



THE AMERICAN LEGION



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I am once again asking our members who have not renewed their membership to do so ASAP.

Honor to Serve,

George Hawley
Commander

Commander's Message

April was a busy month at Post 82. The Friday night Shrimp dinners, Southern Maryland Region Oyster Bowl, monthly meetings, District meetings, and none of this could have happened without the help of our Legion Family volunteers. Everyone stepped up and did an outstanding job at the shrimp dinner and Oyster Bowl! We received several positive comments about the food at both events. The Oyster Bowl was highly successful and was sold out, so if you see Angel and Buddy Hindle at the Post, thank them for coordinating the event.

On May 9 we will be holding our Board of Directors and Membership meetings at 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm, respectively. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend and participate. The 2023 nominating committee is seeking candidates for Post Officers, so let them know if you are willing and able to hold one of these positions.

If anyone wants to be a delegate to the Department of Maryland Legion Convention in Ocean City, July 10-14, let us know and we will add you to the Delegate Roll. Also, if any of you want to attend the Legion College at the Convention on July 10, let us know and we will get you registered (You do not have to be a delegate to attend Legion College).

Legion Membership Report

Well, we are just about at the end of the line for membership renewals. Currently 90.4% of the membership has paid their 2023 dues. That leaves 73 of our total membership of 767 that have still not paid their 2023 dues. If these dues are not paid within the next 4 weeks, 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.

Harry Tafe

1st Vice, Membership Chair



The Post 82 Legion Baseball
Gear Store is OPEN!
Check out the flyer below!

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



The Squadron sponsored an American Red Cross Blood Drive on March 27. In the thank you from the Red Cross it states, "Your drive collected 33 units for the day just missing the goal by one unit. Because of your efforts 99 patients can potentially be assisted." Thanks to 1st Vice Commander Gale Willett and Adjutant Gary Shupe for handling the registration and refreshment tables. Six donors were identified as Post 82 members. Thanks so much. The Squadron will sponsor another Blood Drive on May 22.

At our regular monthly meeting on April 4 the members selected Charles County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) PO Keegan Dunn as our First Responder of the Year.

"On August 17, 2022, CCSO officers responded to the area of Smallwood Drive and McDaniel Road for the report of a male subject who had just stolen a firearm from a family member and fled on foot. The family indicated the suspect was suffering from a mental health episode and was concerned for his safety. While responding, Officer Dunn located the subject on foot and moved his vehicle in position to intercept. Officer Dunn existed his vehicle in pursuit of the male and after noticing a handgun in the subject's waistband took immediate action to detain him. A struggle ensued but after a few minutes, the male and the illegally possessed firearm were secured. Officer Dunn acted without regard for his safety in apprehending the armed suspect. For his actions this day, PO Keegan Dunn was awarded a Meritorious Service Award."

The Squadron will present PO Dunn with a plaque at the May 9 meeting of the CCSO. In addition, a donation will be made to the CCSO Special Events Fund in PO Dunn's name. Congratulations to PO Dunn!

First Vice Commander Willett, Adjutant Shupe and I were among the guests at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (CHVH) 2023 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet on April 12. Squadron 82 received a Certificate of Appreciation for our efforts during the Southern Maryland Region BINGOs which are held at the CHVH on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Adjutant Shupe and I attended the Detachment of Maryland meeting at Greenbelt Post 136 on April 14. In addition to Committee briefings and donations, details for the 50th Detachment of Maryland meeting and banquet in Hunt Valley on June 23 through 25 were provided. Over \$28,000 in donations from Squadrons across the state were made during the meeting.

First Vice Commander Willett and Adjutant Shupe worked the floor during the Southern Maryland Region bingo at the CHVH on April 17. Thanks to Gale Willett, Roy Yanosh, David Quade, Kathleen Quade, Alana Lentz, Rodney Hammonds, Kim Hammonds, Jason Painter, Carol Karpiak, Cindy Moruzzi, Cathy Bryant, Lenny Lentz, Jamie Zayas, John Flatley, Kevin Bryant, Kevin Earle, Mike Stockman, and Dave Abilgaard for volunteering their time at our fish fry on April 21. Nine residents and two staff members from the CHVH were guests of the Post 82 family.

The Squadron members will join the members of the Auxiliary to host a Mother's Day breakfast on May 14. A flyer is included in this newsletter. It's a great time for everyone to get together and honor mothers.

Our next Friday dinner will be Baby Back Ribs on May 19.

The Squadron will host a National Veterans Assistance Day lunch on May 20. Lunch is free for Veterans, their families, and friends.

As of April 21, the Squadron is at 100% of its 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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American Legion Auxiliary

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



Hello Emeralds!

Well, it is May, so it is time for elections! On our cert we have for President, Lesley Radcliff, Vice President, Rita Sexton, Treasurer, Ann Taylor, Chaplain, Mary Shaffer, Sergeant-At-Arms, Janet Fogle, Executive Board Members – Brenda Carolyn Shelton, Edna Caywood, and Angel Hindle.

We will be voting on these offices at our May 9th meeting. Our May 12th dinner will be Tacos. The dinner will be from 5-7pm. The cost is \$12.00. Mother's Day breakfast is on May 14th. Our Unit has made goal on membership. Thanks for all the hard work you did Rita! Poppy Day is May 26th. Remember to wear your poppy.

I would like to thank all the members who have helped the Auxiliary with BINGO and our dinners.

Our next meeting is on May 9th at 6PM. Hope to see you there.

For Service not Self,

Lesley Radcliff
Auxiliary President

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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:

The Riders would like to thank all who had lunch and/or dinner at Foster's Grille LaPlata in support of our weeklong fundraiser in April. We also would like to thank the staff at Foster's for great service, good food and giving us a portion of the proceeds to help our veterans.

ALR Post 82 Gun Raffle tickets have been distributed amongst the Riders. Tickets are going fast so if you would like to purchase a ticket see a Rider at all Post dinners and functions. You can also reach out to Raffle Chairman Kevin Bryant to get tickets. We are raising money for the Gold Star Legacy Scholarship Fund. Only 500 tickets will be sold. with the winner getting their choice of one prize. Henry .22 caliber rifle, Winchester Semi-Auto 12-gauge shotgun, S&W 9mm pistol and \$750 cash. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of our 2nd Annual Southern MD Gold Star Legacy Ride on May 27.

The Riders are also planning and organizing our 2nd Annual Southern MD Gold Star Legacy Ride which will take place on Saturday May 27. The Riders are actively seeking donations from the business community and individuals. If your workplace would like to sponsor the ride, please ask a Rider for an information packet. The ride is open to the community. If you know someone who would like to ride, they can sign up from our American Legion Riders Post 82 LaPlata, MD Facebook page. Proceeds benefit the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

<https://www.facebook.com/ALR82MD>

The Riders would like to thank Cheryl Wedding for the donation of a beautiful Gold Star quilt which she made with love and lots of stitching. The Riders are raffling off the Gold Star quilt for \$1 a chance. We will be selling them at the Post Dinners and various functions. The drawing will be held on Saturday evening June 10 as we host the MD Gold Star Legacy Run at the Holiday Inn Express.

The MD Gold Star Legacy Ride will begin on Friday June 9 and traverse most of the State of Maryland collecting donations for the American Legion Scholarship Fund. Please plan to welcome the riders to La Plata at approximately 4:00pm on June 10. ALR 82 will be hosting the dinner that evening at the Holiday Inn Express LaPlata. We will be leaving out of the Post on the 3rd and final day, Sunday June 11 at 0830.

The Riders would like to thank Kathleen & David Quade for their very gracious donation of \$150 which was their winning 50/50 ticket from the spaghetti dinner.

Also, a huge thank you goes out to all Riders who helped make the Southern Maryland Region Oyster Bowl a huge success. It showed the entire Southern Maryland that Post 82 puts on one hell of a banquet.

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. Thank you to all who have been stepping up to help, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Rides:

May 13- S.A.L. NCR Commander's Ride

\$20 per bike, \$10 passenger
Proceeds to Detachment Commanders Project
0800 Meet Wawa Brandywine
0830 KSU
0950 ETA Post 22, Towson
1600 ETR Charles County

May 27- ALR Southern MD Gold Star Legacy Ride

0930 Registration opens @ Post 82
1015 Opening Remarks
1030 First Bike Out
1115 Last Bike Out
1300 Finale at Red, White & Blue Music Festival @ Maryland Veterans Museum, Newburg
1430 Last Hand in

May 28- AMVETS Rolling to Remember

The next ALR meeting is Thursday May 11 at 6:00pm

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

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

Submitted by Kevin (Big Sexy) Bryant,



Oyster Bowl 2023 Was A Huge Success!

To everyone that helped the Post to put on the best Oyster Bowl ever, *THANK YOU!!!* It can be said it was a Legion Family effort – every part of the Legion Family was involved. I was so proud of the teamwork that was presented on April 15th. Thank you so much for your help. Once again you showed that the Post 82 Family is the best at anything we take on!

Buddy Hindle
Oyster Bowl Chairman

Scam Warning

There is an unauthorized "My Legion App" currently available from the Android and Apple stores. The app was created by an organization identified as "Giant Killer". Please do not engage with this seller as they do not have permission to use the Legion likeness.

What's Going on at the Post This Month?

Bingo

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

Friday, May 5

Shrimp Dinner from 5 – 7:pm
Open to the public

Friday, May 12

Auxiliary Dinner from 5 – 7:pm
Open to the public

Saturday, May 13

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

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day Brunch from 8 – 11:am
Sponsored by S.A.L & Auxiliary
Open to the Public

Friday, May 19

S.A.L Baby Back Rib Dinner from 5 – 7:pm
Open to the public.

Saturday, May 20

S.A.L. National Veteran's Day Lunch 12:pm
Open to all Veterans and their family members

Friday, May 26

Members Shrimp in the Bar from 6 – 7:pm
Members only

Saturday, May 27

ALR SoMD Gold Star Legacy Ride 9:30am
<https://bit.ly/ALR82SoMDGLSR>



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

*Harry White Wilmer
American Legion Post 82*

**MOTHER'S
DAY**

Breakfast

Please join us



*May 14, 2023, from 8am – 11am
Open to the Public*

*Buffet Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Bacon,
Hash Brown Patties, Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, Fruit,
Orange Juice, Apple Juice & Coffee*

*\$13.00 Per Person
(Children 5 and under are free)*

*Sponsored by:
The American Legion Auxiliary
&*

*Sons of the American Legion
6330 N. Crain Highway
La Plata, Md 20646*



Post 82



Legion Baseball Gear Store Open Now Until May 15!

Lots of Items to Choose From Including
T-Shirts, Hoodies, Fleece, Caps
And More!



Order Online at

<http://bit.ly/Post82LegionBallStore>

Items will be delivered to Post 82 once the store closes
and the entire order is processed



THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND GOLD STAR LEGACY RIDE
"WE HONOR THEIR SACRIFICE BY PROVIDING A FUTURE FOR THEIR CHILDREN"

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
\$25 PER MOTORCYCLE/ \$10 ADDITIONAL RIDER
DAY OF \$30 PER MOTORCYCLE/ \$15 ADDITIONAL RIDER
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:30AM / FIRST BIKE OUT UP AT 10:30AM
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 82 LA PLATA, MD
LAST BIKE OUT AT 11:30AM

PLEASE SCAN QR CODE WITH PHONE CAMERA OR VISIT THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER

<https://linktr.ee/alrpost82>

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