



THE AMERICAN LEGION



Harry White Wilmer Post 82

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Commander's Message

We will be holding our annual election of Post Officers at the June 13th meeting. I ask that all members attend the meeting and vote to elect the leaders of your Post.

On June 2nd we will be holding our monthly Steak & Shrimp dinner. We could use your help with prep and serving of the dinner. Sign up to help using this link <https://bit.ly/June-2-2023>

Mark your calendar for the Post 82 Installation of Officers Banquet Saturday, July 24th. Tickets are \$10 per person and will be available in the lounge. More details will come in the July Newsletter.

On June 6 - 10 we will be hosting the Bassmaster/Paralyzed Veterans of America Capital Clash Bass Tournament. We can use your help prepping and serving food on Friday and Saturday. Contact me to help 240-367-6489.

The Post is looking for delegates to the Dept Convention in Ocean City, MD July 10th – 14th. If you are available, let me know.

Honor to Serve,
George Hawley
Commander

Legion Membership Report

Well, we are just about at the end of the line for membership renewals. Currently 73 of our total membership of 767 have not paid their 2023 dues. If these dues are not paid, you will not make the cut off for 2024 which could result in your loss of all membership benefits. Please try and get your dues in and remember, if you are having financial difficulties that preclude your payment, please contact the Commander, George Hawley. To all of you have paid; Thank you so much for your continued support of our (your) Post.

We will be holding our annual officer elections at our next meeting, Tuesday, Jun 13 at 1900hrs. The following nominations have been made and will be presented by the nominating committee:

Elected Officers

Commander – James Zayas
1st Vice – David Abildgaard
2nd Vice – Chris LaQuay
Adjutant – John Flatley
Judge Advocate - Bob Striegel
Finance Officer - Bill Rees
Sergeant-At-Arms - Jerry Higdon

At Large Elected Officers

Buddy Hindle
Norm Shelton
David Quade
Harry Tafe

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1st Vice, Membership Chair

Sons of The American Legion
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Adjutant Shupe and I attended the Southern Maryland Region meeting at John B. Latimer College Park Post 217 on April 23.

At our regular monthly meeting on May 2, the members voted to donate \$300 to the La Plata High School (LPHS) Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) Air Rifle Team, \$200 to the LPHS NJROTC Color Guard, \$100 to the Children's Organ Transplant Association, \$100 to the Ronald McDonald House, \$800 to the American Legion Post 82 Baseball Team, \$500 to Special Olympics of Charles County, and \$1,000 to the Maryland Gold Star Legacy Run/American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

In addition, the Scholarship Committee addressed this year's scholarship. Nineteen applications were received. They were all impressive, but one stood out. John Patrick Alcorn Jr. was selected as the winner of the \$3,000 Harry White Wilmer Squadron 82 Veterans Memorial Scholarship for 2023. John will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall. Congratulations to John and the other applicants. The future may be in better hands than we sometimes might think.

The Squadron catered the La Plata High School and McDonough High School JROTC Awards Banquet. The young Cadets received many awards from a variety of Veteran and other service organizations, including two awards presented by our own Post 82 Commander, George Hawley.

Congratulations to Matt Cox, winner of the Queen of Hearts with number 42! Matt gets 70% of the \$9,331.00 Pot!

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Harry White Wilmer Squadron 82
Veterans Memorial Scholarship for 2023



L-R Adjutant Gary Shupe, Susan Alcorn (John's mother), John Alcorn Jr., and Scholarship Chair, Roy Yanosh

On May 9, 1st Vice Commander Willett, Adjutant Shupe, and I attended a meeting at the Charles County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and presented PO Keegan Dunn with the Squadron First Responder of the Year Award.

Harry White Wilmer Squadron 82
First Responder of the Year Award for 2023



L-R Adjutant Gary Shupe, 1st Vice Gale Willett, Commander Dave Tatman, PO Keegan Dunn, Sheriff Troy Berry

The Squadron joined with Auxiliary Unit 82 members to prepare and serve Mother's Day breakfast on May 14. The turnout was light but those who came seemed to enjoy themselves. As usual, mothers ate free and it's always nice to celebrate mom. Thanks to all who helped.

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

First Vice Commander Willett, Adjutant Shupe, and I worked the floor during the Southern Maryland Region bingo at the CHVH on May 15. Thirty residents participated. Two hundred and twenty dollars in prizes were handed out.

Thanks to Gale Willett, Roy Yanosh, Gary Shupe, Carol Karpiak, Cindy Moruzzi, Cathy Bryant, Lenny Lentz, Jamie Zayas, Kevin Bryant, Mike Hanks, and Bernie Fritzpatrick for volunteering their time at our baby back rib dinner on May 19. We sold out (119 dinners). Our next 3rd Friday dinner will be Baby Back Ribs on June 16.

On May 20, the Squadron hosted a National Veterans Assistance Day lunch. Lunch was free for Veterans, their families, and friends. Lunch included cheeseburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, ranch beans, and dessert.

The Squadron sponsored an American Red Cross Blood Drive on May 22. Thanks to 1st Vice Commander Gale Willett and Adjutant Gary Shupe for handling the registration and refreshment tables.

As of May 19, the Squadron has 214 members which is 101.422% of our goal for the 2023 year. We still have some members who have not renewed their membership. If you have paid your 2023 dues, thank you. If not, please pay as soon as possible. If your card doesn't have 2023 at the top, you are delinquent. Dues may be mailed in or dropped off at the Post.

I hope to see you at the Post.

**Yours in Service,
Dave Tatman
Commander, Squadron 82
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Hello Gems!

I want to thank everyone for their help at our Taco Dinner. We sold 50 dinners, and everybody had a nice time. There will not be a dinner on June 9th. The Paralyzed Veterans of America will be using the hall that evening.

We have our new BINGO machine. It is nice with a few upgrades from the old machine. BINGO is doing great; we are averaging around 59 players each week.

Our officers for 2023-2024 are:
President – Lesley Radcliff
Vice President – Rita Sexton
Treasurer – Ann Taylor
Chaplain – Mary Shaffer
Sgt. At Arms – Janet Fogle
Executive Committee:
Carolyn Shelton, Edna Caywood, and Angel Hindle.
Congratulations to all!!!!

Our unit made Goal Plus this year in membership. Thank you, Rita Sexton, for all your hard work on getting memberships in.

I would like to thank everybody who has helped out with our dinners and BINGO. Without you we could not do these functions.

For Service not Self,
**Lesley Radcliff
Auxiliary President**

American Legion Riders
ALR Monthly 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 Sat. May 6, we participated in the First Annual Clinton VFW Post 9376 Poker Run. All total 17 people and 16 bikes took part in the five card best and worst hand. A good time was had by all riding to various community parks in Prince George County.

Great turn out by Post 82 on May 17 for Military Appreciation Day at Chick-fil-A La Plata. Jeff (Animal) Coombs led the charge by setting up and manning The Post 82 Command Center. Show bikes were led by David (Fix) Abildgaard, Jason (Mayo) Stoddard and Keven Kling with some very impressive motorcycles. We had a great time meeting veterans and their families and shared the benefits and opportunities to serve within American Legion Post 82.

The Riders want to give a very big THANK YOU to Megan Ray and the staff of Chick-fil-A La Plata for an outstanding event!. The next time you are eating out, please patronize Chick-fil-A La Plata. They appreciate our veterans and demonstrate it with kindness and generosity.

The SAL Commanders Ride starting out of Towson Post 22 was rescheduled for June 3. I'm sure we will have a strong representation from Post 82 Riders.

On Saturday May 20 a group of Legionnaires and Joanie got together to hold a GI party on the shed. Wow does it really look good and spacious on the inside; this project was long overdue. A huge thank you for a job well done to Jamie, Fix, Hot Rod, Animal, Lam, Buddy and Joanie.

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ALR Post 82 Gun Raffle winning ticket was drawn at the end of our 2nd Annual Southern MD Gold Star Legacy Ride on May 27 at The MD Veterans Museum in Glasva. Congratulations to the winner, Jeff Bryant Sr!

Speaking of the SoMD Gold Star Legacy Ride, what a great day that turned out to be! We had 134 participants check in and ride with over 100 motorcycles! American Legion Riders from Towson, Perry Hall, Mayo, Frederick, Severna Park, Clinton, and Dover, DE along with a variety of club members, small groups of friends and solo riders and passengers enjoyed temperatures in the 70's and a great 76 mile route through Charles, Calvert and St Mary's Counties. We raised over \$3,700.00 in registrations, donations, and raffles on Saturday alone. We had 36 different sponsors this year which demonstrates the strong support our community has for Post 82, our veterans and their families! The total raised will be announced on Jun 10 when the MD Gold Star Legacy Run comes to La Plata.

Thank you to all our Post 82 family who volunteered to serve during this event, Dave Tatman, Sam Graves, Pat Markley, Jeff Coombs, David and Kathleen Quade, Fred and Cheryl Wedding, Dave Gee, John Sullivan, Bruce Gentile, Lloyd and Alecia Morrison, Brenda, Dennis and BJ Fitzpatrick, and Sid Marcus.

The MD Gold Star Legacy Ride will begin on Friday, June 9 in Frederick, MD with stops at various American Legion Posts to collect funds raised for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. After an overnight in Cumberland, the riders will head East and South coming to overnight in La Plata Saturday, June 11. The Riders will be hosting the dinner at the Holiday Inn Express La Plata. We will be leaving out of Post 82 on the 3rd and final day, Sunday June 11 at 0830 headed to the final stop at the Gold Star Family Monument in Annapolis.

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

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

Submitted by Kevin (Big Sexy) Bryant

Post Everlasting

Allen Jay Neave
June 8, 1927 – April 19, 2023



Allen Jay Neave, 95, of King George, VA, passed away peacefully on April 19, 2023 at Heritage Hall Rehabilitation Center in King George.

Allen was born at the family home in Hughesville MD., on June 8, 1927, the first of five children of Richard Ernest and Mary Thornburg Neave. He married Carol Lee Macy of Litchfield, IL on June 19, 1949, while both were students at Earlham College in Richmond, IN. Carol passed away on April 21, 2000. He was also predeceased by sisters Hazel and Mary Ann Neave, and Evangeline (Vicky) Corbitt, in addition to his parents and second wife Lorraine, and devoted companion, Mary Mattia. He lived in Hughesville until 1967, then lived in La Plata until 2002, when he moved to Waldorf with Lorraine. He lived in King George with daughter Sherry since 2010.

Allen graduated from Hughesville HS in 1944, and Earlham College, Richmond, IN, in 1950. He interrupted college to serve two years in the U. S. Army just after World War II.

After college, Allen joined his father Ernest as the third generation of the family insurance business, then expanded into real estate and land development, finally retiring from the insurance business in 2002. He was a member of American Legion Post 238 in Hughesville, and Post 82 in La Plata. He had been a member of the Brandywine Lions Club, and was a President of La Plata HS PTA He was also a charter member of the Hughesville VFD, Charles County
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Chamber of Commerce, Southern Maryland Board of Realtors, Rotary Club of Charles County, and had actively volunteered at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center for the last several years.

He is survived by son Maurice Richard (Martha) Neave of Fairfax, VA, daughter Sheryl Lee Shade of King George, stepdaughter Stephanie Bylan, brother Robert E. (Sandie) Neave and brother-in-law James Corbitt, their children and grandchildren, granddaughter Carol June America, great-grandchildren Jordan Allen Neave, Alyssa Sauer, and Mason Fox, and step-grandson Larry Dinger. Also, special friend JoAnn Bush, and Godson James Rivera Bullock.

Al was always a baseball fan, especially of the original Washington Senators, a car enthusiast, an avid golfer since the 1960s, and gardening had been his favorite hobby for 90 years. He and Carol traveled often, with Hilton Head, SC a frequent destination, where they owned a second home.

Arrangements were handled by Raymond Funeral Service, with interment at Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham.

Al Neave was very active here at Post 82 and he is greatly missed by many. Our thoughts, support and condolences are offered to his family.

Do you know a Veteran or Post 82 Family Member in Need of Support?

Contact

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Chaplain

John Flatley – 301-848-7664
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Upcoming ALR 82 Rides (All Post 82 Members and family are welcome to ride with us)

June 3 – S.A.L. NCR Commander's Ride
\$20 per bike, \$10 passenger – Proceeds to Detachment Commanders Project

June 9 - 11 Maryland Gold Star Legacy Run.

June 15 – Weekday ride to Irvington, VA (Steamboat/Air Museum, Montross Brewery, Colonial Beach)

June 17 – Francis Scott Key Post 11 (Frederick, MD) 2nd annual ALR Spring Get Together.
Lewiston Social Club
10540 Putman Rd
Thurmont, MD 21788

June 25 – Faces of Valor Family Fundraiser
Annapolis/Crownsville, MD
<https://www.facesofvalorusa.org/family-fundraiser/>

It's American Legion Baseball Season!

Post 82 has four teams this year, two in the senior league and two in the junior league. The regular season has started for both leagues and runs through July 6 for the Seniors and July 18 for the Juniors. The game schedules are posted in the lounge on the bulletin board behind the bar. Put on your LP 82 team store gear and go out and cheer our teams to victory!



What's Going on at the Post This Month?

Bingo

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

Friday, June 2

Steak & Shrimp Dinner from 5 – 7:pm

Steak is back! Come out for a great meal and fellowship!

Open to the public

Saturday, June 3

ALR Ride to S.A.L. NCR Commander Ride

0800 Meet Wawa, Brandywine

0830 KSU

0950 Arrive Post 22, Towson, MD

1600 ETR Charles County

Friday - Sunday, June 9 - 10

Paralyzed Veterans of America

Capital Bass Clash Fishing Tournament

Check with Commander Hawley or Buddy Hindle to help with lunch prep, etc.

Saturday/Sunday, June 10-11

MD ALR Gold Star Legacy Ride in La Plata

Plan to line up on Charles Street or at the Post to wave and cheer the Riders into town on June 10 at approximately 16:00hrs and send them off in style from Post 82 on Sunday morning at 0830.

Friday, June 16

S.A.L. Baby Back Rib Dinner from 5 – 7:pm

Open to the public.

Friday, June 23

Members Shrimp in the Bar from 6 – 7:pm

Members only

Friday, June 30

ALR 82 Spaghetti Dinner from 5 – 7:pm

Open to the public



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

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Appointed Officers

Service Officer - George Hawley
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Historian - Cheryl Wedding

ESCAPE THE FIREWORKS

AN ALTERNATIVE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION EVENT

A SAFE, SILENT AND ENTERTAINING EVENING FOR VETERANS, THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO CELEBRATE OUR COUNTRY'S BIRTHDAY!

(FOOD, GAMES, MUSIC, CAMARADERIE)

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH, 2023

6:00 – 10:00PM

AMERICA LEGION POST 82

6330 CRAIN HIGHWAY

LA PLATA, MD

(THERE IS NO CHARGE)

Advance Registration Required.
Get your free tickets
here: <https://bit.ly/Silent4th>



[Escape The Fireworks](#) [An Alternative 4th of July Celebration](#)

Post 82 is hosting an event designed to give *Legion Member Veterans*, their family and friends who struggle with loud noises and flashing lights an opportunity to celebrate our Country's Birthday free from fireworks displays.

A combined effort of the Legion, SAL and Auxiliary of Post 82, we will have free food, games, activities and family friendly entertainment from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Volunteer to help at <https://bit.ly/silent4th-volunteer>

We are intentionally keeping our advertising within the American Legion Family and other VSOs we currently partner with for the first year. Feel free to share with your family and friends and plan to attend with them.

The event is free but requires pre-registration. No tickets will be issued at the door. Register at <https://bit.ly/Silent4th> or scan the QR code in the above flyer.