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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Fellow Legionnaires,

It's time to announce that I am not running for the office of Commander for the 2016 - 2017 year. It's been a great job surrounded by great people. We as a post, and all its leadership from all the units have had a very successful year. We got a lot accomplished and had a fun time with the projects and restoration to the post. There are new projects coming before the board all the time. The last of the 2015 - 2016 projects that I would like to see finished in the future, is a new road side sign for the parking lot. A couple of members have been personally involved in the ground work and options to the sign. Some good information has come forward and will be turned over to the new commander and hopefully with a fund raiser or through donations we can get the figures to an expectable amount and move forward. I do not know who is going to be Commander, but who ever it will be, I wish him / her the best of luck. With the right team, I'm sure they will do a great job, for a great post. Please extend the same welcome to our new commander that I received! See you all around the post!

Respectfully,

Michael F. Lowman  
Commander, Post 276



## First Vice Commander

### MEMBERSHIP

To all who read this newsletter I want to thank all members who paid 2016 and helped the post to get where we are now 714. This is my last newsletter article for 2015-2016 year.

Good news is the post has 714 paid members and we are at 91.7%. Bad news we are still 57 short of our goal. One more member than we had last year. National wants us to be 100% as of May 16th. But the quest for 2016 membership doesn't official end in the Department of Maryland until June 13th which is the cut-off for delegates to the State convention. National kick off will start with the mailing of 2017 dues renewal notices around the 1st of July.

I sent out dues notice to almost 200 of our members who haven't paid 2016 dues. Returns are slow but steady. Please check your Legion card and make sure you have a 2016 card.

Remember you may also pay you dues on-line at: [www. legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

Again THANKS for a great year and I may be back, so keep those dues coming.

Yours in Legion Service,  
Phil Surprenant, PDC  
Membership



We are always looking for new members for each of the organizations associated with our Post.

Please recommend your friends that may be eligible.



# AUXILIARY UNIT 276

## May-June 2016 News Letter



**Thanks Howard L. Turner Post 276** – As I finish my term as Unit President for the Auxiliary, I would like to thank all the folks that supported me. It is not an easy position to hold and I have learned that you can't please everyone. But I figured out that doing my personal best for the Auxiliary, the Legion, the SAL's, and the Riders was the goal that I set before me. And I hope that in some way I was able to touch each organization in a positive way. I was a great experience and I wish the best for the new Auxiliary President. And as always, I will still remain a part of the Legion family.



**Las Vegas Night in Severn** - Wow...what a great event... keep your eyes open we might be able to get some new performers in the house soon. Thanks everyone for supporting us with this fund raiser, we were able to fill our purse for a new year ahead supporting the goals of the American Legion Auxiliary.

### **Some future dates to look forward to:**

May – Poppy sales are just around the corner, please look for the signup sheet soon.

Yours in Service for God & Country,  
Ramona L. Conroy, ALA Unit President

*“God Bless America, God Bless Our Troops”*

*Membership is what fuels our Auxiliary, so please come join us at our Unit Monthly Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7pm.*



Like us on Facebook, keep track of our current events.

## Chaplain's Corner

In years gone by I used to think that Memorial day was the holiday of generations long gone. However, as these long years have passed in Iraq and Afghanistan it has taken on a more personal meaning to me. We don't need a special day to remember our fallen. They are forever in our hearts and minds. As we approach Memorial Day I would like to share with you one of my favorite poems written by British author, Rupert Brooke during WWI.

### The Soldier

**IF I should die, think only this of me;  
That there's some corner of a foreign field  
That is for ever England.**

**There shall be**

**In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;  
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,  
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,  
A body of England's breathing English air,  
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.**

**And think, this heart, all evil shed away,  
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less  
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;  
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;  
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,  
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.**



Post 276 Chaplain  
Eric Malmstrom



# May 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Pulled Pork After 6:00	3 Boy Scouts 7pm Nachos After 6:00	4	5 Executive Board Meeting 7pm	6 Dinner 6-8 Wild Grey Hairz	7
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15	16 Pulled Pork After 6:00	17 ALR Mtg 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Nachos After 6:00	18	19	20 Dinner 6-8 Steamed Shrimp Last Call	21 Submariners in the Lounge
22 Breakfast 9-12 SAL Mtg 12:30	23 Pulled Pork After 6:00	24 Boy Scouts 7pm Nachos After 6:00	25	26	27 Dinner 6-8 Dogs and Burgers on the grill Open Juke Box	28
29	30  Ceremony 9am	31 Boy Scouts 7pm Nachos After 6:00				

Not all of this month's Friday dinner menus are available at this time.

# June 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Executive Board Meeting 7pm	3 Dinner 6-8 Greater Image	4
5 Installation of Officers 2pm	6 Pulled Pork After 6:00	7 Boy Scouts 7pm Nachos After 6:00	8	9 Gen Mbshp 7pm Aux Mtg 7pm	10 Dinner 6-8	11 OBs
12	13 Pulled Pork After 6:00	14 Boy Scouts 7pm Nachos After 6:00	15	16 Blue Knights	17 Dinner 6-8 Hot Turkey /Gravy 4 on the Floor with Overdrive	18 Submariners in the Lounge
19 Happy Father's Day	20 Pulled Pork After 6:00	21 ALR Mtg 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Nachos After 6:00	22	23	24 Dinner 6-8 Country Fried Steak	25
26 Sunday Breakfast 9-12 SAL Mtg 12:30	27 Pulled Pork After 6:00	28 Boy Scouts 7pm Nachos After 6:00	29	30		

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## The American Legion Membership Application

_____ (Name)			_____ (Phone)
_____ (Mailing Address)			_____ (Date)
_____ (City)	_____ (State)	_____ (Zip)	_____ (Post #)
_____ (Membership ID# former member)	_____ (Email Address)		_____ (Dues)

**Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below**

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 2, 1990 – cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Government | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army                                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989 – Jan. 31, 1990                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy                                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41 – 12/31/46 (only eligibility) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917 – Nov 11, 1918                                            |                                                                                 |



I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

_____ Signature of applicant	_____ Name of recruiter
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## 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 and full catering can be arranged. This is one of your membership benefits so be sure to take advantage of it.

Call 410-969-8028, and ask for the  
2nd Vice Commander  
for more information.