



# THE ADJUTANT'S CALL



MORRIS FROCK POST NO.42  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

WINTER 2024

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2024! Heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made 2023 an incredible year. Although last January feels like a distant memory, the swift passage of time assures us that summer is imminent, with the next winter just around the corner. Amidst the hustle, I've developed a habit of pausing to appreciate the moments around me. So together, let's reflect on the joys of the past year as we embark on this new chapter. Early last spring, the Auxiliary organized a fantastic essay contest and hosted a delightful Easter egg hunt, both of which were well-received. Sunday bingo emerged as a highlight, drawing enthusiastic participants. Meaningful remembrances marked Memorial Day, Flag Day, and POW/MIA Day. Interwoven with these poignant moments were the monthly Bar bonanzas and Big wheel games, offering a perfect balance of solemnity and enjoyment.

The SAL's successful sponsorship of two bus trips and a record turnout for their golf tournament showcased their dedication to our community. As the fall swiftly passed, we reveled in Sunday football, a lively Halloween party, and an amazing Thanksgiving eve with a vibrant crowd. Looking back, the challenges we faced make our achievements all the more remarkable.

None of these events would have been possible without the remarkable volunteers who generously devoted their time. As we step into 2024, let's embrace the saying: many hands make light work. Our purpose is clear - to serve our comrades and veterans. Who among us will rise to the occasion and make 2024 the most remarkable year the post has ever seen?



## AUXILIARY NEWS

We continue to follow the motto of the ALA-**Service, not Self** and the theme, **Bee the One**. We continue to support **Vets Welcome Home** (North Point / Way Station) residence for 25 male veterans located here in Hagerstown. **Eleven of the residents** were our guests at our Christmas Party. Each resident received a gift bag. We will continue **Operation Winter Wrap** through the end of January. Leave your donations of **coats, hats, gloves, boots, and scarves** under the tree. We will have a **Slippery Chicken Pot Pie** sale on January 20, with pick up from 12-2 pm. Orders must be in by January 15. Our **Bakeless Bake Sale** is a project this quarter as well as our **Poppy Memorial and Honor Board**, by Poppy Chair Christina Carpenter. We will have our second **ham sandwich sale** during the month of **February (orders due to 240-313-0689 by Feb. 25)** and will prepare them at the **March 5th meeting**.

The **Easter Egg Hunt** is March 30 at 1 pm. **ALA Birthday Dinner and Essay Contest Winners Recognition** will be **April 2** at 6 pm. The **Essay Contest** essays will be picked up from the schools on Feb. 1-2 for judging. Join us for **Service-not Self to Bee the one!**

Marilyn Hembrook 

## MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership for the year is 539 out of our yearly goal of 751. We are 62 renewals away from our next goal of 80% by January 18. On **January 1, 2024**, members who have not paid 2024 dues will be delinquent! To all members, thank you for coming to our activities, thus insuring their success.

- Leginaire Dues are \$50
- SAL Dues are \$40
- Auxiliary Dues are \$30
- Junior Auxillary dues are \$15

## ORATORICAL CONTEST

January 23 @ 7pm we will be co-hosting a oratorical contest with Post 10 in Boonsboro. Each of us has one entrant for this contest so we have decided to have a joint contest to give the contestants a good feel for how the contest is run. Both contestants will move on to the Regional competition in the spring. Hopefully you can stop out and show some support for these students.

## ELECTIONS

February the Post will set a nominations committee who will seek out those interested in running for office next year (term begins July). If you are interested in being on the nominations committee please reach out to Commander Rathvon. Keep an eye on the bulletin boards for more election information as time goes by.

**POST OFFICERS  
2023-2024**

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
John Lightfoot, Jeff Kimble,  
Dennis Nave, Sammy Stump

**SQUADRON OFFICERS  
2023-2024**

Commander..... Tim Smith  
1st Vice Commander ..... Matt Sutton  
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**Program Spotlight  
Public Safety Awards**

Every year the American Legion strives to recognise well-rounded law enforcement officers and firefighters who have demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service, both on and off duty; that went above and beyond assigned duty requirements. This year, through the efforts of Executive Committeeman Jeff Kimble, Post 42 put forward for recognition Fire Apparatus Operator Roger Otzelberger of the Hagerstown Fire Department. FAO Otzelberger distinguished himself through his many responsibilities in service to Hagerstown and the surrounding community. We must let Maryland's First Responders, who serve and protect our communities, know how very important they are to the welfare of the community and how much their efforts are needed and appreciated. This program is set early in the legion year. Individual Posts must forward their candidates for this State wide recognition to their Regions by November.

Let's get a head start on next year. Will you help us reach out and seek out these amazing people?



**From the Finance Officer**

Our year ended on a positive note! We have maintained or improved on all financial reports as we as completing necessary projects that were required.

Donations for our mortgage fund or operational account would be greatly appreciated.

Your donation may be used as a tax deduction.

Thanks to all our employees and volunteers for a great year.

Wayne

**A Note from the Post Home**

This past year has been hard on our lovely Post home. So many things broke. Who knows where we would be without your constant support. With it we have been able to invest in the building a little. There is still a mountain of things that need to be addressed, but we can't do them all at once.

This year, at the urging of the insurance company, the Post family completed patching of some of the worst and heavily trafficked parts of the parking lot. The last item on the insurance company's list of must repair items is the metal roof. We are hoping to finish that list this spring.

Unfortunately, the challenges persisted throughout the year, affecting vital equipment such as the main fan in the lounge AC unit, the compressor for the walk-in freezer, steamers, the soda fountain motor, and various other components.

We do our best to triage the many needs of our old post home balancing functional problems and astetic ones. It is just plain facts that we don't have the funds to fix them all. We do our best and look forward to those who want to help make the tough calls.

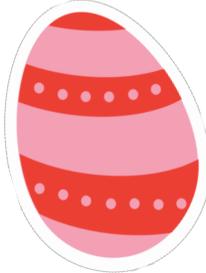
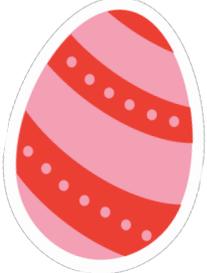
**From the Gambling Chair**

During the year we have Bonanza's, Tip jars, Keno, plus 5 MD Lotto Slot machines. I want to thank all our employees and volunteers who assist with all events and everyday duties. I am also grateful for all our members and their continued support. If you have not been in please stop by. Post 42 recorded a record year. Best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Denny

**Meeting Times**

- Post meetings  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thur. @ 7 pm
- SAL Meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 7 pm
- Auxillary Meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 7 pm

<p>The Wheel</p> <p>January 13 2024 6-9pm (in ballroom)</p> <p>Cash Bar &amp; \$1.50 Keystone Light cans Food at Intermission</p> <p>Chance to win \$400.00</p> <p>Ticket 042 raffled to be in final ten</p> <p><b>Ticket \$10</b> <b>(admits 1 adult,</b> <b>21 and over)</b></p> <p>Members and Guests</p>	<p><b>2nd Chance Bar Bonanza</b></p> <p>February 10 2024 6-9pm (in Lounge)</p> <p>Cash Bar &amp; \$1.50 Keystone Light cans Food at Intermission</p> <p>Chance to win \$400.00</p> <p>Ticket 042 raffled to be in final four</p> <p><b>Ticket \$10</b> <b>(admits 1 adult,</b> <b>21 and over)</b></p> <p>Members and Guests</p>	<p>The Wheel</p> <p>March 9 2024 6-9pm (in ballroom)</p> <p>Cash Bar &amp; \$1.50 Keystone Light cans Food at Intermission</p> <p>Chance to win \$400.00</p> <p>Ticket 042 raffled to be in final ten</p> <p><b>Ticket \$10</b> <b>(admits 1 adult,</b> <b>21 and over)</b></p> <p>Members and Guests</p>	<p><b>2nd Chance Bar Bonanza</b></p> <p>April 13 2024 6-9pm (in Lounge)</p> <p>Cash Bar &amp; \$1.50 Keystone Light cans Food at Intermission</p> <p>Chance to win \$400.00</p> <p>Ticket 042 raffled to be in final four</p> <p><b>Ticket \$10</b> <b>(admits 1 adult,</b> <b>21 and over)</b></p> <p>Members and Guests</p>
<p><b>Auxiliary Chicken Pot Pie Sale</b></p> <p><b>\$10</b></p> <p><b>per Quart</b></p> <p>Orders Due by January 2 2024 January 20 2024 Pickup orders 12-2pm</p>	<p><b>Auxiliary Ham Sandwich Sale</b></p> <p><b>\$10</b></p> <p><b>per Quart</b></p> <p>Orders Due by February 25 2024 Prepared March 5 2024</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-around;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Easter Egg Hunt</b></p> <p><b>March 30</b></p> <p><b>1pm</b></p> </div>  </div>	
<p><b>NYE Cash Drawing</b></p> <p>Chance to WIN \$500 or \$100</p> <p>Chances are \$10 each. Last Spin at Midnight</p>	<p>Items for the Spring Newsletter need to be provided to Commander Rathvon by February 15 2023</p> <p>Newsletters will also be available on the Post website - <a href="https://morrisfrockpost42.org">https://morrisfrockpost42.org</a></p> <p>Want to get information about the post more often? Sign up for our e-mail list. Signup form is on our website</p>		
<p><b>Shrimp Cash Bash</b></p> <p>Sunday February 18 2024</p> <p>Tickets on Sale Soon</p>	<p><b>WE Need You</b></p> <p>The Honor Guard is looking for new recruits!</p> <p>Contact Charlie Rowland if you are interested 2402175059.</p> <p>No experience necessary just a willingness to serve and dedicate your time.</p> <p>Open to SAL and Auxiliary members, too.</p>		<p><b>BE THE ONE</b></p> <p>TO ASK VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING</p> <p>TO LISTEN WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK</p> <p>TO REACH OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING</p> <p></p> <p>If you are interested in BEING THE ONE. contact Commander Rathvon, The Buddy check committee could use your help.</p>

# Entertainment and Activities for January - March

## January

- 2 SAL Meeting
- 2 Auxilliary Meeting
- 4 Executive Meeting
- 11 Membership Meeting
- 13 The wheel @ 6 pm
- 23 Oratorical Contest @ 6 pm

## February

- 1 Executive Meeting
- 6 Auxilliary Meeting
- 6 SAL Meeting
- 8 Membership Meeting
- 10 Bar Bonanza @ 6 pm

## March

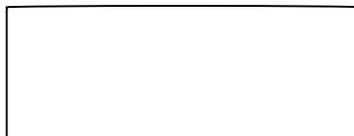
- 5 SAL Meeting
- 5 Auxilliary Meeting
- 7 Executive Meeting
- 9 The Wheel @ 6 pm
- 14 Membership Meeting
- 30 Easter Egg Hunt @ 1pm

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



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