

AMERICAN LEGION

Cummings-Behlke
Post 226

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Never let an eligible veteran say:
"Nobody ever asked me to join the American Legion."

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American Legion Riders (ALR) Project 226

The American Legion Riders have partnered with America's Warrior Partnership (AWP) to raise funds and awareness through the "ALR Project 226" charity drive, with all proceeds benefiting AWP's initiatives to support veterans in crisis. Veteran suicide remains a tragic reality in the United States, with an average of 22 veterans taking their lives each day. In response to this national tragedy, the ALR Project 226 event has set a fundraising goal of \$50,000 to support AWP's efforts in preventing veteran suicide and providing crucial support services to veterans and their families.

Join us on at this fundraiser on September 7th, 2024. This will be an all-day event featuring various activities, special guest appearances, and opportunities for the community to show their support for veterans. For more information about the ALR Project 226 charity event and the partnership with America's Warrior Partnership, email ALRProject226@gmail.com.

American Legion Riders Post 226
ALR PROJECT 226 VETERAN SUICIDE AWARENESS
In Honor of
US Army Chief Warrant Officer Nick Fogle
And the 22 lives per day lost to Veteran/Soldier Suicide

 **\$50K CHALLENGE** 

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 10AM-11 PM

Live Music! FOREIGN COMPANY/FORMERLY COMPANY B
• SHAWN MUSSELMAN • SUZY LENOX • ALL YOU NEED • ARRIVAL •

Special Guest Appearances!   • VENDORS • FOOD AVAILABLE

National Anthem 4pm by Laura Farrell

Commander's Message

The American Legion has nearly 13,000 active posts in communities across America.

Our veterans/members see the need to bring The American Legion back into community as a way to serve their fellow veterans, their families and community members. Our post has focused on growing its membership, implementing Legion programs, volunteering in the community, and assisting our veterans.

With a post motto is "Every member matters, we believe that The American Legion is a family. That means that no matter the age, gender, or war era of the veteran, every veteran is welcomed at our post. "But more than that, members want to look after each other and help each other in their times of need. The post truly exemplifies a family first atmosphere.

I am always amazed how our Post immediately steps in to help a veteran or community family, no matter what their need may be: whether it be financial support, guidance of benefits, counseling, youth activities, or just lending a listening ear.

We are the process of beginning our New Membership year, please be patient as we begin sorting out new cards, address changes, and other clerical errors..

Members must renew their membership prior to October 31st to be eligible for the Early Bird Dinner. Being an Early Bird also enables you to receive a free door key card after January 1st, when the new key cards arrive

The future feels bright for American Legion Post 226.

Larry Erwin
Post Commander

1st Vice Commander's Message

Hello, my name is Scott Smith and I am the new 1st Vice Commander tasked with handling membership for Legionnaires (veterans) this year. Please note that Legionnaires dues are \$47.00 for 2025.

To all that have mailed in, paid online, or dropped your dues in my mailbox thank you. Please be patient with me as I am working to get my permissions set up to process memberships this year.

To those that are WWII, Korea, or 40+ years, please except a humble thanks from the Post as we will be paying those members' dues again this year and your cards will be out in the mail soon.

Here is my email address: post226membership@gmail.com for any questions regarding to your membership. Please include your full name, membership ID number, and a good call back phone number where I can reach you.

Scott Smith
1st Vice Commander

Regular Events at the Post

Monday – Game Night, 6:30pm

Tuesday – Pizza Night, 5:00-7:00 pm (Last order at 6:45)

1st & 3rd Friday – Dinner, 5:30-7:00 pm

Saturday – Bar Bingo, 6:00-8:30 pm

Sunday – Queen of Hearts Drawing, 6:00 pm

Check out our web site and join our Facebook group. Don't forget... We are always looking for volunteers.

Chaplain's Message

The Department Convention is now behind us and we can continue rolling into our new legion year. The convention was full of training and renewed pledges to grow our Post community and membership. We were reminded of all the great things we've accomplished and done in the past year.

We have some big things ahead of us. The ALR Project 226 Event to raise money and awareness for veteran suicide on September 7th and our annual Golf Tournament to benefit veterans in need the week after, are both extremely important events and will require lots of volunteer help. Reach out to Jim Hall (Riders Director), and Larry (Commander) to help on the 7th and to Hillory Dean to help with the Golf Tournament.

Our post is recognized across the state for our efforts on behalf of the communities around us, for taking care of our Veterans, holding great events, and doing things right. Essentially we learned at convention that we can be a model for other units to see how it's done. We have a large cast of good folks who step up when asked and make our Post Home a place to be proud of. How are you going to help us build on the successes we have and bring us to even greater heights?

As we roll into the dog days of summer, please take the time to find something fun or relaxing and do it, then thank the Lord for your ability to do so! This month we celebrate the Coast Guard, organized on August 4th, 1790 then renamed the U.S. Coast Guard in 1915. Take a moment and thank a "Coastie" for their service!

It is an honor and a privilege to be your Chaplain. I continue to see the good we do almost every day, which warms my heart. I try to pray for our entire post-family as often as possible. I would be happy to lift your concern or help praise the Lord for a happy event or answered prayer in your life.

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Chaplain's Message – Continued

I urge you to continue to look for ways to help your comrades and Legion family both big and small. Continue to support the families and friends of our folks who have reported to Post Everlasting or are recuperating from sickness. Ask God to give the fallen their well-deserved rest, guide those still serving on a path that completes their mission safely, and brings them home to their loved ones.

I will make myself available to meet with, talk with, and pray with any of you who need my services as your Chaplain, the easiest way to reach me is an email to post226chaplain@gmail.com, or by dropping a note in my mailbox at the Post.

God bless the United States and Post 226.

Ray Leone
Post Chaplain

Legion Department of Maryland Convention 2024 Awards

- Best SAL Program, District 5
- Most Outstanding Service Officer, District 5
- Best Boy Scout Program, District 5
- Best Website & Electronic Newsletter (Posts with 301-500 members)
- 100% Membership (achieving goal+)

Annual American Legion
Post 226

GOLF TOURNAMENT

SEPT 12th / Renditions / Tee Off 9am

Registration - 7:00-8:40 am

Tee Off - 9:00 am

Hot dog or sandwich on the turn

Beverage cart provided

Raffles and more

Immediately After –

Awards banquet at American
Legion Post 226

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



For more info contact Mr. Hillory Dean
443-926-6707 or deans5@verizon.net

AUGUST 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 5:30-7:00pm SAL Dinner	3 6-8pm Bar Bingo
4 <i>US Coast Guard Birthday</i>	5 6:30pm Game Night	6 5-7pm Pizza Night	7 7pm Auxiliary Mtg <i>Purple Heart Day</i>	8	9	10 6-8pm Bar Bingo
11	12 6:30pm Game Night	13 5-7pm Pizza Night 7pm Post Exec Mtg	14	15 NO SAL Meeting	16 5:30-7:00pm Auxiliary Dinner 8pm Aux Night on the Patio	17 6-8pm Bar Bingo
18 8:30-11am SAL Breakfast	19 6:30pm Game Night	20 5-7pm Pizza Night 7:30pm Riders Mtg	21	22	23	24 6-8pm Bar Bingo
25	26 6:30pm Game Night	27 5-7pm Pizza Night 7:30pm Reg Post Mtg	28	29	30	31 6-8pm Bar Bingo

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Labor Day</i>	3 5-7pm Pizza Night	4 7pm Auxiliary Mtg	5	6 5:30-7:00pm SAL Dinner	7 ALR Project 226 NO Bar Bingo
8 <i>Grandparents Day</i>	9 6:30pm Game Night	10 5-7pm Pizza Night 7pm Post Exec Mtg	11	12 Annual Golf Tournament	13	14 6-8pm Bar Bingo
15 8:30-11am SAL Breakfast	16 6:30pm Game Night	17 5-7pm Pizza Night 7:30pm Riders Mtg <i>Constitution and Citizenship Day</i>	18	19 7pm SAL Meeting	20 5:30-7:00pm Auxiliary Dinner <i>POW/MIA Day</i>	21 6-8pm Bar Bingo
22 <i>Autumn Begins</i>	23 6:30pm Game Night	24 5-7pm Pizza Night 7:30pm Reg Post Mtg	25	26	27	28 6-8pm Bar Bingo
29 <i>Gold Star Day</i>	30 6:30pm Game Night					



American Legion Auxiliary President's Message

Our Unit had a great annual end of the year Auxiliary Department of Maryland Convention and won quite a few awards.

- 3rd Place, Legislative
- 3rd Place, Home Service Award
- 3rd Place, Best in Children and Youth
- 3rd Place, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Work
- 2nd Place, Best Chaplain
- 2nd Place, District 5 Highest New Members
- 1st Place, Best VA&R Family Contact

Congratulations to Marla Abell, for most of them, and congratulations to all of you for getting new members recruited!

We will be holding an Auxiliary night on the back porch, Friday, August 16. More details to follow. All are welcome! The Auxiliary monthly dinner will also return on August 16, 5:30 to 7:00pm.

Our next event is the Annual Crab Feast on Saturday, October 5th at 1pm. Tickets are \$60; on sale by August 1st. The Crab Cooler raffle tickets are already on sale, \$5 each, or 5 for \$20.

2025 membership cards are in; Seniors \$34, Juniors \$12. Pay your dues between now and October 31 to be an Early Bird!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 7 at 7pm.

Have a great month,
Laura Causey
Unit President



Membership Dues for 2025

ATTENTION !!

Membership renewal for 2025 will have begun
2025 dues for Legionnaires have increased

Legion – Dues for 2025 are \$47.

SAL – \$35, junior (under 21) and dual members are \$15.

Auxiliary – \$34, juniors (under 18) are \$12.

Riders – \$30 (Legion, SAL, or Aux must be current)

Email Addresses

Post Commander (Larry) – post226commander@gmail.com

Post 1st Vice (Scott) – post226membership@gmail.com (veterans)

Post 2nd Vice (Carolyn) – legionpost226events@gmail.com

Post Chaplain (Ray) – post226chaplain@gmail.com

Post Service Officer (Matt) – serviceofficer226@gmail.com

Rental Coordinator (Stephanie) – post226rentals@gmail.com

SAL Commander (John) – post226salcommander@gmail.com

AL Riders Director (Jim) – alr226info@gmail.com

Auxiliary President (Laura) – alaunit226@gmail.com

Aux. Membership (Jeanette) – unit226membership@gmail.com

Bulletin and General Inquiries (Alicia) – info@post226.com

Membership Information

Key cards are available by showing your 2024 membership card. If you were an early bird the card is free, otherwise it is \$3.

Legion – **Dues for 2025 are \$47.** Dues for 2024 are \$38.50. Make your check payable to "AL Post 226". Mail to PO Box 66, Mayo, MD 21106 or drop it in the *1st Vice* box at the Post.

SAL – Dues are \$35. Juniors (under 21) and dual members are \$15.

Make your check payable to "SAL Squadron 226". Mail to PO Box 622 Mayo, MD 21106 or drop it in the *SAL Membership* box at the Post.

Auxiliary – Dues are \$34, Juniors (under 18) are \$12.

Make your check payable to "ALA Unit 226". Mail to PO Box 432, Mayo, MD 21106 or drop it in the *Unit Membership* box at the Post.

Riders – Dues are \$30 (Legion, SAL, or Aux must be paid first). Make your check payable to "AL Riders Post 226". Mail to PO Box 66, Mayo, MD 21106 or drop it in the *AL Riders* box at the Post.

Online Renewals

Members can pay their annual dues online. You will need your Member ID located on your membership card.

- Legionnaires: <https://mylegion.org>
- SAL: <https://legion.org/SAL-Renew>
- Auxiliary: www.legion-aux.org/members

You may also be able to print your card on line

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Annual Crab Feast

Saturday, October 5, 2024

1-6 pm

All You Can Eat on the Premises

Crabs served 2-5 pm

Hot Dogs — Corn on the Cob
Sausage, Green Peppers & Onions
Potato Salad — Baked Beans
Draft Beer — Sodas

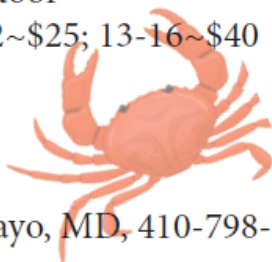
Raffles - Cake Wheel

Tickets on Sale at the Post

\$60 per person in advance

\$65 at the door

Children – 0-6~\$0; 7-12~\$25; 13-16~\$40



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Crab Feast in a Cooler Raffle

A bushel of crabs
3 pounds of shrimp
18 pk domestic beer
12 pk of soda
Old Bay seasoning
Vinegar - Knockers
Knives - Crab paper
Paper Towels



1 Ticket \$5
or
5 Tickets for \$20

Drawing will be Saturday, October 5th

Need not to be present to win

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ELIGIBILITY DATES

**April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
December 7, 1941 to Present**

**DATED MATERIAL
NO DELAY PLEASE**