

AMERICAN LEGION

Cummings-Behlke
Post 226

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PRESIDENTS' DAY – February 19

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

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The Sons of the American Legion



Annual Shrimp Feast



Saturday, February 10th

1 PM to 5 PM

**All You Can Eat (on site only)
Shrimp will be served 2pm to 4pm**

Steamed Shrimp

Hot Dogs – Cole Slaw

Baked Beans – Potato Salad

Draft Beer & Sodas

\$45 in Advance ~ \$50 at the Door

Kids 10 & Under ~ \$15

Tickets are on sale at the Post



Commander's Message

Giving back and assisting others is the basis of community service or volunteering. It teaches us how important it is to help the ones in need, the ones who are less fortunate than us. The importance of community service connects us to the community by improving it, and making it a better place for all of us to live in.

The easiest way to make friends is through activities you perform together. Not only would you be helping the ones in need, but you would also be able to meet some other volunteers. This benefit of community service is especially important if you are new in an area. After all, is there a better way to meet your neighbors and show them how eager you are to improve your community?

In addition, you could invite your existing friends to do community service with you and through it, further strengthen your relationship and have fun at the same time.

People sometimes have problems meeting people and making friends. Volunteering might help shy and quiet individuals with this issue as it offers lots of opportunities to meet and work with various people. It is a valuable experience for improving and practicing how to socialize in your surroundings. Students are advised to do community service in order to get work-related knowledge and skills. At the same time, it increases their chances of getting a job since their community involvement creates good references for potential employers.

Don't just sit around and complain what needs to be done, take action into your own hands and get them done..

Larry Erwin
Post Commander

Chaplain's Message

Post 226 is blessed. I know I say that a lot. I witness it over and over. We volunteer, we help our community, and we are here for our fellow veterans, their families, and our country. I am blessed to be your chaplain and witness it over and over again.

We have lost some long-time veterans this year. Three gentlemen with over 40 years each as Legion Members. Charlie Cowell 44 years, Ralph Ripperger 65 years, Bernard "Buddy" Jones 41 years. We lost seven others and even more Sons and Auxiliary members. We will remember them on Sunday, February 4th at noon, at our Post Everlasting Ceremony.

It is not lost on me that we will remember them the day after we remember the Four Chaplains. Their self-sacrifice was the ultimate heroic act. The story goes like this: The ill-fated Troopship, SS Dorchester was hit by a German torpedo and sank on 3 February 1943 during WWII. Four Army chaplains, Methodist minister, Reverend George L. Fox, Reform Rabbi Alexander D. Goode (Ph.D.), Roman Catholic priest Father John P. Washington, and Reformed Church in America minister Reverend Clark V. Poling saved countless lives that day. They came from different faiths but were united in their love of God and their love for their fellow soldiers. In the end, when life jackets ran out they gave up their life jackets and went down with the ship all the while together comforting the dying.

Please take a few moments and remember the sacrifice they made, remember the sacrifice our members both past and those like us who are still here have made. Some still carry those scars in places we cannot readily see. As Legionnaires, we all come from different services and different faiths and beliefs, but may we likewise band together with our love of God, our love for each other, and our love for our fellow veterans as we pledge continuing service to God and Country.

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Chaplain's Message – Continued

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 by sending an email to post226chaplain@gmail.com, dropping a note in the prayer box out front or dropping a note in my mailbox at the Post. You can also message me on Facebook.

For God and Country,
Ray Leone
Post Chaplain



Post Everlasting Ceremony

**Sunday,
February 4
Noon**

**Honoring All
Members that Passed
Away in 2023**



HOW YOU CAN BE THE ONE

What: The American Legion's *Be the One* initiative encourages American Legion Family members, veterans, servicemembers and others to take action when they believe a veteran is at risk of suicide.

Why: To reduce the alarming number of veteran suicides.

How: Our goal is to destigmatize asking for mental health support, provide peer-to-peer support and resources, and educate everyone on how they can Be the One.

Who:

Veterans

Talk with fellow veterans about how you are feeling. Ask for help when you think you need it. Know there are millions of people ready to help you. Remember your family and friends care.

Non-veterans

Ask veterans in your life how they are doing. Listen when a veteran needs to talk. Reach out when a veteran is struggling.

RESOURCES

American Legion support: Stories, videos and promotional items related to this initiative are available for posts, members and others. Visit [betheone.org](https://www.betheone.org)

For urgent help: Veterans experiencing a crisis can call **988** and press **1** for mental health assistance. Counselors are available 24/7.

You can also text **838255** or visit the VA crisis line website [veteranscrisisline.net](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net)

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 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.

AL Riders – Dues are \$20 (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

Legionnaires and Auxiliary members can pay their annual dues online. Unfortunately, this is not currently available for SAL members.

- Legionnaires: go to mylegion.org and create an account. You will need your Member ID# located on your membership card.
- Auxiliary members: go to www.alaforveterans.org/Members/ and create an account. You will need your Member ID# located on your membership card and choose Department of Maryland.

You can also print your card on line

FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 5:30-7:00pm SAL Friday Dinner 8pm Music, <i>All You Need</i> <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 6-8pm Bar Bingo
4 12pm Post Ever-lasting Ceremony	5 6:30pm Game Night	6 5-7pm Pizza Night	7 7pm Auxiliary Mtg	8	9 8pm Music, <i>John Luskey</i>	10 1pm SAL Shrimp Feast NO Bar Bingo
11 9am - Noon SAL Breakfast	12 6:30pm Game Night	13 5-7pm Pizza Night 7pm Post Exec Mtg	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	15 Bulletin Articles Due 7pm SAL Meeting	16 5:30-7:00pm Aux Friday Dinner 8pm Music, <i>Suzie Lenox</i>	17 6-8pm Bar Bingo
18 12pm Riders Chili Cook Off	19 6:30pm Game Night <i>Presidents Day</i>	20 5-7pm Pizza Night 7:30pm Riders Mtg <i>Elections</i>	21	22	23 8pm Music, <i>Drive Train</i>	24 6-8pm Bar Bingo
25	26 6:30pm Game Night	27 5-7pm Pizza Night 7:30pm Reg Post Mtg	28	29		

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 6-8pm Bar Bingo
3	4 6:30pm Game Night	5 5-7pm Pizza Night	6 7pm Auxiliary Mtg	7	8 5:30-7:00pm Aux Friday Dinner	9 6-8pm Bar Bingo
10 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	11 6:30pm Game Night	12 5-7pm Pizza Night 7pm Post Exec Mtg	13	14	15 5pm St Pat's Day Dinner <i>Legion Birthday</i>	16 Bulletin Articles Due 6-8pm Bar Bingo
17 9am - Noon SAL Breakfast	18 6:30pm Game Night	19 5-7pm Pizza Night 7:30pm Riders Mtg	20	21 7pm SAL Meeting	22	23 6-8pm Bar Bingo
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	25 6:30pm Game Night	26 5-7pm Pizza Night 7:30pm Reg Post	27	28	29 5pm SAL Fish Fry <i>Good Friday</i>	30 6-8pm Bar Bingo
31 <i>Easter</i>						



American Legion Auxiliary President's Message

January was a quiet month, although we did vote in 5 new members! Welcome! We are currently at about 87% of goal so far this year. That is excellent! Our goal is 100% by April 30.

We are halfway through winter, which brings us to the much-anticipated SAL Shrimp Feast on Saturday, February 10th. Bring your sweetie for an early Valentine's Day. If you have a chance, please DONATE to their cake wheel, they will surely appreciate it.

Big shout out to SAL member Kevin Millard, newest member of the quarter. Well deserved!

Unit initiation, which happens once a year, will be at the March meeting. Please attend if you are a new member or have never been initiated.

The Friday night dinners continue to do well. Thank you to everyone that attends and helps, either on the day of, or with desserts. This month, dinner will be on February 16, 5:30-7:00 pm.

Just a reminder that 2024 membership dues are due. You can mail your payment in or pay it online. You will not be able to get a new key card (door card) without your 2024 membership card. For those of you that have lost your card, remember you can always go to legion-aux.org, either sign in or sign up, and print a new card.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 7th at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

Laura Causey
Unit President



American Legion Riders Director's Message

Chili Cook Off 2024 is on Sunday, February 18.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on Saturday, February 3rd at the Legion. You must sign up in person and pay the \$25 entry fee at the bar at time of sign up. There will be 18 spots and 16 entries; number 17 & 18 will be reserves and only pay if called up to compete. Further details will be posted with sign up sheets.

Mark your calendar for these additional upcoming Riders events.

- Bike Raffle – \$40 per ticket, 350 tickets to be sold. Drawing will be at the Independence Day Celebration or when the tickets sell out. See any Riders member.
 - ◆ 1st draw is a 2006 custom Springer Soft Tail
 - ◆ 2nd draw is a limited edition Harley-Davidson bicycle with an estimated value of \$1000.
 - ◆ 3rd draw is \$500 cash.
- April 12 – Bike Night on the patio with tiki bar music and food
- April 29 – Renegades open house. Riders will have tent set up with bike raffle tickets and other raffles.
- April 28 – Blessing of the Bikes, Mayo United Methodist Church at 11:30 am.
- June 7 – Bike Night on the patio with music and food.
- June 23 – Faces of Valor ride
- June 30– 4th of July parade
- Sept 7 – Veterans suicide awareness fundraiser. Our goal is an all-day event and raise \$50k. Details will follow.
- Oct 25 – 3rd annual trunk or treat

Jim Hall
AL Riders Director

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DAYTONA 500
ON THE BIG SCREEN



CHILI COOKOFF

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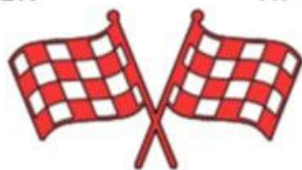
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

NOON

\$10 ALL YOU CAN
DRINK DRAFT BEER

CHILI FOR SALE
AFTER JUDGING

CASH PRIZES
& TROPHIES



PEOPLES CHOICE
AWARD

OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC

JIM'S ALMOST
FAMOUS HOT DOGS

LIMITED TO
16 ENTRIES

\$25 CASH ENTRY FEE – SIGN UP AT LEGION BAR

PARTICIPANT CHILI MUST BE PREHEATED, IN A
FULL STANDARD CROCPOT AND TO THE POST BY 12

JUDGING BEGINS AT 1PM

PRESIDENTIAL QUOTES

George Washington: "99% of failures come from people who make excuses."

Thomas Jefferson: "Whenever you do a thing, act as if all the world were watching."

John Quincy Adams: "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

Andrew Jackson: "Any man worth his salt will stick up for what he believes right, but it takes a slightly better man to acknowledge instantly and without reservation that he is in error."

Abraham Lincoln: "Leave nothing for tomorrow which can be done today."

Theodore Roosevelt: "It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."

Franklin D. Roosevelt: "The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today."

Harry S. Truman: "It's amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."

Dwight D. Eisenhower: "By leadership we mean the art of getting someone else to do something that you want done because he wants to do it, not because your position of power can compel him to do it."

John F. Kennedy: "Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction."

Gerald R. Ford: "Never be satisfied with less than your very best effort. If you strive for the top and miss, you'll still beat the pack."

Regular Events at the Post

Monday – Game Night, 6:30 pm

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

3rd Friday – Auxiliary Dinner, 5:30-7:00 pm

Friday – Live Music, 8:00-11:00 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.

Whether you can offer 30 minutes or 3 hours, it all helps and is appreciated.

Email Addresses

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ELIGIBILITY DATES

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

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