



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



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### Commander's Message

The Charles County Fair was held September 15<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> and those present at the booth saw approximately 250 veterans with their families. It was a huge success! We asked visitors to sign-up so we could know exactly what areas they were interested in at the Legion. I plan to reach out to each one to assist them any way I can, whether through membership, claims or general questions about the American Legion Family at Post 82.

I want to thank the Legion Riders for their participation in manning the booth all day Friday, and the following volunteers that helped cover the booth, Bob Striegel, John Flatley, Buddy Hindle, Angel Hindle and Glen Maylone.

American Legion Post 82 has a volunteer cook for steak night, which will be held October 7<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Baby Shower for all pregnant Veterans, Reservists, Nation Guard and Active-Duty service members on October 1, 2022, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, at American Legion Post 82. This event is being sponsored by Women Veterans United Committee, Inc,

CTLDOMGroup, DAV Omaha Beach Chapter 7 and American Legion Post 82 Family. Special guest will be State Delegate Edith Patterson. Thank you to all who donated gifts and money to bring many anticipated smiles at this event!

A District 6 Services Officer/Historian Workshop will be held on October 15, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and is being sponsored by American Legion Post 82.

**Honor to Serve,  
George Hawley  
Commander**

### Legion Membership Report

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Tafe is on a long awaited and well-earned vacation. I will be sure to have updated information in our November edition. If Harry was here, I know he'd say, "We are in the midst of membership renewal for 2022/23. Thank you to those who have renewed your membership! If you have not yet renewed, please try to get that done as soon as possible. Remember you can renew and pay online and print your temporary membership card here [MyLegion/RenewMembership](https://www.legion.org/MyLegion/RenewMembership). While you're online, why not select the auto renew option or become a lifetime member and never have to renew again? If you prefer you can mail your renewal to the Post.

Submitted by the editor on behalf of  
**First Vice Commander Harry Tafe**

**Sons of The American Legion**  
**S.A.L. Monthly Meetings are held**  
**The First Tuesday of Each Month at 1800hrs**



At the Squadron meeting on September 6, Chaplin Yanosh handed out proposed revisions to the Squadron 82 Veterans Memorial Scholarship process including raising the dollar value from \$2,500 to \$3,000. We'll try to finalize any changes at the October meeting.

We also agreed to host a Veterans Assistance Day lunch at the Post on May 20, 2023. Lunch will be free to Veterans, their families, and friends. Additional information will be available as we get closer to the date

Adjutant Shupe and I attended the Detachment Executive Committeemen meeting at Laurel Post 60 on September 10.

The turnout for the Squadron's baby back rib dinner on September 16 was lighter than we expected but everyone who did come seemed to enjoy themselves. Our volunteers do a great job every time. Speaking of volunteers, thanks to Alana Lentz, Gary Shupe, Ed Tatman, Roy Yanosh, Gale Willett, Carol Karpiak, David Quade, Lenny Lentz, and Kathleen Quade for volunteering their time. Our next dinner will be on October 21.

Adjutant Shupe and I attended the SMR Fall meeting at Ridge Post 255 on September 18.

First Vice Commander Gale Willett and Adjutant Gary Shupe worked the Southern Maryland Region (SMR) bingo at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on September 19. As usual, \$200 in prizes were handed out to the winners.

We will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.

I want to thank everyone who has paid their 2023 dues. We are currently well ahead of the goal set by National but let's not slow down. Get your dues in as soon as possible. Dues may be mailed in or dropped by the Post. If you have already paid your dues, your card has been or will be mailed soon.

I hope to see you at the Post!

**Yours in Service,**  
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**Commander, Squadron 82**  
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**American Legion Auxiliary**  
Auxiliary Monthly Meetings are the Second  
Tuesday of Each Month at 1800hrs



Hello Emeralds!

I am back from Fall Conference and the ladies and I had a great time! The ladies that went with me are Mary Shaffer, Rita Sexton, Janet Fogle, Amelia Lukehardt, Edna Caywood, Linda Gimmel and Maggie Larrick. We learned a lot from our sessions especially on Leadership!

I would like to thank the following members that have been helping me out with BINGO. Mary Shaffer, Kathleen Quade, Rita Sexton, Maggie Larrick, Linda Gimmel, Linda Rollins, Sharon Bowie, Becky LaQuay, Janet Fogle, Ann Taylor, Lynn Shaffer, and Susie Hardesty. Also we have had members from the Riders, Sal's and Post help out also. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

We will be working the kitchen for the purse BINGO on October 16, 2022. If you would like to help in the kitchen, please let me know.

We are starting up our dinners again, and our first one will be on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. We will be serving meat loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas with pearl onions, and rolls. The cost will be \$15. If anyone would like to help out at the dinner, please let me know.

The Chaptico Food Truck was out in the parking lot on September 14<sup>th</sup>. We got a donation of \$25 from them.

Per information we were given in our last meeting we have sold 10 tables for the craft fair.

Please let Carolyn Shelton know if you would like to purchase a table. Her phone number is 301-934-0095.

If you have any ideas on fundraisers, come to our meetings and share them with us!

On October 1 the Women Veterans United Committee Inc., will be giving away 100 Baby Baskets from Newborn to 6 months. It starts at noon and ends at 2pm at our Post.

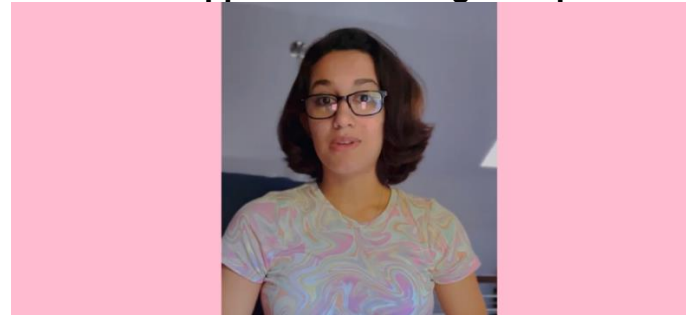
The District meeting will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Post 255 Ridge. Lunch is at 1pm and the meeting begins at 2pm.

Our next meeting is October 11, 2022, at 6pm hope to see you there.

For Service not Self,

**Lesley Radcliff**  
**Unit 82 President**

**Girls State Applications Being Accepted Now**



Rana Holmes, Unit 82 Girls State attendee prepared and presented this [YouTube video](https://youtu.be/PA1AG3BnM9E) for the 2022 Maryland Girls State program.  
<https://youtu.be/PA1AG3BnM9E>

If you know a high school junior, please share the opportunity for them to attend Girls State in 2023. More information is available at <https://www.legion-aux.org/ala-girls-state> or contact **Rita Sexton** for assistance or to refer a young lady for this program.



**American Legion Riders**  
**ALR Meetings are held the Second Thursday**  
**of Each Month at 1800hrs**



**The latest scoop from the Steel Pony Corral:**

We want to thank all of our Riders who showed up to man the booth at the County Fair. This endeavor helps keep our Post out in the community and usually brings in some new members which are vital to our organization. Great job Riders!

This year's National Gold Star Legacy Run concluded on Thursday August 25 in Oak Grove WI, a suburb of Milwaukee. 5 members from ALR Post 82 safely completed the Run with over 250 other ALR members from all over the US and even some from outside of the US. We rode 2568 miles roundtrip in 8 days through 10 states. This year's ride raised an all-time high of 1.324 million dollars with MD ALR donating \$141K! Maryland was the second highest contributor to the total!

On Friday Sept. 9th we headed up to Lancaster PA for a weekend of scenic rides, good food, shopping and a tour of America's Oldest Brewery in Pottsville PA. We were also joined by 2 other bikes and 4 people from Post 175 ALR from Severna Park MD. Aromas of agricultural PA filled the air and the roads were periodically painted with Amish buggy exhaust. The Saturday morning breakfast was enjoyed with Mama Flatley coming out to join at Gracie's on West Main. The trip was shortened on Sunday due to heavy rains pushing through the region. All were able to get home safe and sound, albeit smelling like wet dogs, but smiling all the way to a warm shower and dry clothing.

Sat. September 17<sup>th</sup>, 8 Riders participated in a Memorial Ride for James (JB) Burrows MD Gold Star Legacy Run Chaplain who passed away in late 2021. JB was a great soul and one of the friendliest guys you could ever meet. JB provided the Riders with great weather as we rode with our brothers from Post 259 Clinton MD and a total of 26 bikes. We enjoyed the 45-mile ride as well as a great lunch put on by Post 259. We miss you JB.

On Tuesday evening Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, ALR 82 rode over to Mike Hanks (Twink) home to spread some cheer to our comrade as he recovers from an illness. Twink is a great member to our group and is liked by all. Please pray for Mike and his wife Kim as he continues to heal and regain his strength.

We would like to encourage all our members as well as our Post Families (Legion, SAL & Auxiliary) to please volunteer some time to help with events, fundraisers & dinners as promoted by our Post. These events are vital to the livelihood and strength of our Post within the community. You can volunteer at what works best with your schedule and it can be as short as an hour or two.

The Riders would like to extend a huge welcome to our newest member John (Buff) Buffington. It is good to have a new member who already has a road name.

**Upcoming Rides:**

- Martinsburg VA Canteen Poker Run Post 96 Brunswick MD Oct. 15
- Luray Caverns Oct. 16
- Town of LaPlata "Salute to Veterans" parade Nov. 6

Next ALR meeting is Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1800

"We ride In HONOR of those who have served".

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

**By Kevin Bryant, (Big Sexy)**



**Board of Directors & Executive Officers Meeting is held the Second Tuesday of Each Month at 1830 hrs.**

**General Membership Meeting is held the Second Tuesday of Each Month at 1900 hrs.**

**What's Going on at the Post This Month?**

Friday, Sept 30  
ALR Spaghetti Dinner  
5-7pm  
Best spaghetti sauce in SoMD!  
Bring your friends and family for a great meal!

Saturday, Oct 1  
Veteran Baby Shower presented by Post 82 and  
Women Veterans United Committee  
12-2pm

Friday, Oct 7  
Legion Steak & Shrimp Dinner (It's Back!)  
6-8pm

Friday, Oct 14  
Auxiliary Meatloaf Dinner with all the fixins!  
5-7pm

Friday, Oct 21  
S.A.L. Baby Back Rib Dinner  
5-8pm (Plan to get here early, this is a popular  
dinner and may sell out!

Friday, Oct 28  
Members Shrimp in the Bar  
6-7pm

Sat Oct 29  
Auxiliary sponsored Craft Fair

**Post 82 Executive Committee Elected Officers**

Commander - George Hawley  
1st Vice Commander - Harry Tafe  
2nd Vice Commander - Chris Laquay  
Judge Advocate - Bob Striegel  
Adjutant - Dave Black  
Finance Officer - Bill Rees  
Sergeant-At-Arms - Jerry Higdon

**At Large Elected Officers**

Buddy Hindle  
Norm Shelton  
David Quade  
Donna Baker

**Appointed Officers**

Service Officer - George Hawley  
Chaplain - John Flatley  
Historian - Cheryl Wedding



Project Opportunity is an intensive curriculum-based cohort program. The Fall 2022 program meets every Wednesday, September 14 – November 9, 2022 from 6:30 – 9:30 PM at American Legion Post 82. Through grants and community business support this program is free to all veterans. The curriculum and material are facilitated by small business professionals and subject matter experts. The program concludes with a formal business pitch and graduation ceremony on November 30, 2022.





*Join Us in Our Mission*

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

★ **December 17, 2022** ★

## National Wreaths Across America Day



Help the American Legion Auxiliary  
Unit 82 honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on  
a veteran's grave this December at the  
Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery.

Just scan the QR code to your right with your smart phone  
camera to make a donation online.  
Or visit: [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MD0136](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MD0136)



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