



THE AMERICAN LEGION



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Commander's Message

This will be my last commander's message to you, the members of Harry White Wilmer Post 82. After sixteen years as Commander, I have decided to step down and turn the reigns over to our incoming Commander, George Hawley. I have truly enjoyed 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. I thank the officers and members for your support and I know that you will provide that same level of support to our new Commander, George Hawley and his slate of officers.

There will not be a steak night or membership meeting in July. There will, however, be a Membership Appreciation and Installation Banquet on July 23, starting with a 5:00pm social hour, followed by dinner at 6:00pm and our Awards and Installation of Officers at 7:00pm. Tickets are available in the bar for just \$15 per person. I hope you all make plans to attend. This is for the whole Legion family, Legionnaires, Sons, Riders and Auxiliary.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. Please keep our men and women serving in harms way in your prayers. God bless them and these United States of America.

Again, thank you and as always, I'll see you at the Post.

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

Post 82 Member Named PVA "2022 Angler of the Year!"



Kurt Glass discovered Post 82 in 2012 participating in the Paralyzed Veterans of America Capital Clash Bass tournament. When he returned in 2013 he told Commander Hindle that he wanted to join the American Legion but only if Post 82 could be his home post. Buddy welcomed Kurt with open arms and Kurt became a Paid up for Life Member. Kurt has returned each year with the PVA tour, and this year was recognized as their 2022 Angler of the Year! Congratulations Kurt! We are happy for you and proud to have you as a member of Post 82!

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



The Squadron's Consolidated Squadron Report was sent to the Detachment on May 25. During the Administrative year from June 1, 2021, to May 31, 2022, the Squadron donated \$6,057 to Americanism programs, \$1,850 to Children and Youth programs, and \$2,350 to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation programs for a total of \$10,257. The volunteer hours totaled over 1,200. Congratulations to the Squadron members and our friends who made this possible.

On June 4, Adjutant Gary Shupe and I attended the Southern Maryland Region (SMR) reception to honor the District, Region, Detachment, and Department leaders of the American Legion family. Gary, as the Sons of The American Legion SMR Commander, was among the honorees. Gary had an outstanding term as SMR Commander.

At the Squadron meeting on June 7, the members voted to donate \$100 to the SMR hospitality room at the Detachment Convention.

The Squadron members, with help from our Post, Auxiliary, and Rider friends, prepared dinner for the Maryland American Legion Riders Gold Star Legacy Run on June 10. Thanks to all those who helped.

Adjutant Shupe and I attended the Southern Maryland Region (SMR) Caucus on June 11. During the Caucus, officers and Detachment Executive Committeemen (DEC) were elected for the 2022-23 Administrative year. Gary and I were among the seven DEC elected.

Adjutant Shupe and I attended the Detachment of

Maryland 49th Convention in Hunt Valley on June 17-18. During the Saturday business session, the Squadron was presented with several Certificates of Appreciation. Certificates received included "outstanding efforts and support of" the American Legion National Emergency Fund (NEF), the Fisher House Foundation, the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Commission, the Child Welfare Fund (CWF), the Children's Miracle Network (CMN), Community Affairs, Americanism Programs, and the Casey Cares Foundation. In addition, the Squadron received a Four-Star Membership Award for exceeding last year's membership for the 24th year in a row. On Sunday morning, before the business session, Gary and I attended the Detachment of Maryland Squadron Everlasting Ceremony in memory of our departed comrades. Squadron 82 member Martin S. Spellacy was among those remembered. For those who do not know, Marty was Kathleen Quade's brother. This Convention marks the end of Gary's two-year term as Commander of the Southern Maryland Region. Congratulations to Gary for a job well done. It also marks the end of my 18 years as Southern Maryland Region Adjutant.

First Vice Commander Gale Willett and Adjutant Gary Shupe worked the SMR bingo at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on June 20,

The Squadron will host a baby back rib dinner on July 15. Check the calendar of events for details.

The Squadron will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Post on July 25 from 1 to 6:30 PM. If you are giving blood and are currently a member of the Post 82 American Legion family, please identify yourself as such when you register.

I hope to see you at the Post,

Yours in Service,
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Legion Membership Report



Membership Information 2023

Beginning on July 1st the new membership renewal year will begin. As most of you know, American Legion national has revamped the software in its membership page to make it even easier to renew online. Simply sign into your account at mylegion.org. You can use a credit card and your renewal is immediate and you can print your new membership card right from the website. Online renewal has several benefits. First, you don't have to pay for postage to mail in your payment. There is no check writing to be done and there is no risk of mail being lost. Additionally, and with full disclosure, it makes the workload for me a little less as well. I will obtain your renewal information directly from the national website and mail your permanent card for 2023 to your address of record.

For those members who don't have access to a computer or who decide they want to use the snail-mail method, that's OK as well. The processing may take a little longer, but I will get the information into the system and get your cards out to you as soon as I can.

No matter what method you choose to use, please try to get those dues in early in this year. Thank you for your efforts.

Harry Tafe
First Vice, Membership
Post 82

American Legion Auxiliary

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

Hello Auxiliary:

As you know I am the new President of the Auxiliary. I hope to do a great job as our previous President Kathleen Quade. We do not have a theme yet but will receive it at the Ocean City Convention which I will be attending. I hope we all remember we are here for the veterans not for OURSELVES! Please volunteer your help with



our fund raisers and BINGO which will start in September. We can always use help in the kitchen. I hope everybody has a safe and great summer!

For God and Country,

Lesley Radcliff
Auxiliary President

Wreaths Across America 2022



Did you know you don't have to wait to order wreaths for Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery this year? Wreaths can be ordered at any time and credited to Post 82's 100-wreath goal. Use this link wreathscrossamerica.org/MD0136 to order your wreaths any time.

American Legion Riders



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

Good afternoon, Riders and Legion Family,

Here's the latest scoop from the Steel Pony Corral:

Our Chapter elections were held at the June 9 meeting, and I would like to introduce you to our newly elected board:

Director- James Zayas
Vice Director- Jeff Coombs
Secretary- Randy Markley
Treasurer- Karen Himmelheber
Road Captain- John Flatley
Chaplain- Sid Marcus
Sgt. at Arms- Bernie Fitzpatrick
Safety Officer- Bruce Gentile
Historian- Nathan Ko

At our June meeting the Riders presented Mr. Larry Abell, Director of The Maryland Veterans Museum with a check for \$300 to support the goals and mission of the museum. Larry was also presented a certificate of appreciation for the museum staff's support of our Gold Star Legacy Poker Run on May 14. We strongly encourage everyone to take your family & friends, to visit the museum and see the fantastic artifacts and displays of our Maryland Veterans for yourself.

Chapter 82 Riders were very busy Memorial Day Weekend. We were well represented at Post 177 Fairfax VA for their annual ALR "Run to Thunder" events over the weekend. On Saturday, we had a dozen bikes and 1 cage participate in the wreath laying ceremony at The Confederate War Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

Riders from across the country marched in a column of 4 lead by a bagpiper to the Tomb.

On Sunday at o'dark-thirty 15 ALR 82 bikes participated in a fully escorted "Ride of The Patriots" to RFK Stadium in Washington DC. From there we participated in AMVETS "Rolling to Remember" ride to bring attention and keep at the fore front of our nation's leaders our POW/MIA and Veteran Suicide issues.

On Thursday June 16, The Riders traveled to Joint Base Andrews to support the retirement of our dedicated Director James (Jamie Z) Zayas. The Presiding Officer detailed a great and distinguished 37-year career which saw Airman James Zayas rise to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. We rode in strong with 10 bikes, 7 cages and a total of 24 members from the Post 82 family. The Air National Guard has a big set of boots to fill as a giant of a man has moved into the ranks of the retired. Best of wishes to Jamie Z in the start of your next chapter in life, may it bring you many days doing whatever you want with lots of "wind therapy" thrown in as well.

On Saturday June 18, the Riders participated in a Poker Run to benefit The Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home. 12 bikes, 1 cage and a total of 15 participants from ALR 82 had a great ride through Southern MD with the final stop at Post 238 Hughesville. Not only did the Riders pay to participate we also donated socks, T shirts and underwear to the Veterans of Charlotte Hall.

On Saturday June 25, the Riders continued our tradition of delivering icy treats to the men and women of The Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. After a ride through Southern Maryland and lunch at Mission BBQ in California, we escorted the ice cream truck to CHVH and shared an afternoon of frozen sweets with the residents and staff. We were happy to be joined by our ALR comrades from Post 175 Severna Park.

There will not be a July ALR Members meeting. Our next meeting is Thursday August 11, at 1800.

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

Submitted by
Vice Director Kevin Bryant, (Big Sexy)

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



PVA Capital Clash Bass Tournament



Photo © Mark Cowan

On June 17th and 18th members of Post 82 served over 250 lunch meals and a banquet dinner to the 125 participants of the Paralyzed Veterans of America "Capital Clash" bass tournament. The veterans and their fishing guides all had a great time. Thanks to all who showed up to help!



Registration Night



Members of the Post 82 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary and Riders all worked together to serve the veterans and the guides supporting them.

Post 82 is a Major Supporter of the 2022 Maryland Gold Star Legacy Run



The weekend of June 10 – 12 brought the Department of Maryland American Legion Riders (ALR) to La Plata for the 7th annual Maryland Gold Star Legacy Run (MDGSLR) benefitting the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

The American Legion's Legacy Scholarship provides college funding to children of post-9/11 veterans who died on active duty, or those who have a combined VA disability rating of 50 percent or greater. The Legacy Scholarship is a needs-based scholarship designed to fulfill a financial gap remaining after all federal and state educational grants/scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been utilized.

Post 82 once again led the Department in support in 2022. Our post family raised and donated over \$30,000, with the Legion donating \$3,000, the S.A.L. donating \$1,000, the Auxiliary donating \$2,000 and the Riders donating over \$24,000!

But here's the best part...our generous giving has sparked other posts to give big as well. Last year, the American Legion Riders of The Department of Maryland collected and delivered \$65,000 to the National scholarship fund. Coming off the pandemic, the MDGSLR coordinators set a modest goal to repeat that number in 2022.

In addition to the \$30k+ contributed by Post 82, there were two other posts that topped \$10k! Post 130, Overlea-Perry Hall gave over \$11k and Post 60, Laurel contributed nearly \$20k! With the final total still to be announced, we know that the MDGSLR collected over \$130,000!

The grand total will be announced at the Department convention in Ocean City on July 13. You can be sure that Post 82 will be present and represented!



What's Going on at the Post?

Notice: There will be no Post Steak & Shrimp Dinners in July or August.

June 29

Auxiliary Food Truck Fundraiser 4:00-7:00pm
Pizza Hotline will be here in the parking lot selling pizza, salads and lasagna. For large orders, call Pizza Hotline at (301) 934-4670 prior to June 29 and place your order for pick-up. (See flyer below for more information) **Open to the Public**

July 11-15

Department of Maryland Annual Convention
Delegates: Thank you for representing our Post in Ocean City. Remember to turn in your lodging receipts for reimbursement up to \$300.

July 15

S.A.L. Baby Back Ribs Dinner

Be sure to put this one on your calendar and take part! The Sons put on the best rib dinner in Charles County! **Open to the public**

July 22

Members Shrimp in the Bar 6:00 - 7:00pm

Steamed or fired, your choice! Get here early to get a good seat at this increasingly popular event!

July 23

Post 82 Membership Appreciation and Installation Banquet 5:00pm

Open to all members of the Post 82 family, Legionnaires, Sons, Auxiliary and Riders. Tickets are available in the Bar for just \$15 per person.

July 29

ALR Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 – 7:00PM

Invite your friends and prospective Legion, S.A.L. Auxiliary and Rider members to join you for an excellent spaghetti dinner! **Open to the public**

Every Wednesday 6:45pm

S.A.L. Queen of Hearts Drawing in the Bar

\$1 Tickets are available for purchase in the bar up until the drawing.

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.

2022-2023 Post 82 Officers

Commander	George Hawley
First Vice	Harry Tafe
Second Vice	Chris LaQuay
Adjutant	Dave Black
Finance Officer	Bill Rees

Judge Advocate	Bob Striegel
Historian	Cheryl Wedding
Chaplain	John Flatley
Service Officer	George Hawley
Sgt. At Arms	Jerry Higdon

Board of Directors

Norm Shelton	David Quade
Buddy Hindle	Donna Baker

PUBLIC WELCOME



FOODTRUCK FUNDRAISER

**Sponsored by
The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 82
6330 Crain Highway
LaPlata, MD**

**Wednesday, June 29, 2022
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Pizza

Salads

Lasagna

All funds raised will be used by the Auxiliary to help Veterans, the community, and our children and youth.

**Contact: Rita Sexton
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(Leave a message)**



Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ December 17, 2022 ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 82 honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at the Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery.

Just scan the QR code to your right with your smart phone camera to make a donation online.

Or visit: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MD0136



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