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POST REPORTER



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2025



Winner— John Sloan Newsletter Award 2024-2025



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Now that the American Legion Annual Convention has taken place in Ocean City, MD, I am officially the new Post Commander for Post 116.

The American Legion Convention this year attended by myself, Doug Lawrence, Kevin Betsko and Jack Franks as delegates proved very educational and rewarding for Post 116. Jack attended the American Legion College which will aid him as 1st Vice Commander this year in his new role as Membership Chairman. We all attended the Monday afternoon Fish Fry at the Convention Center where we were able to socialize and meet both old and new friends.

As part of the Department Photography Team I worked every day at the Convention taking over 500+ photos of the speakers, presentations and award winners. This year Post 116 won its 4th award for our Post History and Doug Lawrence won a well deserved award for his fantastic Newsletter. Our SAL also received an award as the Outstanding SAL Squadron in our District! Well done and congratulations to all of our SAL members and to Jerry Hudson for his leadership as the SAL Commander.

We are now in a time of transition as I take over for Commander Mike Huntington who has done an excellent job as Post Commander over the past 2+ years. I am counting on my new officers to assist me in continuing to grow our Post. I intend to seek out Grant Money this year to help our Post make some needed capital improvements. I learned from other Commanders that this can be a tedious process but well worth the effort.

I am looking to work with all of our Legion Family in a collaborative effort this year so that we all succeed in achieving our mission goals. I will continue on as the Post Historian for the 5th year to give recognition to all of our Post Family this coming year. I look forward to your support in helping Post 116 continue to grow and become a destination where we all have fun while serving our Vets and our Community.

Respectfully, your Commander
Steve Tapper 2025-2026

We Won!

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We are proud, once again, to be the recipients of the John Sloan newsletter award for 2024-2025. A lot of work goes into this publication every month and we are very grateful when we can be rewarded in this fashion by the Department of Maryland. It's been several years, and it's nice to be in the win column again!



August Dates To Remember



Thursday, August 7	ALR Mtg	7:00pm
Thursday, August 14	SAL Mtg	7:00pm
Friday, August 15	Reporter Cut-off	
Thursday, August 21	Post Mtg	7:00pm
Thursday, August 28	Unit Mtg	6:30pm



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



President's Message



2026 dues are now payable! ALA members can now pay their annual membership dues in 3 easy ways: by phone, online, or mail.

Pay Oline: Go to www.ALAforVeterans.org and click "Renew" in the top right corner. You will need to have an account already set up. If not, you'll need to create an

account – it's fast and easy! Once you've logged in, click on the "Pay Dues" button. You can pay with a VISA or Mastercard credit/debit card online. After processing, you'll receive an emailed receipt. A printable version of your membership card is available in your "My Auxiliary" profile. National Headquarters will also send your membership card to you via USPS mail, so please make sure your current address appears in your online profile.

Pay by phone: Call National Headquarters at (317) 569-4570 with your member ID ready. You'll speak with a real person who will assist you in paying your 2026 dues. You can even pay multiple Auxiliary members' dues at the same time. This is the best way to get your Junior Members (members under 18) renewed! VISA, Mastercard, or Discover credit/debit card accepted. Your 2026 membership card will be mailed directly to your home. Hours to pay by phone are Monday through Friday, 8:00AM-4:30PM EDT.

Raffle Basket Fundraiser tickets on sale in Lounge \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Thanks Tina Shipton for another great Basket. Drawing Aug 23rd.

Ladies Lottery still on sale in Lounge. Need chairman, if you're interested let me know. If you have Fundraiser ideas please send to my email : dawn.daly49@gmail.com or come to a meeting with your ideas.

Planning Meeting -for the New Year - TBD. Help support the School Fundraiser which is starting; we need school supplies for local school.

Auxiliary supports the Post by maintaining the Flower Beds they are looking great!

Thanks to Sharon Hurtt for Chairing the Golf Tournament.

Dawn M. Daly
Unit President 2025-2026



...from the Squadron



Wreaths Across America is such a meaningful initiative—placing wreaths on veterans' graves to honor their service and remember their sacrifice. Letting folks know that orders are still being accepted until December is a great way to encourage early participation. ☑ So get those orders in.

Awards that the SAL received at Convention:

Richard League Trophy, Four Pillars Award,

Several Certificates of Appreciation including: Children's Miracle Network, National Emergency Fund, Community Affairs, Casey Cares Foundation, Child Well-Being Foundation, Fisher House, Special Olympics MD, Charollette Hall Veterans Home, VAVS Commission, Sons Having Fun Getting it Done!

Commanders Awards: Children and Youth Committee, Americanism Commission

Awards: SAL Squadron 116 was also recognized for Legacy Run, also received the **Detachment Membership Award**

Big Thanks to everyone because of you this is how we get these awards, and a special thanks to Past Commander Jerry Hudson, for his hard work that made these Awards possible.

Reminder ACE of Diamonds Friday Nights @ 8pm Winner receive 60% if not we do!

Reisterstown Festival is coming up Sept 6th & 7th

Crab Feast - put on your Calendar Tickets are still on Sale in the Lounge for Sept 27th \$60 a ticket

Don't forget to say Good Luck in Vegas to Jerry & Alison

SAL meeting August 14, 7:00pm, see you there.

Roy Engel
Commander 2025-2026

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OFFICERS 2025-2026



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Commander.....S. Tapper
1V Commander..... J.Franks
2V Commander.....
Adjutant..... J.Gamber
Finance Officer... ..M.Morton
Sgt-at-Arms.....S.Langlois
Chaplain.....J.Ritter
Judge Advocate....K.Betsko
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



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..... V.Morazzani



LEGION RIDERS

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

Chaplain's Corner



Please keep **Rob Miller** (SAL) in your prayers as he struggles with serious issues in his legs.

After a recent visit, Tina and Kenny Shipton reported that Post member **Mark Morgan** is doing well and misses his friends at Post 116.

Congratulations to **Robin Miller** (Unit) and **Chris Strakna** (SAL), who recently tied the knot!



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 and/or donations to charities may be sent in their name.

Your 116 Chaplains

Post Chaplain
Joe Ritter

Unit Chaplain
Charlene Morazzani

Squadron Chaplain
Kevin Donnelly

Rider Chaplain
Sharon Hurtt
mtwoman1@comcast.com



Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom. It's the mission of Wreaths Across America. You can join us by sponsoring a wreath, volunteering or partnering with us on National Wreaths Across America Day and every day.

Contact SAL Commander Roy Engel for more information.

December 13, 2025



Legion Riders

Wow – Here it is August already – where did the summer go !!!

Still great weather to get some rides in.

Keep alert for any updates to take a ride just to get out in the sun and fun.

American Legion Legacy Ride to National Convention starts on 08/18/2025 from South Boston Virginia all the way down the East Coast Jacksonville, Florida and then crosses over to Tampa, Florida for the Convention this year. To Register – register.legion.org/riders/registration.

At the MD American Legion Convention in Ocean City, the money raised during the Gold Star Ride was announced. It was stated that the amount raised made the Maryland total over 10 years, a little short of \$1,000,000. With a \$15,000 donation from Kent Island Post 278 and some personal donations, the goal was reached! Is that amazing, or what??? Little old Maryland is the national leader for the Legacy Fund!

To follow events for 08/18/2025- 08/24/2025 – legion.org/convention.

Donations will go to the Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF).

Keep watch out for motorcycles – Ride Safe.

Sharon Hurtt

Director 2024



Victor Stanley



Victoria Stacy

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August (2025)... 4th U.S. Coast Guard Established (1790)... 7th Purple Heart Medal Established 1782... 7th Vietnam War Began (1964)... 14th Japan Surrendered Ending WWII (1945)

AN ABUNDANT AMALGAM OF ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST!!

ANNOUNCEMENT! : Congratulations to Mr. Douglas Lawrence and to the "Post Reporter" on receiving The American Legion's Department of Maryland "John Sloan Trophy" for outstanding Post Newsletter!!!

ANNOUNCEMENT! : Congratulations to Commander Steve Tapper on receiving The American Legion's Department of Maryland Award for Outstanding Historian...for the 4th consecutive year!!

We have an outstanding staff at Post 116 through & throughout and I'm proud to be a member.

One of the first job assignments I was fortunate to do as a professional comic book artist in 1992 & 1993 was as "Staff Technical and Creative Artist for the United States Army digest, "P.S. Magazine The Preventive Maintenance Monthly", and Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Tapper certainly would have fit right in, and I'm delighted to have this column since 2012...Thanks to both Doug & Steve and congratulations again.

ANNOUNCEMENT! : Maryland Governor Wes Moore has appointed Colonel Ed Rothstein (retired) as Secretary of the "Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families" beginning August 1st.

The interim Acting Secretary, Mr. Ross Cohen will be Deputy Secretary. Contact info: 410-260-3838

MDVA@info.maryland.gov

As Advisory Committee Member & Secretary for the Veterans Cemetery, Garrison Forest, Owings Mills, MD., I'm hoping to make a big announcement for our formal Ceremonial Event on Veterans Day, 11 November 2025...stay tuned.

Contact info: MDVA & The Cemetery Program: veterans.maryland.gov

For Reisterstown Post 116

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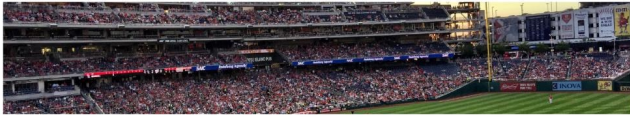
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BASEBALL STORAGE BASKET RAFFLE

Drawn on August 23rd

Portion of Proceeds goes to
American Warriors Care Package Project

Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Part of Proceeds to AWCPP & Other Veterans Organizations

BASEBALL TICKETS



Tickets available in the Lounge

or

Contact Tina Shipton

SAL Membersip

Come on Guys, let's get our dues in early and get to our Four Star goal ahead of schedule!

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

When you do get your dues paid early, you help your organization with planning the year. We have a great Squadron within the Detachment of Maryland and we want to keep our reputation high. Do your part and get the dues in.

Joe Rhodes

1st Vice Commander/ Membership

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**August
15**

DEADLINE

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

Friday, August 15

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 27th. 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 continued help with the newsletter.

Doug Lawrence, Editor
doug1315@verizon.net

Save the Date ... September 27

The Post and Squadron are hosting a **Crab Feast** on September 27th, see our ad on page 8.



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!

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POST MEMBERSHIP 2026

Attention all Post members. We have the cards and you can pay your dues NOW! We are officially 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 Commu-

Yours in Legion Service
Jack Franks
1st Vice Commander



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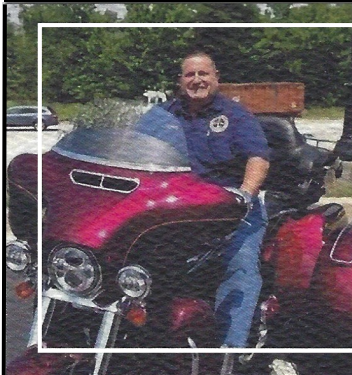
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CRAB FEED

*September 27
from 4 PM - 8 PM
At AL Post 116,
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\$60 per person
Must be 21 or older
to attend
ONLY 152 tickets will
be sold. Open to the
public.

Steamed crabs, crab
soup, fried chicken, corn
on the cob, salads,
desserts, Water, soda,
beer. Cash Bar will be
available.

NO food can leave the premises. Post 116 reserves the right to search
anyone's bag. **NO** outside alcohol is permitted.

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.