



THE AMERICAN LEGION



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Commander's Message

Hello, Post 82 family, I am hoping this newsletter finds everyone safe and happy. April showers bring May flowers, and our Post family is blooming!

If you have not heard Post 82 was awarded 1st Place in the Southern Maryland Region (SMR) for category four. This award was presented to our membership team led by our 1st Vice Commander David Abildgaard at the SMR Oyster Bowl hosted by Post 238 in Hughesville Maryland. Thank you to all our new members and current members that have renewed for another year to help us reach this goal. But, we are not done yet we need everyone's help. If you know of any military members that are looking for a Post to join, Sign them UP! If we continue to hold this first place position until June 11th our Post will be recognized at the State level for outstanding membership achievement.

Speaking of the Great Southern Maryland Region District Six, we are doing a fundraiser! Donations made will support the District Six Council and the great service they provide to our district and the American Legion as a whole. Your Commander (that's me) has been asked to chair the fundraising committee and we have elected to set up a Double Good virtual popcorn sale. Each Post in the District will set up a Pop-Up Store and sell Double Good ultra-premium popcorn! The popcorn is delicious and award-winning. I've participated in this fundraiser before and it was very successful. Our fundraiser begins on May 13th and runs until May 17th. I have set a goal of \$1,000 in sales for our Post. I will be sending out a flier with a link to help us reach this goal. Please make a purchase and share our store link with your friends and family.

I would like to remind everyone of our Post steak and fried shrimp dinner on Friday May 3rd from 5-6:30pm. Our signup link is here. Come out and have fun preparing and serving with your fellow legionnaires (<https://bit.ly/May-3-2024Steak-Shrimp>). Thank you to all that have volunteered, the more help we have the easier it is for all involved. After evaluating recent past sales, we have decided to serve from 5:00 – 6:30PM. We rarely have anyone arrive past 6:30. Please share the new time and encourage all to arrive earlier than later.

I would also like to remind all legionnaires that have paid their 2024 dues to take advantage of the multi-year membership option and renew at

the current rate of \$35. This limited time offer is only available on-line until June 30, 2024. We are not able to offer this through the Post. More information to follow in this newsletter.

Speaking of help, your Post can use some; if you can help with handyman jobs such as tile work, painting, stucco repairs etc. please let me know.

We have a few magnificent events coming up at our Post, please do not hesitate to join in, together we can do remarkable things for our Veterans.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Post.

Your Commander

Jamie Zayas



Legion Membership Report

Greetings Legionaries and all of those who support American Legion Post 82. We've had a phenomenal year in membership. Not only did we exceed expectations, but we were also recognized as Southern Maryland Region's top post for Category 4 at the recent SMR Oyster bowl event. In fact, Post 82 topped all Category 4 Posts throughout the state with 107% recruitment and 92% renewals. We have held the top spot for several weeks in a row. As of May 19, we have 775 active members! With my membership team's continued commitment, we are hoping to hold on to that spot through June 30.

To remain ahead of the pack on membership renewals, and to save you money, we have been encouraging folks to renew online for up to three years at the current rate of \$35.00 and save before dues increase to \$45.00 on Jul 1st. So far, 57 Post 82 Legionnaires have taken advantage

of this opportunity. That means 534 personnel with annual renewals may incur the extra cost of \$10.00 per year after the deadline. If you need help doing so, please reach out to me, the Post Commander, or the Adjutant for assistance.



David Abildgaard
1st Vice, Membership Chair

Respectfully,
David D. Abildgaard, 1st Vice Commander
Membership Chair



When's the last time you made a Buddy Check on a fellow veteran? The American Legion established Buddy Checks as a program in 2019 <https://bit.ly/albuddycheck24>. However, we don't need a program to reach out to our buddies, do we? With suicide attempts on the rise, it's critical that we all take responsibility to help each other out.

Check out this 10-minute documentary, "22 A Day" by Navy Veteran Paul Davis, then make the call to check on your buddies. <https://youtu.be/2trfl2unuQo?si=WLGQISJcGYIb5Vfb>



Chaplains Corner

Sick Call:

Harry Tafe – Recovering from Surgery. At last report, Harry is recovering very well. He looks forward to being able to join us again soon.

Buddy Hindle – Cancer Treatments. Like most who are fighting cancer, Buddy has good days and bad days. When asked, he'll tell you most are good days.

Post Everlasting:

Doug Clarke Former Post 82 Commander, Vietnam War Veteran, 51-year member of the American Legion

<https://bit.ly/DMClarkeSr>

James S. Jackson WWII Veteran, 18-year member of the American Legion

<https://bit.ly/JSJackson>

John H Taylor Jr Korean War Veteran, 43-year Member of the American Legion

<https://bit.ly/JHTaylorJR>

Since our last post newsletter, we have had three legionnaires report to Post Everlasting and we performed the American Legion Post Everlasting ceremony for each. We had several Post members participate in them and I offer my thanks to each of you.

As a retired Navy submariner, I have often heard of our shipmates passing away and going on "Eternal Patrol", but I must confess that it wasn't until I was in the position of Post Chaplain that I heard of our "Post Everlasting" service. The script that we use for the service makes it clear that the Post Everlasting is an appropriate metaphor for our eternal home with God in heaven. The

following are excerpts from the prayers included in the script.

"Eternal God, Supreme Commander of us all, Lord of the far-flung battle line to whom the ranks of life report, we bow before You with reverent hearts, and in sublime faith, know that You lead us on in death as You have in life."

"With the faded blossoms of springtime and the withered leaves of autumn, You have called our friend to eternal peace, to the land of your silent mystery. "

"Until for us, the day breaks and the shadows flee, may we live our lives in a way that we may honor the Legionnaires who have gone before us. Together may we come to the city which You have prepared for those who love You."

There are many Bible verses that support the concept of Post Everlasting as presented in the script and I offer the following for your consideration:

John 14:2 NIV

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

2 Corinthians 5:1 NIV

"For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands."

Hebrews 11:16 NIV

But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Revelation 21:3-4 NIV

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

For the information of those who haven't participated in one of these services, the primary speaking roles in it are performed by the Post Commander and Post Chaplain. Upon finishing the closing prayer, the Chaplain turns to the casket or urn, renders a hand salute, and simply states "Farewell our friend and fellow Legionnaire." Then each of the other Legionnaires present, file by, render a hand salute and make the same or a similar statement.

Over this past year, I have participated in the Post Everlasting services of several members of our Post and in each case the family members were very appreciative of our participation. Typically, our service lasts about 15 minutes and upon its completion most of the Legionnaires depart, though we are welcome to stay for the following funeral of course.

Not all Legionnaires' families will request our Post Everlasting service, but when they do, as Legionnaires, it is our honor and duty to support them by participating in this brief but meaningful service that provides a solemn blend of solace for the family, recognition of their loved one's service to our nation and the American Legion, and reference to their religious belief system. I share all this to hopefully encourage more Post members to participate in future Post Everlasting services. Thank you in advance for your support.

If you have any questions about Post Everlasting services or if you or your family have any needs with which I may be able to assist, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Christ,
Paul Stockman
Chaplain
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At Your Service with George Hawley

Here's an article that many may find helpful.

A Caregiver's Journey with Advance Care Planning.

Read about the support a new caregiver is receiving.

April 22, 2024

Joseph Burks

Director of Communications, VA Caregiver Support Program

Seventy-five-year-old Vietnam War Army Veteran Rick Tupper started experiencing complications from heart disease, diabetes and dementia. His challenges became more acute when he accidentally took too much medication one day. It was then that his wife Tina realized he needed more care and support, so she retired early to become his full-time caregiver. Tina soon realized she was in uncharted territory.

Tina's path to wellness centered on Rick's dementia diagnosis. His psychiatrist recommended that she join the [VA Advance Care Planning via Group Visits Program](#). Tina dove into the caregiver support group, attending weekly meetings to gather strategies for managing Rick's care and maintaining her own well-being.

Caregiving is not a journey to be taken alone.

Tina credits the transformative impact of the program and VA services for the couple's adjustment to recent changes. Despite the financial strain of early retirement, she feels equipped to handle the changes, knowing she has the necessary tools and support systems in place. She thanks VA for helping maintain their quality of life as much as possible given their circumstances.

Tina highlights the sense of belonging and understanding that comes from connecting with others facing similar challenges. Through these

Three-Year Membership Renewal

interactions, she has not only received practical advice but also found emotional solace in knowing she's not alone on this journey.

She also encourages caregivers to remember the importance of seeking help and prioritizing self-care. She acknowledges the tendency to feel isolated but encourages others to lean on VA resources for guidance and support. She feels the role of caregiver support programs is vital in navigating the complexities of caring for a loved one. Through education, community and access to resources, she found empowerment and resilience in the face of adversity.

VA Advance Care Planning via Group Visits Program

The ACP-GV program provides group settings at local VA facilities for caregivers to discuss advance care planning and learn from each other's personal experiences. They can attend on their own or bring someone from their personal support system. Veterans are always welcome. You can contact the local [ACP-GV site lead](#) for current group offerings.

Caregiver Support Program

CSP promotes the health and well-being of Veterans' caregivers through education, resources, support, and services. Every VA facility has a CSP team that provides valuable information about resources to help caregivers stay informed and supported as they support Veterans. More information can be found on [CSP's website](#) and by contacting local [CSP teams](#). To learn more, watch CSP's [SITREP podcast](#).

So far, this Legion year I've been able to assist 49 veterans and family members with various concerns. As the Post Service Officer, I am here to offer resources to all veterans and their families. Please contact me at 240-267-6489 or ghawley83@gmail.com.

George Hawley
Service Officer

Legionnaires are now eligible to renew membership for three years at the current rate of \$35 for a limited time. This on-time offer is valid until June 30, 2024. With the slated membership dues increasing to \$45 beginning July 1, 2024, this is an excellent opportunity to save \$30 (\$10 per year) AND ensure your membership dues are paid with no additional action on your part.

If you already paid your 2024 dues, you may renew for 2025, 2026, & 2027. If you have not yet renewed, the three-year option will cover 2024, 2025, & 2026.

The three-year renewal option is only available on-line at www.legion.org/renew. Take advantage of this amazing offer and share it with your friends today!

Don't have a My Legion account? Not computer savvy? If you need assistance or have any questions, reach out to 1st Vice, David Abildgaard david_angelabildgaard@yahoo.com

PVA Bass Tournament Returns to La Plata June 7-9, 2024

The Paralyzed Veterans of America Bass Tournament Series is all inclusive! It supports our Veteran community but is also open to anyone with physical challenges who loves the sport of fishing. The PVA Bass Tour accommodates anglers interested in fishing from a boat or who enjoy the serenity of fishing from the bank. They host both an Open division (boat) and a bank division to support all anglers. <https://bit.ly/3QmJgDf>

Post 82 has hosted the registration and awards nights as well as providing lunches for the fishermen. This is one of the best events our Post puts together! If you are interested in learning more and/or volunteering to help, contact Commander Zayas at 82postlaplata@gmail.com.

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S.A.L. Monthly Meetings are held the First Tuesday of Each Month at 1800hrs

Thanks to Gale Willett and Gary Shupe for handling the registration and refreshment tables at the Squadron sponsored American Red Cross Blood Drive on March 25. Thirty-two units of blood were collected. Thanks to all who donated.

At the Squadron meeting on April 2, the members voted to purchase 65" television to raffle off. Tickets will be available soon. The drawing will be on June 28, 2024, at the 18th Annual Joe Williams Memorial Golf Tournament banquet.

At our meeting on May 7, the Squadron will hold election of officers for the 2024-25 administrative year. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please plan on attending the meeting.

I attended the Detachment Executive Committeemen meeting at Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 in Aberdeen on April 7. Donations presented during the meeting totaled \$24,949.

I attended the Southern Maryland Region meeting at Arick L. Lore Post 274 in Lusby on April 14.

Gale Willett and I worked the floor at the Southern Maryland Region bingo at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on April 15. Thirty-two residents participated.

The Squadron held its 3rd Fish Fry of the year on April 19. We served over 178 dinners. Eight residents and two staff members from the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home were guests of the Post 82 family for the evening. It's always good to

be able to "serve those who served." Thanks to all those who volunteered their time.

The Squadron will host a Baby Back Rib dinner on May 17. Check the flier on the website, www.alpost82.org.

Don't forget, the Squadron members will host a free lunch for our Veterans, their families, and friends (I think that means everyone) on National Veterans Assistance Day, May 18. Lunch will be served from 12 to 2 PM and will consist of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and cole slaw. Come out and enjoy the fellowship.

The Squadron now has 215 paid members, which is 100% of our 2024 goal. This marks the 26th consecutive year the Squadron has achieved 4 Star status. Congratulations and thanks to all those who have paid their 2024 membership dues. We still have a few members who have not renewed their membership. Dues are still just \$20 for members 21 or over and \$15 for dual members and those under 21.

I hope to see more of you at the Post.

Yours in Service, Dave



David Tatman
Commander, Squadron 82
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Post 82 Member Receives Bronze Star for Service in Vietnam

In July of 2023, John C. "Chris" Lowe, and the members of Company B "Bushwhackers" of the 720th MP BN were awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service for action in Vietnam. "The Army finally recognized, after 52 years, that we were the only MP company in the history of the Army that ever-performed infantry duty!" 56 members of the Bushwhackers receive the Bronze Star in a ceremony at the Capitol building in Wash DC.

Chris was born and raised in White Plains. In the summer of 1969, he reported to Post 82 where he joined other recruits and began his Army service via the processing center at Fort Holabird in Baltimore on August 19, 1969. Chris served in Vietnam for 14 months in what I can best describe as extreme and unique circumstances.



Chris Lowe driving his PBR, "Blue Cheer" on the Dong Nai River, South Vietnam

Decades after their service ended, members of Chris's Unit sought awards of Combat Infantry Badges (CIB). While they were denied the CIB, the entire unit was recognized for their unique service when they were all awarded the Bronze Star.



"Receiving my Bronze Star Award Ceremony. L-R Army Major General Thomas Drew, Ohio Congressman Robert E. Latta, Chris Lowe, and Legislative Director Mike Davin"

Chris states, "I lived in Maryland all my life until I retired from Real Estate in 2021 and my lovely wife of 25 years, Carolyn and I moved to Myrtle Beach, SC. Every day is Saturday, and we enjoy the beach and the shows...It's been a good life, and the friends I made in the Army are all brothers to me today. They will always be."

Check out this Stars and Stripes article about the award ceremony and the road to recognition for Chris and the Bushwhackers: <https://bit.ly/3JsJXHk>.



Chris Lowe manning "the front 50's" on Blue Cheer

Congratulations Chris!
Thank you for your service and welcome home.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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

Hello Snapdragons,

I would like to thank Rita Sexton for all her great work for our Americanism program. We had a nice attendance for the program. The essay's winners read their reports April 14th. Great job Rita! Also, I would like to thank the some of the ladies from the Auxiliary for coming to the program, we had quite a few attending this year. I would also like to thank Rita for a job well done with membership as we have met Gold Plus for the second year in a row!

At our April meeting we presented Jack and Lauren Compton with checks to attend the V-Day celebrations in Normandy with their Civil Air Patrol squadron. They were each given \$1,000.

On May 10th the Auxiliary will host a Shrimp Dinner from 5-7pm. The dinner consists of one pound of shrimp, coleslaw, and French fries for \$18.00. We will also be providing iced tea, coffee, and water along with our dessert table. Please come out and enjoy some shrimp!

Our BINGO is doing great! Cathy Grimm has done a great job along with her workers to have successful BINGO's. I would also like to thank my kitchen staff.

The election of officers will be held at our May meeting on the 14th. Nominated so far, we have President – Lesley Radcliff, Vice President – Rita Sexton, Treasurer- Ann Taylor, Chaplain – Mary Shaffer, Historian – Kathy Flanagan. The executive committee – Edna Caywood, Maggie Larrick, Cathy Grimm and Angel Hindle. Our meeting starts at 6pm.

May is Poppy month so wear your Poppy proudly!

For Service not Self,

Lesley



Lesley Radcliff
President, Unit 82



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

Good afternoon, Riders, and Legion Family,

On Saturday April 13 Jason (Mayo) Stoddard led the Riders up to Harpers Ferry WV and Antietam Battlefield. The weather was a little cool and windy but that did not stop the group from enjoying lunch at The Rabbit Hole and walking the sidewalks of Harpers Ferry. The next stop was Antietam Battlefield where Mayo led a guided motorcycle tour through the historic battlefield. A good time was had by all, and everyone was home before dark.

Randy (Gray Dog) Markley and his committee are nearing the end of their planning and organizing for our 3rd Southern Gold Star Legacy Ride on Saturday May 25 at 0930. They have garnered a lot of sponsorship support from our business community and have more than 50 motorcycles and cages pre-registered to ride. I can't tell you all how proud I am of your work and look forward to participating in this event.

The Riders had a busy weekend on April 20-21 with Road Captain Vivian (Momma G) Gedeon leading the Riders on a ride through Southern MD stopping in Solomon's Island to tour the marine museum, then on to lunch at Brudergarten in Leonardtown to throw some axes and fellowship with each other.

Up the road a bit, David (Fix) Abildgaard and Victor (Hot Rod) Guillot were displaying Fix's 06 Cholo Road King Show Bike and Victor's 1988 Restored Jeep at The Southern Knights 35th Coming Out Car Show on Bowles Farm. The brothers earned a Top 5 award for their efforts on the Cholo Road King.



On Sunday April 21, under cloudy and suspicious skies, the brothers took Victor's 1988 Restored Jeep and a new build 1933 Ford Coupe to the La Plata Police Dept "Revved Up for Autism" car show at the Charles County Courthouse. The 1933 Ford Coup earned the Best in Show, "Chief's Award" beating out approximately 80 other cars and trucks.



Also on Sunday, several Riders took part in the Taste of Southern Maryland at the MD Veteran's Museum. The event was a huge success with great food, live music, children's activities, and vendors. It was great to see the community turn out to support the MD Veteran's Museum.

The Riders are selling gun raffle tickets. We will sell only 500 tickets at \$20 each with the winner getting their choice of a Henry Big Boy Rifle .44mag/.44spl, a Savage 308 Win or \$750 cash. This year's benefiting charities will be the American Legion Veterans and Childrens Fund and Warfighter Advance. The winning ticket will be drawn on May 25, 2024, at the conclusion of our 3rd Annual Legacy Ride.

Come out and partake in the best Spaghetti Dinner in Southern Maryland! The Riders will be hosting their fundraiser on May 31 from 5pm-7pm. Whether you choose Bolognese or Marinara sauce (meat or no meat), we guarantee you will enjoy it! Bring your family and friends and invite your neighbors. This is a "don't miss" event!

On Thursday June 6, Post 82 and The Riders will be hosting the Kick-Off Dinner for the 9th Annual MD Gold Star Legacy Run. The Riders will be serving up their famous Spaghetti dinner, which we would also like to invite our Post family for \$10 per meal with all proceeds going to the MD Gold Star Legacy Run. Registration starts at 1800 with dinner being served at 1900 and a short program afterwards. Come out and join as we thank you for your support and to watch the start of another successful GSLR which last year raised over \$210,000 dollars making MD the highest earning state in the nation.

In June we will be holding elections for the upcoming administrative year. All positions are open, and we will be taking nominations up to June 1. If you would like to run for a position, please let me or Randy Markley know via text or email. If you would like to nominate someone, please make sure they agree to run prior to nominating them.

We would like to encourage all our members 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:

SoMD Gold Star Legacy Ride, Saturday, May 25 @0900.

Next ALR meeting is Thursday May 9, 2024 @ 1800

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin "Big Sexy" Bryant
Director
ALR Chapter 82, MD

Southern Maryland Gold Star Legacy Ride 2024

Registration is open for the 3rd annual SoMD Gold Star Legacy Ride. The approximately 100-mile route will remain the same as last year taking participants to various SoMD American Legion Posts. Starting at Post 82 the ride will roll from Charles to Calvert and St Mary's Counties and end with food, music (Girl Crush), vendors and more at the Maryland Veterans Museum at Patriots Park in Newburg.

We are also seeking sponsors for the event. If you have a business and would like to be highlighted for your support of veterans in our community, or if you know of a business you'd like to see as a sponsor, please contact Randy Markley at rmarkley@gmail.com.

Register to participate on two wheels or four [here](#). Sponsorship information is available [here](#).



National Poppy Day® May 24, 2024

On the Friday before Memorial Day, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.

The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms.

Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, each year members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower donate to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.

Poppies are available in the Lounge. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend to wear May 24 – 27. Donations are accepted using the donation can next to the poppy basket.

What's Going on at Post 82?

Friday, May 3 – Steak & Fried Shrimp Dinner
5-6:30 PM Open to the Public
Volunteer Signup <https://bit.ly/May-3-2024Steak-Shrimp>

Tuesday, May 7
S.A.L. Meeting – 6 PM
Legion Exec Mtg – 7 PM

Thursday, May 9
American Legion Riders Meeting – 6 PM

Friday, May 10
Auxiliary Shrimp Dinner
5-7 PM Open to the Public

Tuesday, May 14
Legion Membership Meeting – 6 PM
Auxiliary Meeting – 6 pm

• **Friday, May 17**
S.A.L. BBQ Rib Dinner
5-7 PM Open to the Public

Monday, May 20
American Red Cross Blood Drive
Sponsored by S.A.L. 1 – 6 PM
Register to Give <https://rcblood.org/4as3rrk>

Friday, May 24
Members Shrimp in the Bar
6-7 PM Members Only

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony
11:00am

Friday, May 31
Legion Riders Spaghetti Dinner
5-7 PM Open to the Public
Volunteer Signup <https://bit.ly/alrspaghetti324>

S.A.L. Queen of Hearts every Wednesday
Drawing in the Lounge at

Auxiliary BINGO every Thursday.
Doors open at 4:30 PM

Community Service Opportunities



La Plata Scout Troop Seeks Merit Badge Counselors

Boy Scout Troop 1321 leadership would like to extend an opportunity to the Post 82 Legion Family members to serve as merit badge counselors. The counselors don't have to be at all the meetings or events but would only have to be available for the scouts they are counselors for. Many of the badges can be done over zoom or emails if the counselors can't be there in person. Would there be anyone in the post that would be willing to join our team as counselors?

Contact Post 82-member, Don Everitt at donald_everitt@yahoo.com or text him at 304.629.6681

Military Appreciation Night Chick-fil-A La Plata

As in past years, we have been invited to set up a table to promote and share the value of membership in the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.), Legion Auxiliary, and of course the Legion Riders. We'd like to have representation from all our Post 82 family. This is a great time for us to connect with our local veteran family community and let them know about the many services and activities we have available at Post 82. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kevin Bryant at k_bryant@comcast.net.

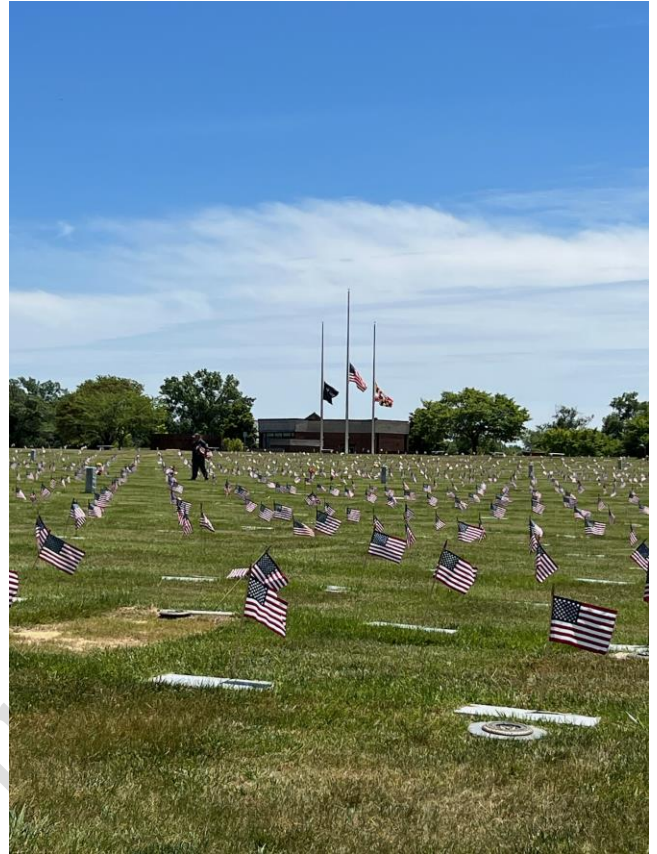
Details:

Date: Wednesday, May 15

Time: 3:45 – 7:00 PM (Shifts may be available)

Location: Chick-fil-A La Plata, 107 Drury Drive.

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery



There is a volunteer-led effort planning a Memorial Day ceremony at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Hwy, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

To prepare for the ceremony, they are looking for **volunteers to place US flags on each grave** (Flags In) and remove them (Flags Out) afterward. This is a great opportunity for families and other affinity groups to serve the veteran family community.

Details:

Flags In -Friday, May 24 11:00am – 4:00pm

Memorial Day Ceremony – Monday, May 27 11:00am

Flags Out – Tuesday, May 28 11:00am – 4:00pm

Contact Lynn Tarburton at 301.643.5388 for more information.

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In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn,
saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

—Col. John McCrae



For more information on the American Legion Auxiliary's
Poppy Program, contact your local Auxiliary unit at

Post 82, La Plata 301.642.0595

or learn more about donation options at www.AL4forVeterans.org.