



THE AMERICAN LEGION



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Commander's Message

As we start our new Legion year, I want to say, "Thank You!" to all the officers serving during the 2023-2024 Legion year. You all did an outstanding job. At the convention, Commander Zayas needed roller blades to keep up receiving all of the award plaques we earned. The Post 82 Family can be very proud of themselves.

As a delegate, I was very proud to say I am a member of Post 82. As your incoming Commander for the 2024 – 2025 Legion year, thank you for electing me. I will do my best for the upcoming year and Post 82.

It is our intent to carry-on the programs as we have in the past years. I know we can continue to have the support of our members. Speaking of membership, when you receive your renewal notice please respond right away and renew online at MyLegion.org, by mailing your check in the enclosed envelope or by stopping by the Post. The Legion does so much to support Veterans children and youth, Americanism, Veterans Benefits, and local community events.

Our Post will be holding our next monthly Steak and Shrimp dinner on Friday, Sept 6. Let us know if you can help with the prep in the morning and/or cooking & serving in the evening. Use this convenient link to sign up and we'll send you a

reminder the week of the dinner.

[https://bit.ly/Post Dinner Sep 06 2024](https://bit.ly/Post_Dinner_Sep_06_2024)

Remember, we are here to support you, our Veterans and family members. If you need assistance applying for Veterans benefits or getting your benefits upgraded, get in touch with our Service Officer, George Hawley (see contact info below). George is one of the best.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Post,

Buddy Hindle
Commander

"At Your Service" Post 82 Service Officer

If you know someone in need of assistance from the VA or other support, please don't hesitate to send them my way. 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

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Legion Membership Report



David Abildgaard
1st Vice, Membership Chair

2024 was a great year for Post 82 membership! I am proud of the membership team. The time and effort each of them put into reaching out and contacting as many members as possible made us stronger as a Post. Through the many emails and phone conversations we conducted, we learned of members in need who were referred to our Service Officer, Chaplain and other support agencies. We also renewed friendships and heard of great things our members are doing.

Having said that, you have probably received your renewal notifications for 2025. As of August 1, 265 of you have already renewed! Including multi-year membership renewals and *Paid up for Life* (PUFL) members, we are sitting at 392 paid 2025 memberships, nearly 47% of our current members!

I'd like to remind you that the multi-year membership renewal is still available at the current rate of \$45 per year and encourage you to consider this option if you renew online through mylegion.org.

Remember, your membership at Post 82 makes you a member in the largest wartime veterans service organization in the United States, with

nearly 2.2 million members and more than 13,000 posts worldwide. The American Legion was established by Congress in 1919 and is dedicated to patriotism, honor, and national security. The Legion also works to support veterans and service members, mentor youth, and sponsor community programs. You are The Legion; we are The Legion.

Still serving.

David D. Abildgaard, 1st Vice Commander
Membership Chair



Chaplain's Corner

Lost and Found

I'm confident that everyone has at one time, or another, lost an inanimate object to which they were particularly attached. Perhaps it was a cherished piece of jewelry, a favorite travel mug, your wallet, or an old family Bible. When you noticed it was missing you would likely consider where you were when you lost it. If it was a public place such as a shopping center, your commuter bus, your workplace, and so on, your first thought would be to check to see if they had a Lost and Found location. If you were able to retrieve it, great! But if you couldn't, you would probably be saddened or frustrated with its loss, but you could readily move on.

How would things work out for you if it was a loved one, a child or spouse, a friend or another loved one that you lost to an illness, accident, assault, or even suicide? How readily would you be able to move on? Likely, you would

experience heart wrenching, classic multistage grief. At this point where would you look for your lost loved one? Where would you turn for solace? As Christians, we can look to heaven for our lost loved ones who are saved by the blood of Christ. If we have family members and other loved ones who are not saved, we should encourage them to believe in Christ and seek their salvation in Him. With knowledge of their salvation comes the comfort of knowing where they will live eternally, and that when our day comes to leave our earthly domain, we will meet them again.

We are further and more immediately blessed with the comfort found in God's word, an awesome source of solace in our time of grief. I offer the following Bible verses for your consideration.

John 3:16 ESV

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Psalms 34:18 ESV

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

Matthew 5:4 ESV

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Revelation 21:4 ESV

"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."

As always, if you or your family have any needs with which I can assist, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Christ,
Paul Stockman Chaplain
301.768.2514
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When's the last time you made a Buddy Check on a fellow veteran or Post 82 Family member? 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. Take time this week to reach out to a fellow veteran and check in on them. Your Post 82 Family stands ready to assist if needed.



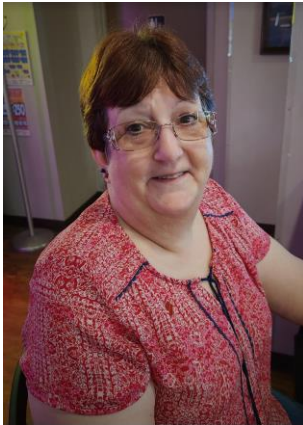
Post 82 at the Charles County Fair

We will once again have a booth at the Charles County Fair September 12 – 15, 2024. The Fair is celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the fair and I'll bet Post 82 has been there for most of them. Our booth, located in the very busy Commercial Building A, is donated to the Post by the Fair Board each year. The past few years, we have made new friends who've become members of our Post Family.

I'll be sending out a sign-up link for volunteers to man the booth this year. So, keep a lookout for an email in Mid-August with more details.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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



Hello Horses!

This year we are horses. Our horse's name is *Citation* from the Kentucky Derby winners. The American Legion Convention is over with now and we can get down to business for this year.

At our next meeting on August 13th, we will need to set a date to do our standing rules and budget. Also we need to state what months we want to have our Friday dinners and what the menu will be. Hopefully this year we will have more volunteers helping with BINGO and our dinners.

We won two Department awards. One was for first place for *Americanism* and we also received a blue ribbon for *Gold Plus* for our membership. Speaking of membership, it is due now so please see Rita Sexton or send it to her at 7400 Retreat Place, Port Tobacco, Maryland 20677.

Our Department President, Connie Johnson's project this year is *Well Spring of Life Farm for PTSD*. She states, "Our passion, our mission is running to the winners circle."

The fall conference this year is October 25-27, in Ocean City at the Ashore Motel. I will provide more information when I receive it.

I hope to see everyone at the August 13 meeting at 6pm.

For Service not Self,

Lesley

Maryland Boys State Report

When my father first approached me with the idea [attending Boys State], it seemed difficult to get excited about it. However, after attending the briefing at the Legion, I was very eager to attend. When I first arrived at McDaniel College, I was a little nervous about first impressions and how people would perceive me. I quickly learned that the people on this trip were all unique and had a very strong sense of community like Boy Scouts, which helped everybody in our city to have fun throughout the week.

We learned what we needed to do to overthrow the "dictatorship" and bring democracy to our "state." Quickly, I saw boys write speeches, build campaigns, and network with different cities. The speakers who came in were very insightful; the State Comptroller and former Police Chief of Baltimore caught a lot of people's attention and were very informational. These lectures, along with the Senate simulation, created a very educational environment that I really enjoyed and learned a lot from.

Additionally, the experience of going to the local National Guard base was very interesting and personally sparked my interest in joining when I am in college. I would like to thank the Legion for sending me and a bunch of other smart boys to this camp. I am glad I was able to join this program.

I attended a separate summer camp that covered political science in Georgetown, which cost much more than Boys State. I would say 100% that this program taught me more about how to run a political campaign, how our local government works, and, frankly, just more on how to talk to my fellow peers. I really do believe this week shaped a lot of lifetimes. Thank you for sponsoring me.

William Zabriske

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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

At the Squadron meeting on July 2, Squadron members voted to donate \$300 to Wreaths Across America.

Gale Willett, Lennie Hanson, and I worked the floor at the Southern Maryland Region bingo at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on July 15. Thirty five residents participated and \$190 in prizes was handed out.

First Vice Commander Gayle Willett, Adjutant Gary Shupe and I had the pleasure of presenting the Squadron 82 Police Officer of the Year Award to Charles County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) PO Vernon Karopchinsky at the CCSO meeting on July 16. PO Karopchinsky was also presented with the Detachment of Maryland Southern Maryland Region Officer of the Year Award. The Squadron also made a \$100 donation to the CCSO Special Events Fund in PO Karopchinsky's name. It's always a pleasure to recognize those who serve our community.

The Squadron hosted a baby back rib dinner on July 19. Thanks to Gale Willett, Gary Shupe, Alana Lentz, David Quade, Kathleen Quade, Roy Yanosh, Carol Karpiak, Cindy Moruzzi, Lennie Lentz, and Cathy Bryant who volunteered their time. As always, thanks to those who turned out to support the dinner. We served 95 dinners.

Thanks to Gale Willett and Gary Shupe for handling the registration and refreshment tables at the American Legion Blood Drive on July 22. Thirty-three units of "lifesaving" blood was collected

The Squadron will host a Baby Back Rib dinner on August 16. Check the flyer on the website www.alpost82.org.

The Squadron received the 2025 membership cards at the Detachment of Maryland Convention June 22. Please take the opportunity to renew now and help us get ahead early. We still have a few members who have not renewed their membership for 2024. Dues are still just \$20 for members 21 or over and \$15 for dual members and those under 21.

Yours in Service, Dave



David Tatman
Commander, Squadron 82
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**ALR Meetings are held the
Second Thursday of Each Month at 1800hrs**

On Saturday June 22, your Riders participated in The Keepers 6th Annual Poker Run to benefit Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home. 7 bikes, 9 people and 1 truck brought t-shirts, socks and under garments (these are the items the government does not provide to our veteran's) as well as our registration fee to ride. There was a great turnout and a safe ride with a good time was had by all. The Riders also presented The Keepers with a donation check for \$700 to help with their endeavors at Charlotte Hall. I can't say enough good things about The Keepers and the support they give our veterans and the Riders support of other groups with likeminded goals and charitable giving.

On Sunday June 23 a small group of Riders participated in the 14th Annual Faces of Valor Ride through Annapolis MD. Faces of Valor each year honors 3 living heroes from among veteran's, law enforcement and first responders that are hurt and/or disabled in the line of duty. Our entry fees also include a custom car show and family picnic. This year's attendance was not like last year which probably was due to the intense heat on that Sunday afternoon. The Riders also presented Ted Levitt the founder of Faces of Valor with a donation of \$500 to help the cause. Ted has a restored 1931 Buick which he painted red, white and blue. He then adorned the entire car with the faces of people injured or killed in the line of duty, thus the name Faces of Valor.

On Thursday July 4, The Riders answered the call of Tribes MC for a Last Call Parade to honor a dying Marine in the La Plata area. The people really turned out, over 50 cars, trucks and jeeps along with another 100 or so motorcycles. Once assembled at the La Plata Courthouse we found out it was for long time Post member Vernon

Benson affectionately known to most as Vern who took care out the Post grounds for years. Vern was a Vietnam Vet and a member of the 1st Battalion 9th Marines who were also know as "The Walking Dead" please check out the history of the 9th Marines on google and you will learn quick this was one hell of a fighting machine. Vernon stood tall from his chair in the front and saluted the entire parade for more than 20 minutes. We are losing our true heroes to Post Everlasting on what seems like a frequent event here lately, so if you see one at the Post or in public, tell them "Thank You".

On Saturday July 6 4 bikes and 1 truck participated in the Hero-Dogs Ride out of Towson Post 22. All proceeds from this ride are earmarked for Hero-Dogs who supply free of charge service dogs for military members and veterans. After a 65-mile ride through northeastern MD and 1 stop at Post 200 Hampstead MD we returned to Towson Post 22 for lunch and to learn about Hero-Dogs. Your Riders also presented Hero-Dogs with a check for \$500 which then brought the total donation from Post 22 ALR to over \$12,000. Great job Towson Post 22 and thanks for good fellowship and a fun ride. Also, one of the dogs picked the winning 50/50 ticket from out of a hat. Next year I'll put my tickets in some hamburger juice.

On Saturday Aug. 17 your Riders will be participating in and a bronze sponsor of the 11th Annual Healing Heroes Ride East for Boulder Crest Foundation. Boulder Crest is a nationally recognized charity which serves active-duty military, veterans, first responders and their families. Their mission is to build a world where all people can thrive in the aftermath of trauma.

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. 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.

I would like to welcome our newest members, David Carroll, John Cover and Joshua Coombs. Ride Safe Brothers.

Upcoming Rides:

Boulder Crest Healing Heroes Ride East- Aug. 17, 2024 @ 0800

The next ALR meeting is Thursday August 8, 2024 @ 1800

Respectfully Submitted,

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

What's Going on at Post 82?

Steak & Fried Shrimp Dinners are taking the summer off due to other events scheduled at the Post and within the Department. **See you on Friday, September 6!**

Tuesday, August 6

S.A.L. Meeting – 6 PM

Legion Exec Mtg – 7 PM

Thursday, August 8

American Legion Riders Meeting – 6 PM

Tuesday, August 13

Legion Membership Meeting – 6:30 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – 6 pm

Friday, August 16

S.A.L. BBQ Rib Dinner – 5 PM

Open to the Public

• **Friday, August 23**

Members Shrimp in the Bar

6-7 PM Members Only

Friday, August 23

ALR 82 Spaghetti Dinner 5:00-6:30pm

Open to the Public

S.A.L. Queen of Hearts every Wednesday

Drawing in the Lounge at 7pm

Auxiliary BINGO every Thursday.

Doors open at 4:30 PM

Membership Update

Thank you to the following members for renewing your membership for 2025 and beyond!
(Payments processed through National as of Aug 2, 2024)

Abell, Larry	Clapp, Michael	Graybill Jr, Maxwell	Jones-Coleman, Wyatt
Abildgaard, David	Clarner, David	Gregan, Martin	Julian, Gayna
Adams, Danielle	Coleman-Peck, Lori	Grimes, George	Keeler, William
Aliff Sr, David	Colmain, Edward	Grimes, William	Kibler, Jacob
Allen, James	Coombs, Jeffrey	Guido, Jeffrey	Kilby, Lionel
Allen, Vonetta	Cowin, Brian	Gullett, James	Kimball, Richard
Ansell, Ronald	Cox, Sandra	Gustafson, Dillon	Klahr, Lonnie
Apperson, James	Coy, Walter	Guy, Joseph	Kling, Adam
Armstrong, James	Cross, Kenneth	Hall, Helen	Kress, Louis
Arroyo, Alfredo	Curtis, John	Hall, Luther	Lake, Vincent
Banks Jr, Raymond	Daniell, Howard	Hamilton, Thomas	Lamoreau Jr, Lowell
Barber, Nevin	Davis, Lynn	Hancock Sr, Douglass	Laquay Sr, Robert
Barbour Jr, Nelson	Dement, Richard	Hankins, Benjamin	Lee, John
Barnes, Robin	Dixon Sr, Thomas	Hanks, Michael	Lempin, Michael
Baroniak, George	Dunlap, Robert	Harmuth, Christopher	Lenker, Paul
Batty, Michael	Edelen, Richard	Hartmann, Nicholas	Lepe, Fidel
Beal, David	Eggleston, Rodney	Harvey, P Lee	Lopez, Chris
Beck, Kenneth	Eiden, James	Haviland, Tod	Magoon, Wayne
Becker, Curtis	Ellerbe Jr, Hubert	Havlik, Mark	Malherek, Patrick
Becker, Lee	Emmert, Dennis	Hawk, Michael	Mansfield Jr, Frederick
Behe, Patrick	Erslev, Edward	Hawley, George	Marcus III, Sidney
Belfield, Donald	Ervin, Donald	Hendry, Robert	Markley, William
Bendebba, Michael	Everhart Jr, James	Heppner, Frederick	Martin, Lawrence
Benge, James	Farmer, Edward	Herdmann, Richard	Martinez Jr, Joseph
Berry, Laurence	Farmer, William	Hicks, Erik	Matcke, Alan
Billups, Gregory	Fennell, John	Hicks, JR, Lanny	McAllister, James
Bitzer, Judith	Fernbaugh, David	Higdon, Gerald	McClure, Kevin
Black, David	Fisher, Ronald	High II, Robert	McConnell, James
Boswell Jr, William	Fitzpatrick, Bernard	Himmelheber, Karen	McDonald, Bruce
Bowlin, Michael	Flatley Jr, John	Hoover, Samuel	McDonald, Ruby
Bragunier, Donald	Freeman, John	Hrabosky, Edward	Meisel, Robert
Brashear Sr, Gary	Frost, David	Hrynko, Raymond	Melvin, Russel
Brettman, Robert	Fruh Jr, Frank	Hudnell, Anthony	Mertz, John
Briggs III, Alfred	Frye, Daniel	Irwin Sr, Daniel	Mildenstein, Michael
Brown, Dexter	Gass Jr, Charles	James, Paul	Miller, Gerald
Brown, Willie	Genovese, Donna	Jarboe, Hayden	Moore, Lawrence
Buckner, Kevin	Gentile, Bruce	Jenkins, Donna	Morris, Dean
Burroughs Jr, Thomas	Gibson, Ronald	Jerow, Timothy	Moyer, Bruce
Cannon, Sherri	Giger Sr, William	Johnson, Neil	Muldoon, Paul
Carlton, Richard	Gilday, Joseph	Johnson-Harvey, Andrea	Murchison, Grover
Carmen, Sam	Giles, Timothy	Johnston, Robert	Nabakowski, Andrei
Cawley, Philip	Glass, Kurt	Jones, Alton	Nagle, Daniel
Chess, Ann	Goodrich, Charles	Jones, Joel	Natori, Timothy
Chew, David	Grant, Robert	Jones, Timothy	Navarro, Ricardo
Christner, George	Graves, Samuel	Jones, Verdis	Nelson, Laquetta

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Newgent Sr, Donald	Saunders Sr, Norman	Wedding, William
Ocheltree, Richard	Schultz, Debbie	Weinberger, Noah
Oharran, Michael	Scott, Edwin	Wesley, Jr, Walter
Oster, Phyllis	Scott, Maurice	White, Clarence
Ott, Walter	Scott Sr, Clayton	White, George
Owens, Casimir	Scott, Thomas	White, Jerry
Pangle, Robert	Shaner, Mark	Williams, David
Parent, Thomas	Shelton, Norman	Williams Jr, Thomas
Parker, Jacques	Simpson, Robert	Williams, Michael
Parr, Jeanne	Smith, Charles	Williams, Valerie
Parsons II, Lane	Smith, Gregory	Wilson, Latina
Pattee, Anthony	Smith, James	Wilson, Lester
Paul, John	Smit, Jr, William	Wirick, John
Payton, Arthur	Smith, Michael	Wright, Harlan
Peck, Michael	Southard, Kenneth	Wright, Ronney
Pemberton, William	Spaller, William	Yamnicky, Jennifer
Phillips, Danny	Speake, Dale	Yates, Daniel
Poletis, Maria	Spence Jr, Errol	Young, Stephen
Pomrenke, Gary	Spruill, Roderick	Zabriskie, Christopher
Ponce de Leon, Juan	Stanislaus, Angel	Zayas, James
Ponce de Leon, Laura	Stewart, John	Zion II, Alexander
Powell, Davis	Stockman, Paul	
Powell Jr, Ronald	Stonestreet, Joseph	
Price Jr, Danny	Striegel, Robert	
Putney, Russell	Stubbs, James	
Putz, Hans	Stull, Becky	
Quade, David	Stutz, Richard	
Quincy Sr, William	Svitak, Christopher	
Radvansky Jr, Joseph	Tafe, Harold	
Raub, Joseph	Taggart, Lynne	
Reburn Jr, Robert	Talactac, Thomas	
Rector, Joseph	Taylor, Robert	
Rees, William	Teufel, Ronald	
Robertson, Jr, George	Thomas, James	
Robinson, John	Tolbert, Dorian	
Rocheleau, Thomas	Towns, Gene	
Rollins, Roger	Trupe, Christopher	
Rorick, James	Tschudi, Jefre	
Rose, James	Ulma, Steve	
Rowe, Thomas	Vaughn, Edward	
Ruffin, Glenn	Viets, David	
Russell, Kyle	Wagenbrenner Sr, Charles	
Rutledge, Charles	Wagner, Marvin	
Ryan, James	Waters, Daniel	
Sampson, Jr, David	Wedding, Cheryl	