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# 3rd Annual CAR SHOW



## ***CUSTOM CAR , TRUCK AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW*** ***TROPHIES, FOOD, REFRESHMENTS, & MUSIC***

***Sunday, June 2, 2024  
10:00 am until 3:00 pm***

Grounds open at 8am for pre-registered vehicles

Admission \$5 – Children 10 and under free

***Vehicle Registration – \$20 day of the show***

Vendors: \$25 for the first table, \$5 for additional

Vehicle registration and vendor forms are available  
on our website under Special Events

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## Commander's Message

As July 1st is just around the corner, this will mark the end of our Legion year. This past year has been OUTSTANDING for us, and has led to us to one of our most productive years, and to other American Legions in our District trying to adopt our approach.

We have surpassed the 100% membership quota, for all four of our organizations. I think this may have been the first time this was ever accomplished, GREAT JOB to all those involved and Thank You for the work you put forth to achieve this goal. We have been selected as Number ONE for Southern Maryland Region for POST Membership.

We have made significant donations to those, The Special Olympics, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home clothing drive, Toys for Tots, Service Dog Training and Adoption, Folds of Honor which offers scholarships to spouse and dependents of Fallen veterans and First Responders, The Patriot House for its cause of re-establishing veterans back into the community, and to our local Woodland Beach Fire Department. Thank You.

We have re-established ourselves as a foundation in our community by showing our support and opening our doors. We have hosted weddings, local school sport banquets and holiday parties, community meetings and fundraisers, and local scout troops. We have also held large events for our community, with our annual Car Show, 4th of July Parade and Fireworks celebration, and Trunk or Treat. We have been recognized by our community and county leaders with several awarded citations for our service to veterans and the community.

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## **Commander's Message – Cont' d.**

When scrolling through social media pages, and seeing community neighbors and organizations seeking assistance and advice, we should all feel the "PRIDE" when you see a response that reads "Check with the Legion".

None of this would be possible without the ongoing support and dedication from our volunteers, members, and staff. Every time there is an event, repair, or deadline a member always steps up, takes charge, and always leads us to success.

To all my fellow Officers, from ALL four of our organizations, I say "THANK YOU." This successful year reflects on all of us and something we should all be proud of.

I have been Proud and Honored to have served as your Commander this past year, and to those who have assisted me throughout the year I say "THANK YOU". The ongoing support and pride at our Post has been overwhelming. We continue to set the bar higher.

As a new Legion year lies ahead, please, let us not forget the veterans, members, and friends we have lost this year. We know they are smiling down on us and will lead us to another successful year.

Larry Erwin  
Commander



**Flag Day Ceremony**

**Friday, 14 June at 7pm**

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## Chaplain's Message

What do you love most about summer? Close your eyes for a moment or two and imagine yourself in that moment. Can you smell the salt water, can you hear the roar of the wind on an epic ride, can you taste the seafood, burgers, and Thrasher's fries? We are truly blessed to live in an area where with just a short ride or even walk we can be at the beach, the ocean, boating on the bay, walking through history and museums in our capital, our nation's capital, or Baltimore. A little further hills and mountains, trails and overlooks. For those of us who have the means, the world is at our fingertips. Take a moment and think about those who perhaps aren't as lucky as we are. If you know someone struggling with just the day-to-day, reach out and say something. We cannot help those who we don't know are out there struggling. If we know we can help, we have the means to help, the skills to help even if it's just getting them to some of the great events we have planned all summer, or some groceries or fresh produce, and of course prayers.

Please remember to take the time to thank God for the renewed blessings that Summertime brings.

This month, we remember D-Day, Flag Day, the Army Birthday, the Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday, and Father's Day. On June 14th we will have the traditional retirement ceremony to honor our American Flag. We will retire worn-out flags and celebrate the birth of the US Army.

On June 16th we celebrate Father's Day. I implore you to reach out to the father figures in your lives and say thank you. On June 27th we also need to pause and think about our comrades who suffer from PTSD. PTSD can have devastating effects on both the folks who are suffering and the folks who are around them.

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## Chaplain's Message – Cont'd.

Remember not all wounds are visible. Help is easily available, so please if you know someone reach out to me or the service officer.

Please continue to pray for our entire Legion family, and remember that prayer helps, if you need help praying or just starting a conversation with God, I will make myself available to meet with, talk with, and pray with any of you. For those who need my services as your Chaplain, the easiest way to always reach me is an email at [post226chaplain@gmail.com](mailto:post226chaplain@gmail.com).

Ray Leone  
Post Chaplain

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## Event on Saturday, June 8th

The Riders will be having a poker run on June 8th. Registration at 10am, KSU at 11:30am. The run starts at the Greene Turtle with stops at American Legion Post 206 (Chesapeake Beach), the Boathouse, Stan & Joe's Riverside, and ending at Post 226. \$25 per bike (car, truck, jeep).

June 8th is also *Rebel Soul* THE LAST RIDE (final show). Opening acts include *Arrival* and *Kevin Lee*. Music will begin at approximately 6pm.

More details will be available as the date gets closer.

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## 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 \$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.

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## 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](http://www.legion-aux.org/members)

*You may also be able to print your card on line*

# JUNE 2024

| Sun   | Mon                     | Tue  | Wed                                | Thu                           | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|-------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
|   |                         |  |                                    |                               |  | 1<br>6-8:30pm Bar Bingo  |
| 2<br>10am-3pm Car Show                                  | 3<br>6:30pm Game Night  | 4<br>5-7pm Pizza Night                         | 5<br>7pm Auxiliary Mtg (Elections) | 6<br><i>D-Day Remembrance</i> | 7<br>5:30-7:00pm SAL Dinner                        | 8<br>Riders Poker Run<br>NO Bar Bingo<br>6pm-12am <i>REBEL SOUL</i> Show |
| 9   | 10<br>6:30pm Game Night | 11<br>5-7pm Pizza Night<br>7pm Post Exec Mtg   | 12                                 | 13                            | 14<br>7pm Flag Day Ceremony<br><br><i>Flag Day</i> | 15<br>6-8:30pm Bar Bingo<br><b>Bulletin Articles Due</b>                 |
| 16<br>8:30-11am SAL Breakfast<br><br><i>Fathers Day</i> | 17<br>6:30pm Game Night | 18<br>5-7pm Pizza Night<br>7:30pm Riders Mtg   | 19                                 | 20<br>7pm SAL Meeting         | 21<br>Auxiliary Dinner?                            | 22<br>6-8:30pm Bar Bingo   |
| 23  | 24<br>6:30pm Game Night | 25<br>5-7pm Pizza Night<br>7:30pm Reg Post Mtg | 26                                 | 27                            | 28   | 29<br>6-8:30pm Bar Bingo   |
| 30<br>4pm Installation of Officers Dinner               |                         |  |                                    |                               |  |  |



# JULY 2024

| Sun  | Mon                            | Tue   | Wed                          | Thu                                 | Fri                                | Sat   |
|--|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
|  | <b>1</b><br>6:30pm Game Night  | <b>2</b><br>5-7pm Pizza Night                         | <b>3</b><br>NO Auxiliary Mtg | <b>4</b><br><i>Independence Day</i> | <b>5</b><br>5:30-7:00pm SAL Dinner | <b>6</b><br><b>Independence Day Celebration</b><br>NO Bar Bingo |
| <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b><br>6:30pm Game Night  | <b>9</b><br>5-7pm Pizza Night<br>7pm Post Exec Mtg    | <b>10</b>                    | <b>11</b>                           | <b>12</b>                          | <b>13</b><br>6-8:30pm Bar Bingo                                 |
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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <span style="font-size: 2em;">←</span> <span style="margin: 0 20px;"><b>DEPARTMENT CONVENTION</b></span> <span style="font-size: 2em;">→</span> </div> |                                |   |                              |                                     |                                    |   |
| <b>21</b><br>8:30-11 am SAL Breakfast  | <b>22</b><br>6:30pm Game Night | <b>23</b><br>5-7pm Pizza Night<br>7:30pm Reg Post Mtg | <b>24</b>                    | <b>25</b>                           | <b>26</b>                          | <b>27</b><br>6-8:30pm Bar Bingo                                 |
| <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b><br>6:30pm Game Night | <b>30</b><br>5-7pm Pizza Night                        | <b>31</b>                    |                                     |                                    |   |



## American Legion Auxiliary President's Message

Nominations for officers were taken at our May meeting. At our meeting on June 5th, we will take nominations from the floor prior to elections. We will also be filling our committee chairs. Please do not hesitate to ask a question or questions if you are interested in either an officer position or committee chair position. **We can't do it without you!**

Thank you to everyone that helped with Poppy month!

If you are a new member and have not been to the Flag retirement ceremony, I urge you to come check it out. Please check the calendar within this bulletin for the exact time and day.

Again, I would like to thank all members, new and seasoned, for their hard work and dedication this year. A special Thank You to all the Post and SAL members for your help throughout the year. Our next meeting is June 5th at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

**"When we honor our flag, we honor what we stand for as a Nation - freedom, equality, justice, and hope."**

Laura Causey  
Unit President

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## Installation of Officers Dinner

At this time, Installation of Officers Dinner is being planned for Sunday, June 30th. Cocktails at 4pm, dinner about 5:15pm. All incoming and outgoing officers of the Post, SAL, Riders and Auxiliary are invited to attend. Details will be posted and sent out via social media.

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## In Honor of Flag Day



The origins of the Stars and Stripes have become part of American folklore. It is widely believed that Betsy Ross made the first American flag. However, various towns in colonial America have claimed to be the birthplace of the Stars and Stripes.

We know that on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag for the United States of America.

The Declaration of Independence made this resolution necessary. Previously, each colony had their own flag, which they flew on colonial vessels. England considered these armed vessels pirate ships and hanged their crews when they were captured.

The American flag was designed to represent the new union of the thirteen original states: it would have thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, and thirteen stars, white on a blue field.

One of the first flags had the stars arranged in a circle, based on the idea that all colonies were equal. The thirteen stripes, resting side by side, represented the struggle for independence; red stood for valor, white signified purity and blue represented loyalty.

In 1818, after a few design changes, the United States Congress decided to retain the flag's original thirteen stripes and add new stars to reflect each new state that entered the union. Since then, Americans have fought for and died to preserve the ideals of democracy represented by the flag.

American Legion Post 226 has a flag drop box. Feel free to bring your retired flag to Post 226 to ensure its proper disposal/retirement.

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## Regular Events at the Post

*Monday* – Game Night, 6:30pm

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

*1st 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.*

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

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## Email Addresses

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



## **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](mailto: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** 

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