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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As the Winter fades and spring begins I always get a feeling of sheer joy and happiness. It's a time for new beginnings as nature awakens from the cold winter. The days get longer and I get to start enjoying the outdoors spending time with family and friends. I think it's important to remember just how fortunate we are to be able to have the freedom to live in a country that allows us to enjoy a life that so many have sacrificed for. We should all be thankful for that.

I encourage everyone to take advantage of all the activities happening at the post. The S.A.L. and Auxiliary are working hard planning events to raise money to support veteran programs. To them I give my thanks. Please check out the events that appeal to you and try to attend them.

I want to acknowledge John Hurtt and the ALR for their very popular fish dinners, the turnout has been spectacular and the food was wonderful!

Respectfully, your Commander
Michael Huntington
2023-2024

Enjoy your Spring!
Remember . "April showers bring May flowers."

MARYLAND BOYS STATE



Maryland Girls State



Boys/Girls State provides an outstanding, and unique educational opportunity for the young men/women of our community and instills the basic ideals and principles of American government and good citizenship. All interested boys/girls completing their junior year of high school in May of 2024 should register now at: <http://app.campdoc.com/register/mbsmgs/mgsparticipant>.

When: Girls State-June 16-21, 2024
Where: Salisbury University.

Boys State-June 16-22, 2024
Where: McDaniel College

Volunteers from our membership are also needed to keep these programs successful. Get involved, it's very rewarding!



April Dates To Remember



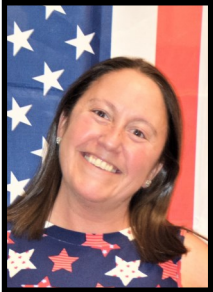
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| Monday, April 1 | April Fools Day |
| Thursday, April 4 | ALR Mtg 7:00pm |
| Thursday, April 11 | SAL Mtg 7:00pm |
| Monday, April 15 | Tax Day |
| Thursday, April 18 | Post Mtg 7:00pm |
| Friday, April 19 | Reporter Cut-off |
| Monday, April 22 | Passover Begins ☆ |
| Thursday, April 25 | Aux Mtg 6:30pm |
| Tuesday, April 30 | Passover Ends ☆ |



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



President's Message



Hey there and hello April! I am so ready for the warmer weather.

I want to thank everyone who has continued to pay your dues year after year, and also appreciate our new members!

Getting excited for the 80's party on April 27th!?!? Tickets can be purchased behind the bar at the post. It will be a fun time, so come dressed and ready to party! Also, please purchase some raffle tickets for the basket of goodies on display in the Lounge.

Again, save the date for the golf tournament, being held on Friday 08/02/2024. If you would like to sponsor a hole or make a donation, please contact Robin Miller.

Our next District meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19th at 1pm in Damascus, Unit 171.

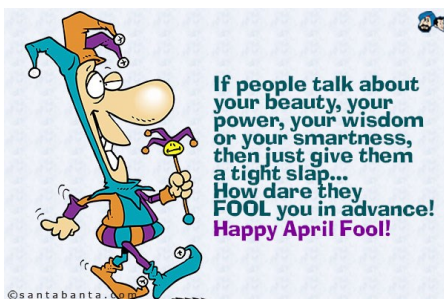
Our next meeting for Unit 116 will be on April 25th at 6:30pm.

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.

Bonnie Hudson

President 2023-2024

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...from the Squadron



April is upon us! With April showers brings May Flowers. Hope everyone start of 2024 has been a great one. We hope to continue to prosper in the upcoming months. Please keep all the serving sailors and soldiers in your thoughts and Prayers.

We along with the ALA 116 held a Gentry gift card raffle which was drawn on February 29th at the joint meeting. Congrats to the lucky winners!

Save the Date!! August 17th, 2024, marks the return of the SAL Luau!! More info to follow!!

The 2024 membership cards are here. So please take advantage of the early bird price and get it in. 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 2023-2024

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Chaplain's Corner



We recently heard that our friend from Hampstead, **Bobby Yohn** passed in January. Condolences to his family and friends.

We have received the sad news that **Gordon Wirts** (former member of the Post) has passed on. He was the son of Past Commander Clarence Wirts and brother of Past Commander Butch Wirts. Our deepest sympathies to the Wirts family.



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>Your 116 Chaplains</i> | <i>Post Chaplain</i> Arthur 'Buck' Shipton (Call Post 410-833-9605) | <i>Unit Chaplain</i> Theresa Huntington trhuntington@yahoo.com |
| | <i>Squadron Chaplain</i> Ernie Fielding efieldi@aol.com | <i>Rider Chaplain</i> Sharon Hurtt mtwoman1@comcast.com |

**Post 116 Cornhole Tournament
May 11, 2024**

Fun filled day of cornhole to raise money for the Reisterstown American Legion Post 116! The schedule for the day is below! There will be multiple events this day including a blind draw to start the day following a bring your own partner round robin and double elimination. We are working on sponsorships for this tournament and are shooting to have a high guaranteed payout for this event(payout details coming soon)!

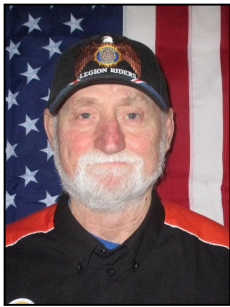
\$20 per player entry fee plus possibly more if you want to bid on a top player with the proceeds going to the cause!

\$60 per team entry fee / 6 game guarantee
 -Payout details will be updated soon!

- 9:00 Doors Open
- 10:00 Big Blind Draw
- 1:00 Bring your own partner



More details on FB at **American Legion Post 116 Reisterstown Maryland**



Legion Riders

Let me start by thanking all who helped with the fish dinners, what a great event. I also want to thank all who showed up at the Post every Friday to purchase the dinners; the compliments we received were greatly appreciated.

Next, keep your eyes and ears open for news about any upcoming rides and the improving weather should encourage our members to get the bikes and trikes out for a ride in the fresh air.

We are working with members from Towson Post 22 about working together on this years flat track racing at Timonium. When you see information about when it is taking place, please volunteer to put some in hours with us and help get some money in our account.

Our next meeting is the first Thursday of April, please make an effort to show up and see what's happening.

John Hurtt, Director 2024



Victor Stanley



Victoria Stacy

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Greetings Legionnaires! Last month I talked about how the "Be The One" Campaign Initiative works thru "Connecting, Communicating, & Cooperating."

This month I'll expand on that by describing ways this works...

...by doing the work necessary to accomplish the "Mission Objective."

Two resources I use are incredibly helpful in expediting services veterans & their dependent families benefit from.

The first is known as the "Military Caregiver Support Guide" published by the Department Of Defense with the Defense Health Agency.

The second is known as the Annual "Congressional Directory" which contains contact information for every U.S. elected official.

By incorporating my Mission Objective "SOLVE"; "Serving Our Loyal Veterans Everywhere", & by "Being The One" thru Connecting, Communicating & Cooperating, more & more veterans & their families are benefiting from the services available and provided to them normally at no cost whatsoever.

"Spring has sprung", so let's all involved renew & reinforce our combined efforts in "Serving those whom served", and we certainly thank them for their service!



For Reisterstown Post 116

Mark Simon

Service Officer

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American Legion
Auxiliary Unit
116



Save the date!
August 2, 2024
Get your team together!

For info contact Robin Miller
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SAL Membersip

Happy spring SAL Squadron!! Thank you for a successful 2024 membership year! If you're not sure if you renewed for 2024 and you cannot find your card, let me know. Don't forget that MySAL.org is a fantastic way 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'll run into me, or you can leave it with the bartender. If you need a duplicate card printed because you've lost yours or never received it, reach out to me as well. See you all at the Post. Be safe and have fun!

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**April
19**

DEADLINE

The deadline for the May Newsletter is:

Friday April 19

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, March 24th. Please contact me if you can help or better yet, just show up. Thanks to Pat & Larry Lawrence, Sharon & John Hurtt for their help for March.

Doug Lawrence, Editor
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POST MEMBERSHIP 2024



Spring is in the air and soon we will be enjoying the warmer months with a lot of outdoor activities. The last three years have been very challenging as we've had to learn to deal with the heavy burden of inflation.

We see it every day in our purchases of groceries, gasoline prices, higher energy costs, higher housing costs and everything we consume. No one is immune to the higher costs of living including the American Legion.

It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone that inflation has adversely affected the American Legion and every other organization in the country. We have been notified that dues will be increasing by \$7. National has raised dues \$5 and the Department of MD is raising dues \$2 to \$3. Our dues at Post 116 are currently at \$34 a year. They will be increased to \$41 or \$42 a year effective July 1, 2024.

The American Legion is now allowing its members to pay their current dues for the next 3 years at the current rate of \$34. So you can pay \$34 for 2024, 2025, 2026 and so forth if you choose to do so. We have already had several of our members do just that. By doing so you can avoid the dues increase for the years that you pay for now. It's an option worth considering.

We are still working hard to meet our Department Membership Goal of 205 + members for 2024. We're close and are depending on our current members to renew as soon as possible. Membership is the life blood of any organization and your continued membership insures that the American Legion has the clout to make their voices heard in Congress to make sure that all of our Vets receive the benefits that they are due to honor their service to this country.

Yours in Legion Service

Steve Tapper

1st Vice Commander





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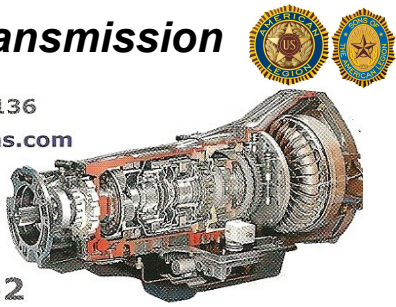
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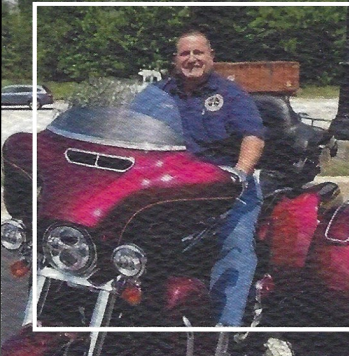


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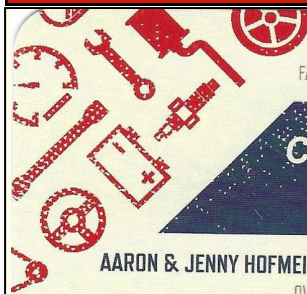
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\$30/person
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