

# The American Legion Newsletter

For the month of September 2021

## Harry White Wilmer Post 82

### September 2021

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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.**

Here we are in September already. The kids are back in school and the last of the summer holidays, Labor Day is this weekend. Where did the summer go? I guess it is like that old saying: "time flies when you are having fun." Oh yea!!!

The County Fair is happening in two weeks. Our Post will have a booth in the commercial building "A". We will be there putting out the word about our American Legion. Stop by and say Hi!

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Town of La Plata is having a ceremony to remember the Charles countians who were killed in the attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony will be at Wills Park on St. Mary's Ave at 10:00 AM. Post 82 will be participating.

The membership renewals have been coming in and we reached our fifty per-cent goal this week. I ask the other fifty per-cent to send in their renewals or renew online A.S.A.P. Get them in and be an "Early Bird." The Early Bird cut off is the first of November.

There will not be a steak night in September due to the Labor Day holiday. We will be having steak night on October 1<sup>st</sup>. I hope to see all of you then.

As we all know, the past month has been a very trying and a dangerous one for our military who are doing their best to get Americans and Afghans out of that country by the end of August. We have already lost thirteen so let us pray that we get the rest of the Americans and friendly allies out safe and sound without the loss of any more of our military. It appears they were put in this position by some misguided decision makers. God Bless them and my He keep them safe and sound.

Come out and support your Post. It is there for you – use it. See you at the Post,

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

#### **MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP**

As the Commander said in his message, approximately 50% of the membership has renewed either by mail or online. Most of the problems in the new software system have been worked out. There have been a few instances where some of you tried to pay on

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line and thought it didn't accept your credit cards. In those few cases, I have returned your checks to you once I verified your online payment. Paying online is still the best way to go. It's easier on you and frankly, on me too. Thanks for all your efforts in getting your dues in.

**Harry Tafe**  
**First Vice Commander**

### **What's Going on at the Post**

As many of you know, as part of attempting to improve the membership's experience when they stop by the Post, the Commander has appointed a House Committee to oversee the management of the lounge. The members are Bill Rees, Dave Black and Harry Tafe.

The new House Committee has been busy with a few things. They are in the process of bringing on an additional bartender so that we can get back to being open 7 days per week in time for football season. The plan now is for the additional bartender to cover the weekends. We look forward to welcoming Ms. Maureen O'Brien. She comes to us with considerable experience as a bartender in the county. Please make her feel welcome.

Along those lines, it is our plan to begin opening on Saturday and Sunday on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Please come by and enjoy your favorite beverage and socialize with your fellow veterans. Also, if you have any ideas or concerns for the

improvement of the lounge, please contact a member of the House Committee.

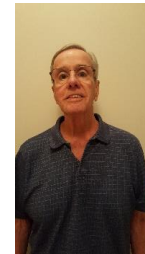
### **WANTED BIRTHDAY CARDS**

Each month the Auxiliary takes 30 birthday cards to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. If you have birthday cards laying around, please drop them off in the Legion Lounge and someone will pick them up.

### **Sons of The American Legion**



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



*Dave Tatman*

Greetings.

The Squadron hosted the S.A.L. Southern Maryland Region organizational meeting on August 15

The Squadron will hold a baby back rib dinner on September 17.

The next blood drive will on September 27. Sign up early because reservations are limited.

The Squadron 2022 membership goal is 206.  
The 2022 membership cards are now available.

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

Yours in Service Dave Tatman  
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## Queen of Hearts Update



The Queen of Hearts Jackpot as of August 25 is \$790. Drawings are at 6:45 each Wednesday in the lounge. Tickets are on sale all week until 6:30 Wednesday night. There is a winner every week. Come out, join the fun, and possibly go home the winner.



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS  
Post 82, La Plata, Maryland

Meetings - Second Thursday of Each Month at 6:00 PM

## September 2021

Well, the dog days of summer are on us now, these last few weeks have been hot! But that

has not stopped our riders from participating in some awesome causes/rides.

On August 21, our riders participated in the Boulder Crest Foundation Poker Run with 9 riders and traveled approximately 250 miles which included 105 miles through beautiful Virginia horse and wine country. Boulder Crest is fully reliant on donations large and small and does not accept federal funds, 90% of funds donated/raised go to the mission of providing post 9/11 combat veterans and first responders with the training to live great and fulfilling lives at home. I would like to personally thank John Flatley for bringing this event to our group and leading the ride. Between our registration fees, donations and purchases, ALR 82 riders contributed well over \$500 to this awesome cause. Thanks to all that participated both in person and in spirit.

We also rode to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA on August 14<sup>th</sup> riding 548 miles in two days. This September will mark 20 years since the worst terrorist attack in US history. Just 20 minutes from its believed target, the U.S. Capital building, the passengers and crew members of Flight 93 changed the trajectory of history that fateful day. Our Post 82 ALR went there to honor the Flight 93 heroes and help us keep our nation's promise to Never Forget. I would like to thank our Rode Captain Randy Markley for putting this together and leading the way.

Our next ride will be on September 11<sup>th</sup> when our Post 82 ALR will participate in the Hope and Peace Foundation 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 9/11 Patriot Day Ride. This is Maryland's largest Police escorted and Fire supported 9/11 ride. Proceeds benefit America's 9/11 Living Classroom. Registration begins at 8am with KSU at 10:45 at Darlington VFC 2600 Castleton Rd, Darlington, MD 21034. Our Post 82 riders will meet on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Wawa on McKendree Rd, Brandywine at 0645

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with KSU at 0700. It will take about 2 hours to get to the registration site, will be traveling backroads to avoid 95 and estimate return time to the Waldorf area around 1700-1800 or sooner depending on length of the escorted ride and return route.

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 9th, 2021 at 6pm, Post 82, La Plata, MD.

“We ride in **HONOR** of those who have served”

James Zayas (Jamie Z), Director  
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**And here are our Riders in Action!**



## Girls State Report

In June 2021, Rana Homes, senior La Plata High School, participated in the weeklong program known as Girls State which is organized by the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA). This program was established to provide leadership opportunities and hands on knowledge of government and the political process.

Rana was sponsored by the Harry White American Legion Auxiliary Unit 82 in La Plata, MD. During the Maryland Girls State Program, Rana was elected by her peers as one of 2 participants to continue to represent Maryland at "Girls Nation," the national program held in Washington DC with all the elected Junior Senators from each state.

Rana was also elected as the Sargent at Arms while attending Girls Nation. Rana said, "I got back from Girls Nation, and it was the most memorable experience I have ever had. It was really cool since I was actively involved in the senatorial process. Overall, I am so very fortunate that you sponsored me to go to Girls State and supported me on the journey to Girls Nation!"

Rana will be at our Auxiliary Meeting on September 14 to talk about her Girls State experience/ Make plans to attend and hear her presentation. Our meeting will begin at 5:00 PM.

Rita Sexton

Girls State Representative

## News from the Auxiliary



**Auxiliary Monthly Meetings are held the Second  
Tuesday of Each Month at 6 PM**

Members:

During our August meeting we approved the working budget and the standing rules for the 2021 – 2022 year. We also discussed our bingo start up as we were anticipating a new mask rule – which did happen. Since the last thing we want to do is start up bingo and have to stop again, we decided not to start bingo on September 9<sup>th</sup> as planned and wait until masks are not required indoors; hopefully, that will be soon. The current indoor mask order for Charles County will be re-visited on September 14<sup>th</sup> when the County Commissioners meet next. There will be a baby back rib dinner on September 17<sup>th</sup> and we could use some desserts for the cake table. The August dinner we only had two cakes which fortunately was enough but that will not be the case in September.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5pm in our room. Please attend.

Kathleen Quade, President

**Post 82 pauses to pay our respects**

**Feeling A Little Under the Weather**



Kathleen Quade has let us know that she is feeling much better and still adjusting to some new feelings like tingling and numbness. She says the docs tell her that it is a six to twelve month process for these symptoms to wear off.

Doug Clark - Fighting COPD. He now has some family help at home. The good news is that Doug is a Marine. They know how to fight!



**Post Everlasting**

Mike Cannon

July 2021

**Post 82 Officers**

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Commander       | Buddy Hindle  |
| First Vice      | Harry Tafe    |
| Second Vice     | Chris LaQuay  |
| Adjutant        | Dave Black    |
| Finance Officer | Bill Rees     |
| Judge Advocate  | Bob Striegel  |
| Historian       | Vacant        |
| Chaplain        | Kevin Buckner |
| Service Officer | George Hawley |
| Sgt. At Arms    | Jerry Higdon  |

**Executive Committee**

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| Norm Shelton | Bob Huffman    |
| David Quade  | Cheryl Wedding |

