



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



## Harry White Wilmer Post 82

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### Commander's Message



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

Unfortunately, Buddy has been under the weather and was not able to submit an article for this month's newsletter. I have taken the liberty of editing his message from last month, removing time sensitive items that have already occurred.

"As this will be my last message for our Post Newsletter, let me say it has been a pleasure and honor to have served as Commander of the Harry White Wilmer American Legion Post 82. I want to thank all of our officers for the help you have given me this year. Not one has ever said they could not do what was asked of them. Each one has stepped up to make this a great year for our Legion Family.

On July 26, 2025 we will hold our annual Members Appreciation & Installation of Officers

banquet. Social hour from 5-6pm, dinner by Rita B's from 6-7pm and the Installation & Awards at 7pm. Tickets are just \$10 per person and include two free drinks. Tickets are available in the Lounge. I hope we will have a great turnout for your banquet. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie with fellow veterans and friends...be part of what's happening.

In closing, I thank you for this year and years past. It has been my pleasure to have served this great Post.

Remember to keep our military members and especially those serving in harm's way in your prayers. May the good Lord protect them and bring them all home safe and sound. God bless them, and the United States of America.

I'll see YOU at the Post!"

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

**Harry White Wilmer  
American Legion Post 82  
2026 Officers**

Commander – John Flatley  
1st Vice – Jamie Zayas  
2nd Vice – Chris LaQuay  
Finance Officer – Charles Marsh  
Adjutant – Chris Zabriskie  
Judge Advocate – Bob Striegel  
Sgt at Arms – Ron Ansell



## Chaplains Corner

As you know, the 4th of July is the anniversary of Independence Day, the day in 1776 that our Declaration of Independence was ratified. It is a special day in the United States as we celebrate it with fireworks, parades, and time spent with our loved ones. During our celebration of freedom in America, it is also a great time to reflect on the true freedom found in Jesus Christ.

To this end, I offer the following few of many scripture verses that speak of freedom.

**John 8:36 (ESV)** "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

**2 Corinthians 3:17 (ESV)** "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

**Galatians 5:1 (ESV)** "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."

**Galatians 5:13 (ESV)** "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

**Romans 8:1-2 (ESV)** "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

While attainment of our freedom from British tyranny was a significant national achievement and worthy of our annual celebration, our freedom from slavery to our sin nature is a gift of value beyond measure, and something we should celebrate daily.

## ***Post Everlasting - Robert Ringler 5/22/25***

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

Yours in Christ,

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## **Membership Report**

We ended the 2025 Legion year with 796 active members, 35 short of our goal. The 2026 Legion year begins on July 1. Renewal notices for 2026 will begin arriving in your mailbox mid-July.

The three-year renewal option is available online at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). Please renew at your earliest convenience to help keep our American Legion strong. If the cost of dues is holding you back, please reach out. We have some funds available. Contact Commander Buddy Hindle at 301-399-1240, Jamie Zayas at 301-751-2822 or via email, [American.legion4@verizon.net](mailto:American.legion4@verizon.net).

## **Post 82 In The News!**

Check out this great coverage of the PVA Capital Clash by The Baynet:  
<https://thebaynet.com/veterans-reel-in-big-wins-at-2025-capital-clash-bass-tournament-on-potomac-river/>



**Auxiliary Meetings are held the Second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm**

Hello Horses!

Well, we have ended another year! Thank you to all the volunteers that came out to help at Auxiliary events. Big thanks to Cathy Grimm for all her hard work at BINGO. Also, a big thank you to Chris LaQuay for all his help with BINGO and helping the ladies in the kitchen when we are short-handed.

We need volunteers for the BINGO kitchen each week. If you can spare one Thursday a month to help that would be appreciated. Also, to help sell pull tabs and being a floor walker. We cannot earn money for our veterans without help from our Auxiliary members. Please remember we are here to support our veterans, not ourselves.

The Ocean City convention is July 16, - 18. Auxiliary members attending the convention are Lesley Radcliff, Janet Fogle, Kathie Flanagan, & Angel Hindle.

The installation dinner will be on July 26th. Tickets are \$10 each at the bar.

There will be NO AUXILIARY MEETING IN JULY. Our next meeting is August 12th at 6pm.

For Service not Self,

Lesley Radcliff  
Unit 82 President



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

The Riders held their elections on Thurs. June 12; the results are listed below. Jeff Coombs our new Director and a charter member, will lead us into the new year. I'm excited to support and help Jeff in any way possible. Jeff is a natural leader, who leads by example and will continue moving the group onward and upward. Huge thanks to our members who are stepping into new roles Joel Jones, Chris Svitak, Chris LaQuay and Richard Kimble. And an even bigger thanks to those members staying on and serving for another year, Karen Himmelheber, Jeff Coombs, Paul Chapman and Kevin Buckner. It will be another great year for The Riders with such a talented group of leaders.

Below are your ALR Officers for 2025-2026

Director- Jeff Coombs  
Vice Director- Joel Jones  
Secretary- Karen Himmelheber  
Treasurer- Chris Svitak  
Sargeant at Arms- Chris LaQuay  
Road Captain- Fred Heppner  
Chaplain- Paul Stockman  
Historian- Richard Kimball  
Safety Officer- Kevin Buckner

There will be no July meeting of the ALR due to the state convention and vacations. We will resume our regularly scheduled meetings on August 14. Please enjoy your summer and always look twice for motorcycles while out on the roads.

On Thursday June 5, 6 Riders from ALR 82 participated in the 10th Annual MD Gold Star Legacy Ride. The 4-day ride started at Overlea/ Perry Hall Post 130, went as far east as Ocean City Post 166 and as far west as Cumberland Post 13 with many stops along the way.

Our fundraising goal for this 10th Anniversary ride was a lofty 235K to reach a 10-year total of 1 million dollars raised. So far, we have raised 210K with monies still coming in enlarging the total as we strived to hit our goal. The total amount raised will be announced on the floor of the state convention on Wed. July 16 and then presented in August during the National Legion Run. For the last 2 years MD has been #1 at the National Convention and we expect this year to be no different.

Our Post 82 Family is sitting on top of the leaderboard for our combined donation of over 40K. The winner will be announced at the state convention Wed. July 16. This was another great team effort by Post 82 and I'm so grateful and thankful to everyone who works to make this a successful mission. It is a privilege and an honor to be a member of Post 82 as together we continue to love and serve our veterans day in and day out.

On Saturday June 21, after a great lunch at Mission BBQ in California, MD, The Riders escorted an ice cream truck onto the grounds of Charlotte Hall Veterans Home for our annual Ice Cream Social. This is an annual event to bring frozen treats and interact with the veterans who reside at CHVH. In all 15 motorcycles and 5 cages carrying more than 24 Riders and spouses took part in providing a fun afternoon.

The staff and visiting family members also enjoyed the many selections of frozen treats as well. The weatherman brought us sunny skies along with temperatures in the mid-nineties and no breeze at all. A big thank you to charter member Jamie Z for organizing and leading us to a very memorable fellowship with our veterans.

On Sunday June 22, 5 Riders took part in the Faces of Valor Ride and Car Show, a fully escorted ride through and around Annapolis to the Annapolis Elks Lodge for the car show and lunch. Once there the Riders presented a very nice donation the Faces of Valor organization which helps veterans, law enforcement and first responders who are injured, disabled or ill from

job related accidents or hazards. A huge thank you to Joker and Hot Rod for leading the ride and presentation of our donation to Ted Levine.

I would like to encourage all ALR members as well as our Post Family (Legion, SAL & Auxiliary) 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 and Events:  
Hero Dogs Ride Towson Post 22 July 12 @ 0900

Next ALR Meeting August 14 @ 1800

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin (BIG SEXY) Bryant  
Director



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

At the regular monthly meeting on June 3, the members voted to donate \$100 to the Charles County Retired School Personnel Association Golf Tournament to be played on August 14, 2025.

On June 10, 1st Vice Commander Gale Willett and I attended a meeting at the Charles County Sheriff's Office to present Pfc. Ryan Beach with



the Squadron 82 2024 First Responder of the Year award. In addition to the plaque given to Pfc. Beach, the Squadron made a \$100 donation to the CCSO Special Events Fund.

On June 14, the Squadron held a Flag Retirement Ceremony by the Post Memorial at 12 noon. Four hundred seventy-four Flags of our Country were honorably retired.

Gary Shupe and Gale Willett worked the floor at the Southern Maryland Region bingo at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (CHVH) on June 16. Forty-five residents participated and \$400 in prizes was handed out. With the increased participation, likely due to the increased prize money, the bingo had to be moved to a larger room. It's always great to interact with the residents and staff.

The Squadron's baby back rib dinner on June 20 went well. For the first time in a while we sold out, 108 dinners. Thanks to Gale Willett, Gary Shupe, David Quade, Roy Yanosh, Alana Lentz, Kathleen Quade, Lennie Lentz, Cathy Bryant, Cindy Moruzzi, and Carol Karpiak who volunteered their time. It was our pleasure to serve seven residents and three staff members from the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home as guests of the Post 82 family. Our next dinner will be a baby back rib dinner on July 18. Check the flier on the website [www.alpost82.org](http://www.alpost82.org).

I attended the Detachment of Maryland 52nd Annual Convention in White Marsh on June 20-22. During the awards portion of the Convention on Saturday, the Squadron received several awards including the Joseph Lohman Southern Maryland Squadron Four Pillars Award for outstanding commitment and dedication in support of the Four Pillars of The American Legion in the Southern Maryland Region, and the Commander's Award for the Children & Youth Committee. In addition the Squadron received Certificates of Appreciation for "outstanding efforts and support of" the VAVS Commission, the Americanism Programs, the

Commander's Project, the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, the Fisher House Foundation, the Casey Cares Foundation, the Child Well-Being Foundation, the Children's Miracle Network, the National Emergency Fund, Special Olympics of Maryland, Toys for Tots, Community Affairs, and Boys State.

The Squadron also received an "for achieving Four-Star membership status on or before May 30, 2025." These awards are due to the efforts of our members and friends as well as those who support dinners and the golf tournament. Thanks to all.

The 2026 membership cards were handed out at the Convention and are now available. Renew early and let's achieve another Four-Star award at next year's convention



Yours in Service,

Dave Tatman Commander, Squadron 82  
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Hello, Post 82 family,

With Summer in full swing, we have some changes here at the Post including new leadership. After many years of service to our members, Bil Rees has decided to step down as Finance Officer. Bill has done an amazing job for us over the years. The good news is, he's not moving away and I'm expecting his voice and wisdom will still have an influence on how we operate. Over the years, Bill not only kept our finances straight, but he also coordinated with several of his contacts to make repairs and improvements to the building and parking lot.

Bill is in the process of turning the finances over to Charles (Chuck) Marsh, a long-time member who has recently become more involved here at the Post. I've known Chuck for 20 years or more and am happy he agreed to step up as our Finance Officer. He's usually at the Post picking up dinners to take home on Friday nights and just spent the majority of his Father's Day weekend here helping with the PVA fishing tournament (more on that later).

Another big change underway is our House Management. Most of you know that Joanie Roberts is stepping away as Bar Manager beginning July 1st. Joanie has been keeping things running smoothly for longer than I've been a Legion member. In fact, she's one of the first people I met when I joined in 2015. Joanie has been very helpful to me as Post Adjutant. She's usually several steps ahead of me and always willing to point me in the right direction when I've had questions regarding our day-to-day operations. During our most recent Post financial audit, Ron Ansell pointed out that Joanie's organization and accounting processes made the audit very simple. Like Bill, Joanie is not moving away. As an Auxiliary member, I hope we will see her at the Post on occasion.

Joanie's replacement is Shannon Willett. Shannon comes to us with experience from a variety of bar/lounge locations including a stint at Clinton Post 259. Please take time to say hi to Shannon next time you are in the Lounge.

The 2026 officers are listed above. I'm excited and look forward to working with all these men in the coming year to keep Post 82 moving forward in support of local veterans and our community.

I want to thank all who helped at the Paralyzed Veterans of America Capital Bass Clash put on by Bass Masters and hosted by Post 82. This is the tenth year we have had the privilege of hosting the registration and awards banquets as well as providing lunch packets for all. The PVA and Bass Masters recruit local fishermen/boat captains and pair them up with veterans to fish the Potomac and its tributaries from Smallwood State Park. Over the last decade, Angel and Buddy Hindle have organized and coordinated our participation and I got to see firsthand how much time they put into this short but busy weekend. I look forward to hosting the PVA again next year and serving alongside you to provide a first-class event here in Charles County.

Another change you'll see this month: Charlie Smith is taking over as Newsletter Editor starting with the August edition. I hope you'll continue to support Charlie with positive feedback and ideas for articles as you have me.

I'd be remiss if I didn't take time to publicly thank Buddy Hindle for his years of service as Commander and especially for stepping up this past year. I've learned a lot from Buddy this year. Thankfully, as immediate past Commander, he will continue to serve on the executive board, so I won't have to go too far when I need his advice. Please take a moment to thank Buddy when you see him around the Post.

I hope you will all join me at our annual Members Appreciation and Officer Installation Banquet on Saturday July 26. Tickets are on sale until July 18 in the lounge for just \$10 each. Admission includes two drink tickets and dinner from Rita B's.

As a reminder, our Friday Steak and Shrimp dinners will resume on September 5. Mark your calendars now.

I am proud to be a member of Harry White Wilmer American Legion Post 82. Our Post is a vital part of the La Plata and Charles County community. I look forward to this year as we continue our rich history of service while seeking new opportunities to support veterans and their families. Thank you for your service and your investment through membership in the American Legion.

Standing ready to serve,

John

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## **What's Going on at Post 82?**

### **Tuesday, July 1**

S.A.L. Meeting – 6 PM

### **Friday, July 18**

S.A.L. Baby Back Rib Dinner 5 – 7 PM

Open to the Public

### **Monday, July 20**

Blood Drive 12:30 – 6:00pm

### **Saturday, July 26**

Membership Appreciation Dinner & Post Officer

Installation Ceremony 5:00 – 8:00pm

### **S.A.L. Queen of Hearts every Wednesday**

Drawing in the Lounge at 6:45pm

### **Auxiliary BINGO every Thursday.**

Doors open at 4:30 PM



Sports & Recreation



# CAPITAL CLASH

On June 13-15, 2025, 72 anglers and boat captains hit the water—28 by boat, 13 from the bank—only a few hooked the big wins. But they all had a great time! Thank you to all who helped Post 82 host a great weekend for the PVA Fishing Series year-end tournament!

Angel Hindle  
Buddy Hindle  
Harry Lehman  
Gene Lehman  
Jim Smith  
Jamie Zayas  
Victor Guillot  
Lam Lamoreau  
Denise Lamoreau  
Chuck Marsh  
Kacy Marsh  
Jeff Boyette  
Joanie Roberts  
Jeff Coombs  
Karl Steinsberger  
Cathy Grimm  
Mary Shaffer  
Lesley Radcliff

Bob Striegel  
Chris Zabriskie  
Chris LaQuay  
Becky LaQuay  
Anna Williams  
Ben Hankins  
Joe Martinez  
Tom Rowe  
Ron Ansell  
Darlene Willett  
Kevin Bryant  
Cathy Bryant  
Devin Hill  
George Hawley  
Jerry Seaman  
Joel Jones  
Brady Freundal  
Dana Freundel

Ann Chess  
Linda Rollins  
Dennis Burks  
Michael McGuigan  
Martha Williams  
Carol Karpiak  
John Flatley  
Sharon Bowie  
Cindy Moruzzi  
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Coaches