



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



## Harry White Wilmer Post 82

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### Commander's Message

This is my last commander's message to you, the members of Harry White Wilmer Post 82. Due to work commitments, after one year as Commander, I have decided to step down and turn the reigns over to our incoming Commander, James (Jamie) Zayas.

I have enjoyed at times serving as Commander of this Post. There have been times when I wondered if we would get the job done but the volunteers at Post 82 have always come through and made every function a great success! I was and am proud to say I was Commander and a member of Post 82.

There have been a lot of changes at the post during my year as Commander such as:

- Rekeyed all locks within the post and reissued new keys to those that required them.
- The post shed was resurfaced.
- The hole in the parking lot in front of the dumpsters was filled in.
- Repaired the post freezer.
- Repairs to the beer freezer.

I want to thank the officers and members for your support, and I know that you will provide that same level of support to our new Commander, James Zayas and his slate of officers.

There will be no Friday night Legion dinners in July and August, but there will be a membership meeting in August.

There will be a Membership Appreciation and Installation Banquet on July 22, starting with a 5:00 PM social hour, followed by dinner at 6:00 PM and our Awards and Installation of Officers at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available in the bar until July 12 for just \$10 per person. I hope you all will make plans to attend since this is for the whole Legion family, Legionnaires, Sons, Riders and Auxiliary.

I am so very proud of the Legion Family at Post 82 for the contributions they make to fellow veterans and the community.

**Honor to Serve,**

**George Hawley  
Commander**



## Legion Membership Report

We have reached the end of our membership renewals for the membership year 2023 and we've not done too bad. We could have done better; however, I do thank each of you who have renewed your membership. It's still not too late.

If you renew your membership before July 1st, you will not be dropped from the rolls. New membership renewal notices will be going out around the 2nd week of July. This year, when you get your notice, try to renew right away to ensure that you don't forget. Thank you again for all your support in the past several years in keeping up with your renewals.

Have a great summer!

**Harry Tafe**  
**1st Vice, Membership Chair**

## American Legion Auxiliary

Auxiliary Monthly Meetings are held the  
Second Tuesday of Each Month at 1800hrs



Hello Emeralds:

Time has flown by this year. We accomplished a lot of things this year. Again, I will be your President. Thank you to all who have confidence in me to lead us to a new year.

My officers are:  
Secretary Linda Rollins  
Vice President Rita Sexton  
Chaplain Mary Shaffer  
Treasurer Ann Taylor  
Sgt. At Arms Janet Fogle

My executive committee is  
Angel Hindle  
Carolyn Shelton  
Edna Caywood.

Installation will be on July 22, 2023 from 5-8pm. Tickets are \$10 and you can get them from the bar.

I would like to thank all the helpers we have had at BINGO. It is great to see all entities helping out each other.

May we keep Past Unit and District President Anna Mae Sackie's family in our prayers.

The Auxiliary Convention will be July 12th thru the 14th.

I hope everybody has a great summer.

For Service not Self,

**Lesley Radcliff**  
**Auxiliary President**

**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 June 6, the members voted to spend up to \$100 for door prizes at the golf tournament.

I attended the Maryland American Legion Riders Legacy Scholarship Run dinner in La Plata on June 10. After dinner, donations were presented. I was pleased to present a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the Squadron 82.

The Squadron held a Flag Retirement ceremony on Flag Day. A small group of members and friends watched as 300 flags were honorably retired. We still have quite a few flags to retire, so we will hold another Flag Retirement ceremony in the fall.

The Squadron sponsored another successful Baby Back Rib dinner on June 16. One Hundred and twenty-seven dinners were served, including ten residents and three staff members from the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, guests of the Post 82 family for the evening.

On June 19, Gale Willett and Gary Shupe worked the floor at the Southern Maryland Region bingo at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Thirty-five residents attended and \$200 in prizes were given out directly to the winners.

The 17th Annual Joe Williams Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Harry White Wilmer American Legion Post 82 and the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 82 was held at the White Plains Golf Course on June 23, 2023. Thirty-four teams comprised of 133 golfers participated. The weather started out threatening, but the rain held off until later in the day.

Following the golf tournament, Gary Shupe and I went to Hunt Valley for the Detachment of Maryland 50th Annual Convention at the Delta Marriott Hotel on June 24-25. At the Saturday business session, the Squadron was presented with several Certificates of Appreciation, including "outstanding efforts and support of" the American Legion National Emergency Fund (NEF), Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Commission, Child Welfare Fund (CWF), Children's Miracle Network (CMN), Casey Cares Foundation, Boys State, and Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. The Squadron also received an Outstanding Donation Award in support of the Detachment Commander's Project, Southern Maryland Youth Camp. The Squadron received the Commander's Awards for Community Affairs and Americanism Commission. In addition, the Squadron received a Four-Star Membership Award for exceeding the previous year's membership for the 25th year in a row. Commander Tatman was proud and honored to receive the John S, Tingle, Sr., Memorial Award as the Maryland VAVS Volunteer of the Year.

On Saturday evening, June 24, Gale Willet, Debbie Winkler, Gary Shupe, Pam Shupe, David Quade, Kathleen Quade, and I attended the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Maryland 50th Annual Convention Banquet. In addition to a great meal, the program included remarks by Past National Commander (PNC) Charles Gannon, a Quilts of Valor Presentation, and comments from PNC Joe Mayne of the Detachment of Minnesota. Following the banquet, we made a brief stop by the Southern Maryland Region hospitality room.

On Sunday morning, before the business session, Gale Willett, Gary Shupe, and I attended the Detachment of Maryland Squadron Everlasting Ceremony.

I hope to see you at the Post.

**Yours in Service,**  
**Dave Tatman**  
**Commander, Squadron 82**  
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**American Legion Riders**  
**ALR Meetings are held the Second Thursday**  
**of Each Month at 1800hrs**



Good afternoon, Riders, and Legion Family,

The latest scoop from the Steel Pony Corral:

On Saturday June 3, Director Jamie Z led a ride to Towson Post 22 for the North Central Region S.A.L. Commanders Ride. Joining riders from all around Maryland at Post 22, we rode to American Legion Post 182 in Whiteford, ending at Post 47 in Havre de Grace. After some refreshments we were back on the road for home, 268 miles round trip with just gorgeous weather.

On Thursday June 8, 5 Riders from ALR 82 attended the MD Gold Star Legacy Ride kick-off dinner hosted by Post 11 Frederick MD. We were joined the next morning by 8 more Riders and 3 passengers as we joined Riders from most of the ALR Chapters in the state. Over the next 3 days we rode from Central MD to Western MD and then down to Southern MD before finishing on Sunday in Annapolis MD where we laid a wreath at The Gold Star Family Memorial. The goal to raise 100K for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund was greatly exceeded! Riders from all over MD raised upwards of 192K on the weekend which is expected to go over 200K when the final tally is complete.

On Saturday afternoon about 98 Riders rolled into La Plata via Charles St with Post 82 members waving American flags in a great welcome! Post 82 Riders hosted dinner that evening at the Holiday Inn Express La Plata.

A grand time was had by all with a delicious meal donated by Texas Roadhouse of La Plata and use off the banquet room by Holiday Inn Express. Please show these two businesses some love when eating out or having out-of-town guest's stayover.

Huge "Thanks" to Mayor Jeannine James for her continued support. The Town of La Plata Police Department and the Charles County Sheriff's Office were fantastic providing us an escort to the county line. This huge undertaking, with so many bikes and support vehicles, was completed safely and orderly.

On Thursday, June 15, 5 Riders rode the Northern Neck to Kilmarnock VA. where the group toured, the Kilmarnock Museum and had a great lunch at Lee's Restaurant.

On Saturday June 17, the Riders from Post 82 and Post 259 joined with Rolling Thunder 1 and the Combat Veterans of America to perform an escort mission taking Army Captain Korey Platt to his final resting place in The Gates of Heaven Cemetery Silver Spring, MD. We had a total of 36 bikes including 11 Post 82.

Following the mission for Capt. Platt, 5 Riders attended the Dept of Maryland ALR "Spring Fling" in Thurmont MD, sponsored by ALR Post 11 Frederick MD. They did a fantastic job with food and hospitality.

At our June meeting the Riders elected their 2023-24 Officers. They are as listed below:

Director- Kevin (Big Sexy) Bryant  
Vice Director- Jeff (Animal) Coombs  
Secretary- Randy (Gray Dog) Markley  
Treasurer- Karen (R.E.D.) Himmelheber  
Sergeant of Arms- Bernie (BJ) Fitzpatrick  
Road Captain- Vivian (Momma G) Gedeon  
Historian- Mike (Twink) Hanks  
Safety Director- Bruce (RoboCop) Gentile  
Chaplain- Paul (Bubblehead) Stockman

ALR 82 will be riding in the 2023 Gold Star Legacy Run starting in Kokomo, IN on August 20. Traveling through Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, the ride ends at Hendrick Motorsports in Concord, NC. The American Legion National Convention begins in Charlotte NC on August 24.



### **Upcoming Rides:**

July 8- Hero Dogs Ride Post 22 Towson MD

July 12- Ride to the Department Convention  
Ocean City, MD

July 15- Different Breed Poker Run Hughesville  
MD

**There will not be a Riders meeting in July.  
The next ALR meeting is Thursday August  
10, 2023**

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

Submitted by  
Kevin (Big Sexy) Bryant,

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

**Bingo**  
Every Thursday  
First game begins at 7:00pm Open to the public.

**Friday, July 21**  
**SAL Baby Back Rib Dinner**  
5 – 7 PM Open to the public.

**Saturday, July 22**  
**Post 82 Officer Installation Banquet**  
5 – 8 PM  
Catered dinner followed by Installation Ceremony  
\$10 per person  
Tickets available now – 12PM on July 12  
Members and Family only

**Monday, July 24 SAL/Red Cross Blood Drive**  
12:30 – 6:00 PM

**Friday, July 28**  
**Members Shrimp in the Bar** from 6 – 7 PM  
Members & Family only

**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.**

### **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





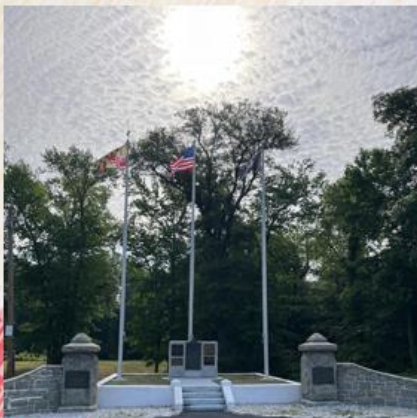
# **POST 82 INSTALLATION BANQUET SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023 5:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Celebrating the past year of service to our  
community with a view into the future!**

**Swearing in of all officers from the  
Legion, SAL, Auxiliary and Riders.**

**Tickets are \$10 per person which includes  
dinner and two beverages from the bar.**

**Get your tickets now through 12pm on  
July 12, 2023 in the Lounge!**



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