



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



## Harry White Wilmer Post 82

6630 Crain Highway, PO Box 441, La Plata, MD 20646

May 2025

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### Commander's Message



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

The Legion year of 2025 has flown rapidly by. Looking at the calendar and wondering what else we could have done to better serve our members and veterans this year. All our committees have worked hard and diligently to get their tasks completed. My hat goes off to all of them for the outstanding work they've done and for the support they have given to me.

We have worked hard on membership retention and growth as usual. As we approach the end of the year, we are at nearly 94% of our membership goal with just under 89% retention. If you are reading this newsletter for the first time this year, check your membership card to ensure it says 2025 on it. If not, please renew today on-line, or by mailing or dropping of your check for \$45

ASAP. If your delay is due to financial concerns, please give me a call at 301.399.1240 and we will take care of it for you.

We will observe and remember Memorial Day on the federal holiday, May 26 with a program at 11:00am. As is our tradition, our program will include remarks by a great speaker followed by a light luncheon. The program is open to the public so please [plan to attend and invite your friends and neighbors. Wear your Legion cap and/or other military items. I hope to see all of you that day to remember our fallen who made the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedoms that we so often take for granted. Let us never forget.

Our monthly Steak and Shrimp dinner will be held this Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00-6:30pm. If you are new to our Post, I hope you'll plan to come and out for a great meal and meet your fellow Legionnaires. There are still positions open to prepare and serve. Volunteer by signing up [using this link](#).

The slate of proposed officers for 2026 is included in this newsletter. It will be officially presented at our May 13<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting at 6:00pm. The election of officers will be held at the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. On Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual Installation of Officers and Members Appreciation Banquet. Tickets are available for just \$10 each and include dinner and 2 free drinks. I hope to see you there.

I am looking for volunteers to help with the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) Bass Masters Fishing Tournament June 13-14. A sign-

up sheet is forthcoming. Please look for it and join me in providing first-class support for PVA fisherman.

Remember to keep our military members and especially those serving in harms way in your prayers. May they return home to their families whole in body, mind and spirit.

I'll see YOU at the Post!

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

## **May is Military Appreciation Month!**

Check out the links below to learn more.

- **May 1st:** [Loyalty Day](#) kicks off the month-long celebration.
- **May 9th:** [Military Spouse Appreciation Day](#), recognizing the support and sacrifices of military spouses.
- **May 10th:** [Mother's Day](#), a day to honor mothers, including military families.
- **May 13th:** [Children of Fallen Patriots Day](#), honoring children of service members who died while serving.
- **May 17th:** [Armed Forces Day](#), a day to honor current service members.
- **May 26th:** [Memorial Day](#), a federal holiday to remember and honor those who have died in service.



### **Membership Report**

We are getting closer to our goal of 831 members, which will be a 10% increase over last year.

With 777 active members, Post 82 currently sits at 93.50% of our 831-member goal for 2025. Our membership renewal rate is 88.81%. Our renewal goal is 95% so we've got a way to go to hit it. If you have not renewed yet and your card doesn't say 2025, your account is in delinquent status. Please renew right away. 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).

### **Request for Support from the Historian**

Please share details and photos of Post 82 Legion Family events with me at [htafe@comcast.net](mailto:htafe@comcast.net). The information you provide will be added to our annual Post History file and sent to the Dept of Maryland. Photos should include names of those captured if possible. Please help me capture it all so we can celebrate our accomplishments now and encourage and challenge future generations to continue our strong history of community and veteran support activities.

Thanks in advance,

Harry Tafe



## Chaplains Corner

I have a tee shirt produced by a company that promotes PTSD and veteran suicide awareness. On the front it reads "Be Kind." and on the back it reads "Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about." I believe this concept resonates with most folks when one considers the relational, employment, financial, emotional, mental, and physical battles among others we face in our lifetimes.

While we may not know what battles others are facing, we are all too aware of our own. Sharing them with others is often difficult. However, there is One who knows and cares about the battles we and others are fighting and to whom we can openly share them, God.

The Bible is full of scripture verses supporting this statement and provides encouragement in the time of our battles. I offer the following for your consideration and comfort in your battles.

**John 16:33** In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

**Isaiah 41:10** So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**Philippians 4:6-7** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Romans 15:13** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Isaiah 41:13** For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, Fear not, I am the one who helps you.

As always, I am available to all our Legion Family members. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do for you or your family.

### Post Everlasting

Lawrence "Larry" Chappell MSgt, USAF (Ret)

April 26, 1932 - April 16, 2025

Obituary

<https://www.raymondfuneralservice.com/obituaries/lawrence-chappell-2/#!/Obituary>

Yours in Christ,  
Paul Stockman Chaplain

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## Harry White Wilmer American Legion Post 82 2026 Proposed Officers

Commander – John Flatley

1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Jamie Zayas

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Chris LaQuay

Finance Officer – Charles Marsh

Adjutant – Chris Zabriskie

Judge Advocate – Bob Striegel

Sgt at Arms – Ron Ansell





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

Hello Horses:

We will be having a Shrimp Dinner on May 9th 5-7pm. The menu includes one pound of shrimp, cole slaw, and fries. The cost is \$17. There will be tea and water provided. If you wish to help, please contact me at (301) 934-3512 or by showing up at the post by 10am.

So far the nominations for elections of officers are President – Lesley Radcliff, Vice President – Cathy Grimm, Treasurer – Ann Taylor, Chaplain – Mary Shaffer, Sgt. At Arms – Linda Gimmel – Historian Kathie Flanagan. Running for the executive committee are Angel Hindle, Edna Caywood, Maggie Larrick and Kathleen Quade. You can submit your name for an office before the meeting starts at 6pm. The meeting is May 13th.

The ladies that received reports for their office please remember to get them to the coordinator by May 1st and a copy will come to me so I can do my report.

Please remember that we are here for the Veterans not for ourselves. This is the whole purpose for the American Legion, to help and assist our Veterans not for ourselves.

I hope to see you at the next meeting on May 13th at 6pm.

For Service not Self,

Lesley Radcliff  
Unit 82 President



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

**Hello Riders, and Legion Family,  
The latest scoop from the Steel Pony Corral:**

On Saturday March 29, 13 Riders participated in the First Annual Department Commanders Poker Run from Post 60 in Laurel MD and ending with lunch and our Maryland ALR Spring meeting at Post 10 Boonsboro MD. During the meeting, the Riders presented Commander David Heredia with a donation of \$1,000 for The Dept. of MD Veterans Assistance and Rehabilitation Program. In all over 8K was raised and a great ride to and from Boonsboro was enjoyed.

ALR elections are just around the corner in June, all positions are open for nominations. I personally have enjoyed my tenure as your director these past 2 years, but it is time for me to step away from a leadership role. I have truly enjoyed leading such an amazing group of men and women serving our country and continuing to serve the community. I have the utmost confidence that whoever among you steps up will be even better in leading us forward.

At our last meeting Rebekah Richard from the local Blue Star Families chapter spoke to the Riders about their upcoming Welcome Week event at a Blue Crabs game in August. The Riders voted unanimously to support this very worthwhile endeavor with a donation of \$300.

We have kicked off our 3rd Annual Gun Raffle. We will still be selling only 500 tickets for \$20 each with the winner receiving their choice of \$1000 cash or a Henry 45-70 Big Boy, Brass Lever-Action Rifle, Wildlife Edition. The raffle drawing will be held May 24, at our Southern Maryland Gold Star Legacy Ride. If you wish to purchase tickets, please see any Rider at one of the Post events or contact me. If

you're a Rider who wants to sell tickets, please get in touch with me. I have 70 tickets left to sell so please step up to help get all tickets sold.

#### **4th Annual Southern Maryland Gold Star Legacy Ride (SoMDGSLR)**

The SoMDGSLR committee is finalizing sponsorships and nailing down the details for our biggest fundraiser of the year. This year's scenic ride through Southern Maryland will conclude with a finale celebration at Harry White Wilmer American Legion Post 82, featuring music, food, drinks for sale, raffles, local vendors, and photo opportunities. The ride will be held on May 24 with registration starting at 0830. Funds raised will support The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation via the MD Gold Star Legacy Run, June 5-8, Warfighter Advance and other veterans and community causes over the next 12 months. If you want to support either financially or by volunteering to help, please see Randy Markley or myself. You can register to ride the event using this link. Find more information on our Event on American Legion Riders Post 82 (Public) Facebook page. All bikes and cages are welcome to ride.

I would like to thank all Riders as well as our Post Families (Legion, SAL & Auxiliary) for volunteering 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.

Please welcome our new members Brian McIntyre and Jurgen Smith.

#### **Upcoming Rides and Events:**

- Post 176 Poker Run Stop May 3 @ Post 82
- ALR 82 SoMD Gold Star Legacy Ride May 24 @ 0930
- Rolling to Remember May 25 @ TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Email: [American.legion4@verizon.net](mailto:American.legion4@verizon.net)

# **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

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

On April 8, Ray Michael stopped by the Post to receive the \$1,000 donation we made to the Post 82 baseball teams. Ray said there will be 2 senior teams this year and he will provide a schedule as soon as it is available. Pictured below are Clint Sanders, Roy Yanosh, Ray Michael, and myself.



Gail Willett, Gary Shupe, Lennie Hansen and I worked the floor at the Southern Maryland Region bingo at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (CHVH) on April 21. Forty-three residents participated and \$200 in prizes was handed out. It's always great to interact with the residents and staff.

Our second, and last, fish fry of the year on April 18 was a great success. We served 223 dinners and 9 fish sandwiches. Nine residents and two staff members from the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home were guests of the Post 82 family. Thanks to Gale Willett, Gary Shupe, David Quade, Kathleen Quade, Roy Yanosh, Alana Lentz, Lee Hammonds, Lennie Lentz, Cathy Bryant, Rodney Hammonds, Kim Hammonds, Carrie Hammonds, Jason Painter, John Earle, David Earle, and Harry Lehman who volunteered their time. Thanks to all those who turned out to support our dinner.

Website: <https://www.alpost82.org/>

Our next dinner will be a baby back rib dinner on May 16. Check the flier on the website [www.alpost82.org](http://www.alpost82.org).

As of the April 18 report, 215 Squadron 82 members have paid their 2025 dues. Our goal is 216. One of our members renewed on-line on Friday which was too late to be included on the April 18 report. That means when the April 25 report comes out, it will show Squadron 82 has met or exceeded our goal and achieved 4-Star status for the 27th consecutive year. The Squadron has a 90.70% retention rate. That's the highest percentage in the Southern Maryland Region as of the April 18 report and it's due largely to the efforts of Adjutant Gary Shupe. Great job Gary. But that means there are still a few members who have not renewed. If your membership card doesn't have 2025 at the top, renew your membership now.

Members can easily and quickly renew utilizing their last name, member ID and a credit card by visiting [www.legion.org/sal-renew](http://www.legion.org/sal-renew). Membership dues can also be paid at the Post or by mail to the Post. Because on-line renewal is only set up for the \$20 rate, it should not be used by dual or under 21-year-old members.

Yours in Service,



**David Tatman**  
**Commander, Squadron 82**  
[tatman\\_david@comcast.net](mailto:tatman_david@comcast.net)

## **Volunteer Editor Needed for the Harry White Wilmer Post Newsletter!**

We're looking for a volunteer to take the lead in editing, formatting, and designing our monthly Post newsletter.

Responsibilities include laying out submitted articles from Post leadership and updating upcoming events.

Basic Word skills are helpful, but you're welcome to use any publishing tools you prefer!

The main requirements are a desire to serve our Post community and a commitment to on-time production.

Interested or want to learn more?  
Contact the current editor for details!

[Post82newsletter@aol.com](mailto:Post82newsletter@aol.com)



## What's Going on at Post 82?

### Friday, May 2

Steak & Fried Shrimp Dinner 5:00 – 6:30PM

Open to the Public

[Sign up here to serve](#)

### Tuesday, May 6

S.A.L. Meeting – 6 PM

Legion Exec Mtg – 6 PM

### Thursday, May 8

American Legion Riders Meeting – 6 PM

### Tuesday, May 13

Legion Membership Meeting – 6 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – 6 PM

### Friday, May 16

S.A.L. Baby Back Rib Dinner 5 – 7 PM

Open to the Public

### Friday, May 23

Members Shrimp in the Bar 6 – 7 PM

Members/Guests Only

### Saturday, May 24

ALR 82 Gold Star Legacy Ride 9:30am – 4:00pm

Public invited to participate

### Monday, May 26

Memorial Day Remembrance 11:00 am

### 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

SoMD GSLR Registration is open:

<https://linktr.ee/alrpost82>

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 82 LA PLATA, MD  
THE 4TH ANNUAL  
**SOUTHERN MARYLAND  
GOLD STAR LEGACY RIDE**  
MEMORIAL WEEKEND  
**MAY 24, 2025**

Raffles

**\$250**  
Best Hand

ALL VEHICLES  
ARE WELCOME

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL  
**\$25/POKER HAND**  
DAY OF PRICING  
**\$30/POKER HAND**

MEETING POINT  
Harry White Wilmer American Legion Post 82  
6330 Crain Highway, La Plata, MD  
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:30AM  
KICKSTANDS UP AT 10:30AM

MORE INFORMATION <https://linktr.ee/alrpost82> [anita@evokepurpose.org](mailto:anita@evokepurpose.org) @ALRPOST82

**Exciting News!** This year's event will kick off and wrap up at American Legion Post 82, and we're currently seeking sponsors to help make it unforgettable.

If you own or manage a local business, we'd love to partner with you. Know a business you'd like to see involved? [Share this opportunity with them!](#)

# **19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JOE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

SPONSORED BY  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 82**  
AND  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 82**

**Friday, June 27, 2025**

**WHITE PLAINS GOLF COURSE**



## **BEST BALL**

**\$125.00 PER PERSON (\$150 after June 20)**

**Proceeds Benefit**

**American Legion and Community Charities**

**Registration: 7:30 AM**

**Shotgun Start: 9:00 AM**

### **Price**

**Cart and Green Fees**

**Lunch, Beer, Soda and Water on the course**

### **Includes:**

**Dinner at Post 82 (Guest dinner tickets \$25 each) and  
2 Longest Drive cash prizes, 4 Closest to the Pin cash prizes, and  
3 Mulligans.**

**Door Prizes .... Cash Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Places ... Sponsorships  
available ... Everyone receives a Golfer Gift package**









# Chick-fil-A La Plata Proudly Presents Military Appreciation Night 2025.

## Honoring Our Heroes – Celebrating Their Families

Join us on **Wednesday, May 14 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM** for an evening of gratitude, community, and celebration at **Military Appreciation Night 2025!**

We invite **all military active-duty service members, veterans who have honorably served, and their immediate families** to enjoy a night dedicated to YOU — the brave individuals who serve and sacrifice for our freedom.

### **What's in Store:**

-  A complimentary select meal for all attendees
-  Games and activities the kids will love
-  Community connections with local and military support organizations
-  A heartfelt atmosphere of appreciation and honor

Come enjoy great food, family fun, and fellowship as we thank you for your service and commitment.

**Admission is FREE – just bring your loved ones and your sense of pride.**  
We'll take care of the rest.

*Proof of Service Required*