

# The American Legion Newsletter

For the month of May 2022

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### Commander's Message

April was a very busy month at Post 82. The Friday dinners, the SoMD Region Oyster Bowl, plus the monthly meetings and District meetings; none of this could have happened without the help of our Legion Family volunteers. Give yourselves a big pat-on-the back!

In our prep for our Steak Night to the evening of cooking and serving, thank you all. Then, on the following week we hosted the Oyster Bowl which required shopping for needed items, parting of the oysters on Thursday, set up on Friday and cooking on Saturday. What a day! Everyone stepped up and did an outstanding job! We received several positive comments about the food at both events.

You know who you are. You've made me so proud to be a member of Post 82. Be proud of yourselves! Let's keep this ball rolling; when we all stand up when asked to volunteer, no one gets overloaded. Again, I say, "Thank You!" to all that helped with the events.

On May 10 we will be holding our Board of Directors and Membership meetings at 6:30pm and 7:00pm respectively. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend and participate.

The 2022 nominating committee (Dave Black, Harry Tafe, Norm Shelton and John Flatley) is seeking candidates for Post Officers. 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 12-15, let us know and we will add you to the Delegate Roll. The Post will help with your lodging expenses up to \$300.00. Also, if any of you want to attend [Legion College](#) at the Convention on July 12, let us know and we will get you registered (You don't have to be a delegate to attend Legion College)

I am once again asking our members who haven't renewed their membership to do so ASAP. There are about 100 of you out there. Please get your dues mailed in or pay on-line at [americanlegion.org](#). Post 82 is your post. Come support it and join in the comradery we have at Post 82. You are part of a post that has a strong reputation for doing great things, be a part of it.

Remember to keep our men and women in uniform and serving in harm's way in our prayers. We don't always hear all they are involved in while carrying out their missions, but they do it without questioning their officers.

You be safe and enjoy your freedom. God bless our military and these great United States of America! I'll see you at the Post.

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

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The weekend of June 17-19 we will once again be hosting the [Paralyzed Veterans of America Capital Clash Bass Tournament](#).

On Friday evening, at their registration for the two-day tournament, we will feed the participants. On Saturday we will prepare the meal for the awards banquet. We will also prepare the boat lunches for the participants. This is a great event where we can give back to those who've given much for us. Please volunteer to serve as much as you are able that weekend.

### **Membership Report**

Membership numbers are looking pretty good however, for those who have not paid their membership, keep in mind that if your dues are not paid and you go into a second year without paying, you will lose all your American Legion privileges as well as your time in the Legion. Remember, if you are experiencing financial difficulties with paying your dues, contact the Commander and let him know your situation.

Harry Tafe  
First Vice

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

**Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Steak & Shrimp Dinner

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Hosted by the Legion

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Mother's Day Breakfast



8:00am – 11:00am

Hosted by the Auxiliary & S.A.L.

**Saturday, May 14**

Gold Star Legacy Poker Run

9:30am – 4:30pm

Hosted by the ALR

**Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Baby Back Rib Dinner

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Hosted by the S.A.L.

**Every Wednesday**

Queen of Hearts Drawing

Tickets are available for purchase in the bar up until the drawing at 6:45pm

Hosted by the S.A.L.

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



Thirty units of blood were collected at the Squadron sponsored American Red Cross Blood Drive held at the Post on March 28. Thanks to 1st Vice Commander Gale Willett and Adjutant Gary Shupe for taking care of the registration and refreshment tables. The next Blood Drive will be held on May 23.

At the Squadron's April 5 meeting the Squadron voted to donate \$800 to Post 82 American Legion baseball teams. I say teams because there are five; one senior team, three junior teams, and one sandlot team. We also voted to donate \$350 to American Legion Boys State, \$1,000 to S.A.L. Detachment of Maryland Commander Mark Fayer's project, the Casey Cares Foundation, \$1,000 to American Legion Riders of Maryland Gold Star Legacy Scholarship Run, \$600 for S.A.L. Southern Maryland Region Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (CHVH) bingos, and \$800 to the National Support Fund in support of Donald "J.R." Hall's run for S.A.L. National Commander. J.R. is currently the second leading candidate, which means he should be installed as National Commander at the National Convention in August 2023. J.R. will be the 7th National Commander from the state of Maryland.

The Squadron hosted a fish fry on April 15. We served 202 dinners. Twelve residents and two staff members from CHVH were guests of the

Post 82 family. Thanks to Gale Willett, David Quade, Kathleen Quade, Gary Shupe, Alana Lentz, Ed Tatman, Lenny Lentz, Lee Hammonds, Becky Amar, Kitty Dawson, Janet Fogel, Troy Greathouse, Jason Painter, Connie Painter, Kevin Earle, Kevin Bryant, and Cathy Bryant for volunteering. In last month's newsletter, we asked for some additional help because some of our core volunteers were going to be unavailable. It was great to see the positive response. Special thanks to Lee for his efforts all day.

First Vice Commander Gale Willett and I worked the S.A.L. Southern Maryland Region bingo at the CHVH on April 18. Due to Covid restrictions, they are not holding joint functions with both the assisted living residents and the skilled nursing residents. The April bingo was held on the skilled nursing wing. Only 14 residents attended but once again, we handed out \$200 in prizes, and everyone had a great time.

The Squadron will be partnering with the members of Auxiliary Unit 82 to host a Mother's Day Breakfast on May 8. Check out the flyer below and on the drop-down menu on the home page of the website, [www.alpost82.org](http://www.alpost82.org).

As of April 9, the Squadron has achieved 4-Star status for the 2022 membership year. 4-Star status means we have exceeded last year's membership. The Squadron has achieved 4-Star status every year since we were chartered in 1994, an accomplishment we are very proud of. However, we met that goal this year because of the new members we have signed up. There are still some members who have not renewed their membership.

If your membership card doesn't have 2022 at the top, your membership is delinquent. Please renew now. If you see any of the new members, make sure to welcome them to the Post 82 family.

Yours in Service,

Dave Tatman  
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## Queen of Hearts Update



The Queen of Hearts jackpot  
is over \$700!

Come by the Post and  
get your tickets.

Drawings are held at 6:45 PM  
every Wednesday.

The next jackpot could be  
yours!

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



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and are enjoying the onset of Spring. Hopefully, COVID will not impact us that much more and we can get back to normal living.

Speaking of normal, our Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet is back on Sunday, May 8, 2022; we serve from 8am to 11am and the cost is \$10/person (children 5 and under are free). Our menu consists of Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage Links, Hash Brown Patties, Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, Fruit Cups, Butter/Jelly, Coffee, and Juice. We will need some help on Sunday and possibly Saturday the day before. I will do a blast email later to those on my email list with particulars about times. (See attached flyer below)

We received some names of members that have expressed an interest in holding an elected position from our nominating committee at our last meeting.

President - Lesley Radcliff  
Treasurer - Debbie Simpson  
Chaplain - Mary Shaffer  
Sgt. at Arms - Linda Rollins  
Executive Committee - Angel Hindle, Janet Fogel, Carolyn Shelton.

We have vacancies with no current nominations for Vice President and Historian.

Please know you can still contact a member of the nominating committee until our May meeting if you are interested in holding an elected office. Again, the nominating committee is comprised of: Carolyn Shelton - 301-934-0095; Janet Fogel - 301-318-7775 and Lynn Schaeffer - 724-317-1719. Please keep in mind that we do not take nominations from the floor on election night.

At our April meeting we had another discussion concerning the startup of bingo. At the time of the meeting, I had only heard from four people who expressed an interest in volunteering for some sort of bingo duty. During the meeting, six more people said they would work some bingo nights also. I hope we get some more volunteers because with only this number of people volunteering, all would have to work every week and that is just not possible. So, if you want to help start up our bingo (it is our largest fundraiser), please volunteer for Thursday night duty.

Upcoming Dessert requirements:  
Friday, May 6, 2022 - Steak Night  
Friday, May 20, 2022 - Rib Night  
Friday, June 3, 2022 - Steak Night.

Kathleen Quade  
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:

Yearly elections are upon us, and all positions are open. If you would like to hold a position, please send in your nomination, or have someone nominate you from the floor of our next meeting on May 12. If you plan on nominating someone, please be sure to get their approval. We will vote the new officers in at our June 9, meeting with the newly elected officers taking over on July 1.

We are hosting our inaugural Gold Star Legacy Poker Run on Saturday May 14 with a rain date of Saturday May 21. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Gold Star [Legacy Scholarship Fund](#) via Maryland and National ALRs. If you know of a business or individual that could be a sponsor or donate to the cause please contact Randy Markley at [markleywr@hotmail.com](mailto:markleywr@hotmail.com) We are also in need of volunteers to work the event and the card stops along the run for which you can also reach out to Randy Markley to sign up. Things are shaping up well with over 11K in sponsorships and 27 riders registered so far.



We are planning our Memorial Day Weekend ride activities around The ALR Run to the Thunder at Post 177 Fairfax VA and the AMVETS Rolling to Remember. Spectators can watch the ride and cheer on the riders from the sides of Constitution Ave NW.

On behalf of Director Jamie “Jamie Z” Zayas

Submitted by Vice Director Kevin “Big Sexy” Bryant



Our Veterans Assistance/Community Support Committee helped an Army veteran with a week supply of groceries. May God Bless our veterans and all who support them.

The March 26 ride to Flight 93 and Gettysburg was rerouted through Lancaster PA due to snow in Western PA. Even with some sleet and snow on the ride from Lancaster to Gettysburg we still had 10 motorcycles and 15 participants. There is nothing better than sleet pelting you in the face at 55mph. The motorcycle tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield on Sunday was cold and windy but was still enjoyed by all. We stopped for lunch at Mountain View Family Restaurant in Thurmont and then continued down Route 15 through Leesburg. All were home safe by 4pm and thawed out by 6pm.

Thanks to all the Riders helped with April’s Steak Dinner, Oyster Bowl and S.A.L. Fish Fry. These meals were a huge success and a big help to the Legion Family’s financial support of many veterans causes and charities.

**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  |

**Board of Directors**

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| Norm Shelton   | David Quade |
| Cheryl Wedding | Donna Baker |

**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.**

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*Harry White Wilmer American Legion Post 82  
Presents*



*May 8, 2022, from 8am – 11am*

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

*\$10.00 Per Person  
(Children 5 and under are free)*

*Sponsored by:  
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& Sons of the American Legion*

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