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#### COMMANDER'S CORNER

**Greetings, fellow Legionnaires!** 

As we welcome the New Year, I wish everyone a happy and healthy 2025! I hope you had a peaceful holiday season and are looking forward to the many opportunities ahead. Each of you plays a vital role in the American Legion, which is still a cornerstone of our community. Your involvement in our Post is appreciated and essential to our continued success.

Our **General Membership Meetings** are held monthly on the second Thursday of each Month. This meeting is the perfect opportunity to get involved, share ideas, and learn more about what's happening at the Post. Your voice and presence matter whether you are a long-time or new member. I strongly encourage you to attend and be part of the decision-making process that shapes our future.

The American Legion thrives because of your hard work and dedication. Your past contributions have made a significant difference, and we are truly grateful for your commitment to our veterans and community. Whether you have a few hours or can commit to a regular schedule, your involvement makes a lasting impact. If you'd like to volunteer or learn more about how you can contribute, don't hesitate to contact me or speak to any of our officers.

As we turn to the new year, we have some fantastic events planned at our Post. We have Blue Grass Jam twice a month, Bingo twice a month, and karaoke every Saturday night. Come join the fun! For upcoming events, keep an eye on our Facebook and website.

The American Legion and this Post only exist because of our members. So, if you have yet to renew, please send your payment. You can do it online or drop it off in the Lounge. If you know someone eligible, bring them in, sign them up, and show them the benefits of being a Legion Member. I want to welcome our new members and those who transferred in.

Wishing each and every one of you all the best for the New Year!

God Bless You all, Marcelo Teixeira Commander, Post 276

#### **First Vice Commander**

Hello everyone,

Our new goal is out, we are tasked to renew, transfer, or sign-up 604 members.

So far, we are at 404 members. Which is 73% of our goal. If you haven't paid your dues for 2025, the fee is \$45.00.

Everyone at Post 276 is a recruiter, if you know anyone looking to transfer or is a veteran and is not a member of American Legion. Encourage to come by our post.

To all the members with 10,20,30, and some with over 40 years of membership, God Bless you. This is a testament that Post 276, is a good place to come too and fellowship with friends and make some new ones.

To all the new and transfers members, welcome to American Legion Post 276 Howard L. Turner!

If you are a new or transfer member, I encourage you to attend a Legionnaire meeting. They are held the second Thursday, of each month. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm in the lounge.

If you know of anyone eligible to become a member, bring them into the Post and show them around, applications are in the file box near the food service window. Questions or concerns, please contact me at (240) 281-2304

Happy New Year, to you all!

Yours in Legion Service, Phillip G Johnson



#### **Chaplain's Corner**

Happy New Year.!

With the Holiday season behind us, it's time to look forward to how we can improve our lives in 2025. First, a disclaimer: I don't make resolutions. They are too easy to break and leave me feeling like a failure. However, I do make long-term commitments. For this year, it's to improve my overall health; e.g. try new things, foods, exercise. I also have a commitment to get better at looking for opportunities to help others. The American Legion gives us a basic mission to help those around us: **Be The One**. This is a somewhat narrow call to service, to reduce the rate of veteran suicide. But to do this, we must widen our scope of service. We can't know who is having trouble, or who is troubled by their demons, unless we reach out to our post members to check in with them. As we enter this new year, let us commit to work with our post leadership to schedule post check ins with our members that we might recommit ourselves to service to our community.

May you be blessed in this new year.

Fred Branson Chaplain

For God and Country

#### **SAL Squadron**

The 2025 dues are due and \$25 for SAL membership. If dues are paid online we MUST have a receipt to pickup your card at the post.

SAL meetings are the 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30pm



#### **General Information For Our Members**

Fellow Legionnaires: My name is Bob Welenc, your Post 276 Sergeant-at-Arms, and I am a tax preparation volunteer for the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program.

Tax-Aide provides tax assistance free of charge, with a special focus on taxpayers over 50 or those with low-to-moderate income. Tax-Aide volunteers are located nationwide and are trained and IRS-certified every year.

The Tax-Aide Site Locator Tool is expected to be up and running by mid-January 2025. Google the title below to find your nearest location once it is up and running. <u>AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Locator</u>

Bob Welenc Sergeant-at-Arms







As we reflect on the achievements of 2024, we have much to be proud of. This year, we successfully hosted a memorable Valentine's Dinner and Dance, organized 12 Fabulous Friday Night Dinners, and held a fun-filled Purse Bingo event. We also had the privilege of honoring our veterans through 8 Honor Flights, which was a truly moving experience for all involved. Additionally, we celebrated three wonderful children's parties for Easter, Halloween, and Christmas, bringing joy to our community's youth. Our

commitment to giving back was further demonstrated through generous donations to three VA medical centers, making a positive impact on the lives of those who have served our country.

These accomplishments are just a glimpse of what we achieved together in 2024. As we look forward to 2025, I am filled with excitement about the possibilities that await us. I can't wait to see what we can accomplish as a team in the coming year.

I encourage everyone to join us at our monthly meeting, where we can brainstorm and plan how to surpass our achievements from 2024. Together, let's make 2025 an even more successful year!

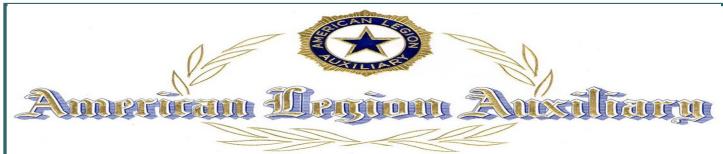


Save the Date!
Date: Saturday, March 15th

Join us for a festive St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance featuring the incredible band **Oracle**!

Get ready to celebrate with delicious food, lively music, and great company as we embrace the spirit of St. Patrick's Day. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

We can't wait to see you there!





Save the Date! We are excited to announce our Second Annual Designer Purse Bingo on Sunday, March 30th! Join us for a day of fun, excitement, and the chance to win fabulous designer purses. Date: Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow soon, so mark your calendars and get ready for a fantastic day! We can't wait to see you there!

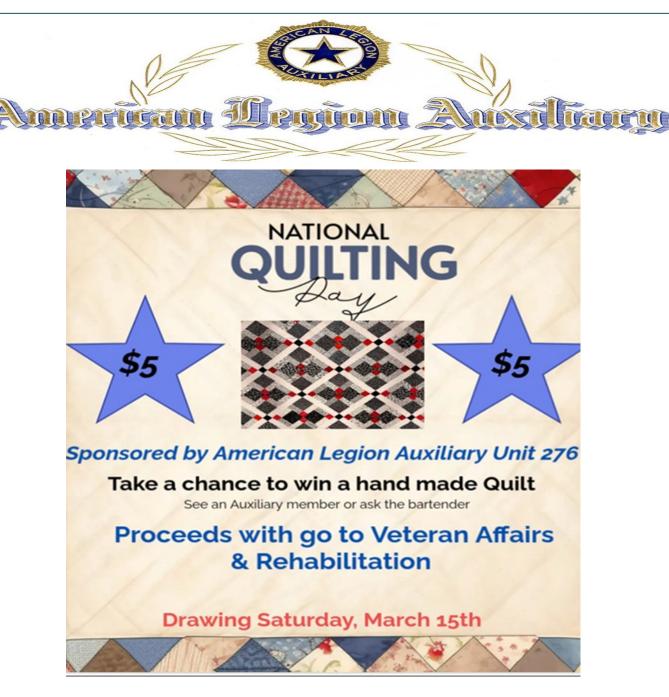
#### Auxiliary Friday Night Dinners 6pm until SOLD OUT.

January 10th – Crabcakes, French Fries, Cesar Salad and Dessert \$15 February 14<sup>th</sup> – Surf and Turf (Filet and Crabcake), Baked Potato, Vegetable and Dessert \$25

#### Dates to Remember

- March 2<sup>nd</sup> Hosting District Auxiliary Meeting -- Lunch at noon and meeting starts at 1pm
- March 15<sup>th</sup> Quilt Raffle Drawing
- March 15<sup>th</sup> St Patty's Day Dance Oracle
- March 30<sup>th</sup> Purse Bingo
- April 12<sup>th</sup> Kids Easter Party
- April 12<sup>th</sup> Honor Flight May 12<sup>th</sup> Honor Flight

- May 17<sup>th</sup> Honor Flight
  September 13<sup>th</sup> Honor Flight
  October 11<sup>th</sup> Honor Flight



Wacky Bar Bingo



Come out on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month to play Bingo in the Lounge. Bingo starts at 7:00 pm and finishes around 9:00 pm (no later than 9:30 pm).

January 15th February 5<sup>th</sup> and February 19th



#### 2025 Membership

Yearly we always strive to achieve our goal of 100% membership. You can help us hit our goal by paying your 2025 membership dues. \$35 for Seniors and \$7 for Juniors.

To make your payment, you can choose from three convenient options:

- 1. Pay online at ALAforVeterans.org
- 2. Drop off your dues at Legion. Give them to the bartender on duty, and they will place it in the Auxiliary box.
- 3. Mail your checks to:

Michele Riley 1431 Georgia Ave Severn, MD 21144

Please make all checks payable to American Legion Auxiliary #276. Your support is appreciated as we work towards our membership goal. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Michele Riley at 410-591-2871 or <a href="mailto:alaunit276@yahoo.com">alaunit276@yahoo.com</a>.





# January Entertainment

- 3 SJA Band
- 10 Black Orchid
- 17 Kick Back
- 24 DJ
- 31 Perfect Strangers

Karaoke On Most Saturday Nights! Light Fare 7-8pm.

7-11 pm In the Post Lounge

8068 Quarterfiled Road, Severn, MD 21144.







FRI

Jill Black & the Panic Attacks

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FRI

Next of Kin

**14**TH

FRI

Greater Image

**21**st

FRI

Blue Line Express

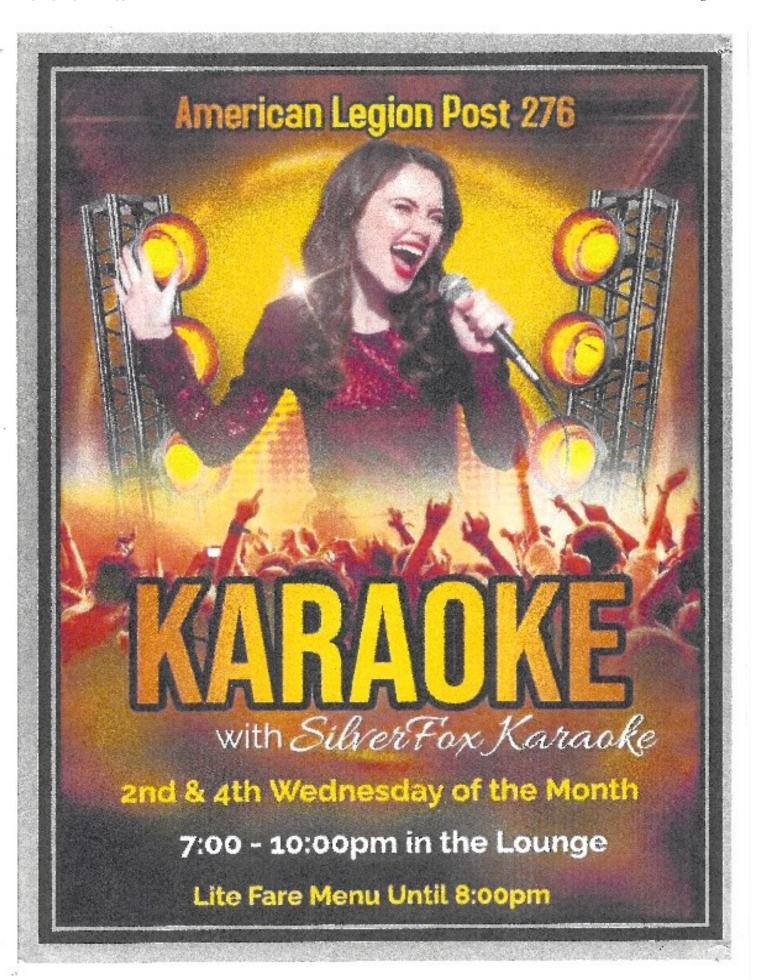
**28**TH

Karaoke on most Saturday Nights. Lite Fare 7-8pm.

7:00 - 11:00 PM in the Post Lounge

Karaoke 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 8068 Quartefield Road, Severn, MD 21144





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### POST 109 FOUR CHAPLAINS SERVICE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2025 @10:00AM 1610 Sulphur Spring Rd, Halethorpe, MD

Four Chaplains Day, observed on February 3rd each year, commemorates the heroic actions of four military chaplains during World War II. On February 3, 1943, the troop ship SS Dorchester was torpedoed by a German U-boat in the North Atlantic. As the ship sank, these four chaplains selflessly sacrificed their lives to save others, demonstrating extraordinary courage and unity in the face of adversity.





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#### **Scouts**



Pack 147/Troop 712 Wed Meeting 7:00 pm **Howard E. Turner Post 276** 8068 Quarterfield Rd, Severn, MD 21144

Contact: Scouter.MrDave@gmail.com

# The American Legion Northern Central Region's

## Tickets \$40 each Sat. May 31, 2025 at 4:00pm

Ticket admits 2, only 1 entry in draw-down Doors open at 3:00 pm for Dinner (Menu TBA) Includes Soda, Coffee, and Coors Lt. Draft! \*\*ONLY 160 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD\*\* At Rosedale Post 180 - 1331 Seling Ave.

Featuring a Draw-down, BINGO, and Video Horse Races! 50/50, Raffles!

Draw-down will start PROMPTLY at 4:30! \*All tickets must be in at drawing start\*

Ten numbers will be pulled at a time until all tickets have been drawn, with CASH prizes given to certain tickets drawn through out the night! Prizes are as follows:

1st ticket drawn wins \$100—Every tenth ticket drawn wins at least \$25! 50th wins \$50, 100th wins \$75, 150th wins \$100. \*158th wins \$200, \*159th wins \$250, \*Last Ticket Drawn wins \$500!

\*Winners do not need to be present!

\*ALL PRIZES ARE BASED ON 160 TICKETS SOLD, IF LESS THAN 160 ARE SOLD, THE ACTUAL VALUE FOR FINAL PRIZES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE START OF THE EVENT

There will be a minimum of EIGHT Video Horse races! Prizes will be determined for each race when the winning odds are read at the close of the race window.

Early Bird Bingo Game at 4:00 Included with admission—\$50 prize! \$5 for an extra card!

Plus 5 Special B-I-N-G-O games Minimum cash prize of \$30 each game \$5 per game or

ALL 5 GAMES FOR \$20!

Only one winner per game, if multiple winners call BINGO, there will be cards drawn from a poker deck, with the highest card winning the prize! Those calling BINGO and not winning will receive a ticket for a "Lucky Loser" drawing at the night's end.

Contact Eric Warthen (443) 829-1960 or Mark Phoebus (443) 600-3846 for tickets

# January 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Happy New Year	Executive Board Meeting 7-8pm	Joinner 6-8 pm Call For Menu Band - SJA Band	Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare
5	6	7	Karaoke In the Lounge 7-10 pm (Flyer pg. 12)	General Membership Meeting 7-8pm	Dinner 6-8 pm Crab Cakes Band - Black Orchid	Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare
12	13	14	Wacky Bar Bingo 7pm (Flyer pg. 11)	16	17 Dinner 6-8 pm Call For Menu  Band - Kick Back	Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare
19	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR	21	Karaoke In the Lounge 7-10 pm (Flyer pg. 12)	23	24 Dinner 6-8 pm Call For Menu Music - DJ	Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare
26 Breakfast 9-11:00am	27	28	Karaoke In the Lounge 7-10 pm (Flyer pg. 12)	30	31 Dinner 6-8 pm Call For Menu  Band - Perfect Strangers	

# February 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare
2	3	4	Wacky Bar Bingo 7pm (Flyer pg. 11)	6 Executive Board Meeting 7-8pm	7 Dinner 6-8 pm Cheesesteaks  Band - Panic Attacks	Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare
9 SUPER BOWL	10	11	Karaoke In the Lounge 7-10 pm (Flyer pg. 12)	General Membership Meeting 7-8pm	Dinner 6-8 pm Surf and Turf Mappy Band Next of Kin	Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare
16	17  PRESIDENTS  DAY	18	Wacky Bar Bingo 7pm (Flyer pg. 11)	20	21 Dinner 6-8 pm Call For Menu  Band - Greater Image	Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare
Breakfast 9-11:00am	24	25	Karaoke In the Lounge 7-10 pm (Flyer pg. 12)	27	28 Dinner 6-8 pm Call For Menu  Band - Blue Line Express	

### **Hall Rentals**

Do you have an event coming up? Remember that the Post 276 Hall is available for you.

Big or small, we can help.

We offer special pricing for Post Members. This is one of your membership benefits so be sure to take advantage of it.

Call 443-688-8428, and ask for Joan for more information.

