

AMERICAN LEGION

Cummings-Behlke
Post 226

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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!



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 8th

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

Congratulations! You made it through another year of life. This past year may not been easy. It may have had tears, heartbreak, and loneliness. It may have had changes, some good, and some bad. But it was also a year of laughter, memories, new friendships, and love. No matter what life threw at you, you took it and ran with it. You grew from it and you learned from it, and that is something you should be incredibly proud of yourself for.

Live in the moment. Fully immerse yourself in each moment, because you never know when that moment will end. If you're not fully in each moment you could miss out on making the memories of a lifetime. Remember, memories that you can look back on and smile and laugh will be the most important thing you will have left.

You need to know that it is okay to take care of yourself and put yourself first sometimes. Know that you have the courage to get rid of the negative relationships in your life, and I hope that you have the wisdom to know when you need to. Find it in yourself to do what is best for you, regardless of what anyone else thinks.

I know that I don't necessarily need to tell you all of these things, but sometimes it just helps to be reminded. I know that in this next year, you will grow, and learn, and discover more of yourself. I wish you all the very best in 2025.

Larry Erwin
Post Commander



1st Vice Commander's Message

As we ring in the New Year it's time to renew your Legion membership. New post door cards will be issued starting January 1st and you'll need your 2025 membership card to get your new card. Legion membership continues ahead of our monthly goals. Post 226 Legionnaires, (as of 15 Dec) were at 80% of goal with 372 members for 2025. If you know of a veteran that is not yet a member, let's get them signed up and make them aware of what the Legion has to offer them and their family. I want to thank everyone that has renewed already and I encourage you to reach out to other Legionnaires and do your buddy checks. We all need the love and support of one another during the holiday season, but even more so once all the decorations are down and we start into the next couple cold dreary months. Remember, "Be The One!"

Please note that Legionnaire dues are \$47 for 2025. My email address is post226membership@gmail.com for questions regarding your Legionnaire membership. Please include your full name, membership ID number, and a good call back phone number where I can reach you.

Scott Smith
1st Vice Commander

The logo features the words "BE THE ONE" in a bold, sans-serif font. "BE" and "ONE" are in dark blue, while "THE" is in red. The word "THE" is positioned between two horizontal blue bars that extend to the left and right edges of the letters.

TO ASK VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING

TO LISTEN WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK

TO REACH OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING

Chaplain's Message

Happy New Year! In 2024 we again rose to meet the needs of our community. Between November and December, we collected donations of toys for local families, over two truckloads of food and \$2,000 donated to SCAN (our local Food Bank), four plus boxes of donations to the Charlotte Hall Veterans' Home, and over 175 donations of wreaths, for Wreaths Across America, which helped to make a big dent in coverage for the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery.

This year, we hosted so many different events, Pizza Nights, Memorial Day Flags, the July 4th Parade, and another Car Show. Our commander led the way taking an Icy Plunge in the Bay for the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge. Our leadership team and family units – Riders, SAL, and Auxiliary – continued to step up in a big way to bring us great community events, like Trunk or Treat, the Car Show, and the ALR Project 226 for Suicide Awareness. What incredible work we have done! I can't wait to see what we do in 2025.

On February 2nd at noon, we will have a remembrance ceremony to honor the souls who reported to Post Everlasting in 2024. We lost a lot of wonderful folks! If you have someone who passed from our Legion family who did not make our radar or use us for services and would like their name added to one of the rolls, please e-mail me so they will not be forgotten.

Like last year, I ask that we start 2025 with this simple prayer... "Lord, remind us every day that because we have the things we need like, food, clothing, health, friends, a job, and a roof over our heads, we do not forget those who don't. Lord show us the hungry, homeless, lonely, sick, and poor so that we can help."

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Chaplain's Message

"Help us, Lord, to remember to "Love thy Neighbor", to check on our friends and comrades, help who we can, where we can, when we can, and bless those in need with your grace, peace, and care. Amen."

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 or dropping a note in my mailbox at the Post or a prayer request in the prayer box at the main entrance.

For God and Country,
Ray Leone
Post Chaplain



Attention Legion Riders

Nominations for Officers will be taken at the January meeting. Your 2025 dues must already be paid to your parent organization as well as the Riders.

Membership Information

New key cards are available January 1st by showing your 2025 membership card. If you were an early bird the card is free, otherwise it is \$3. Legionaries are free.

Legion – Dues for 2025 are \$47. 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) & dual members \$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

JANUARY 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 <i>New Year's Day</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 6-8pm Bar Bingo |
| 5 | 6 6:30pm Game Night | 7 5-7pm Pizza Night | 8 7pm Auxiliary Mtg | 9 | 10 5:30-7:00pm SAL Dinner Music, <i>Rt. 50</i> , 7pm | 11 6-8pm Bar Bingo |
| 12 | 13 6:30pm Game Night | 14 5-7pm Pizza Night 7pm Post Exec Mtg | 15 Bulletin Articles Due | 16 7pm SAL Meeting | 17 5:30-7:00pm Auxiliary Dinner | 18 6-8pm Bar Bingo |
| 19 8:30-11:00am SAL Breakfast | 20 6:30pm Game Night <i>Inauguration Day MLK Jr Day</i> | 21 5-7pm Pizza Night 7:30pm Riders Mtg <i>Nominations</i> | 22 | 23 Aux Life Member Nominations Due | 24 | 25 6-8pm Bar Bingo |
| 26 | 27 6:30pm Game Night | 28 5-7pm Pizza Night 7:30pm Reg Post Mtg | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

FEBRUARY 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 6-8pm Bar Bingo |
| 2 12pm Post Everlasting Ceremony | 3 6:30pm Game Night | 4 5-7pm Pizza Night | 5 7pm Auxiliary Mtg | 6 | 7 5:30-7:00pm SAL Dinner | 8 SAL Shrimp Feast NO Bar Bingo |
| 9 SAL Breakfast? | 10 6:30pm Game Night | 11 5-7pm Pizza Night 7pm Post Exec Mtg | 12 | 13 | 14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> | 15 6-8pm Bar Bingo Bulletin Articles Due |
| 16 12pm Riders Chili Cook-off | 17 6:30pm Game Night <i>President's Day</i> | 18 5-7pm Pizza Night 7:30pm Riders Mtg <i>Elections</i> | 19 | 20 7pm SAL Meeting | 21 5:30-7:00pm Auxiliary Dinner | 22 6-8pm Bar Bingo |
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American Legion Auxiliary President's Message

Cheers to the New Year! Last year was a very successful year for this unit, hopefully it will continue into this year. But it doesn't happen without all the volunteers who make it possible. Thank you for all you do throughout the year!

The Purse Bingo was a packed house, great job, Mary Long, Mary Emrick, Deanna Walls, and Dawn Penrod! Not without mention, all the great volunteers. Such a great job. The decorations were awesome. I had a great time manning the desserts. I look forward to next year.

Thanks go out to the Post, SAL, Aux, and Riders who helped with the Breakfast with Santa. A good time was had by all. You can tell the Post membership is growing by all the kids that were signed up. Ten years ago, we only had a handful. This year, over 25!

Friday, January 17th will be the next dinner, 5:30-7:00pm. Life Membership is this month. The details for eligibility and nominations can be found on the next page.

Just a reminder that 2025 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 2025 membership card. As of this writing, membership is at 77%, let's get to 101% !!

Our next meeting is the 2nd Wednesday this month due the New Year's holiday, January 8th at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

Laura Causey
Unit President

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Auxiliary Life Membership

The guidelines for Unit 226 Life Membership are outlined below and will be reviewed at the December and January Unit meetings. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Alicia Curran, Committee Chair
info@post226.com

Nomination Eligibility Requirements

- A member must be active and in good standing with Cummings-Behlke Unit 226 for at least the prior ten (10) years.
- A member must have held an officer position and/or chaired a standing committee for six (6) continuous active service years in Unit 226.

Nomination and Award Procedure

1. No oral nominations shall be presented from the floor during a regular meeting. At the regular meeting in the month of January, the committee shall invite the membership to submit nominations for Life Membership in writing within 15 days following the January meeting.
2. Nominations must be submitted in writing, be original thought of the author, dated, and signed.
3. Content of the nomination must include a detailed description of the outstanding service rendered by the nominee on behalf of the Cummings-Behlke Unit 226. Areas to be addressed are the following.
 - a. Offices held
 - b. Committees chaired
 - c. Service to the Unit that went above and beyond the assigned duties of the offices held and committees chaired
4. After a full consideration of all nominations for Life Membership, the committee shall submit their report and recommendation at the March regular meeting. ***“Only one (1) Life Membership may be granted per year.”***

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443-336-5055**

**CHILI MUST BE PREHEATED
IN A CROCKPOT AND AT
THE POST BY 12 NOON**

JUDGING BEGINS AT 1 PM

**CHILI FOR SALE AFTER THE
JUDGING, ALSO HOT DOGS
AND NACHOS**

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD

ATTENDANCE IS FREE

Inauguration Day

The first inauguration of George Washington took place on April 30, 1789. He was escorted by a military contingent to New York City's Federal Hall, then home to the U.S. Congress. Washington was sworn in on a balcony as hundreds of people looked on from the streets below, then delivered his inaugural address from the Senate chamber. After a church service and a quiet dinner at home, Washington took in a firework display that lit up the New York skies.

On March 1, 1792, Congress passed legislation that established Inauguration on March 4th. All subsequent public inaugurations from 1793 until 1933 were held on March 4, except in 1821, 1849, 1877, and 1917, when March 4 fell on a Sunday and the public inauguration ceremony took place on Monday, March 5.

This date was used for nearly 150 years following Washington's first inauguration. Then in 1933, the ratification of the 20th Amendment moved the date to January 20th to shorten the four-month transition period that had proven fraught during pivotal times such as the Civil War and the Great Depression.

Since 1937, Inauguration Day has taken place at noon on January 20, the first day of the new term, except in 1957, 1985, and 2013, when January 20 fell on a Sunday. In those years, the presidential oath of office was administered on that day privately and then again in a public ceremony the next day, on Monday, January 21. Those inaugurations, each 28 years apart, were all coincidentally the reinauguration of the incumbent president to a second and final term.

Regular Events at the Post

Monday – Game Night, 6:30pm

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

2nd & 3rd 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 website 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

Post Commander (Larry) – post226commander@gmail.com

Post 1st Vice (Scott) – post226membership@gmail.com (veterans)

Post 2nd Vice (Carolyn) – legionpost226events@gmail.com

Post Chaplain (Ray) – post226chaplain@gmail.com

Post Service Officer (Matt) – serviceofficer226@gmail.com

Rental Coordinator (Stephanie) – post226rentals@gmail.com

SAL Commander (John) – post226salcommander@gmail.com

SAL Membership (Dennis) – dwlong58@yahoo.com

AL Riders Director (Jim) – alr226info@gmail.com

Auxiliary President (Laura) – alaunit226@gmail.com

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

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BE THE ONE

ELIGIBILITY DATES

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

***DATED MATERIAL
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