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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that December is already here and the year is coming to an end. It's one of my favorite months, if not, my most favorite month of the year. It's not just because of Dec. 25 but it's the whole month in general. I love the holiday season.

I love seeing everyone's creativity come out with their holiday decorations. I love the cheerful giving that many participate in. It's a time to relax, reflect and to be thankful. My fondest memories as a child are of Christmas and the special times spent with loved ones. I would like to extend my warm wishes of happiness and a joyful holiday to my Legion family. May you all be blessed in the coming year.

Respectfully, your Commander

Michael Huntington

2023-2024



Have a happy holiday season!



From our Legion Family



December Dates To Remember



Tuesday, December 5	Aux Mtg	7:00pm
Thursday, December 7	ALR Mtg	7:00pm
	Pearl Harbor Day	
	Hanukkah begins ☆	
Thursday, December 14	SAL Mtg	7:00pm
Saturday, December 16	Post Christmas Party	
Thursday, December 21	Post Mtg	7:00pm
Friday, December 22	Reporter Cut-off	
Monday, December 25	Christmas Day	
Sunday, December 31	New Year's Eve	



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



President's Message



Hey everyone! Can you believe it is already December?

As always, I want to make sure everyone knows how important it is to pay your dues! Our members keep us going!

Our meeting will be on December 5th at 7pm.

Friendly reminder, our next District meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28th at 1pm. The meeting will be held at Thurmont Unit 168. If you would like to attend, please reach out to me.

Please consider sponsoring a child for the holidays, or donating for shopping. There is a list, so please contact me if interested!

I want to thank everyone who donated candy and monetary donations for Glyndon's Trunk or Treat.

We voted in two transfers at our last meeting! Welcome Pam Dennis and Kelly Shaeffer

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.

Thank you,

**Merry
Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**& HAPPY
HANUKKAH**

Bonnie Hudson

President 2023-2024

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...from the Squadron



December is upon us, which brings Christmas and the end of the year! As you prepare to celebrate with friends and family let us all remember that there are people in the community less fortunate than us, please think about adopting a family!

The Bull, Oyster and shrimp roast was on November 4th, it was a great success! We were able to present a \$1000 check to Detachment Commander Joe

Lohman for his project. Thank you to Mike Donnelly and Mike Ferguson for Chairing the event. Thank you to Auxiliary members Madam President Bonnie Hudson, Bonnie Dangerfield, and Valerie Morazzani for helping with the 50/50 tickets and Boards. Thank you to the SAL members who helped with set-up and tear down. When you work together great things happen.

On November 11th we had our annual Veteran's Day Bucket Brigade. Thank you to the SAL members who participated. Seven of us were out there and raised some great money to go to Veterans programs and local charities.

The S.A.L. has opened the Canteen on Thursday and Fridays 5-9 PM. Thank you to our cook Mike Ferguson and the volunteers who help him out. If you can help just let me know.

The 2024 membership cards are here, so please get your dues paid. 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 every ticket sold. 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

2023-2024

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\$10

Please support the Gift Card gun raffle sponsored by the Auxiliary and the Squadron. Three gift cards valued at \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 redeemable at **guntry club** of Owing mills. Drawing February 29, see flyers on FB and at the Post.

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Chaplain's Corner



We are sad to report on the passing of Howard Solheim (Post) in October. Our deepest condolences to his wife, family and friends.



We're glad to see that Mark Morgan (Post) is getting around. Here we see him enjoying his grandchildren on Veterans Day.

Maybe we'll get to see you at 116 one of these days.

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

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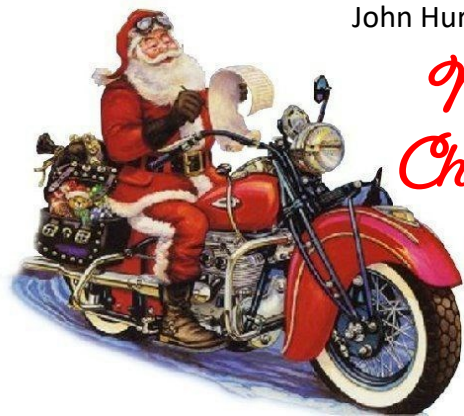
Riders will be hosting the Flat Track races 9 December and 16 December. This is the final two events for 2023 held indoors at Timonium Fair Grounds. We will be serving Food and drinks including hot chocolate and beer. Please come out and join us.

December is the month that the Riders vote for their Officers. Thanks in advance for getting involved and supporting an important Post program.

Best wishes to everyone on the Holidays. Enjoy your meals and support those who are in need.

Remember our Service Members deployed around the world and...GOD BLESS THEM.

John Hurtt, Director 2023



Flat Track racing December 9th & 16th.

HELP NEEDED!

Please sign up in the Lounge



Victor Stanley



Victoria Stacy

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December 2023...5th Somalia Campaign Began (1992)...8th War Declared on Japan (1941)...11th Germany and Italy Declared War on U.S. (1941) ...15th Iraq War Ended (2011) ...20th Panama Campaign Began (1989) & U.S. Space Force Established (2019) ...31st Official End of WWII (1946) & Kosovo Campaign Ended (2013)

Greetings Legionnaires!

Here's hoping that everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving and that all will have a happy and , most importantly a healthy holiday season.

Time sure flies by...2024 is on the horizon and I look forward to maintaining the expected level of excellence this column offers (since 2012; Thanks Doug)

I greet you this month as our District 8 Service Officer (for the second time since 2012) as I've again volunteered to assume this position in order to fill a vacancy. I had an exceptional experience during my first term and look forward to the same as I do in this time around. My work is "Common sense and Results oriented", and I'll take the opportunity to thank Department Service Officer Adrian Gamboa and his outstanding support staff for their unprecedented access and the assistance they offer.

As I indicated last month, and in the coming months, I will detail (in general terms the results of my work by utilizing the two "mantras" I live by:

- "Connectivity + Communication = Cooperation"
- "Mission Objective SOLVE" i.e.,

Serving Our Loyal Veterans Everywhere

This past Veterans Day (November 11, 2023) I spoke at the podium as part of the ceremonial event occurring at the Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery. I was able to connect with other distinguished guests and elected officials from whom I may be able to elicit assistance in performing my work for the veterans.

I also connected and reconnected with some very interesting influential people at our Regional meeting held at Frederick Post 11 on November 12th and as a result of that event I will report some more exciting news...so check back next month.

Thank you all for your service to our country!



For Reisterstown Post 116

Mark Simon

Service Officer

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CARE PACKAGES



Let's all help Paula fill some Care Packages for our deployed troops. This project is being done in memory of Dan Scherer. There is a list on the box in our foyer of the items we want to include in these packages, i.e. snacks, toiletries, etc.

We're going to continue to collect for more packages for our veterans. Please help!

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SAL Membersip

Happy Holiday Season and Merry Christmas SAL Squadron 116. Thank you to everyone who came out and celebrated and got their early bird discount in before Veteran's Day. Happy Veterans Day to all of our beloved vets! Just a reminder that now it's the season to get your membership renewed before New Years. The bartender will be checking cards starting January 1st if you'd like to come to the lounge. Dues for the Sons of the American Legion Squadron and the dual member / Junior Membership are \$27 and \$17 respectively. Remember, you can now renew your dues on mysal.org and even print your card. Keep an eye on your mailbox if you've already paid your dues and are waiting for your card. I always like to remind folks the US Mail isn't the fastest way to deliver but we will get your cards to you. Let me know if you have questions or if you need a re-print any time. As always, stay safe and have fun! See you at the post.

Kevin Donnelly

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**December
22**

DEADLINE

The deadline for the January Newsletter is:

Friday December 22

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 31st. Please contact me if you can help or better yet, just show up. Thanks to Pat & Larry Lawrence and Sharon & John Hurtt for their help for November.

Doug Lawrence, Editor
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POST MEMBERSHIP 2024



With the Holiday season approaching we will be spending time with our families and friends for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. Many of you will be spending time at the Post for our Post Christmas Party on December 16, 2023.

We are still working hard to meet our membership goals for this year and we are making good progress. Your 2023 Membership Card is only good until the end of December so it's important to renew your American Legion Membership for 2024 as soon as you can.

The Post is very active and participating with our SAL and Auxiliary Family to offer our members spectacular events such as our Sunday Funday, Crab Feast, Bull, Shrimp & Oyster Roast and our upcoming Christmas Party. While many members do not come to the Post very often others do and are enjoying a special camaraderie with their fellow Veterans.

The Post is very much involved with supporting Veterans and their needs. Part of your dues helps to pay for those Veteran programs so we need to maintain and grow our membership. Our goal this year is to grow our membership and we are doing that with new members and Legion Transfers. We still need the support of our current members to help us reach our goal.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas, Chanukah or however you celebrate the holidays and a Happy & Healthy New Year.



Yours in Legion Service
Steve Tapper
1st Vice Commander



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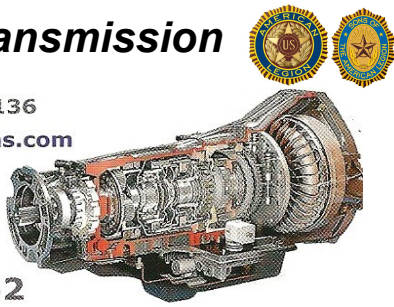
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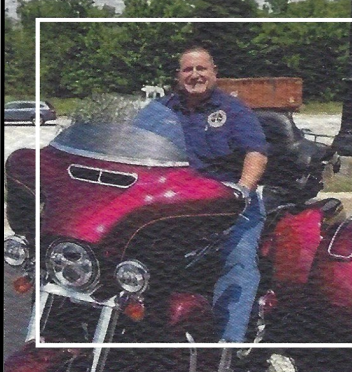
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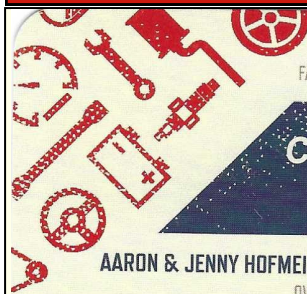
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Dinner

6:30-8:00

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