

# The American Legion



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**JULY 2023**



*Annual  
Independence Day  
Celebration*



*Saturday, July 1st*

Parade

11:30 am – Line up

Noon – Leave the parking lot

Afternoon Cornhole  
Tournament

Tiki bar opens at 4 pm

Food for Sale 5-9 pm

Hamburgers & Hotdogs

WBVFD Food Trailer

Ice Cream Truck

Cotton Candy

Popcorn

Entertainment

6:00 pm – Loose Change

9:30 pm – National Anthem

Fireworks

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Congratulations to all the newly elected officers of the Post, SAL, and the Auxiliary. I am looking forward to working with you all for another productive year.

Special acknowledgement goes out to the people that stepped up to fill open positions and take on new roles.

I look forward to seeing some new faces, as well as those who regularly attend, at our monthly General Membership Meetings at the Post held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Your input is important for a successful Post.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing everyone at our Independence Day Celebration on July 1st.

Larry Erwin  
Commander

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### 2023-2024 POST OFFICERS

Commander	Larry Erwin
1st Vice Cmdr.	Chris Perreault
2nd Vice Cmdr.	Ro Gilman
Adjutant	Jack McLaughlin
Finance	Maria Veres
Chaplain	Ray Leone
Historian	Hillory Dean
Service Officer	Nicolina Converso
Judge Advocate	Drew Broglie
Sergeant at Arms	Mike Chase
House Chair	Kenny Fowler
Past Commander	Dan Hoban

#### Executive Committee

Bill Faxon   Matt Lomba   Scott Smith

## **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

July is when we celebrate our nation's independence, the birthday of our great republic. Last year I talked about how our Legion brethren back in 1919 took on the challenge of creating a constitution that reaffirmed the same values that Jefferson, Adams and Franklin tried successfully to capture at the birth of our great country. I challenge you to look beyond the fireworks, parades, and picnics to familiarize yourself with the history of what we are celebrating. We need to take time to understand how unique and how potentially fragile independence is. Take a moment and read the preamble to the American Legion Constitution, it is right on the back of your membership card!

Take time to read the Declaration of Independence. It makes abundantly clear that we are indeed empowered by God our Creator to exercise unalienable rights: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness".

Our way of life and the answered prayers of those liberties we enjoy to this day are realized in that Declaration by our founding fathers, who truly risked their lives doing so.

Take time this month to enjoy the summer, read a book, take a hike, or make a new friend, your life will be richer for it!

Please continue to pray for the families of our recently departed Legionnaires and members of our Legion Family. 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](mailto:post226chaplain@gmail.com), or drop a note in my mailbox at the Post.

God bless the United States and our Post.

For God and Country,  
Ray Leone  
Post Chaplain

## **SAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**



I would like to start off and say thank you for entrusting me as SAL Commander.

I also want to thank Tony Harding for his many years of devotion to the SAL and all the roles that he has taken on over the years. His service will not be forgotten. Dennis Long will be taking membership back over and I will be helping him come up to speed with the new online system.

This year I would like to work on more fundraisers and making our SAL an even bigger part of what our legion is. This will hopefully be a year to remember, but we can't do it without our members.



John Emrick  
SAL Commander

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## **SAL 1st VICE MESSAGE**

As mentioned in the SAL Commander's message, July brings change to our leadership. John Emrick has moved to Commander and I have moved back to 1st Vice Commander.

Tony Harding has stepped down from Adjutant and Wally Kircher has filled the position. This will be the first time in my memory that Tony has not held a position on the SAL Executive Board. Maybe next year a come back will be in order.

Chuck Abell has taken over as 2nd Vice Commander, giving Kirk Smith a break.

I would like to thank all who attend our monthly meetings. Remember... no monthly meetings until September.

When we receive the 2024 membership cards, we will make them available. Stay safe and enjoy the summer.

Dennis Long  
SAL 1st Vice Cmdr

## 2023-2024 SAL OFFICERS

Commander	John Emrick
1st Vice Cmdr.	Dennis Long
2nd Vice Cmdr.	Chuck Abell
Adjutant	Wally Kircher
Finance	Mike Causey
Chaplain	Bernie Floyd
Historian	Wes Emrick
Sergeant at Arms	Chris Owens
Advisor	Matt Lomba

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## EMAIL ADDRESSES

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- \* Auxiliary President (Laura) – [alaunit226@gmail.com](mailto:alaunit226@gmail.com)
- \* Aux Membership (Jeanette)– [unit226membership@gmail.com](mailto:unit226membership@gmail.com)
- \* Bulletin and General Inquiries (Alicia) – [info@post226.com](mailto:info@post226.com)



## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Key cards are available by showing your 2023 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 \$26, Juniors (under 18) are \$8

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

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## **ON-LINE 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](http://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/](http://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***

# JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 NO Bar Bingo  <i>Independence Day Celebration</i>
2	3 6:30pm Game Night	4 NO Pizza Night  <i>Independence Day</i>	5  <b>NO Auxiliary Mtg</b>	6	7 8pm Live Music, <i>Kevin Lee</i>	8 6-8:30pm Bar Bingo
9	10 6:30pm Game Night	11 5-7pm Pizza Night <b>NO Post Exec Mtg</b>	12	13	14 8pm Live Music, <i>Chesapeake Sons</i>	15 6-8:30pm Bar Bingo
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16  <b>Bulletin Articles Due</b>	17 6:30pm Game Night	18 5-7pm Pizza Night 7:30pm Riders Mtg	19	20  <b>NO SAL Mtg</b>	21  <b>NO Aux Friday Dinner</b>	22 <b>9-11am 1st Vice Breakfast</b>  6-8:30pm Bar Bingo
23	24 6:30pm Game Night	25 5-7pm Pizza Night 7:30pm Reg Post Mtg	26	27	28	29 6-8:30pm Bar Bingo
30	31					



# AUGUST 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5-7pm Pizza Night	2 7pm Auxiliary Mtg	3	4	5 6-8pm Bar Bingo
6	7 6:30pm Game Night	8 5-7pm Pizza Night 7pm Post Exec Mtg	9	10	11	12 6-8pm Bar Bingo
13	14 6:30pm Game Night	15 5-7pm Pizza Night 7:30pm Riders Mtg <b>Bulletin Articles Due</b>	16	17 NO SAL Mtg	18 5:30-7:00pm Aux Friday Dinner	19 6-8pm Bar Bingo
20	21 6:30pm Game Night	22 5-7pm Pizza Night 7:30pm Reg Post Mtg	23	24	25	26 6-8pm Bar Bingo
27	28 6:30pm Game Night	29	30	31		

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thank you to all the members that continue to take on officer positions. A few officers changed positions; some are brand new. We continue to have fresh faces at the meetings, with everyone doing their part to help. Hopefully, we stay on this course.

Thank you to all the volunteers and everyone that support the Friday night dinners. The next one will be in August.

We have no meeting in July. The next meeting date is August 2, at 7pm. The next event we have is the Crab Feast in October.

Again, I would like to thank all members, new and seasoned, for their hard work and dedication this year. I am truly looking forward to next year, to see if we can top it! A special Thank You to all the Post and SAL members for your help throughout the year.

This year, the Auxiliary will give an award for best float or entry in the Independence Day Parade. You do not have to be a member. Pass the word on.

There is also a convention hat contest going on, there are 2 to vote on. Please vote, it only costs a buck. The winning hat will go to the Convention in July and compete with hats from all over the state. The hats are in the memorial section of the Gertrude Cummings Hall, near fireplace.

The Friday night dinners continue to do well. Thank you everyone that attends and helps, either on the day of, or with desserts. There will be no dinner in July. The next dinner will be August 18.

Laura Causey  
Unit President



## **AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP**

As our fiscal year ends, we can celebrate our increasing membership. We reached our goal of 270 plus 4. Our current numbers include 280 seniors, Diamonds, and 11 juniors, Pearls, for a grand total of 291 members. Our membership hit 106.20% of goal plus 4! There is still time to pay your dues for 2023, if you have not renewed your membership for this year.

Starting in August, the 2024 membership cards will be available. Membership dues will increase for the 2024 year, Seniors will be \$34.00 for the year, and Juniors will be \$12.00.

While you're out and about this summer, keep the Auxiliary in mind. It's easy to help someone join, point them in the direction of an application at the post. Have them contact me with any questions at [unit226membership@gmail.com](mailto:unit226membership@gmail.com).

When prospective members ask about applying for membership, please let them know that if the veteran they are eligible through is living, the veteran must be a Legion member (any Post). And requesting a copy of a veteran's DD-214 (discharge papers) can be done through the National Archives.

Reminder, there is no meeting in July. We will meet again on August 2nd at 7:00pm. See you in August.

Jeanette Hilty  
Unit Membership

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## **WEEKLY EVENTS AT THE POST**

Monday – Pictionary, 6:30 pm

Tuesday – Pizza Night, 5:00-7:00 pm

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

Saturday – Bar Bingo, 6:00-8:00 pm

Sunday – Queen of Hearts Drawing, 6:00 pm

*Check out our web site and join our Facebook group.*

## 2023-2024 AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Laura Causey
1st Vice Pres.	Stephanie Millard
2nd Vice Pres.	Jeanette Hilty
Secretary	Sandi Chapman
Treasurer	Dawn Penrod
Chaplain	Marla Abell
Historian	Deanna Walls
Sergeant at Arms	Traci Page-Erwin
Past President	Alicia Curran

### Executive Committee

Mary Emrick    Jenny Ladson    Kim Tyson

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

The Riders participated in the Faces of Valor ride on June 25th and will be riding in the Independence Day parade at the Post on July 1st.

Thank you to the Riders that represented our Post and donated to the Southern Maryland Gold Star Ride benefiting children of Gold Star Families, hosted by Post 82 (La Plata). Thank you also to those that participated in the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Poker Run hosted by the Keepers. Our Riders made a donation of an additional \$250, with 100% of funds raised that day going to the veterans home.

Our Biker Bash was a great success. We would like to thank all those who volunteered and everyone that came out for the event.



Jim Hall  
Riders Director

***9th Annual  
American Legion Post 226  
Golf Tournament***

**Thursday, September 14th**

**Renditions Golf Course  
Central Ave in Davidsonville, MD**

**Foursome \$500  
Individual \$125  
Dinner only \$20  
Hole Sponsor \$140**



**7:00-8:40 am – Registration  
9:00 am – Tee Off**

**Hotdog or sandwich  
on the turn  
Beverage cart provided  
Raffles and More**

**Immediately After – Awards banquet at  
American Legion Post 226**

**Deadline for All Payments is Aug 17th**

**For more info see our web site ([www.post226.com](http://www.post226.com))  
or contact Mr. Hillory Dean  
443-926-6707 or [deans5@verizon.net](mailto:deans5@verizon.net)**

# *Golf Tournament Registration*

## **Deadline for All Payments Aug 17th**

American Legion Post 226

Attn: **Golf Committee**

P.O. Box 66

Mayo MD 21106-0066

Make checks payable to AL Post 226

Single Golfer	\$125
Team	\$500
Sponsor Sign	\$140
Dinner	\$ 20
Gift Donation	_____
<b>Total</b>	_____

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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ELIGIBILITY DATES

April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918

December 7, 1941 to Present



*Let's Get Together*

Post 226

Regular Meeting Night  
4th Tuesday, 7:30pm

Executive

Meeting

2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm

Phone: 410-798-9894

*Never let an eligible veteran say:*

*"Nobody ever asked me to join the American Legion."*

**DATED MATERIAL  
NO DELAY  
PLEASE**