to an end in the near future. God Bless you and the Great United States of America.

For God and Country
Raymond "Buddy" Hindle, Jr
Commander

Membership

As you have read in the above message from the Commander, there are special discounts for members who show 2022 membership cards at the Steaknite on April 1st. Additionally, if you have not paid your dues and come to the dinner, if you pay up that night, you can still get the discount. Just look me up and I'll get you renewed and give you your 2022 card.

Harry Tafe
First Vice
Post 82



Good Afternoon Riders and Legion Family,

The latest scoop from the Steel Pony Corral:

On Saturday March 5, Randy Markley, Brian Miller and Chris Miller helped clean up brush, tree limbs and debris from the January snowstorm at Camp Merrick in Nanjemoy, MD. We cannot thank these gentlemen enough for giving up their Saturday to help get Camp Merrick ready for spring.

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We are still planning and securing sponsorships for our MD Gold Star Legacy Poker Run on Saturday May 14 with a rain date of Saturday May 21. If you know of any one or business that wants to sponsor or donate to the cause please contact Randy Markley at markleywr@hotmail.com We are also in need of volunteers to work the event and the card stops along the run for which you can also reach out to Randy Markley to sign up.

At this time we would like to give a big Shout Out and Thank You to Waldorf Ford of LaPlata for their very gracious donation of \$500 to The MD Gold Star Legacy Poker Run. ALR member Brian Miller a huge Chevy fan accepted the check from Assistant Manager Dawn Long and staff on March 17.

The next big ride for your Post 82 ALR will be Saturday March 26, heading to Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville PA with an overnight stay in Gettysburg PA. Then tour the National Historic Battlefield with a tour guide on motorcycles and returning home on Sunday March 27. This ride will be led by Road Captain Randy "Gray Dog" Markley. For those of us interested in going there is a link on our FB page to book your room for this event. We already have 16 bikes, 1 cage and a total of 22 individuals already registered to attend and there is still room for more.

April 23 will be our Bay Loop ride. This event is a one day ride from here down MD's Eastern Shore across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge/Tunnel and back up through Tidewater VA. Roughly 10 hours long covering approximately 425 miles. Butt Balm will be provided with advanced requests only.

We are needing volunteers to help set up, prepare and serve food for the Oyster Bowl on April 9. Please contact Commander Hindle at the Post to see where you can make a difference. The crew will be starting at 12pm and you can sign up for various tasks and shifts for the event. If you can spare anytime if only for an hour or two please do not hesitate to reach out to Commander Hindle for available time slots.

While we are on the topic of volunteers, there is also a need for help at the April 1 Steak Night and the April 15 Fish Fry. Please contact Randy Markley for Steak Night and SAL Commander Dave Tatman for the Fish Fry. Both events start prepping at 4pm, any and all help is very much appreciated. Also the Steak Night is a regularly scheduled event for the first Friday of the month and the SAL dinners are always the third Friday of the month if you cannot make April 1 & 15.

The Riders would like to welcome our newest member Kelly Borden

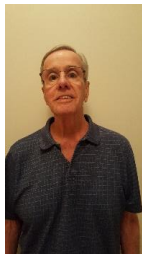
Next ALR meeting is Thursday April 14, at 1800

Presented

**On behalf of Director Jamie Zayas,
(Jamie Z)**

**Submitted by
Kevin Bryant, (Big Sexy)
Vice Director**

**S.A.L. Monthly Meetings are the First
Tuesday of Each Month at 6:00 PM**



At the Squadron's regular monthly meeting on March 1, the Squadron selected PFC Jonathan Kelly as our First Responder of the Year. On May 17, 2021, officers from the Charles County Sheriff's Office responded to an address on Josephine Road to attempt to serve an arrest warrant on a subject with a lengthy history of violent encounters. Once inside the residence, the subject ambushed officers by opening fire on them. The suspect's gunfire struck two officers, Fenlon and Harris. Harris would exit the residence from a second story window. Upon seeing this, PFC Kelly left his position of cover and went to assist his fellow officer. PFC Kelly and SGT Evans would drag Harris away from the scene to a nearby patrol vehicle. PFC

Kelly applied a tourniquet to Harris' leg, and then made the decision to lift Harris up and onto the hood of a patrol vehicle. Kelly went on to lay on top of Harris to shield him from danger and to hold him in position while the vehicle was driven from the scene and to emergency medical personnel. The heroic actions PFC Kelly took that day helped get officers the medical treatment they needed while also putting himself in danger. For his actions this day, PFC Kelly is awarded a Silver Medal of Valor.

The Squadron's first of two fish fries was held on March 18. We served 203 including 10 residents and three staff members from the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (CHVH). Thanks to Gale Willett, David Quade, Katleen Quade, Cindy Moruzzi, Gary Shupe, Roy Yanosh, Alana Lentz, Ed Tatman, Lenny Lentz, Chuck Marsh, Lee Hammonds, Ronnie Alexander, Jason Painter, Kevin Earle, John Earle, Kevin Bryant, Brad Williams, and Cathy Bryant for volunteering. Thanks to all those who helped serve the CHVH residents. It's good to follow the CHVH motto, "Serving Those Who Served."

The Squadron will host its second fish fry on April 15 from 5 - 7 PM. See the flyer on the website, alpost82.org. The fish fries are little more labor intensive than our other dinners. If you have the time and would like to help out, please contact me or any Squadron officer. All help will be greatly appreciated.

First Vice Commander Gale Willett Adjutant Gary Shupe, and I worked the S.A.L Southern Maryland Region bingo at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on March 21. Two hundred dollars was given out in prizes. The residents and the volunteers had a great time.

The Squadron's 2022 membership goal is 232. If your membership card doesn't have 2022 at the top, your membership is delinquent. If you

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see any of the new members, make sure to welcome them to the Post 82 family. Stay warm and well. I hope to see more of you at the Post. Don't forget daylight saving time starts on Sunday March 13.

Yours in Service Dave Tatman
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Queen of Hearts Update



The Queen of Hearts jackpot is \$650. Remember to come by the Post and get your tickets. Drawings are at 6:45 PM on Wednesday nights. The next jackpot could be yours.

News from the Auxiliary



Auxiliary Monthly Meetings are held the Second Tuesday of Each Month at 6 PM

Happy Easter:
Spring has sprung and yet the weather is just not cooperating. Hopefully, we will have warmer days soon! I want to thank everyone for all the donations of cakes that we received for the fish fry dinner on March 18th. We

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received so many goodies that we do not need any for steak night on April 1st. Thank you all again!

During our March meeting our nominating committee was appointed by the volunteering of Carolyn Shelton - 301-934-0095, Janet Fogel - 301-318-7775 and Lynn Shaffer (unfortunately, Lynn left the meeting before I could get her contact information). If you have an interest in being on the ballot for our election of officers for the 2022 - 2023 year, please get in touch with one of these three members and inform them. You have until the May meeting on May 10, 2022, to let one of the nominating committee members know of your interest. There will be no nominations from the floor at elections in May.

In going ahead with our plans for the Mother's Day Breakfast, I went to Restaurant Depot on 24th and purchased some of the items for the breakfast that could be frozen or refrigerated until use. Of course, some of the perishable items will have to wait and some items were not available so we will be going back closer to the week before Mother's Day for those items.

I am still hoping for more phone calls for members that are interested in helping by volunteering for bingo duty so that we may start back up. As of this newsletter, response has been negligible at best. Lack of response leads me to believe that you do not want our largest fundraiser to continue; final decision will be made at the May meeting. Again, my contact information is: kquade74@hotmail.com or 301-934-8820 or 240-419-9084.

Please continue to let Carolyn Shelton know if you or a member you know is under the weather so that we may stay informed.

Kathleen Quade, President

Post 82 Officers

Commander	Buddy Hindle
First Vice	Harry Tafe
Second Vice	Chris LaQuay
Adjutant	Dave Black
Finance Officer	Bill Rees
Judge Advocate	Bob Striegel
Historian	Vacant
Chaplain	Kevin Buckner
Service Officer	George Hawley
Sgt. At Arms	Jerry Higdon

Board of Directors

Norm Shelton	David Quade
Cheryl Wedding	Donna Baker



"Men, these Easter eggs are our primary targets."