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POST REPORTER



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ELECTIONS!



This is our main concern for the month of May. As of our April meeting, we have a number of offices with no candidates to fill them. This is not good. The Post doesn't run itself. We need members to step up and fill the vacancies. It's up to you, our members, to make our Post what it can be.

One of the most important offices that needs to be filled is that of 1st Vice Commander, our membership chairman. Membership is where it all starts; without members we are nothing!

We also need a 2nd Vice Commander, who would be in charge of our hall rentals. That provides us with the funds needed to maintain our building.

These are just two of our empty slots, think about what you can do for *your* Post!

Another important thing in May is Memorial Day. It is our custom to go out to about a half dozen churches in our county and place flags on the graves of veterans. This is part of our "community, state and nation" requirement as a functioning American Legion Post. It will take a few hours on Saturday, May 24th. Thanks to Chairman Brad Sharpless for heading up this duty every year

The bottom line is "Get Involved!" The more members we get participating, the easier the work is.



May Dates To Remember



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| Thursday, May 1 | ALR Mtg | 7:00pm |
| Thursday, May 8 | SAL Mtg | 7:00pm |
| Sunday, May 11 | Mothers Day | |
| Thursday, May 15 | Post Mtg | 7:00pm |
| Friday, May 16 | Reporter Cut-off | |
| | ALA Spaghetti | 5:00pm |
| Saturday, May 17 | Armed Forces Day | |
| Thursday, May 22 | Unit Mtg | 6:30pm |
| Saturday, May 24 | Flag Placement | 9:00am |
| Monday, May 26 | Memorial Day | |



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



President's Message



Can you believe it is already May?! The weather is getting warmer...yea!

Election for the new officers is Thursday May 22nd, at our regular meeting at 6:30pm. Please join us for this important event!



Please join us on May 16th for a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 7. These fundraisers are the reason we can give back to our Veterans and the community!

Save the date for our golf tournament at Oakmont Green Golf Course on Friday August 1st. This will be a great event, so get your golfers together and hope to see you there!



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



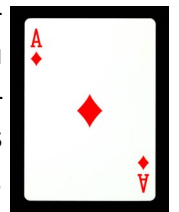
May is here which means elections are here.

I first would like to say it has been my honor to serve as the SAL commander for the past 3 years! There are a lot of members to thank, and they know who they are. We did some really great things during my term in office!

As I move on to become the Western Maryland Region SAL Commander, please support the incoming officers of the Squadron. I plan on staying around so I'll see you at the meetings.

Save the date of May 17th! The SAL in conjunction with the post are holding a gun bash. We will be giving away a gun every half hour with a cash prize on the quarter hour. There will be food and beer and many chances to win other prizes. Tickets are on sale in the lounge as well as from myself and other committee members. See the ad on the back page.

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 each Friday for a chance to pick 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.



Jerry Hudson
Commander 2024-2025
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Don't forget *Mother's Day* on May 11!



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OFFICERS 2024-2025



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Commander.....M.Huntington
 1V Commander.....B.Ireland
 2V Commander.....S.Tapper
 Adjutant.....M.Morton
 Finance Officer... ..M.Morton
 Sgt-at-Arms.....J.Franks
 Chaplain.....J.Ritter
 Judge Advocate...
 Service Officer.....C.Rosario
 Historian.....S.Tapper



SAL

Commander.....J.Hudson
 1V Commander...K.Donnely
 2V Commander.M.Huntington
 Finance Officer.....B.Stem
 Chaplain.....
 Sgt-at-Arms.....R.Engel
 Historian.....M.Donnely
 Parliamentarian.....K.Shipton



AUXILIARY

PresidentB.Hudson
 1V President.....J.Donnely
 2V President.....R.Miller
 Secretary..... .B. Dangerfield
 Treasurer.....F.Insley
 Chaplain.....C.Morazzani
 Sgt-at-Arms.....S.Joerger
 Historian.....C.Carder
 Exec. Commitee.....M.Wolff
 S.Hurt
 V.Morazzani



LEGION RIDERS

DirectorS.Hurt
 Asst. Director.....
 Secretary.....R.Miller
 Treasurer.....C.Hare
 Sgt-at-Arms.....N.Frye
 Road Captains.....

Chaplain's Corner



Sad to report the passing of **Wayne Gerkin** (SAL), father of Patty Novac (Aux) and brother of Donald Gerkin (SAL). Our deepest sympathies to his family and may he rest in peace.

Please remember **Chrissie Bruce** as she recovers from recent shoulder surgery.

With physical therapy, **Doug Lawrence** is continuing to improve after his shoulder surgery in January.

Clint Hare has been seen at the Post and seems to be doing well after his back surgery. Good to see him up and about!



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</i>	<i>Post Chaplain</i>	<i>Unit Chaplain</i>
	<i>Joe Ritter</i>	<i>Charlene Morazzani</i>
<i>Chaplains</i>	<i>Squadron Chaplain</i>	<i>Rider Chaplain</i>
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Sharon Hurtt</i>
		mtwoman1@comcast.com

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



When: Friday, May 16, 2025
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Where: American Legion Post 116
Cost: 10 & over - \$12, 5 to 10 - \$7,
 Under 5 Free!

The meal includes: spaghetti, marinara sauce and meatballs, salad, garlic bread, desserts, tea and water!

Sodas and adult beverages may be purchased at the bar.

The evening includes a
 Silent Auction and a Basket Raffle



If you have any questions or would like to make reservations for a large group please contact Valerie Morazzani- vfmorazzani@gmail.com



Legion Riders

Thanks to all who came and supported the Big Fish Fry / Shrimp Dinners to make it a great success for the Sons of the American Legion and the ALR Riders.

We appreciated your support. Thanks again.

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mom's – Enjoy the day, you have earned it.

Memorial Day on Monday - 05/26/2025 –

Remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

All Gave Some and Some Gave All.

Riders will be attending the Gold Star Ride throughout the State of Maryland

On 06/05/2025 – 06/08/2025 – Follow us on Facebook - American Legion Riders from Maryland.

We hope to reach a milestone of \$ 1 Million for the 10 year-Anniversary Ride.

Remember watch for Motorcycles – Finally, they will be out on the road with the weather that has gotten better to ride.

Sharon Hurtt
Director 2024



Victor Stanley



Victoria Stacy

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May (2025)...7th Surrender of German Forces 19458th V-E Day Declared 1945...15th Women's Army Corps Founded 1942

Greetings Legionnaires!!! Lots to talk about this month. Here's hoping everyone had a happy Passover and a happy Easter!

The NEW for 2025 Federal Veterans Benefits book is now out. Look for a copy at your nearest VA Facility, Vet Center, or go on -line and download it at:

www.va.gov/2025federalbenefitsguide

As always, anyone having any questions; contact me or our outstanding Resource Officer, Mr. Charles Rosario. By the way, Mr. Resource Officer; "Thank you for your outstanding work!"

On Sunday March 30th I attended the "7th Annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans" event at Martin's West. At the Resource Fair before the event, I obtained a wealth of information I'll be sharing...stay tuned right here.

As anyone might know, American Legion Post 116 is a proud sponsor for the formal ceremonial events held at the Veterans Cemetery, Garrison Forest MD, and I am pleased to announce that I'm serving on it's "Advisory Committee" and I'm also the Committee's Secretary.

It's a high honor & privilege to be selected and to serve for such an esteemed facility. Thanks especially CDR Huntington, 2V CDR Tapper, and of course, Mr. Douglas Lawrence, who never ceases to amaze me with his incredible work, MOST importantly, in the wake of his recent medical matter...Doug, I might need to refer you as our resident "Bionic Man"!

Time & space escape us so quickly, as we all continue making the most of it, as there's seemingly "more work than time", so thanks to everyone for their good works, and see you next month!

For Reisterstown Post 116

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ELECTIONS IN MAY!

SAL: MAY 8, 7:00 PM

POST: MAY 15. 7:00 PM

UNIT: MAY 22, 6:30 PM



Please come out to the meetings and be a part of your organization. You **do** have a voice.



SAL
Membersip

Happy Spring, Squadron 116! Thank you to all our members who have renewed their 2025 membership dues. We are at about 95% but still need help from a few hold outs. This is a perfect opportunity to renew your son or grandson if you have not already. And do not forget you can use MySAL.org to check your renewal status or renew and print your card from home. Dues for the Sons of the American Legion Squadron and the dual member / Junior Membership are \$27 and \$17, 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, or you can leave it with the bartender. If you need a duplicate card printed because you have lost yours or never received it, reach out to me as well. This is my final full month as membership chair. It has been a wonderful pleasure to serve the SAL for the last 3 years in this role. We have had so much success in membership. See you all at the Post. Be safe and happy spring!

Kevin Donnelly

1st Vice Commander/ Membership
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16**

DEADLINE

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

Friday, May 16

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, May 25th. Please contact me if you can help or better yet, just show up. Thanks to Pat and Larry Lawrence, John & Sharon Hurtt and Peggy James for their help with the newsletter.

Doug Lawrence, Editor
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Save the Date . . .

American Legion Auxiliary 116



2025 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday 08/01/25

Applications available at the Post.

Put in on your calendar!

POST MEMBERSHIP 2025

We have one new member this month, **Joyce Geipe**, a Navy veteran, Let's give her a warm 116 welcome to the Post.

We are currently at 92% membership but need to be at 100% before the end of May. If you haven't paid your 2025 dues, you can pay online or drop off at the Post. If you know anyone on the list, please remind them to renew. Thank you!

Remember that membership is a most important program in the Post. We are all recruiters and should be checking our friends, neighbors and relatives to help increase our numbers. We always want to add new members.

Don't forget that elections are at our May meeting, hope to see you there!

Yours in Legion Service
Bryan Ireland
1st Vice Commander



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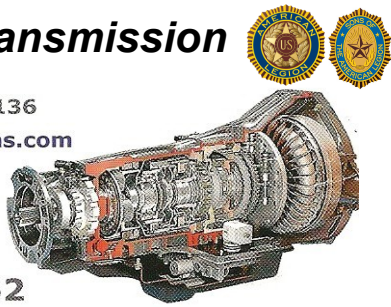
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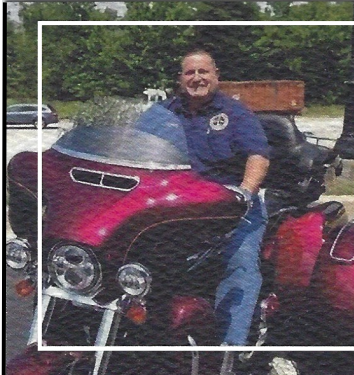
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