

# The American Legion Newsletter

For the month of March 2022

## Harry White Wilmer Post 82

### March 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.**

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and in good spirits. As we all know, February's weather was like a roller coaster, with temperatures up and down. Hopefully, this is a sign we are getting closer to Spring.

At this time we want to welcome the new members from the Waldorf Post 293 to Post 82. We welcome you with open arms as we welcome any member and veteran to Post 82. I am looking forward to meeting all of you in the very near future.

The Post will be having its board and membership meetings on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and 7:00 PM. Make plans to attend and be a part of the decision making for your Post. We are open for fund-raiser ideas from the membership. Your Post needs the fund raisers

to help with our support of Boy's State, Legion Baseball teams, Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home and many other charitable programs.

We will be having Steak Night on March 4<sup>th</sup> so make plans to get out and join us for a great meal. Also, if you can volunteer to help, call me at 301-399-1240 and I will give you a time to get to the Post. We can always use an extra hand on Steak Night.

I want to apologize for cancelling the Steak Night in February. I came down with COVID and could not get the supplies ordered or the help lined up. I am very sorry.

Here we are starting out in March and we still have a large number of people that have not renewed their membership for 2022. Check your card and if it has 2021 on it, if it does, you are delinquent and need to get the check for \$35.00 mailed to the Post or you can pay online at [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) and click on Dues. If you are having some hard times financially, call me and we will get some help paying your dues. Don't feel ashamed, call my phone, 301-399-1240. We are here to help the veterans and their families.

We have two events coming up: one on April 9<sup>th</sup> which is the Southern Maryland Region Oyster Bowl and on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, the Paralyzed Veterans Bassmaster's Fishing Tournament. Hopefully you can give us a hand with these. We have been doing these for several years until COVID hit in 2020 and 2021 when they were cancelled. This year they are back, and we want to make them bigger and better as we welcome those people back. Call me if you can help. (301-399-1240)

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As I write this message, the bombs and missiles are falling in Ukraine. People are dying because the leadership of Russia and the rest of the World have talked and talked for weeks and months with their hearing aids on "off" apparently. Let us pray that this can be settled quickly with a negotiated cease fire before this conflict gets any larger. As with most wars, no one comes out a winner. Hopefully, our President has access to accurate information and to good advisors. I pray that he gets some guidance from above.

We have been deploying troops to countries in Europe to back up NATO. Let us hope they do not have to load their weapons. Keep them and all of our men and women serving in the military safe in these trying times. May God bless them and our leadership and our great United States of America.

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

### Membership

Our numbers are not bad but could be a little better. We have been working feverishly integrating the information related to membership from the former 293 members. If I have missed your membership information or if you have been uncertain about where to send your new membership information don't hesitate to contact me here, at the newsletter. Just send me an email at:

[post82newsletter@aol.com](mailto:post82newsletter@aol.com). I'll research your problem and get back to you. If you are just ready to send in your dues please make your check payable to Post 82 and mail it to Post 82, PO Box 441, La Plata, MD 20646. The National website has now been updated so that

if you pay your dues on line, they will be credited to Post 82 and I'll see that and forward your new membership card to you.

Harry Tafe  
First Vice  
Post 82

### What's Going on at the Post

#### Notice



Good Afternoon Riders and Legion Family,

The latest scoop from the Steel Pony Corral:

On a very somber note The Riders said goodbye to charter member Joe "Ghost Rider" Bader on Friday February 11, 2022. Ghost Rider went to be with his best friend and fellow Rider Bob "Old Man" Hall on January 18, 2022. He was given a flag line and motorcycle escort to Resurrection Cemetery by ALR Post 82, Sober Tramps, Patriot Guard and the DC Ramblers on 18 motorcycles. We also would like to pass on our deepest sympathies and condolences to Ghost Riders sister Kathy Bader and family. Ghost Rider will be missed terribly but never forgotten.

This Saturday night February 26 The Riders will take their skills to the wooden lanes of AMF Waldorf for a night of bowling and fun with

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friends and family. Remember what happens at the bowling alley stays at the bowling alley.

On Monday February 21, the Riders participated in The George Washington's Day parade in Alexandria, VA as invited guests of Post 176 Springfield, VA ALR. This was the first time the parade has taken place since 2019 due to the pandemic. All total from Post 176, 24 and Post 82 there were 24 motorcycles of which 9 from Post 82 were led by Director James "Jamie Z" Zayas.

Planning and securing sponsorship for our MD Gold Star Legacy Poker Run is progressing very well with May 14, being selected as the date for the event. If you know of any one or business that wants to sponsor us please contact us through the Post. More information to follow. Also the plaque that we were presented with at the State Convention in July for being The Top Donor for the Gold Star Ride is now on display in the foyer of the main hall, please check it out and donate if you can to help us keep that award at Post 82.

The next big ride for your Post 82 ALR will be Saturday March 26, heading to Flight 93 Memorial with an overnight stay in Gettysburg PA. Then tour the National Historic Battlefield 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 at a special rate for ALR Post 82.

Next ALR meeting is Thursday March,10 at 1800

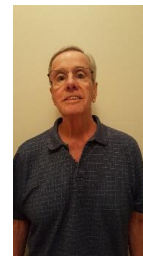
**On behalf of Director Jamie Zayas,  
(Jamie Z)**

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

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



At regular monthly meeting on February 1, the members voted to donate \$250 to the American Legion National Emergency Fund, \$250 to the Fisher House Foundation, \$50 to the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, \$50 to the Baltimore Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC), \$50 to the Loch Raven VAMC, \$50 to the Perry Point VAMC, \$50 to the Cambridge VA Outpatient Clinic, \$50 to the

Pocomoke VA Outpatient Clinic, and \$100 to Operation Comfort Warrior.

Adjutant Shupe and I attended the mid-winter Detachment of Maryland Detachment Executive Committeemen meeting at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City on Sunday February 6. The donations above were presented at the meeting. On Saturday night, Adjutant Shupe and I attended the Detachment Drawdown which was also held at the Grand Hotel. Proceeds from the drawdown and the donations received at the meeting totaled over \$47,000 for Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Americanism, and Children & Youth programs. The Detachment was honored to have S.A.L. National Commander Michael Fox (California) as our guest for the weekend's events.

On February 10, Gary Shupe and I met with members of Boy Scout Troop 1321 in La Plata to present a donation of \$300. Pictured below, I am presenting the check to Senior Patrol Leader Clark Peacock IV. Scout Master LeRoy Strong has a great group of young people.



First Vice Commander Gale Willett and I worked the S.A.L Southern Maryland Region bingo at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on February 21. This was the first SMR bingo at

the CHVH since the Covi-19 pandemic shut things down. Two hundred dollars was given out in prizes. The residents and the volunteers had a great time.

The Squadron's baby back rib dinner on February 18 sold out. We served 141 dinners between 5 and 6:20 PM. That's a lot of food in a short amount of time. Thanks to Gale Willett, David Quade, Cindy Moruzzi, Roy Yanosh, Alana Lentz, Ed Tatman, Kathleen Quade, and Chris Orbits for volunteering.

The Squadron will host fish fries on March 18 and April 15. See the flyer on the website, [alpost82.org](http://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.

The Squadron's 2022 membership goal is 206. If your membership card doesn't have 2022 at the top, your membership is delinquent. Squadron 293 in Waldorf has given up their charter and all remaining members have been transferred to Squadron 82. If you 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.

Queen of Hearts (QoH): Will start up soon when the new board arrives. Some new pay out rules will be implemented with hopes to increase the money in the pot.

Legacy Run: Next Legacy Run at AL Post 82 is on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>. Squadron 82 will furnish the dinner for the attendees.

#### Squadron Dinners:

- Reminder, the Squadron will host the first of two Fish Fries on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The second is on April 15<sup>th</sup>

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### News from the Auxiliary



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

Happy St. Patrick's Day:

Here is hoping the birth of Spring will also be the end of COVID regulations and back to normalcy. Hoping everyone made it through the winter with little or no illness. Shout out to Amelia Leukhardt and Carol Karpiak who are still on the mend but doing well in their recovery. Sincere condolences to Debbie Wedding on the loss of her daughter after a tough and valiant fight with cancer.

At our March meeting I will appoint three members to be our nominating committee for upcoming elections. I will let you know who these three members are in the April newsletter, and you will have until the May meeting to get in touch with one of these members if you wish to express an interest in serving in an elected position. Per our standing rules, there will be no nominations from the

floor at the May meeting prior to the elections taking place. Term of office for all elected positions is one year from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

Now, for some real hard decisions that must be made and can only be made with membership commitment. For over 50 years bingo at the American Legion in LaPlata has been held on every Thursday night. Bingo was originally started by the Post membership and at some point, was turned over to the Auxiliary to run. Bingo has always been our on-going and largest fundraiser. Unfortunately, the same people have pretty much been working bingo for the last 20 years, as well as are working all our other fundraisers, and we are now entitled to a rest from that responsibility and commitment. That being said, in order to continue to host bingo, we need some new workers that are willing to commit to one or two Thursdays a month. It takes approximately 12 people per night, and you would work from around 5pm until 9 or 10pm depending on your workstation for that evening.

COVID has closed us down for the last two years and we have continued to meet our financial obligations in the support of our veterans and community. I personally do not want to stop bingo but, for right now, we will not start bingo up until we have a commitment of support from our membership to work our bingo. I am asking that if you have an interest to work bingo to please call me on 301-934-8820 or email me at [kquade74@hotmail.com](mailto:kquade74@hotmail.com) or text me on 240-419-9084. I will put a list together with your name and contact information along with which Thursday of the month you are committed to work. A decision will be made at our May meeting based on the responses we received in the next two months on whether we continue with bingo or not.

We need desserts for our dessert table for dinners on March 4<sup>th</sup> (Steak Night) and March

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18<sup>th</sup> (Fish Fry - always a huge turnout so extra desserts required).

Our next meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Kathleen Quade, President

**Post Everlasting**

William Goodwin  
Joe Bader

**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

