

The American Legion Newsletter

For the month of January 2022

Harry White Wilmer Post 82

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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.

We hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health. These are trying times with the number of Covid Cases increasing each day. It looks like our local officials are thinking about putting in place measures to help curb the spread of Covid. We will have to wait and see what their meeting on Tuesday produces.

The Post Board of Directors and membership meetings will be at 6:00 and 7:00 PM on January 11th. Make plans to attend. As I have said in the past, everyone's input is welcome. Should restrictions be in place to prevent the meetings, a notice will be on the electronic message board at the post.

It is our hope those attending the Post Christmas party had a good time. We look forward to putting these functions together for

our members. If you have any ideas for group gatherings, let us know.

With the rising cases of Covid, we have decided to postpone steak night in January. It is our hope to be able to start again in February.

These past few months we have seen an increase in support of the Post lounge. This support is greatly appreciated. Profits from the lounge pay the bills for operating our post home. Thank you for your continued support.

In closing, stay safe, stay healthy and be positive in your thinking, and try to have positive thoughts. Keep our Country and our men and women serving in harm's way in your prayers.

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

Membership

To all members who have not yet paid their 2022 dues the deadline to prevent you from falling into the delinquent category was December 31st. Not paying your dues can result in loss of Legion privileges. Remember, if you are suffering from any financial stress which precludes your dues payment, contact the Post Commander and explain your

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situation. Your information will be handled in the strictest of confidence.

There have been several instances where some of you have received an overdue notice from National and have already paid your dues. This is due to the delays in National's uploading payment information. Some members of the Post have actually sent a second check in. In those cases, we have verified your original payment and returned the second check to you. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

What's Going on at the Post

Notice

Post 82 will no longer be able to accept donations of medical devices such as walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, etc. This is due to legal issues related to their use. Please contact other agencies directly to see if they have a program for acceptance.



Good Afternoon Riders and Legion Family,

The latest scoop from the Steel Pony Corral:

The Riders would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. We are excited to be working on our ride and event schedule for the 2022 calendar. Road Captain Randy (Grey Dog) Markley will be hosting A Ride Planning session on Sat. Jan. 8th at 1300. All riders who want to participate should be there. Lunch will be delivered should you guys work up an appetite.

On Dec. 18th The Riders participated in Wreaths Across America at Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham MD. With 16 motorcycles and 18 total Riders we laid 46 grave specific wreaths that were purchased by family members through Linda Rollins at Post 82. It was an honor and a privilege to lay these wreaths on the graves of our courageous warriors. Afterwards John (Flatrock) Flatley lead the Riders on a short ride through Southern MD for lunch at Ray's in Benedict MD. On the way home 8 riders stopped by Regency Stadium to lend a hand at the Toys for Tots toy distribution for families in need.

Our early December Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success with 123 plates of our always delicious noodles and gravy being doled out. The Riders want to thank all of those dining with us for your continued patronage and always pleasant company at our tables. Also a big thank you to all of our Riders and family for their hard work and dedication to the cause, it would not be a success without your efforts.

At our December 10th meeting, the Southern MD Blue Crabs in conjunction with Chick-fil-A presented the Riders with a check for \$3,825.00. This check was from the proceeds raised by the POW-MIA game day jersey online auction. These jerseys were worn by the players on game day then donated by the Blue Crabs for the online auction. These proceeds will go to the ALR Gold Star Legacy Scholarship Fund which will be presented to the MD Gold Star Legacy Ride coming to Post 82 and Friday June 10th. The Riders are working hard to keep the MD State God Star Legacy Plaque in La Plata for 2nd consecutive year. This plaque is given to the Post which raises the most monies for the Gold Star Legacy Scholarship.

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The Riders would like to welcome these new members to our ranks. Mike Hanks, Richard Kimble and Glen Maylone.

The Riders are planning to start off the new year with a Polar Bear Ride on Jan. 1st. This ride will take place as long as there is no falling weather, with temperature not a factor thus the name Polar Bear the Riders will motor into 2022.

As we look back at the year 2021, we The Riders would like to thank Commander Hindle for his continued support of the Rider program at Post 82. It is with his support that we were able to have as normal a year during the pandemic as possible and for this we are very grateful. Also a huge debt of gratitude to our Post 82 Legion Depts. who also continue to support our endeavors and set the example for us to follow. We wish you all a very healthy New Year.

Next ALR meeting is Thursday Jan. 13 at 1800. Presented

On behalf of Director Jamie Zayas, (Jamie Z)

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

Members of the Riders at the Toys for Tots presentation at the La Plata Christmas Tree.



Riders participate at Wreaths Across America at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery.



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



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so as soon as possible. If your membership card doesn't have 2022 at the top, your membership is delinquent.

Stay well and I hope to see more of you at the Post.

Yours in Service Dave Tatman
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I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays.

The Squadron held its regular monthly meeting on December 7. The members approved \$212 for a new printer/copier, which has been purchased and installed.

The Squadron's baby back rib dinner on December 17 was a sellout. We served 144 dinners. Thanks to Roy Yanosh, Gary Shupe, Carol Karpiak, David Quade, Gale Willett, Kathleen Quade, and Alana Lentz for volunteering their time and efforts to make this a successful evening. If the Omicron variant doesn't get in the way, we hope to have a group of residents as our guests at the baby back rib dinner on January 21. It's always great to be able to "serve those who served."

The Post Christmas party on December 18 was a good time. Thanks to Commander Hindle, Joanie, and all those who made the evening so much fun.

The Squadron will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive on January 24. If you donate, please let our Blood Drive Chairman Gale Willett know you are a Legion family when you register. The American Legion likes to track these numbers, but not the names.

Our next baby back dinner will be on January 21.

The Squadron's 2022 membership goal is 206. If you have not paid your 2022 dues, please do

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Queen of Hearts Update



As of this writing the Queen of Hearts jackpot stands at \$2129. Remember to come by the Post and get your tickets. Drawings are at the post 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**

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