



# THE AMERICAN LEGION



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### Commander's Message

First, Buddy Hindle has served us well as Commander for the past 16 years at Post 82 and I would like to personally thank him for his commitment.

The American Legion, State of Maryland, 104<sup>th</sup> Department Convention was held in person last month in Ocean City, MD. It was great to be together again, but please remember to protect yourselves and your family with the new strains they have identified.

The two main National Awareness themes identified during convention were, Suicide Prevention and Awareness. In the future, this will be addressed at National, State and Post levels for assistance to be provided to veterans, transitioning service members and the community.

Department Commander Ron Holcombe's main theme for the year will be "TEAM" and this will consist of the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary, Son of the American Legion, Legion Riders. This will also be my theme for the American Legion Post 82 Family.

American Legion Post 82 will be working with Project Opportunity, to provide "Free" Entrepreneur Training for Veterans who live in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary Counties. For every student that graduates this will provide new business and economic growth for their communities.

Post 82 will be changing the locks throughout the building and once this is completed, I will notify all that require keys and you will need to see me to sign for them.

I wish to express my thanks to the American Legion Family Post 82 for all that they do for the veterans, their families, and the community.

Honor to Serve,  
George Hawley  
Commander

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



The 16th Annual Joe Williams Memorial Golf Tournament was held at the White Plains Golf Course on June 24. Thirty-six teams, comprised of 141 players, enjoyed a great day of golf. The weather was close to perfect, the hot dogs were great, and there were enough beverages to go around. The banquet at the Post went well. Over \$8,200 was raised for American Legion and community programs. For more details, check out the tournament results on the website, [alpost82.org](http://alpost82.org).

At the Squadron meeting on July 5, it was decided Roy Yanosh will chair a committee to review the criteria for the Squadron 82 Veterans Memorial Scholarship to see if changes should be made.

One hundred twenty-one dinners were served at the Squadron's baby back rib dinner on July 15. Thanks to Roy Yanosh, Gary Shupe, Ed Tatman, Gale Willett Alana Lentz, Cindy Moruzzi, David Quade, Lenny Lentz, Kathleen Quade, and Cathy and Kevin Bryant for volunteering their time to make it a great night.

First Vice Commander Gale Willett, Adjutant Gary Shupe, and I worked the SMR bingo at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on July 18. Only 22 residents attended but everyone had a great time.

The 2022-23 officers were installed on June 23. American Legion Southern Maryland Region Commander John Countryman was our installing officer, Squadron Chaplain Roy Yanosh was honored as the Squadron Member of the Year.

The Squadron membership cards are still not available and may not be until September. If you have sent in your membership dues, your card will sent out as soon as they are available.

I hope to see you at the Post,

**Yours in Service,**  
**Dave Tatman**  
**Commander, Squadron 82**  
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### **Wreaths Across America**



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 [wreathsacrossamerica.org/MD0136](http://wreathsacrossamerica.org/MD0136) to order your wreaths any time.



On behalf of the Post 82 Family, Commander Hindle, Director Zayas and the Riders from Post 82 accepted a plaque for the Department of Maryland's highest dollar donation to the American Legion Scholarship Fund, 2022 from Gold Star Legacy Run co-chairs, Joe Gladden and John Horner at the Department Convention in July. This is the second year in a row that Post 82 has been recognized. The Riders are already planning events and fundraisers for 2022/23.

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



Hello Emeralds!

I am back from the Ocean City American Legion Convention. Our theme this year is "Treasuring Our Veterans". Each district is a different gem which we are emeralds in the treasurer chest.

We are hopefully going to start BINGO up on September 8th as we need to see if the BINGO machine is working.

We are also going to start our dinners up again. We are going to start with October 14<sup>th</sup>. The menu will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas with pearl onions, gravy and rolls. The cost will be \$15.

I hope to have a fun filled year with helping our veterans with fun raising projects and providing articles of need to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

Our next meeting is August 9<sup>th</sup> where we will be going over the standing rules and budget.

The Pizza Hotline food truck will be at the Post on August 31<sup>st</sup> from 4pm to 7pm.

Hope everyone stays cool in this hot weather.

See everyone at the August meeting.

Lesley Radcliff  
Unit 82 President

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



Hello Riders and Legion Family,

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

On Saturday June 25, ALR 82 was joined by Post 175 Severna Park to host an Ice Cream Social at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (CHVH). 18 Motorcycles escorted the Circus Ice Cream truck into CHVH and served delicious frozen treats to our veterans. This has always been an annual highlight for the Riders and a few of the veterans remembered us from our last gathering in June of 2019. It was great day to spend time with the men and women of CHVH and so rewarding for us to fellowship with our veterans. We look forward to repeating this event next year.

On Sunday July 10, ALR 82 lead by Brian (Gadget) Miller, participated in a charity ride for Hero Dogs starting at Post 22 Towson. This ride is an annual event sponsored by ALR 22 raising money for service dogs for veterans suffering from various ailments and PTS. The ride raised \$10,500 for this endeavor and Gadget's group had a good time and a safe ride up and back.

On Wednesday July 13, 6 bikes left Waldorf at 0 'dark thirty heading to the MD State Convention in Ocean City MD. Along the way we picked up 2 bikes from ALR 175, Severna Park. After a nice breakfast in Cambridge MD, we arrived at the Convention Center, led by John (Flatrock) Flatley at 1000. Once registered we joined all of the other Riders groups from across Maryland. MD Gold Star Legacy Run co-chairs John Horner and Joe Gladden, presented the Department Commander with a \$135,000 check, the total collected from the 3-day ride across MD. It was a record smashing ride with the Top Donor Award for the second straight year going to Post 82



La Plata MD. The trophy was graciously accepted by Riders Director James (Jamie Z) Zayas to a standing ovation from the convention floor. The Post 82 family raised over \$33K to claim the trophy and Jamie Z threw down the gauntlet by letting all know we will be working hard to keep the trophy in 2023. This was an extraordinary effort by our entire Post 82 family and the community of La Plata for which the Riders are eternally grateful.

On Friday July 15, a group of 11 bikes led by Victor (Hot Rod) Guillot and Steve (Scuba Steve) Meade left La Plata for a three-day ride through the highlands and mountains of Central VA. The ride was planned and coordinated by Vivian (Mamma G) Gedeon who did a fantastic job of keeping 14 people on time and on task.

Day 2 saw our Riders conquer "The Back of the Dragon" from Tazewell VA to Marion VA. Cutting across the Appalachian Mountains on scenic Route 16, we rode thirty-two miles with a peak elevation of 3500' with 438 curves and at least 20 switchbacks. The Riders slayed the Dragon then stopped to visit the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford VA. From there we rode to Lovingston VA to partake of some single malt whiskey and a tour of the VA Distillery.

Day 3 took us from Madison Heights, VA to a guided tour of Monticello in Charlottesville, VA. Monticello was the home of our 3rd President Thomas Jefferson and the author of The Declaration of Independence. All Riders returned home safe after a 900 plus mile 3-day ride.

Upcoming ALR Rides:  
(Check the ALR Calendar, GroupMe and Facebook accounts for details)

August 6- Military Veterans MC Annual Poker Run to benefit Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

August 7- Car and Motorcycle Show hosted by S.A.L. of Post 60, Laurel, MD

August 20- Healing Heroes Poker Run to benefit Boulder Crest Foundation

August 21 thru 28- National Gold Star Legacy Ride from Mobile AL to the American Legion National Convention in Milwaukee WI

Next ALR meeting is Thursday August 11, at 1800

Presented on behalf of Director Jamie Zayas, (Jamie Z) by Kevin (Big Sexy) Bryant

"We ride In HONOR of those who have served"



**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.**

**Southern Maryland District 6 First Vice Commander Murray Hall will be attending the August meetings.**

### **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

### **Post Everlasting**

Post 82 is sad to announce the passing of members Bill Needham and Allen Harper



William O. Needham, Jr. died at home in La Plata, MD on March 13, 2022. He was born in Coco Solo, Panama Canal Zone, on September 9, 1937, to William Oscar Needham and Theresa Bernesky Needham.

Bill served for several years in the U.S. Navy and the Naval Reserves. He was a sailor on the USS Lake Champlain on May 5, 1961, when they picked up Alan Shepherd, the First American in space. After the Navy, Bill worked for Xerox as a tech rep and then sold printing supplies and equipment for several companies.

Bill was an avid reader and enjoyed playing chess, pinochle, and war games. He also enjoyed sailing his catamaran and building and flying remote control airplanes. Bill went on two life-changing trips to Medjugorje, a Catholic pilgrimage site in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Bill is survived by his wife Susan, his son Chris and daughter-in-law Linsey, his three grandchildren Tess, Luke, and Cole, and his sisters, Linda Brubaker and Kathy Foltyn.



Allen W. Harper 79, a longtime resident of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall, MD passed away on June 18, 2022.

He was born on August 5, 1942 and was raised in Norfolk VA. Allen joined the Air Force shortly after high school. He had two daughters with then wife Judy Thompson Gainer. Allen joined the Charles County Sheriff's Department (Car #31). He later became an officer in the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), working in the crime lab. Allen was very meticulous when working crime scenes including when Flight 90 crashed into the 14th St Bridge. In 1988, Allen was married to Patricia Padgett of Accokeek, MD. Retiring from MPD, Allen went on to work as a US Marshall for several years. In the early 1970's, he and several friends formed the St. Charles Sportsman Club, originally where the St. Charles Towne Center now sits and later the club was moved to Piney Church Road where the Blue Crabs Stadium is now. He enjoyed hunting, mall walking with friends, time with his family and playing BINGO.

Allen was preceded in death by his parents, William V Harper and Elizabeth A Roberson; siblings Thomas Delbridge, Frances Diane Harper and Terry Lee Harper.

He is survived by wife, Patricia Harper of Waldorf, MD; daughter Tracy Harper Curtis (Leo) of Green Sea, SC, daughter Julie Harper of Asheville, NC; stepchildren Dean Padgett (Donna) of Welcome, MD and Traci Padgett Marsh (Eddie) of Mechanicsville, MD; grandchildren Crystal Curtis, Ashley Dare (Chris), Brandi Acosta (David), Trey Harper (Leslie), Brooke Marsh and Abbi Marsh. He is also survived by 8 great grandchildren Travis, Austin, Allison, Emma, Colin, Gabriel, Isabella and Maximus.

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

### **Friday, August 19**

S.A.L. Baby Back Rib Dinner  
5-7pm (Plan to get here early, this is a popular dinner and may sell out!)

### **Wednesday, August 31**

Auxiliary Pizza Hotline Fundraiser  
4-7pm in the Post 82 parking lot  
Stop by and get some pizza, lasagna, wings or salad for the family!

### **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.



*Join Us in Our Mission*

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.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/MD0136](http://www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/MD0136)



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