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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As the warm breeze turns into a crisp chill, the beach days dwindle, and the dawn of fall rolls around— saying goodbye to a well-spent summer may be difficult. However, this year's summer may have brought you cherished memories, wonderful travels, a chance to relax and, of course, a great tan. It's best to celebrate and look back on those moments with gratitude and look forward to the remainder of the year.

October 13 is the birthday of the United States Navy, which has its roots back in the early days of the American Revolution. On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established a naval force with the hopes that a small fleet of privateers could attack British commerce and offset the British sea power.

As the weather chills our membership renewals heat up. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of the early bird discount and get your membership renewals in before Veterans day.

There are a lot of great things happening at our Post. We have many events coming up and I would encourage everyone to participate and take advantage of the opportunities to spend time with your legion family.

Respectfully, your Commander
Michael Huntington
2023-2024



October Dates To Remember



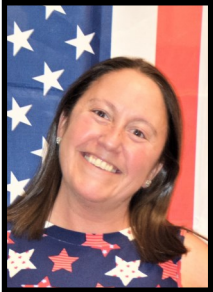
Wednesday, October 2	Rosh Hashanah begins
Thursday, October 3	ALR Mtg 7:00pm
Thursday, October 10	SAL Mtg 7:00pm
Friday, October 11	Yom Kippur begins
Monday, October 14	Columbus Day
Thursday, October 17	Post Mtg 7:00pm
Friday, October 18	Aux Spaghetti 5:00pm
Friday, October 19	Reporter Cut-off
Thursday, October 24	Aux Mtg 6:30pm
Saturday, October 26	Halloween Party
Thursday, October 31	Joint Meeting 7:00pm



(Cut this out or mark your calendar)



President's Message



What an honor it was to walk with the post and carry the Auxiliary flag in the Reisterstown parade. I was hesitant because it was taller than me, but it all worked out and so glad that I did it! A feel good moment for sure.

Definitely want to give a huge shout out to the SAL Commander Jerry Hudson, and past Commander Michael Donnelly for their dedication in the dunk booth at the festival! Amy Donnelly and I had a great time hanging around and getting donations!

We are having a spaghetti dinner on October 18th! Please come and support.

Ladies Lottery is still going strong! Thank you to everyone who continues to support our year-round fundraiser. Raising money allows the Auxiliary to give back to the community and our veterans. Also, tickets can now be purchased in the lounge.

Thank you,

Bonnie Hudson
President 2024-2025
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...from the Squadron



October is upon us! Leaves are changing and Halloween is here! Weather is getting cooler and fall will be here before you know it! Please keep all the serving sailors and soldiers in your thoughts and Prayers

October 26th the SAL will be sponsoring the annual Halloween party. Free admission, we just ask you to bring a dish to share! There will be a DJ and prizes for costumes! MC'ed by yours truly and Kevin Donnelly! Please come out and support!

The 2025 membership cards will be here soon. So please take advantage of the early bird price and get it in. Please see our membership chair and 1st Vice Commander, Kevin Donnelly, to renew. The dues are \$25 and \$15 for dual and Jr's. We hope to exceed what we did last year. Our goal is to make 4 star, which we were only 4 members away from last year. Together we can move mountains.

Please continue to support the Ace of Diamonds, the pot Grows with ticket sales. The drawings are Friday nights at 8:00 PM. If you can't be there, you can still play by buying tickets at the bar. We draw 2 names a night for a chance to pull a card. The pot grows with every week, with the number of tickets we sell! So please come support and enjoy all that comes with a Friday night at the post.

Please stay safe and healthy. Hope to see everyone at the post.

Jerry Hudson
Commander 2024-2025
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SAL

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LEGION RIDERS

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Chaplain's Corner



Please keep **Joe Ritter** (Post) in our prayers as he recovers from a stroke. We'll see you soon, Joe.

We also need to remember **Ernie Fielding** (SAL) as he continues to recover from his recent injuries and other issues.

We hear that **Sharon Burrows** (Unit) is having some issues, please pray for her.

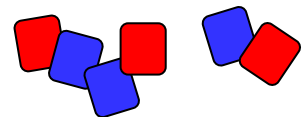


It is important that we are kept informed when our members are sick or injured. If you know of anyone, please contact the Post, Unit, Squadron or Chapter Chaplain with information on their condition so that we may send 'Get Well' cards or visit them.

We also need to be informed when one of our Legion Family passes on. Please let us know so that sympathy cards or donations to charities may be sent in their name.

<i>Your 116 Chaplains</i>	<i>Post Chaplain Joe Ritter</i>	<i>Unit Chaplain Charlene Morazzani</i>
	<i>Squadron Chaplain Ernie Fielding efieldi@aol.com</i>	<i>Rider Chaplain Sharon Hurtt mtwoman1@comcast.com</i>

Bags for the Brave Cornhole Tournament
October 20, 2024



Fun filled day of cornhole to raise money for the Reisterstown American Legion Post 116! The schedule for the day is below! There will be multiple events this day including a blind draw to start the day following a bring your own partner round robin and double elimination. We are working on sponsorships for this tournament and are shooting to have a high guaranteed pay-

\$20 per player entry fee plus possibly more if you want to bid on a top player with the proceeds going to the cause!

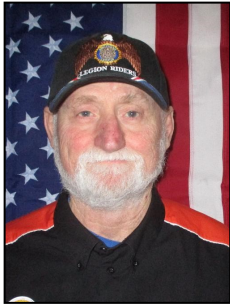
\$60 per team entry fee / 6 game guarantee

9:00 Doors Open

10:00 Big Blind Draw



More details on FB at **American Legion Post 116 Reisterstown Maryland**



Legion Riders

October is here

Happy Halloween to all the Riders and Post Family Members



Flat Trak for December is set for 12/07/2024 and 12/14/2024
Please mark your calendar to help.

Updates to follow next month.

Navy Day is 10/27/2024 – Remember to Thank a Veteran

Happy Birthday U. S. Navy!



Weather has been wonderful for riding – Stay safe and Watch for Motorcycles on the road.

Until next time – see you at the Post.

John Hurtt

Director 2024 –2025



Victor Stanley



Victoria Stacy

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*October 7th Start of Operation Enduring Freedom (2001)
13th U.S. Navy Established (1775) ...23rd U. Beirut Bombing (1983)...25th Grenada Invasion (1983)*

Greetings Legionnaires! I have lots of information to report this month, so without further ado:

ITEM! Each and every veteran suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury), depression and/or a host of other conditions often experience day-to-day challenges such as monotony and frustration. To enable them to manage these difficult situations, please go to www.healvets.org. They distribute therapeutic items such as art supplies, music related items, crafts, puzzles, and games which serve to help ease them thru their difficulties.

ITEM! As always, one of the primary goals of this column is to provide useful and useable information that's verified and up to date. The **Veterans Choice Program** provides qualified medical care outside the Department of Veterans Affairs and any cost to veterans is the same as if care was provided at A VA hospital. Every veteran should have received a "veterans Choice Member ID Card" in the mail. The card is printed with the veteran's name and member identification number. Call 866.606.8198 for information on how to receive your card or go to www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/.

ITEM! Please feel free to call me with any questions, comments, concerns, etc. at the number below. Leave a message and I will respond as soon as possible.

For Reisterstown Post 116

Mark Simon

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Halloween Party Raffle Basket

Drawing Held at the Halloween Party Oct 26



Tickets: \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey, Pinnacle Whipped Vodka, Brady's Irish Cream, Jameson Irish Whiskey, Malibu Rum, 6pk Great'er Pumpkin Ale, 5 Liquor Minis, 2 Large Glass Beer Mugs, Pumpkin Candle, Cocktail Recipe Book w/ Coasters, 3 in 1 Bottle Opener, Gourmet Halloween Candy/ Snacks, 2 Decks of Playing Cards, MD Lottery Scratch-Offs and a Basket.

Approx \$250 Value



SAL Membersip

Happy start of fall *Squadron 116*. Thank you to the almost 40% of our members who have renewed during this early-bird period. We are off to a fantastic start. Veterans Day and the early bird period cut-off are approaching quickly. Dues for the Sons of the American Legion Squadron and the dual member / Junior Membership are \$25 and \$15 respectively during the early bird discount period, which runs through Veterans Day. Remember that you can renew your dues on mylegion.org and even print your card. However, you will not be eligible for the early bird discount. If you need a reprint and you don't have a printer, let me know. I also want new members to know that there is a "cooldown" period on the Legion site when you are added, so it takes a couple weeks to get the official card. Let me know if you have any questions. See you at the post!

Kevin Donnelly

1st Vice Commander/ Membership
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October 18

DEADLINE

The deadline for the **November** Newsletter is:

Friday, October 18

Please e-mail your article or information to me **on or before** the deadline.

I (we) will be sealing and addressing the newsletter on Sunday, October 27th. Please contact me if you can help or better yet, just show up. Thanks to Pat and Larry Lawrence for their help in 'September.

Doug Lawrence, Editor
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POST MEMBERSHIP 2025

We currently have 115 members who have renewed for 2025. The Post goal is 215 paid members for 2025. I'm happy to announce we are over the 50th percentile, let's keep those membership dues coming in to reach our goal for 2025.

The membership dues for 2025 have gone up to \$41.00. You can easily renew your membership online at MyLegion.org. When paying online you have the convenient option to pay up to 3 years in advance and by doing so, you will not have to worry about increases in dues over that timeframe. If you don't have access to pay online, you are welcome to mail in your payment or drop it off at the post and I can process it for you. Make checks payable to American Legion Post 116. Let's get those dues submitted so that we can actively start working on our 2025 programs to help our veteran population.



Yours in Legion Service
Bryan Ireland



Get involved!

Be an active part of the Legion Family!




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PRESIDENT



HARRY WILHELM, JR., a very special member.

In Early September, our Post Commander, Michael NK Huntington, our 1st VC Bryan Cuz Ireland, Alison Wetzel Josiah, Doug Lawrence and I visited **Harry Wilhelm Jr.**, a Post member with 80 years of membership with American Legion Post 116 in Reisterstown, MD.

Bryan, who is our Membership Chairman this year, noticed that Harry was celebrating his 80th year of continued membership with the Post and called him to see how he was doing and if the Post could do anything for him. This is called a "Buddy Check".

Harry told Bryan that it would be nice if someone from the Post would stop by sometime to visit with him as he lives alone. We asked Doug Lawrence to make up a special membership achievement award for Harry so that we could visit with him and present him this award.

Needless to say Harry was totally surprised when we all came to visit him at his home and present him this award. For a man who is 97 years old he is sharp as a tack and was able to tell us all kinds of interesting stories about his life and his achievements.

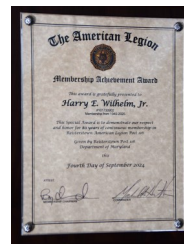
Harry was born in 1927 and was raised in the Pimlico area of Baltimore City. His family later moved to Baltimore County where he lived in the Chestnut Ridge area and attended Franklin High School. Harry was the only male student in his class to take secretarial courses at Franklin High School. After graduating from Franklin High School Harry applied for a secretarial job at C&P Telephone Co. but didn't get the job because secretarial jobs were always done by women.

In 1945 he turned 18 years old and was drafted into the Army. He was stationed at Indiantown Gap in Pennsylvania where he served as a clerk typist and performed other administrative jobs. At that time Indiantown Gap was used as a POW Camp for German soldiers and Harry was responsible for ordering and delivering food rations to the prisoners. As the war ended Harry was transferred to Ft. Lee in Virginia where he did his Basic Training. After Basic Training he was chosen to model new uniforms for the Army until he was Honorably Discharged after 2 years of service.

He was hired by Baltimore Gas & Electric Company as an office boy and slowly moved up to accounting while attending night school. He eventually became involved in obtaining land for sub stations and cross county power and transmission lines. He negotiated with land owners and worked with judges, politicians and government agencies to procure the land to build power plants, etc. He worked for BGE for 48 years and retired as a Supervisor with people working for him.

Harry has led an interesting life and as part of the greatest generation served his country and led by example. We are looking forward to honoring Harry in the near future at a Post event.

Thank you Harry for your 80 years of Membership in the American Legion and to Post 116. We salute you!



Text and photos by Steve Tapper
Post 2nd VC and Historian



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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 116
 invites you to join us for dinner!



Spaghetti Dinner



October 18
 5-7 pm

Meal includes spaghetti, marinara sauce and
 meatballs, tossed salad, garlic bread
 and dessert.



Adults \$10 Children \$5
 Under 5 Free !

Sunday Funday

Every Sunday at 1:00pm
 in the lounge !

Bring a dish to share

or

donate for the utensils
 and paper goods.

