

AMERICAN LEGION

Cummings-Behlke
Post 226


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Happy Independence Day



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

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***Independence Day
Celebration
Saturday, July 6th***

Parade

**11:30 am – Line up
Noon – Leave the parking lot**

Festivities Begin at 3pm

**Tiki Bar Open
Food for Sale
Ice Cream Truck
Cotton Candy
Popcorn**

Entertainment

**6:00 pm – *All You Need*
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 6th.

Larry Erwin
Post Commander

Membership Dues for 2025

ATTENTION !! Membership renewal for 2025 will begin in late July / early August.

- ◆ 2025 dues for Legionnaires have increased
- ◆ See page 7 for submitting your renewal

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)

Chaplain's Message

July is when we celebrate our nation's independence, the birthday of our great republic. I challenge you to look beyond the fireworks, parades, and picnics to familiarize yourself with the history of what we are celebrating. We as Legionnaires specifically, need to take time to understand how unique and how potentially fragile that independence is, an independence that we have stood up for again and again.

The following words should be familiar, recognizing 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 the liberties we enjoy to this day are realized in the declaration by our founding fathers and for none other than happiness.

Say this short prayer with me, "God thank you for all I have, whether it be a little or a lot, it is enough! Help me to help those who do not." Amen.

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 bring them home to their loved ones.

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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 email, or by dropping a note in my mailbox at the Post.

God bless the United States and our Post.

Ray Leone

Post Chaplain

post226chaplain@gmail.com

2024-2025 POST OFFICERS

Commander	Larry Erwin
1st Vice Cmdr.	Scott Smith
2nd Vice Cmdr.	Carolyn Howard
Adjutant	Jack McLaughlin
Finance	Maria Veres
Chaplain	Ray Leone
Historian	Hillory Dean
Service Officer	Matt Lomba
Judge Advocate	Drew Broglie
Sergeant at Arms	Mike Chase
House Chair	Kenny Fowler
Past Commander	Dan Hoban

Executive Committee

Dave Kauffman JP Howard Jerry Clark

SAL Commander's Message

I want to thank the many people that came out to help with volunteering for the Car Show on June 2nd. A spectacular turn out as always. As we come into summer, I want to remind everyone to stay safe out there and enjoy.

The SAL is always grateful for our dedicated members. We cannot do this without all the help and support.

Please remember to thank a veteran and check on a buddy. If you know of anyone in need, please reach out to the SAL Commander.

John Emrick
Squadron Commander

2024-2025 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
Past Commander	Dennis Long

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

JULY 2024

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

AUGUST 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 5:30-7:00pm SAL Dinner	3 6-8pm Bar Bingo
4	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
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American Legion Auxiliary President's Message

Thank you to all the members that continue to take on officer positions. We continue to have fresh faces at the meetings, with everyone doing their part to help. Hopefully, we stay on this course.

We have no meeting in July. The next meeting date is August 7th, 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.

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. I have decided to step down from dinners, but they will resume this month with all new cooks. Exciting! The next dinner will be August 16th, 5:30-7:00.

Laura Causey
Unit President



2024-2025 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 Kim Tyson Sharon Carr

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Riders Director's Message

As most of you know our Riders are hosting a large fundraiser September 7 to raise money for veteran suicide awareness, our goal is to raise \$50k to be donated through America's Warrior Partnership (AWP). If you would like to donate, or be a corporate sponsor of this event, please reach out to any of our Riders or see pages 14-15. We certainly would love to see post members donate or help us spread the word. We have a few surprises lined up for this event that have never been done in our area.

Our Riders will be representing at Department Convention this year on Thursday, July 18th if any one wants to come out.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with our poker run, it was a huge success.

Jim Hall
ALR Chapter Director

Regular Events at the Post

Monday – Game Night, 6:30pm

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

2nd Friday – Dinner, 5:30-7:00 pm (note week change)

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're always looking for volunteers. Whether you can offer 30 min or 3 hours, it is appreciated.



American Legion Riders Partner with America's Warrior Partnership to Combat Veteran Suicide

The American Legion Riders (ALR) are proud to announce its partnership with America's Warrior Partnership (AWP) to address the pressing issue of veteran suicide. The partnership aims 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.

"We are honored to join forces with America's Warrior Partnership in our ongoing mission to support our nation's veterans," said Jim Hall, Director of the ALR Chapter 226. "Through the ALR Project 226 charity drive, we aim to raise awareness about the alarming rate of veteran suicide and contribute to the lifesaving work being done by AWP."

As part of the partnership, a presentation will be made at the ALR Project 226 charity event on September 7th, 2024, at the American Legion Post 226 in Edgewater, MD. This will be an all-day event featuring various activities, special guest appearances, and opportunities for the community to show their support for veterans.

"We are grateful for the support of the American Legion Riders and their commitment to our mission of partnering with communities to prevent veteran suicide," said Jim Lorraine, CEO at America's Warrior Partnership. "The funds raised through the ALR Project 226 charity drive will enable us to expand our reach and provide vital resources to veterans in need."

Members of the media are invited to attend the ALR Project 226 charity event on September 7th to learn more about the partnership between the American Legion Riders and America's Warrior Partnership. Interviews with representatives from both organizations will be available upon request.

For more information about the ALR Project 226 charity drive and the partnership with America's Warrior Partnership, please contact Tom Locke at 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* 

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ELIGIBILITY DATES

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

**DATED MATERIAL
NO DELAY PLEASE**