



AMERICAN LEGION



Morris Frock Post 42

Fall 2023

Meetings and events:

- Post meetings
2nd Thur. @ 7 pm
- SAL Meeting
1st Tuesday @ 7 pm
- Auxillary Meeting
1st Tuesday @ 7 pm
- Veterans Day Program
November 11 @11 am

Happy fall! Summer is coming to an end, kids are getting back to school, fall sports are getting into full swing and so is the new legion year. Things are starting to ramp back up at the post. We kicked off the new year with a Game Day in the Pavillion.

Football is back on this year. Catch your favorite team's games in the lounge. We have cooks lined up for Sunday's this season so look out for special Football menus.

It is not all just games and sports at the post. We are looking for submissions for Public Safety Awards. All packets must be completed and submitted by the October membership meeting. We will need to submit our candidates to the Region by November 5. So don't delay.

It is never too early to encourage the high school students in your life to prepare their speeches for this year's Oratorical Contest. The contest will be held in January but it is best to start early.

District raffle tickets are still available. The proceeds from that fundraiser goes to support Children and Youth awards by the District.

Morris Frock Post #42 Commander's Message

Welcome to a new Legion year, thank you to all of those who have already renewed their membership for this year. I had the great honor to represent Morris Frock Post 42 at the State Convention in July. It was amazing to see how posts across the state are making an impact in their communities. Today, I write to you with a renewed sense of purpose, urging us to come together to revitalize and reestablish our existing committees and programs.

Throughout the years, our Post has initiated various committees and programs, each embodying the spirit of one or more of the American Legion's core pillars. Some of our programs are well established but always looking for new volunteers. Two examples are the Grounds Crew and the Honor Guard. However, as time passes, some of these essential initiatives may have lost momentum or need a fresh burst of energy to continue their valuable work. A few examples are our Oratorical Contest Committee, Membership Committee, and our Volunteer outreach at the Martinsburg VA Hospital. Additionally, we are excited to introduce new opportunities for involvement:

Buddy Checks: We believe in looking out for one another, and Buddy Checks allow us to do just that. By volunteering for this initiative, you can reach out to fellow veterans, check on their well-being, and offer a helping hand when needed. Your act of kindness could brighten someone's day and create a sense of camaraderie within our Legion family.

Civil Air Patrol Leadership Seminars: As a part of our commitment to mentorship and fostering the next generation of leaders, we are planning to provide leadership seminars for the Civil Air Patrol. Your expertise, guidance, and mentorship can help shape young minds and instill the values of service and responsibility.

As members of Morris Frock Post 42, each of you plays a crucial role in upholding the values of the American Legion and the legacy of our Post. Your active participation, ideas, and support are vital to the success of these endeavors. Let us unite under the four pillars, draw from our collective strengths, and dedicate ourselves to reestablishing and revitalizing these essential committees and programs. To express your interest in any of the opportunities mentioned above or to propose new ideas, please attend one of our monthly membership meetings the 2nd Thursday of every month @7pm. If you can't attend a meeting, reach out to me at morrisfrock@gmail.com or leave a message at the post. Your involvement will serve as an inspiration to others, motivating them to join us on this journey of service and impact.

I humbly request your help! Your skills, your passion, your support - they're all essential for making this happen. Your commitment and support are invaluable to the success of our Legion.

Commander, Joseph Rathvon

2nd Chance Bar Bonanza

October 14 2023 6-9pm (in Lounge)

Cash Bar & \$1.50 Keystone Light cans

Food at Intermission

Chance to win \$400.00

Ticket 042 raffled to be in final four

Ticket \$10 (admits 1 adult, 21 and over)

Members and their Guests

Halloween Party

October 27 2023 8-11pm (in Lounge)

Prizes for the best costumes

Members and their Guests

Dear Member,

We would like to update everyone since our last communication two years ago.

If you remember, that communication informed you of our pending mortgage. Our balance, at that time, was \$388,800. While we were not able to pay off our mortgage, we would like to thank the few of you that did donate.

We raised \$35,000. Penalties, from the Truist Bank, required us to place this money in a CD at United Bank until the penalties expired in July 2023. At that time, our Finance Officer, applied all money received, from your donations, to the balance. Our new balance is now \$302,000. This account remains open, in the event, any further donations are received.

Your donations are tax deductible. Please make sure to specify, where you would like your donation applied. Mortgage Fund, Building Fund, Ground Fund, or our Operating Account. Our Finance Officer and Adjutant keep great records and send out letters of appreciation. Anything you can donate is greatly appreciated.

In the past two years we have also improved our parking lots, improved our grounds and lighting inside and outside the Post Home. Should you want to rent an area please contact Tess, Kitchen Manager/Event Planner.

Remember, this is your Post. Please stop in and enjoy the great food and service. We do have some new staff members.

God Bless and thank you for your continued support of our BEAUTIFUL POST HOME AND OUR VETERANS! Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to All!!

Thank You

Your Post Officers and Executive Committee

Sons of the American Legion Squadron News.

The SAL has been busy this year! So far, we had two bus trips. One to St. Michael's in early June, and the other bus trip to an Oriole's game in late August. Both trips were a lot of fun, even though the O's lost! We sponsor a Federal League Baseball Team for the Post and have a family picnic for the players at the end of their season. Our annual Golf Tournament, held in September, helps us raise money, all of which gets donated to the Post's Building Fund.

Looking ahead, we help out with Bar Bonanzas, provide cash prizes for the annual Halloween Costume Party, assist our Auxiliary by preparing the food for the Breakfast with Santa, and help with holiday events. This year we are doing a "NYE Cash Drawing." Tickets are \$10 each, with chances to win \$100 or \$500. We are also having our annual Shrimp/ Cash Bash on Sunday, February 18, 2024, which always sells out! Get your tickets before it's too late!

All of us are proud to support our Post's veterans and the American Legion.

Tim Smith Squadron Commander

NYE Cash Drawing

Chance to WIN

\$500

or \$100

Chances are \$10 each.

Last Spin at Midnight

Shrimp Cash Bash

Sunday February 18
2024

Tickets on Sale Soon

Auxiliary Education Raffle

Tickets Currently
Available

Ask an auxiliary
member for tickets

Winners will be drawn at the
Auxiliary Christmas Party
December 5

American Legion Auxiliary News.

We are excited to begin a new year of service in the American Legion Auxiliary. As a member here, you are part of the largest women's service organization in the world- over 800,000 strong. The motto of the ALA is Service, not Self and the Department of Maryland theme this year is MISSION BELIEVE. Each District is assigned a flower. District 7 Units are lilacs. We will be buzzing around to serve and to encourage more members to Service, not Self, as we concentrate on the acts of service to the military and veterans, to children and youth, and to the community. Also, on Saturday, November 11 at 11 am, we will hold our annual Veterans Day Wreath Laying ceremony at the Washington County Courthouse on Washington Street, with guest speaker, District 8 President and Past Department Commander of The American Legion Will Trotter, the first male District President in the Department of Maryland. The unit will provide refreshments at the Post Home after the ceremony.

See our other events on the next page, Slippery Potpie sale, Sub sale, Breakfast with Santa.

Friend us on Facebook to keep up with the latest activities at Morris Frock Unit 42 ALA. We look forward to having you join us for Service, Not Self.

**Auxiliary
Ham Slippery
Pot Pie Sale
\$10
per Quart**

Orders Due by
October 15

October 21 2023
Pickup orders 12-2pm

Holiday Hours

Closed Thanksgiving Day
November 23 2023

Noon - 7pm Christmas Eve
December 24 2023

Closed Christmas Day
December 25 2023

Noon - Midnight New Years Eve
December 31 2023

Noon - 8pm New Years Day
January 1 2024

**Auxiliary
Phil and Jerry's
Ham sandwiches**

Orders Due October 30 2023

**Ham and Cheese
or
Turkey and Jack Cheese**

**\$4
\$5** Country Ham

Sandwiches will be prepared
November 7

The Wheel Bonanza

November 11 2023 6-9pm
(in the Ballroom)

Cash Bar & \$1.50 Keystone
Light cans Food at Intermission

Chance to win \$400.00

Ticket 042 raffled to be in final four

**Ticket \$10 (admits 1 adult,
21 and over)**

Members and their Guests

Holiday Bazaar

November 25, 2023
9am - 4 pm

Local crafts and other
collectables will be on sale.
Start your christmas shopping
early

Open to the Public

Veterans Day Wreath Laying

November 11 2023 @ 11 am

Location: Circuit Courthouse
on Washington Street

Guest Speaker

District 8 Auxiliary President
&
Past Department Commander
of the American Legion
Will Trotter

**Refreshments at the Post
Home after the Ceremony**

Hosted by Auxiliary Unit 42

Breakfast with Santa

December 9 2023
9-11 am

In the Ballroom

Call for reservations at
240-313-0689.



Hosted by Auxiliary and SAL

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**The American Legion
Morris Frock Post 42
Elected Officers - 2023-2024**

Joseph Rathvon Commander

Officers

Bob Wiebel	1st Vice Commander
Larry Popp	2nd Vice Commander
Howard Whittington	Adjutant
Wayne Barnhart	Finance Officer
Ed O'Bryan	Sgt-at-arms
Bill Wallschleger	Chaplain
Kevin Poole	Historian

Executive Committee

John Lightfoot, Jeff Kimble,
Dennis Nave, Sammy Stump

Membership

Our current membership for the year is 435 out of our yearly goal of 751. We are 54 renewals away from our next goal of 65% by Nov 15.

BE THE ONE

**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**

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If you are interested in BEING THE ONE. contact Commander Rathvon, The Buddy check committee could use your help.

**Sons of The American Legion
Morris Frock Squadron 42
Elected Officers - 2023-2024**

Tim Smith Commander

Officers

Matt Sutton	1st Vice Commander
Rob Frantz	2nd Vice Commander
Howard Whittington	Adjutant/Treasurer

**The American Legion Auxiliary
Morris Frock Unit 42
Elected Officers - 2023-2024**

Marilyn Hembrock President
hembrocm@gmail.com
240-313-0689

Officers

Evelyn Meany	Vice President
MrsNicey1@aol.com	
301-791-1441	
Amy Newlin	Secretary
301-730-0002	
Teri DeWeerd	Treasurer
301-491-6077	
Elizabeth Shanton	Chaplain
304-279-2362	
Susan O'Bryan	Sgt-at-arms
240-409-2432	

WE Need You

The Honor Guard is looking for new recruits!

Contact Charlie Rowland if you are interested 2402175059.

No experience necessary just a willingness to serve and dedicate your time.

Items for the Winter Newsletter need to be provided to Commander Rathvon by November 15 2023

Newsletters will also be available on the Post website - <https://morrissfrockpost42.org>

Want to get information about the post more often? Sign up for our e-mail list. Signup form is on our website



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Entertainment and Activities for October - December

October

- 5 Executive Mtg
- 12 Membership Mtg
- 14 Bar Bonanza @ 6 pm
- 27 Halloween Costume Party
- 29 District 7 Mtg @ Morris Frock

November

- 2 Executive Mtg
- 9 Membership Mtg
- 11 Veterans Day Ceremony and Wreath Laying @11am
- 11 Big Wheel
- 12 Western MD Region Mtg @FSK Post 11
- 19 DEC Mtg Harford Post 39
- 22 Rumors in Lounge 8-11 pm
- 23 closed - Happy Thanksgiving
- 25 Holiday Bazaar

December

- 7 Executive Mtg
- 5 Auxillary Christmas Dinner
- 9 Breakfast with Santa
- 9 2nd Chance Bar Bonanza
- 14 Membership Mtg
- 23 Post Christmas Party
- 25 Closed Christmas Day
- 31 NYE Party in lounge & "Cash draw"

More detailed on events will be available at the Post. Thanks for your support !!!!