

# AMERICAN LEGION

## POST REPORTER



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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Post Commander this year. I have been involved in organizational work as both a member and a leader for the past 50 years. Over that time period I have learned the value of volunteers and their importance to any organization. Our Post Membership is our lifeblood but our volunteer leaders are the ones who keep this Post alive and active.

I am excited to work with our entire Post Family this coming year in any way possible help each of our Post family meet our goals in working on behalf of our Veterans and our Community.

Reisterstown Post 116 has a rich history in our community dating back to 1936. We have been a cornerstone of the Reisterstown community for 89 years and continue to support our Veterans and our Community here in Reisterstown.

I am a retired Sales and Marketing Manager working in the Long Term Healthcare market. Having served in the Maryland Army National Guard for 7 years, graduating from the NCO Academy and attending OCS I have a strong interest in serving our Veterans.

Since 2021 I have served as our Post Historian and have worked closely with our Post, SAL, Auxiliary and Riders to document the fine work they do and to build a new resource to highlight our Post History and show new members what we do. In addition I have served the Post as Adjutant, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander. I have attended both the American Legion College at our annual Department Convention and the Commander's Training Program put on by the Department of Maryland.

At the Department level I have been asked to be a Staff Photographer. I also serve District 8 as their Historian. Being a Professional Photographer has allowed me to interact with our entire Legion Family and the Maryland Department.

I would like to congratulate our outgoing Commander, Mike "Puffy" Huntington and all of the Officers who served on a very successful year. We had a spectacular year despite some major challenges. We are doing well financially again. I also want to congratulate our new Officers including our new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Jack Franks, who will also be attending the American Legion Convention this year and the Legion College.

I'm excited about working with everyone this year to build on our continuing success.

Steve Tapper Post Commander 2025—2026



### July Dates To Remember



Thursday, July 3	ALR Mtg	7:00pm
Friday, July 4	<b>Independence Day</b>	
Thursday, July 10	SAL Mtg	7:00pm
Mon-Fri, July 14-18	AL Convention, OC	
Thursday, July 17	Post Mtg	7:00pm
Friday, July 18	Reporter Cut-off	
Thursday, July 24	Unit Mtg	6:30pm
Thursday, July 31	Joint Mtg (?)	7:00pm



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



## President's Message



Dear Members,  
I am honored to serve as the newly elected President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 116 in Reisterstown, MD. My journey in supporting veterans and military families began in 2012 when I joined VFW Post 521 in Owings Mills, MD. Over the years, I have held multiple leadership positions, including Jr. Vice President, Sr.

Vice President, and Auxiliary President. I'm also currently District 7 Auxiliary President for the last 3 years and one year as Department of Maryland Guard, strengthening outreach and advocacy efforts for those who have served our country.

My connection to this mission is deeply personal—I joined the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 116 a year ago, under my grandfather, Edmund Peacock, a World War II veteran. His legacy of service continues to inspire my dedication to honoring and supporting veterans and their families.

### Serving Our Veterans & Communities

Beyond my role in the Auxiliary, I am passionate about supporting various veteran organizations and initiatives. I volunteer with the American Warriors Care Package Project, ensuring deployed service members receive essentials and encouragement from home. I also help support the USO Lounge, provide outreach for Wreaths Across America, advocate for Wounded Warriors, and assist MCVETS, which helps homeless veterans reintegrate into society.

I would also like to welcome our Officers for the 2025-2026 year.

Linda Tester - 1st Vice, Bonnie Hudson - 2nd Vice, Bonnie Dangfield - Secretary, Faith Insley - Treasurer, Charlene Morazzani - Chaplin, Barbara Morazzani - Sgt-at-Arms, Carol Carder - Historian, Executive Committee - Sharon Hurtt, Valerie Morazzani, Alison Wetzel Josiah.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events – Join Us!

As we move forward, I look forward to working alongside each of you to expand our programs and make a meaningful impact within our community. If you haven't attended a meeting recently, I encourage you to join us at our **July 24th meeting at 6:30 PM in the Hall** to learn about the latest initiatives and upcoming events. There are many exciting opportunities to get involved, and we welcome fresh ideas and engagement from all members.

*Dawn M. Dady*

Unit President 2025-2026



## ...from the Squadron



I am honored to serve as your SAL Commander for the year 2025-2026. When I joined the Sons of the American Legion just a year ago, I did so in tribute to my father Staff Sgt. Roy Joseph Ebenal, a proud Korean War and Vietnam veteran with three tours of duty as well as being a recruiter for several more years, and my mother Patricia Yowell, who also served our country in the nursing corp. Their dedication to service inspires me every day, and I am committed to carrying forward the values of honor, duty, and respect within our organization.

I am a very proud American and I help and support multiple veteran's organizations that are dedicated to helping past and present veterans as well as those currently serving.

As we step into this new chapter, I look forward to working alongside all of you to strengthen our mission, support our veterans, and build an engaged, passionate community. Whether through service projects, member gatherings, or initiatives that uplift those who have given so much, together we will make a meaningful impact.

I would like to give a big shoutout to our past SAL Commander Jerry Hudson III for his dedication and wish him the best of luck at his new position as Western Maryland Region Commander and he will remain engaged with us as the SAL 2<sup>nd</sup> vice for 116.

Also, a shoutout to the 2025-2026 Officers - 2V Commander Jerry Hudson III – Finance Ofc. – Bill Stem – Chaplin Kevin Donnelly – Sgt. At Arms Jimmy Hudson – Historian – Billy Tester – Parliamentarian – Mike Donnelly and appointed Judge Advocate – Moe Morton I look forward to working with you all this year.

An Honorable mention for Matt Donnelly son of Proud Father Chaplin Kevin Donnelly who represented POST 116 at this years Boys State. I hope you gained a lot of knowledge that was offered and had fun. We look forward to having you back at a meeting to report on your experiences.

*Roy Engel*

Commander 2025-2026



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#### OFFICERS 2025-2026



#### POST

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



#### SAL

Commander.....R.Engel  
1V Commander.....J.Rhodes  
2V Commander... J.HudsonIII  
Finance Officer.....B.Stem  
Chaplain.....K.Donnelly  
Sgt-at-Arms.....J.Hudson  
Historian.....B. Tester  
Parliamentarian...M.Donnelly



#### AUXILIARY

President .....D.Daly  
1V President.....L. Tester  
2V President.....B.Hudson  
Secretary.....B. Dangerfield  
Treasurer.....F.Insley  
Chaplain.....C.Morazzani  
Sgt-at-Arms.....B.Morazzani  
Historian.....C.Carder  
Exec. Commitee.....A.Josiah  
.....S.Hurt  
.....V.Morazzani



#### LEGION RIDERS

Director .....S.Hurt  
Asst. Director.....  
Secretary.....R.Miller  
Treasurer.....C.Hare  
Sgt-at-Arms.....N.Frye  
Road Captain.....R.Wilkerson

## Chaplain's Corner



Our condolences to Lauren Visocksy (Unit) and her family on losing her mother to a battle with cancer, please keep her in your prayers.

Deepest sympathies to Carol Vollmerhausen (Unit) and her family on the loss of her son in an ATV accident.

Please send your prayers to Lew Gross who is in the hospital with fluid on his lungs.



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.

## Your 116 Chaplains

Post Chaplain  
Joe Ritter

Unit Chaplain  
Charlene Morazzani

Squadron Chaplain  
Vacant

Rider Chaplain  
Sharon Hurtt

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## Legion Riders

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July – God Bless America- Fly your flag proudly.

Congratulations to our Scholarship Winner – Braden Luria who is going to Louisiana State University in the Fall. Great Job!

Gold Star Ride in June was a huge success Over \$200,000 was collected to Support the Veterans and Children Foundation. This was even more than what was expected. Congratulations to Joe Gladden and John Horner and all the Riders and Post Families that supported this great cause.

Weather is getting better all the time for great riding trips.

Updates are posted as events are being coordinated by our Rider Groups.

Hero Dog Ride is set for 07/12/2025 at Towson Post 22 (Rain Date 07/13/2025)

\$20.00 per Bikes or Cages are welcome. You also get a meet and greet with the Service Dogs

It is worth the trip.

Keep watch out for motorcycles – Ride Safe.

All Gave Some and Some Gave All

*Sharon Hurtt*  
Director 2024



Victor Stanley



Victoria Stacy

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

*July (2025)...2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Army Air Corps Established  
1926...27<sup>th</sup> Korean War Ended...28<sup>th</sup> World War I Began  
1914*

Greetings Legionnaires!! Since November 2012, The Veteran Victor & Veteran Victoria column has "Benefitted America's Veterans by providing both useful & usable information in support of "Mission Objective SOLVE":

**Serving Our Loyal Veterans Everywhere;** Including their families, dependents, & survivors...and anyone else connected to them.

Change is a part of life. There's a saying: "The more things change; the more they stay the same." What exactly does this mean? Well; for each and every one of us it may indeed have it's own special meaning.

But the one thing I'm certain of is that what's constant about change & how it affects our lives is that what doesn't change is our love expressed for one another...which IS a constant.

"Love makes the world go 'round.'..."

...another saying we've heard before & are familiar with. It's not cliché; nor trite.

And it's certainly not "old fashioned."

It's a truism that literally & figuratively expresses our mutual & everlasting compassion, care, & consideration of & FOR ALL that we love in life.

"Reach out and touch someone." It's another old saying that never grows old.

It's also DIRECTLY RELATED & RELATIVE to The American Legion's "Be-The-One" Initiative.

NOW IS THE TIME...for everyone to "Be-The-One" to reach out and to touch someone...ANYONE that you care for.

Connect with that one. Communicate with that one. And that "one" will certainly & assuredly respond; resultant of the care & concern expressed by all that do.

"For every action; There is an equal & opposite REaction."

To "Be-The-One" & by "Being -The- Ones" COLLECTIVELY; means that the actions we ALL TAKE results in the reactions ALL OTHERS MAKE...for the greater good.

Everyone please have a happy Independence Day.

For Reisterstown Post 116

*Mark Simon*

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## *Congratulations!*

**Alison Josiah** Auxiliary member and **Jerry Hudson III** have progressed in the APA Tournament earning a trip with their team to the World Pool Championship to be held in Las Vegas in August. Best wishes from all of us at 116!



# SAL Membersip

Our membership year 2025 is starting this month, so we're asking all of you SAL members to get your dues in early. You can pay on line, drop them off at the Post or mail them to the Post. However you choose to pay, do it as soon as possible. Paying early helps us with our planning over the year. We made Four Star status for 2024 and by paying early we will get there again for 2025!

Early Bird dues are \$25.00, and \$15.00 for Juniors and Dual members, paid before Veteran's Day, November 11. Please pay early.

*Joe Rhodes*

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## DEADLINE

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

**Friday, July 18**

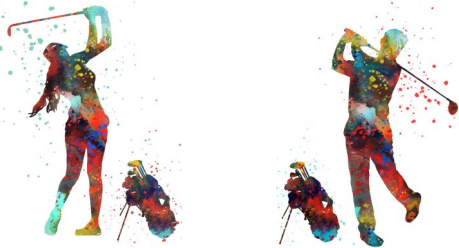
Please e-mail your article or information to me **on** or  
**before** the deadline.

I (we) will be sealing and addressing the newsletter on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. 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  
doug1315@verizon.net

## Save the Date . . .

American Legion Auxiliary 116



## 2025 GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Friday 08/01/25**

Applications available at the Post.

**Put in on your calendar!**

### Important Notice!!!

**Sept 28th** - Unit 116 will be hosting our  
District Auxiliary Meeting at 1:00 p.m.  
*Let's show the District how we show up!*

## POST MEMBERSHIP 2025

Attention all Post members. July is when we officially start collecting dues for the next calendar year, so with that said, we will be looking forward to seeing your dues for the year **2026**.

The dues are \$41.00. but if you pay to the Post either in person or by mail you can take the Early Bird discount of \$2.00, if paid by Veteran's Day, November 11th.

Unfortunately, that discount is not available if you pay on line, but either way, please pay early. The other thing we would ask of you is to check with your friends and family for those who may be eligible to join our membership. It takes more members to accomplish our goals in working for our Community, State and Nation.

Yours in Legion Service  
*Jack Franks*  
1st Vice Commander



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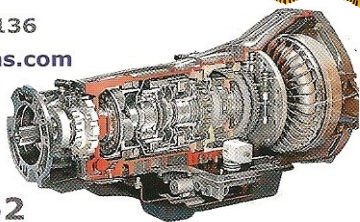
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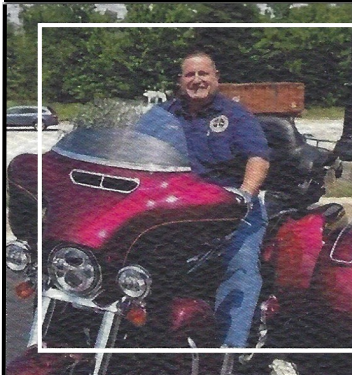
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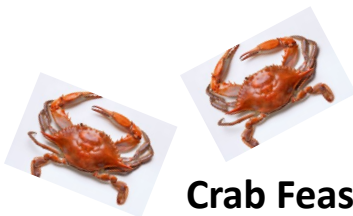


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**Crab Feast**



The Post will be joining forces with the Squadron to sponsor a Crab Feast. This event will take place on Saturday, September 27 from 4-8 PM. The Feast will feature **large crabs** cooked on the premises, crab soup, corn on the cob, fried chicken, hot dogs, salads, draught beer, soda, water and desserts. There will be a DJ for your listening and dancing pleasure as well as games of chance. The ticket price is set at \$60 per person. Get your tickets soon as we will keep things comfortable at just 152 guests.

# Sunday Funday

**Sunday funday will be suspended  
until September.**

**Please watch this space for  
news of the restart.**

**Be prepared to come and watch**

**the Ravens**



**in the lounge.**