My first month as Commander, I felt like I was back on a submarine having to understand all the functions of each part of our organization i.e. Post, SAL, Auxiliary and Riders. With a lot of help from each I now understand and I hope we as a Legion will help each other.

I always say “Don’t make plans, make options”.

Crab Feast tickets went on sale July 1st and within 3 hours were sold out! Great job John Hurtt, can’t wait!

I stopped in on the Rider’s breakfast, food was great, felt like a big family breakfast, you must stop in!

Keep in mind the Unit’s Golf Tournament on August 2 and the SAL’s Luau on August 3.

I would like to thank the following: Clint Hare, Tim (Squid) Clarke, John Hurtt and Mary Lou Griffin, for handling the problems that we needed fixed. Rollers for carts, new shelves in the shed, flowers in vases, repair areas around the shed. I think Squid is doing one great job with the lawn an yard problems.

REMINDER: Reisterstown Festival Parade is September 7. We will meet at Dunkin Donuts at 8:30am. Please join us and walk in the parade. Let me know if you will be there.

Point to ponder...

You have these moments when you are driving to the Legion, shopping, etc. whenever, and you say no matter what, I am going through in life at that moment I remember where I came from to where I am now. And you know what? Life ain’t bad!

Wow! My first Post meeting is over, so now I think I can be a Commander, and help anyone with problems. I get a lot of help from Moe, Clint, Squid...thanks to all. I didn’t get approval for my booster seat so, I guess I will be standing for meetings. This month’s meeting is on the 15th, and all are invited to our joint meeting on the 29th.

Donald Ball (Papa Smurf)
Commander 2019-2020
Ball5@comcast.net or 443-690-5733
President's Message

Greetings Members of ALA Unit #116

Carol and I are just getting back from the American Legion Convention in Ocean City. I was a Page which is similar to being an USHER. Besides standing every day I drove 3-1/2 miles each way. So, I will tell you more about the Ocean City Convention in the next newsletter.

Here is the list of new officers for 2019-2020;
1st Vice Faith Insley
2nd Vice Susan Strayer
Treasurer Mary L. Griffin
Secretary Carol Carder
Historian Peggy Wills
Sgt-at- Arms Sharon Hurtt
Chaplain Georgette Hill
Exec Committee Mary Wolf
Tina Shipton
Terri Armacost

I just have a few reminders for you:
1. We have your new membership cards and you can start sending your dues to Faith Insley at 12317 Boncrest Drive, Reisterstown MD 211317 or you can postmark your envelope Membership Dues
2. Early Bird special! Senior dues $23.00 until Labor Day and Junior dues are $8.00 until Labor Day. Just think about it, you can buy a soda, ice cream or snowball to help you get through this heatwave with the $2.00 you save by paying dues early.
3. Next ALA Meeting is August 22, 2019

Did you know that if you check the following Email addresses, you may be eligible for valuable benefits and discounts for you and your family just by being an American Legion Auxiliary member?
1. www.ALAforVeterans.org (go to Resources > Member Benefits)
2. ALA.MemberDiscounts.co (To Register with our code “ALADiscounts”)

“All Gave Some, Some Gave All”

Phyllis Outten Auxiliary President
Phone (410) 913-8299
Email PhyllisOutten@comcast.net

Carol Carder Secretary

...from the Squadron

Do you know what happens when you reach the end of a membership drive? A new one starts!

Not long after being congratulated for a successful year, the next years membership cards arrive! Along with the new cards comes news of an increase in price of $5.00. So, your officers have decided to make you an offer you can't refuse. Pay your dues by Veterans day (November 11th) and you will not have to pay for the increase. Hey what a deal. How much are dues you ask, well, $17 for dual or junior members and $27 for regular membership. But our early bird special will save you $5 making it $12 for junior and dual members and $22 for regular members. Pay your dues at our regular meeting (2nd Thursday of the month) or just drop off at the lounge.

Why don’t you plan on attending a meeting? Our meeting this month is at 7:00pm on August 8th. Come join us and get to know the people who make things happen within Squadron 116. We would like to get to know you and we would like to hear your ideas on what we can do to attract new members and make things more interesting for everyone. We will look forward to seeing you around the Post.

See you soon.

Leo Wolff
Commander, 2018-2019
Chaplain’s Corner

We have been asking for prayers for SAL member Jimmy Hough as he continues the fight for his health. Please keep the prayers coming!

Please include Allan Wright in your prayers.

(See the ALR article concerning Allan.)

If you are aware of others needing comfort, please let us know. Don’t worry that someone else may have already told us, it’s better that we hear it twice, than not at all.

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SOLD OUT!
Hello Legion family

I hope you all enjoyed all the festivities of the 4th of July and are enjoying your summer in general.

I’m sure most of you have heard of the severe motorcycle wreck our Legion Rider road captain, Allan Wright was involved in. For those of you who don’t know, Allan was on his way to meet up for a charity ride for the Hero Dogs and to represent Post 116 when his bike went off the road and flipped. Allan was flown to shock trauma where it was determined he suffered severe injuries, broke all his ribs, fractured and or broke his back, leg and hand injuries. He is now home in body containment cast waiting to see if he will have to go through surgery on his back in the coming weeks. He and his wife Gail have been overwhelmed and are grateful for the outpouring of support from the Legion Family.

I’m asking the Legion Family, Post 116, ALA Unit 116 and SAL Squadron 116, to please make a donation to Allan to help him and his family get through this difficult time. We have set up two avenues that all can donate to, a donation to 116 Post in Allan Wright's name for account the family can draw from as needs arise and a go fund me page under Allan Wright Post 116. Please donate as you are able, as the burden of a trip to shock trauma is financially overwhelming and this recovery both physically and financially is going to take a long time.

We can’t solve all this family's problems caused by this, but we certainly can make a difference! He’s one of our own.

Greetings fellow Legionnaires! It’s great to be back and I want to thank Mr. Doug Lawrence for filling in last month as I recovered from “Post Military Stress Disorder” (PMSD). PMSD is defined as a nefarious condition which does not discriminate, affecting veterans of ALL types... which leads to:

ITEM ! This month I’m introducing initiative #0819–#0919; PMSD: Please make a difference. Participation is easy and as simple as:

ITEM ! Veterans returning from duty (or anything else) often find themselves in hospitals, which can be a monotonous affair. Anyone interested in donating new or used CD or DVD players or discs; please go to www.dvdsforvets.org for more information.

ITEM ! To date, approximately 255 “Service Dogs” have been paired with veterans. These dogs are saved from “High-Kill shelters”, placed through a 1 year training program and ultimately paired with a veteran. For more information, go to www.caninesforwarriors.org.

ITEM ! Any female veteran interested in their benefits can now simply go to www.womensveteransbenefits.com.

FACTOID ! To end on a high note, all of us will be pleased to know that this administration has fortified our military to a level where it has never been stronger and mission readiness is at an all time high.

ITEM ! Anyone with questions, comments, etc. may be pleased to know that I can now be reached directly by simply call me at 443-381-4593. Feel free to leave a message and I will respond to your inquiries as soon as possible (usually the same or the next day)

LAST ITEM ! GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Randy Wilkerson
Legion Rider Director 2018-2019

Please Note
No Breakfast in August,
ALR Breakfasts will resume on September 21st

Mark Simon
443-381-4593

For Reisterstown Post 116

VETERAN VICTOR & VETERAN VICTORIA
“BENEFITTING AMERICA'S VETERANS”
This is a poem for all members of our Legion Family.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you an active member
The kind that would be missed
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock
Or do you stay at home
To criticize and knock

Do you take an active part
To help the work along
Or are you satisfied
To only just belong

Do you ever go to visit
A member who is sick
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique

Think this over member
You know right from wrong
Are you an active member
Or do you just belong

This was borrowed from the Synepuxent Observer
Of Post 166, Ocean City

If you could spare a little time, you could make someone else’s job a little easier.
Think about it. Be a part of your organization.

The Saturday and Sunday after Labor Day, here in Reisterstown, we will be celebrating the 33rd Reisterstown Festival. This is how Reisterstown makes “summer a week longer”

Reisterstown American Legion Post 116 and our Legion Family will be leading the parade down Main Street, as we have for every parade since the start of the festival. We will meet and form up at Harvestview Road and Main Street (behind Dunkin Donuts) at 8:30am on Saturday, September 7th.

We will be carrying our flags, with our Legion Riders behind on their motorcycles. Show your pride in our organization by joining us in the parade. Let’s make this our biggest participation, so that we can show Reisterstown that the American Legion is an integral part of our town. The parade is only about a mile and not a difficult walk.

If you plan on joining us, please wear something identifying the Legion Family or anything patriotic. It will be a fun time. Contact the Post or the Commander if you will be there.

If you could spare a little time, you could make someone else’s job a little easier.
Think about it. Be a part of your organization.
**POST MEMBERSHIP 2019**

I’m very happy to report our Delegates came back from Ocean City with a new 100 Percent Plaque. It’s nice to be recognized by Department and have a photo opportunity with Commander Dave Johnson. Thanks to all for their Membership support in 2019. I look forward to a repeat in 2020 with our member’s help.

Newly elected Department vice Commander Will Trotter had a good suggestion during his acceptance speech. He said “Posts need to take an old school approach to gaining new members this year”. He suggested that each Post member recruit just one new member for the coming year. This would obviously double our current Membership and bring the Department back to levels not seen since the beginning of the 90’s. I don’t know if we can count on all of our Members to do this, however, perhaps the 40 or 50 active members of this Post can accept the challenge. We might just be able to get this done.

In closing I hope to see your dues check soon! We want to keep you as a member of “The Friendly Post”!

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**Summer Lounge Hours**

(until September 2)

(Regular hours will resume on Labor Day)

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