

# AMERICAN LEGION

## POST REPORTER



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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As we turn the page on 2024 and ring in the new year, we all should look forward to the opportunities that 2025 has to offer. Many of us take this as an opportunity to make changes in our lives. Some of us take this as a moment to reflect on the past in remembrance of those who are now absent from our lives. I like to use the changing of the calendar as a time of motivation. The New Year always seems to give me a boost of energy and optimism as I get somewhat enthusiastic to see what the new year will bring. I'm excited to see how amazing 2025 will be.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my Legion family for such an amazing year. Here at our Post, we have overcome some challenges and changes that have put our Post on a positive trajectory for the future. THANK YOU to our S.A.L., Auxiliary and ALR for continuing to support our Post and veteran programs. Your hard work and dedication is well appreciated.

Respectfully, your Commander  
 Michael Huntington



### January Dates To Remember *Happy New Year*

Wednesday, January 1	<b>New Year's Day</b>
Thursday, January 2	ALR Mtg 7:00pm
Thursday, January 9	SAL Mtg 7:00pm
Thursday, January 16	Post Mtg 7:00pm
Friday, January 17	Reporter Cut-off
Monday, January 20	<b>Martin L. King, Jr Day</b>
Thursday, January 23	Aux Mtg 6:30pm



.....(Cut this out or mark your calendar).....



## President's Message



Wow what a year it was and onto the New Year!

The Auxiliary accomplished so much in the last 12 months and I just can wait for what the new year holds.

How the year ended and the holidays went, was just absolutely amazing! This was not just the Auxiliary, but everyone at the post, friends and family. We helped 48 kids at Glyndon Elementary have a christmas!

I was able to meet some of the parents, and let me just tell you...they were more than thankful and grateful. They had no clue who I was, as I was just helping the two care coordinators hand out the presents. Each person that entered was given gifts and offered food from their food pantry! One parent talked about not being able to afford her daughters birthday that was approaching in January. She works 2 jobs and you could just tell she absolutely adored her girls. Another inquired about a coat for her son as the one he had on had a broken zipper. I say all of this because WOW! It brought tears to my eyes to know that there are so many that really try, but are struggling.

Again, THANK YOU!!!!!!

If anyone should have any fundraising ideas for 2025, please speak up! We are always welcoming new ideas on events and such.

If you have not, please pay your 2025 dues. It is so important and crucial.

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



January is here, which brings a brand-new year of hopes, dreams, and aspirations. As we reflect on the good and bad that happened last year, may we remember the good so that we can repeat it in the New Year. Please keep all the serving sailors and soldiers in your thoughts and prayers as they bring in the new year some without their families to celebrate with.

On December 6<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Toys for Tots campaign in conjunction with the Maryland Mustang club. Together we collected over 400 toys along with monetary donations which all will go to the deserving children in the Baltimore County area. A big Thank you to all who donated to make this event possible. I would also like to Thank **Kenny and Tina Ship-ton, Jimmy Hudson and Bill Stem** who helped count and box the toys so the Marines could pick them up!!

The 2025 membership cards have been here for some time.. Please see our membership chair and 1st Vice Commander, Kevin Donnelly, to renew. The dues are \$27 and \$17 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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*Happy New Year to all of our great 116 family!*

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 1V Commander.....B.Ireland  
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 Chaplain.....J.Ritter  
 Judge Advocate...  
 Service Officer.....C.Rosario  
 Historian.....S.Tapper



**SAL**

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 Chaplain.....  
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 Parliamentarian.....K.Shipton



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*Chaplain's Corner*



There will be a Celebration of Life held at the Post on January 11, for **Ernie Fielding**. It will be held at 1:00pm. Ernie asked that those who attend be comfortable, please don't dress up.



**Maurice (Moe) Morton (Post/ SAL)** had a medical procedure and is back among the active at the Post.

**Doug Lawrence (Post)** will be getting a new shoulder at the end of the month. Please keep him in your thoughts and

**Randy Wilkerson (Post)** is back with us after the same procedure. He says all is well.

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.

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	<i>Post Chaplain</i>	<i>Unit Chaplain</i>
<i>Your 116</i>	<i>Joe Ritter</i>	<i>Charlene Morazzani</i>
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## Legion Riders

Happy New Year 2025 –

The Riders have elected New Officers for this upcoming year – Congratulations to all.

Director- Sharon Hurtt, Assistant Director -position is open, Secretary – Robin Miller, Treasurer – Clint Hare, Sargent at Arms – Newt Frye, Chaplain – Sharon Hurtt, Membership- Chrissie Bruce, Road Captain -Randy Wilkerson, Special Events – John Hurtt, Post Liaison - Doug Lawrence.

Great Big Thanks - go out to John Horner and Post 22 Riders and John Hurtt and Post 116 Riders for the success on the Flat Trak in December.

Upcoming Events: the Big Fish Fry on 03/07; 03/14; 03/21/2025 – hosted by SAL Squadron 116 and 03/28; 04/04; 04/11; 04/18 (Good Friday) – hosted by Riders Post 116 – details will be posted at a later date.

Gold Star Ride is 06/05-06/08/2025 – Leaving Ocean City, MD and ending in Cumberland MD

Riders and Supporters are welcome to attend; it is a great event and all donations go to The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation.

If you want to know more, our Riders Meetings are the First Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm.

All are welcome to attend.

Hope to see you at the Post 116

As Always,

*Sharon Hurtt*  
Director 2025



Victor Stanley



Victoria Stacy

### VETERAN VICTOR & VETERAN VICTORIA "BENEFITTING AMERICA'S VETERANS"

*January (2025) ...17th Start of Operation Desert Storm 1991 ...27<sup>th</sup> Vietnam Cease Fire-1973...30th Start of Tet Offensive 1968*

"A Look Back; A Look Ahead"

Greetings Legionnaires! "Happy New Year & Happy 2025!"

For the 14th (FOURTEENTH) year, the Veteran Victor & Veteran Victoria column has been "Benefitting America's Veterans" (and anyone connected to them) via our award winning "Post Reporter", AND on the "world wide web" at [www.post116.org](http://www.post116.org) .

As we continue to provide both useful and useable information...a brief look back:

Thru this column in 2021 we announced "The Veterans Benefits (radio) Show With Mark Simon" broadcast on AM 680, WCBM. In November 2021, during the show; live on the air & in real-time, a veteran's suicide was prevented.

The literal difference between life and death was made. The effectiveness of this column and from 2021-2023 along with the radio show cannot be understated.

The American Legion's "Be The One" Initiative is aimed at exactly the same thing- - suicide prevention. As the American Legion District 8 Chairperson for this initiative we'll soon be introducing new promotional materials aimed at raising awareness & increasing effectiveness in spreading it's message & mission around the globe.

The cards and letters I receive of acknowledgement & thanks really touch my heart. The work ALL of us do reflects our passion & commitment to "keep on keeping on", and to never quit fighting the war against veteran suicide. It's an all-hands effort to maintain it's maximum effectiveness.

It's also the fuel firing our passionate and compassionate efforts to continue committing ourselves; especially in the honor & memory of those lost, and also when it hits so close to home.

To everyone:

"Thank YOU; and Thank You For Your Service!"

Have a Happy & HEALTHY New Year!

For Reisterstown Post 116

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# SAL Membersip

Hello, SAL Squadron, 116, and happy new year! Thank you to the 65% of our squadron who have renewed their annual dues. Do not get locked out in the cold this year. Renew your dues before the end of the year as you will not have lounge privileges after Jan 1. The bartender will be checking cards. If you have paid your membership renewal and have not yet received your card, please let me know, I will research and reprint if needed. As a reminder, dues are \$27 for member renewals and \$17 for dual membership, respectively. You can mail in your membership dues to the post or stop by our lounge during business hours, and hopefully you will run into me. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Post. Have a blessed 2025 and God bless the USA and the Legion.

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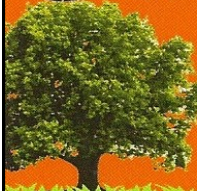
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## DEADLINE

The deadline for the February Newsletter is:

Friday, January 17

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, December 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me if you can help or better yet, just show up. Thanks to Pat and Larry Lawrence and John & Sharon Hurtt for their help in December.

Doug Lawrence, Editor  
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## POST MEMBERSHIP 2025

Hey guys, how about helping the Post and if your 2025 dues are not paid yet, get them in now! We have 2/3 of our membership renewed (68.246%). We need the rest of you to get your dues in as soon as possible! If we want to keep our Post going forward, we need everyone's help, and dues are the starting point.

We have a lot of things going on around the Post, so check these things out and get involved. We have Sunday/ Funday on Sunday afternoons, Pool on Monday evenings and Corn Hole on Tuesday evenings. The Lounge is open for your enjoyment every day , so come on out to the Post and meet your old friends or make new ones. We are "The Friendly Post"!

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DAL for *Bryan Ireland*  
1st Vice Commander



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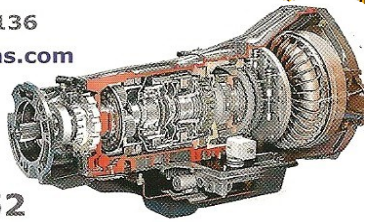
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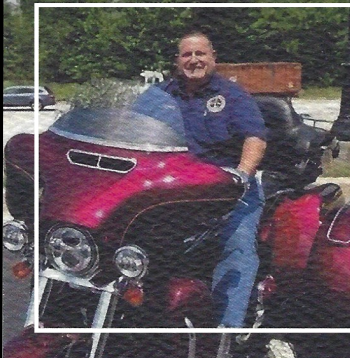
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